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THE ANDERSON MARSH INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

*Promoting education & interpretive activities of
Anderson Marsh State Historic Park*

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Fourth Annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival will come to Anderson Marsh September 12

The fourth annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park on Saturday, Sept. 12 will feature three "leading ladies" of American roots music. Laurie Lewis, a Grammy-award winning singer, songwriter, and fiddler, will perform with Sonoma County's own Nina Gerber, guitar player extraordinaire. Coming from Southern California, Susie Glaze, called "one of the most beautiful voices in bluegrass," will perform with the Hilonesome Band.

Appreciation of bluegrass music is enhanced with the right setting and Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is definitely the right setting.

Spend an old-fashioned day in the park while enjoying this family-friendly "happening."

There will be special activities for children, musician's workshops led by pros like Jim Williams, Andy Skelton, Don Coffin and others; a wine and beer garden, Art-in-the Barn displays, and dozens of food and handicraft booths.

You'll also hear master guitarists Jim Nunally and Dix Bruce, local favorite Pat Ickes



The fourth annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival will be a fun event at Anderson Marsh State Park. Last year the Mighty Crows were a popular band at the festival.

with Born to Ride, the sensational Mighty Chiplings, plus the talents of Laura and Darrin Smith, Blue Moon, Sarah Ticheva and Jill Shaul, the Cobb Stompers, and Eric Britain. There will be fiddling and clogging demonstrations.

The Anderson Marsh Old Time Bluegrass Festival is a community fundraiser for education and preservation of natural resources that is sponsored by the Anderson Marsh

Interpretive Association, Childrens Museum of Art and Science, and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Gates open at 9:30 a.m. and the music is non-stop from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. To order tickets or for more information, call (707) 995-2658 or visit www.andersonmarsh.org.

What is the fate of our park?

As of this writing, we still don't know what the fate of Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is going to be. The budget was severely slashed for state parks and there is a high likelihood that many parks will be closed. We are hoping to keep Anderson Marsh State Park open, possibly at a reduced level (three or four days a week) with the help of our many active volun-

teers. We are also considering possible financial support of the park, but as of now, everything is still up in the air. Currently, the park remains open, however the gates to the parking lot are only being opened Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

It is not too late to contact your legislators to let them know how you feel about your park.

The State Parks Foundation is recommending other things

to help State Parks. The best way to show support for state parks is to go out and visit them, and get reminded about why we all care so much for these wonderful resources. Pay the entrance fees.

We know it's sometimes easy to forget to pay those day use fees when it's on the honor system, but our state parks need help; and, activate friends and family.

2009 Bluegrass LOGO Contest

There were 12 entries from High Schools all around Lake County for the 2009 Bluegrass Logo Contest. It was not easy to pick a winner as all the entries were of high quality. Sara Smith of Natural High School in Lakeport submitted the winning entry. Event coordinator



Gae Henry says that "all the submissions 'hung together' as a unit. To recognize the artistic endeavors and participation of all the entrants, we're going to make either postcards or note cards of all the submissions and they will be available as a package for sale at this year's Festival."

AMIA booth at Clearlake Friday Nite Farmers' Market

AMIA and CLSPIA (Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association) have been staffing a booth at the Farmers' Market in Clearlake on Fridays from 5 p.m.— 8 p.m. Each week there has been live music; organic produce and craft vendors. We have displayed information about AMIA membership, Anderson Marsh as well as State Parks closing, and have gotten petitions signed protesting the potential park closings.

AMIA promotes Bluegrass Festival in parade participation

The Lower Lake Memorial Day Parade and the Clearlake 4th of July parade had winning Bluegrass Festival entries from AMIA.

In period costume, playing instruments, and with the radio blaring bluegrass music, five AMIA supporters rode in Nora Moore's auto, festooned on both sides with large Bluegrass banners, to a second place victory in their category May 23rd in Lower Lake.

The AMIA Bluegrass entry at the 4th of July parade was a flat bed truck with straw bales, decorated with American flags, patriotic bunting and had a small audience enjoying live, amplified bluegrass fiddle & guitar music came in 3rd place. Many thanks go to Don Coffin, Nora Moore, Henry Bornstein and Gae Henry for the 4th of July entry – and thanks to all who participated in supporting both these community events.

**FUN EVENTS FOR ALL AGES
AT THE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**



Music, food and refreshments, children's activities, music workshops, and art and handicrafts await at the upcoming Bluegrass Festival. The one day event takes place Saturday, September 12.

Congratulations on the birth of Hunter Goering!

Congratulations to State Park Ranger, Ryen Goering and his wife Meredith on the birth of their son Hunter Robert Goering. Hunter was born July 25, in Santa Rosa and both mom and baby are doing well.

AMIA participates in the yearly CALPA Conference

Gae Henry and Henry Bornstein represented AMIA at the yearly conference of CALPA (California League of Park Associations) held in Santa Cruz this May.

They attended many informational workshops that were beneficial to State Park 'cooperating associations' (like AMIA). They also got to participate in a re-enactment of the 1903 steam-train visit of then President Teddy Roosevelt to California's first State Park (this was part of his "save the redwoods" nature conservation trip). Less than a month later the Governor of California began threatening to close 220 of California's treasures.

"It was really great to meet folks who are involved in volunteering at many of California Parks from around the state, and wonderful to meet the people involved in the Santa Cruz area park associations and experience some of how they do interpretation at their parks.



Henry Bornstein and Gae Henry represented AMIA at CALPA and participated in the re-enactment of Teddy Roosevelt's visit to California's first State Park.

The contacts made at this conference have helped us in our fight to keep Anderson Marsh State Historic Park open and available for our educational and interpretive programs to continue serving the public."

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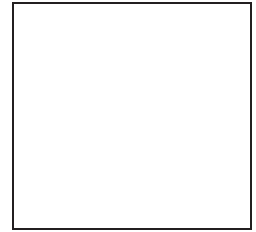
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AMIA Membership “Come Join the Fun”

Annual Dues

- \$20 Mink – T-shirt at the festival
- \$40 Otter - T-shirt at the festival and two tickets
- \$60 Cougar – T-shirt at the festival and three tickets
- \$80 Pond Turtle – T-shirt at the festival and five tickets
- \$100 Wild Turkey – T-shirt at the festival and six tickets

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