

# BALLET SAN JOSE

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### OSTRICHES SUPPORT BALLET SCHOOL

**What:** Ballet San Jose School Scholarship Fundraiser

**When:** Sunday, October 2nd from 2pm to 5pm

**Where:** Silver Oaks Ranch in Morgan Hill

**Events:** Tour a working Ostrich ranch and see ostriches, miniature donkeys, and other animals. This family-friendly event includes live music, BBQ, raffle, Ballet School performance, and presentation of a scholarship to this year's winner of the Betts Cartwright Scholarship. Dress is casual.

Price: \$50 for adults and \$20 for children.  
(Family pricing available for multiple children.)

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## **MORE INFORMATION:**

### Ostriches Help Raise Scholarships for Ballet School

Chris and Susan Hoebich, owners of the Silver Oaks Ranch in Morgan Hill, will host a special "child-friendly" event on Sunday afternoon, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to help raise funds for the Betts Cartwright Scholarship Fund benefiting Ballet San Jose School.

Rarely open to the public, the 450 acres property with four reservoirs and a mile of the beautiful Uvas Creek was a working ostrich ranch for many years, raising 700 of the birds at the height of the business. The Hoebich's supplied many of the fine restaurants and upscale markets in the greater Bay Area with ostrich meat and eggs. The hides were exported to Mexico or used for making handbags for local boutiques. There are still some 70 ostriches on the property along with a small herd of Belted Galloway cows, a pair of working draft horses, miniature donkeys, geese and chickens.

The Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley Council has organized a special event to be held on the ranch on Sunday, October 2nd from 2pm to 5pm. The afternoon will feature a barbecue for the adults with a hot dog menu for the children, live music provided by Jim Stevens and Friends, a performance by students of Ballet San Jose School, a draft-horse wagon ride that tours the ostrich pens and other animal areas, a raffle, and the presentation of the Betts Cartwright Scholarship to this year's recipient. Featured wineries are Ridge Vineyards, Thomas Fogarty, and J. Lohr. Caterer is the Malibu Grill.

Betts Cartwright was president of the Ballet Council from 1994 to 1996 and an ardent supporter of the Ballet Company and school. She accepted the Presidency thinking that she had beaten cancer, but in fact, she died of the disease before her term expired. The Ballet Council named the school scholarship fund in her memory. Thus far, five students from the school have received the Cartwright scholarship.

The Silver Oaks Ranch is located off Uvas Road in Morgan Hill. Tickets for the event will be \$50 for adults and \$20 for children. (Discount are available for multiple child tickets.) For reservations call the Ballet Council hotline at (408) 288-2820 x 240 or email [sandi@conniff.name](mailto:sandi@conniff.name)

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