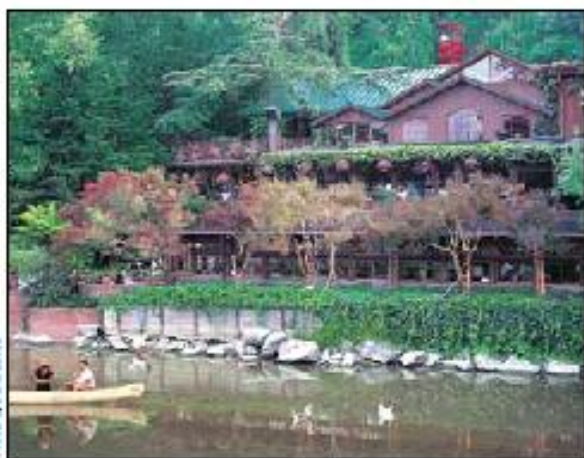

A New “Terror in the Corn” Coming to Swank Farms



Sixteen years ago, Dick and Bonnie Swank opened their first corn maze and pumpkin patch in Hollister. Over the years, their popular event has seen many changes, including improvements to the haunted nighttime attraction now known as TERROR IN THE CORN™. For years the event was known as the “Mystery Ranch,” but in 2013 the Swanks felt the show had become stale and needed a major overhaul. They agreed the person who could turn things around was a multi-talented performer named Sally Hail. “Sally was a hairdresser in Santa Barbara when she got involved with a professional theater group by doing their hair and make-up,” Bonnie explained. “There she met actors like Mark Harmon and Pam Dawber. She loved the theater, the smell, the energy, the people. One day Pam heard Sally sing, surprised she said to Sally ‘you can sing!’ That’s something Sally has never forgotten. Years later, Sally auditioned for *The Sound of Music* and got the lead part of Maria. She was then asked to teach choir and has produced over 40 children’s plays. Sally is a true thespian with a deep passion for teaching. In 2015 she purchased her own studio in Hollister, Inspire Performing Arts Academy where she teaches dance, music and theater. She is creating a place where children are respected and rewarded for their hard work. She also proved she could act and scare the daylights out of people when she appeared here at Swank Farms in 2006 and 2007. Now could we convince her to take on the task of creating a new show for Swank Farms? After due consideration, Sally jumped on board and decided the show should be produced as a play with a story line: a beginning, a middle and end. Each story would evolve over two to three years and change. To the trademark TERROR IN THE CORN™, add the title of that year’s theme. Example: Swank Farms TERROR IN THE CORN™ ‘Alien Invasion.’ Use each production as the opportunity to teach acting, set design and respect.” Now Sally and the Swanks are working on the show for fall 2016 and can’t wait to share it with you. It opens on September 30 and continues through October 31 at Swank Farms in Hollister. Go to SwankFarms.com for more details. 🍁



Shadowbrook in Capitola: A Landmark for Fine Dining



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Shadowbrook proudly serves fine food, paired with a broad variety of wines and liqueurs in an atmosphere of “Old World” charm and grace. Located on the banks of Soquel Creek in the quaint beach town of Capitola-by-the-Sea, 4-miles south of Santa Cruz and best reached by its quaint hillside “Cable Car,” this world-famous restaurant not only continues a long-time tradition for special occasion dining but is also a very popular destination for its casual Rock Room Lounge and Bar menu. A Santa Cruz County landmark since 1947, Shadowbrook continues to be a favorite with locals and visitors alike.

As many people have noted, the Shadowbrook has managed to do something that is very rare. It honors its past while continually reinventing itself to stay current. It’s one of the oldest restaurants in the area and yet at the same time one of the most interesting, beautiful and respected. It gets better all the time without forgetting its unpretentious log cabin roots. 🍁