



THE FRIENDS OF CA CITRUS PARK

SPRING 2024

ON MARCH 16TH, 2024, WE HAD THE HONOR TO WORK ALONG SIDE THE UC RIVERSIDE BLACK ALUMNI CHAPTER TO CLEAN UP A PORTION OF OUR VARIETAL GROVES. WE EVEN HAD ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP TO HELP! WITH ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK, WE WERE ABLE TO TIDY UP THE GROVES FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THE CITRUS FESTIVAL!



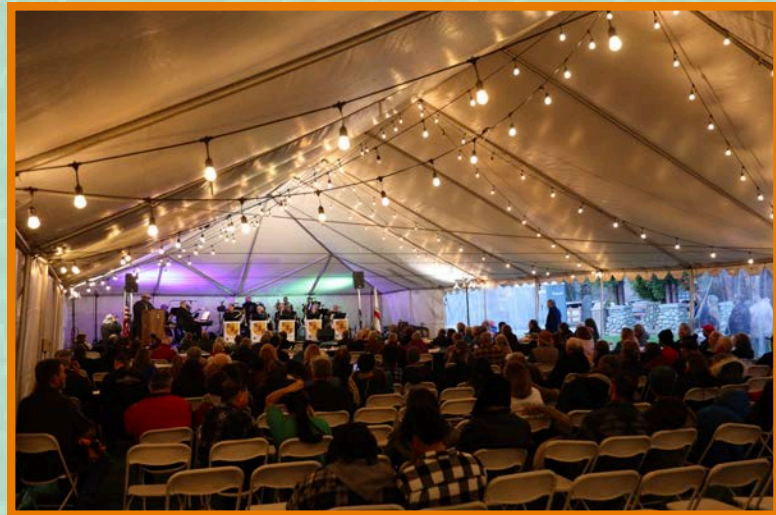
RECENT EVENTS

The 30th Anniversary Celebration

Despite a chilly evening with some rain, we had a terrific turnout for the event! Beginning with a reception at the Sunkist Center, guests were able to get out of the cold and enjoy refreshments, including a small citrus tasting and juice samples provided courtesy of Gless Ranch.



Following the reception, guests gathered under a large lighted and heated tent to enjoy the program ~ Celebrating Citrus History Through Music.



The program began with the National Anthem performed by Alexandra Portillo from Norte Vista High School. The main program - Celebrating Citrus History Through Music - was accompanied by The Riverside Swing Ensemble who performed music from different historical eras, complemented by a presentation of historical information presented by Jose Cabello, State Parks Interpreter I at California Citrus State Historic Park.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS!



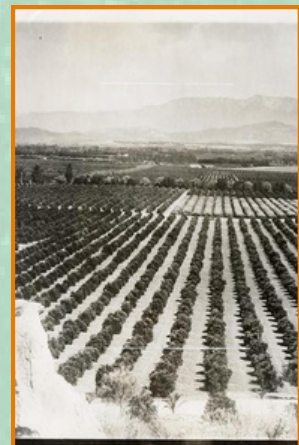
Starting from left to right: Kelly Elliott - CA State Parks Inland Empire District Superintendent, Patricia Lock Dawson - Mayor, City of Riverside, Senator Richard Roth, Colin Markovich - representing Assembly Member Sabrina Cervantes, Ronald Loveridge - President, Friends of CA Citrus Park, and John Rowe - CA State Parks, Superintendent III.



Senator Roth presented a Joint Resolution from the California Legislature commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the park to Kelly Elliott, Inland Empire District Superintendent and John Rowe, Superintendent III.

History Recap

California Citrus State Historic Park was originally created to preserve the rapidly vanishing citrus groves and to tell the far-reaching story of the citrus industry and its role in the history of California in the proper setting. 30 years ago, it was envisioned that the park would represent a living history containing acres of groves to show what Arlington Heights would have looked like in the 1920s.



Citrus Festival

THE 2ND ANNUAL CITRUS FESTIVAL ON APRIL 6TH BROUGHT IN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO CAME FOR FAMILY FUN, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT, DELICIOUS FOOD, CITRUS TASTINGS & VENDORS GALORE!



THERE WERE MANY FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS: A KIDS THEATER WORKSHOP, FACE PAINTING, PAINTING CLASSES, LAWN GAMES, CITRUS PRINTS, ROCK PAINTING, PUMMELO BOWLING & MUCH MORE!



~ Entertainment ~

WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING GAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL EL MITOTE BALLET FOLKLORICO, THE SWEET ADELINES, AND THE RIVERSIDE JAZZ COMBO PERFORM!



& WE HAD A COOKING DEMONSTRATION BY LOCAL CHEF JONATHAN GONZALEZ WITH JAMES MADISON CATERING



THERE WERE ALSO A LOT OF DELICIOUS FOOD CHOICES FOR VISITORS TO CHOOSE FROM!



THE CITRUS TASTINGS WERE A HIT!



CALIFORNIA CITRUS STATE HISTORIC PARK HAS OVER 70 DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF CITRUS, SOME COMMON, SOME RARE, SOME SWEET AND, SOME TART! VISITORS WERE ABLE TO SAMPLE SOME OF THE VARIETIES THAT ARE GROWN IN TWO ACRES OF VARIETAL GROVES ON THE PROPERTY. WITH THE HELP OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS, THOUSANDS OF SAMPLES WERE HANDED OUT FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY!



THE VARIETIES OFFERED INCLUDED: MEIWA KUMQUAT, NAGAMI KUMQUAT, INDIO MANDARINQUAT, LIMEQUAT, MEXICAN LIME, LIMONERO FINO LEMON 8A, MEYER LEMON, VARIEGATED PINK LEMON, GOLD NUGGET MANDARIN, TANGO MANDARIN, TAHOE GOLD MANDARIN, SHASTA GOLD MANDARIN, MINNEOLA TANGELO, WASHINGTON NAVEL, CARA CARA NAVEL, OROBLANCO GRAPEFRUIT AND CHANDLER PUMMELO

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

In the first week of March, the lower portion of the park was repaved!



In addition to the new paved driveway, all of the lighting at the entrance and parking lots, as well as exterior facility lighting near the Sunkist Center & Amphitheater were recently upgraded to LED! Thank you to our partner, CCEM!

COMING SOON

A new HVAC system will be installed at the Visitor Center to support the Gift Shop and other areas of the facility. In the picnic area, the Friends are working on getting new picnic tables for visitors to enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

PAINT & SIP SERIES

Wednesday evenings at the Sunkist Center
08/14, 10/09, 12/11

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

07/11-07/13 at the Amphitheater

BRIDAL EXPO

Sunday, 08/18 at the Sunkist Center

BOOKS IN THE PARK 'TIL DARK

Saturday, 09/28 at the Amphitheater



For more information on the Paint & Sip Series, Bridal Expo and Books in the Park til Dark email Shelby or Dean at: citruspark@cceminc.com

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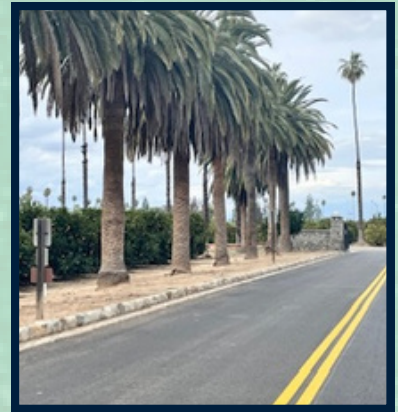
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CARING FOR OUR SHARED LANDS

Hosted by Ca State Parks
Sunday, 06/16

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

featuring: WONKA
Wednesday, 06/19 at the Amphitheater

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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS (CCSHP)



For more information on California State Parks Week (June 12th - June 16th) celebration: "Caring For Our Shared Lands" and, Shakespeare in the park, email Interpreter Jose at jose.cabello@parks.ca.gov

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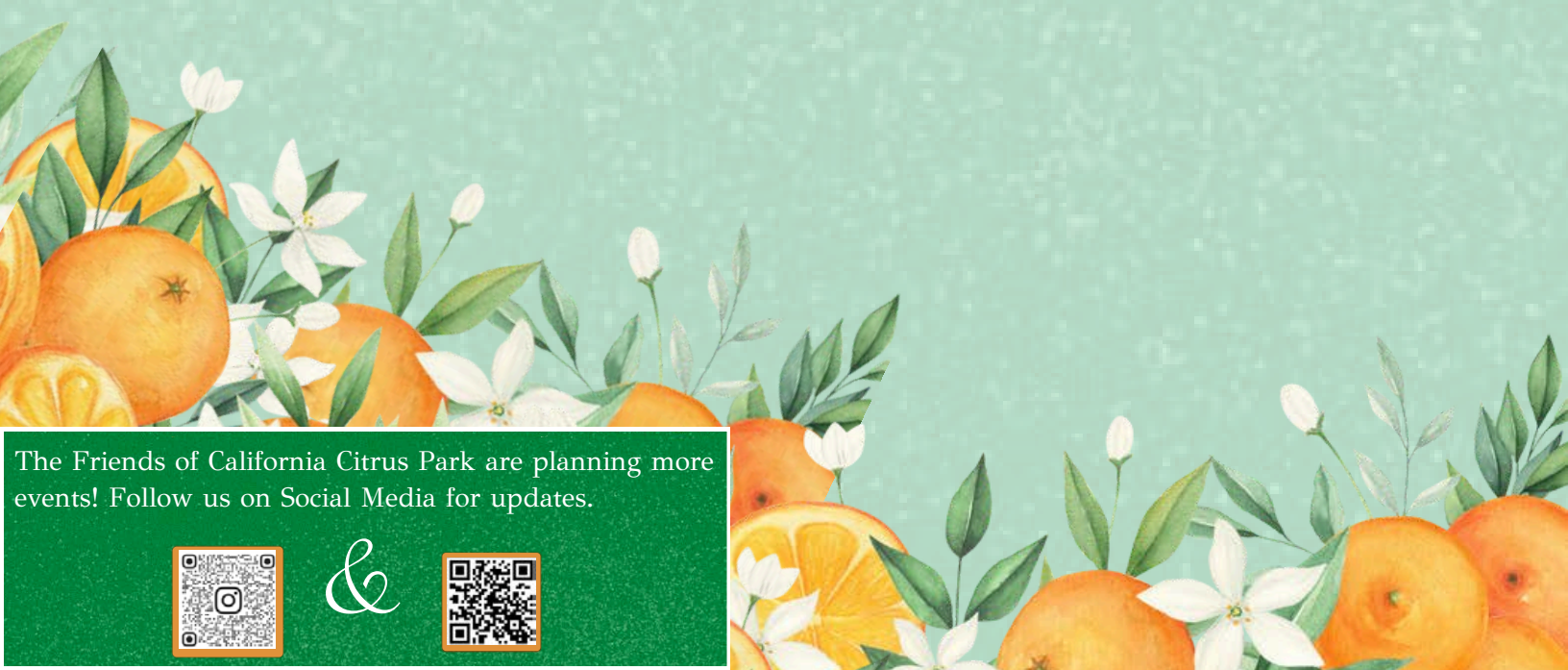
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