

Around Town

Patty Campbell marries Steve Chandler in mountaintop ceremony

On a gorgeous fall day, at the top of Mt. Diablo, Patty Campbell and Steve Chandler of Clayton exchanged the wedding vows they had written for



MR. AND MRS STEVE CHANDLER

each other.

Patty wore a cream colored, knee length lace dress for the October 20 ceremony.

"There were no actual attendants," said Patty, "instead we were lovingly accompanied by our children, Jared and Josslyn Medrano and Sarah, Ashley and Chris Chandler. Jared wore dress kilts to honor his family's Celtic heritage."

The wedding was followed by an outdoor barbeque and dancing to the Celtic rock band, Tempest, at the private home of friends in Walnut Creek.

Patty is a dietician and Steve is a firefighter. After a South Pacific honeymoon on Moorea and Bora Bora, the couple is settling into their home in Clayton.

Lot's of chocolate made for sweet shopping at Melanie's



Dee Dee Garnett, Judy Sudderth and Tammy Cerutti take a break from shopping at Melanie's Elegant Evening

Melanie's Gifts and Interiors (inside R & M Pool, Patio and Garden) kicked off the holiday shopping season in high style last week with their annual "An Elegant Evening."

Shoppers were treated to wine, cheese and desserts while they shopped in the festively bedecked store.

Browsing among the colorful tables loaded with lovely and unique gift items was Patti Smith who said "I love it. I really didn't want to shop, but it got me in the holiday mood. And, it's right in Clayton."

Dee Dee Garnett, Judy Sudderth and Tammy Cerutti were exchanging gift ideas when we caught up with them. Sporting sparkly tree ornaments, holiday dishes and tableware, Dee Dee and Judy were making a fair sized dent in their Christmas lists, while Tammy had her eye on a big, tabletop snowman.

See the Pioneer's Holiday Gift Pages for more on great gifts, not just from Melanie's, but from all around Pioneer Territory.

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What's happening Around Town?

Send your news of births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, special recognitions, etc. to info@claytonpioneer.com.

Four Clayton thespians appear in CCCT's 'Christmas at the Biltmore'



Biltmore bellhops Alice, played by Cristina Pratt, and Kaitlyn, played by Alyssa Mundy, are wrapped up in their work by Nance, Debbie Neisinger, Louise, Helen Dixon, looks on during a recent rehearsal of Christmas at the Biltmore.

Shakespeare once wrote that "all the world is a stage," but never has his claim seemed more true than in Contra Costa County, where theatrical groups of wide diversity not only exist, but thrive.

One such local success story is the Contra Costa Christian Theatre (CCCT), which will return to its roots at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church for a short run (December 7-15) of Steve Kinsella's heartwarming "Christmas at the Biltmore."

Four Clayton residents will appear in this charming production: Michael Ghysels,

Cristina Pratt, Kristina Schoell and Judie Wilson.

"Christmas at the Biltmore" examines the strength and resilience of families in the midst of crisis.

The play is set in a New England bed-and-breakfast during the holidays where the audience is introduced to three families and the burdens these guests bring with them.

Aided by the quirky hotel staff, the guests eventually come to a deeper understanding of the meaning and importance of family.

The CCCT began in 2000

when the acting troupe at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church reorganized as a group open to the entire community

In seven years, they have produced 13 productions, selling over 23,000 tickets and have earned three Shellie awards.

"Christmas at the Biltmore" plays December 7-8 and 13-15 at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave, Walnut Creek. For show times and ticket information, call (925) 939-3200 or go to the CCCT Website at www.ccchristiantheatre.org.

Discover The Possibilities With Lynne French

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Clayton \$574,980

Downtown Clayton – Brand new everything inside and out! Fantastic Lemke home w/3BD/2.5BA plus loft. Kitchen is updated & has breakfast bar, pantry and island. Lovely fireplace in family room will warm you during the holidays. Walk to award-winning schools, restaurants & town events!



Clayton \$629,980

Dana Hill – Glorious 4BD/3BA w/2,177 s.f. & one B/B downstairs. Sparkling pool, covered hot tub/deck area & large patio for entertaining. Adorable kitchen w/view to beautifully landscaped yard. Formal dining & living rooms, family room w/fireplace & spacious bedrooms. Fantastic Clayton price!



Clayton \$699,980

Oakhurst – Popular single-story floor plan, Keller, has 3BD/2BA & approx. 2,053 s.f. w/soaring ceilings & large windows. New paint, carpeting & tile throughout PLUS remodeled baths! Formal living & dining room & large, open kitchen/family room combo w/breakfast area. Private, groomed backyard w/patio area.



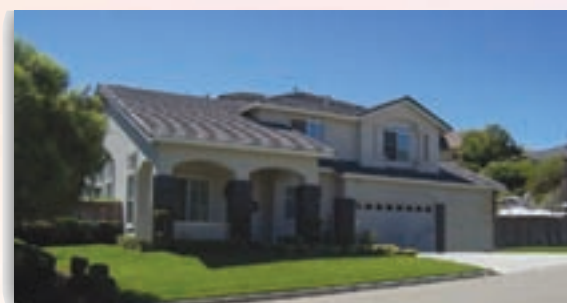
Clayton \$749,980

Regency Woods – Buyers spoke and owner listened! Pool & backyard refurbished, new Anlin windows, and a clear termite on this already updated home w/ 4BD/2.5BA over 2,000 s.f. located on almost a 1/4 of an acre. Private, wonderful location on a cul-de-sac. Kitchen w/paneled appliances & lots of room.



Clayton \$965,000

Morgan Territory – Peaceful, private 3.5 acre horse property w/Mt. Diablo views! 3BD/2BA has an updated kitchen w/double oven, oak floors & cabinets. 3-stall barn, hay storage & arena. Master suite has ample closets & French door to glass-surround sun room that brings views inside!



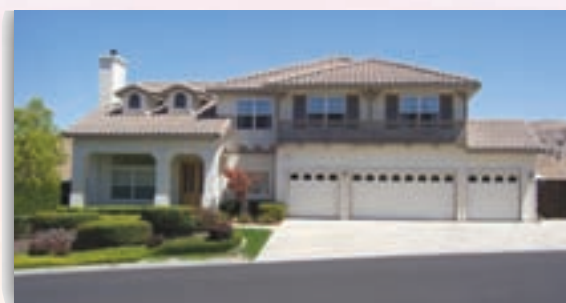
Clayton \$969,980

Falcon Ridge – 4BD/3BA w/open floorplan has approx. 3,079 s.f., vaulted ceilings & full b/b downstairs along w/ elegant formal living & dining rooms. Gourmet kitchen w/double oven, pantry, island, breakfast bar & dining area. Pool-sized .5 acre lot w/RV/Boat pkg. & plush lawns.



Walnut Creek \$1,225,000

Larkey Ranch – Voluminous ceilings & stylish windows & rooms highlight this 4+BD/3.5BA w/3,731 s.f. Master suite has His/Her closets & master bath is updated with a large jacuzzi tub. Garage space for 5+ cars and storage.



Clayton \$1,399,980

Peacock Creek – Level, prime lot w/major views! 5BD/3.5BA w/apprx. 3,911 s.f. has a huge family room wired for sound, 2-way fireplace & wet bar. Gourmet kitchen w/breakfast bar & nook. 4+ car garage w/shop + RV/Boat parking. Patios & pool for entertaining.

To Our Clayton Valley Family: Happy Holidays

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