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Fifth Annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival will come to Anderson Marsh in September

Get your suspenders and sunbonnets ready! The Fifth Annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival will be held rain or shine on the Second Saturday in September, 2010 at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. The Festival is presented by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA), the Children's Museum of Art and Science (CMAS) and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The Bluegrass Festival supports the preservation and educational work of AMIA as well as CMAS, local schools and service groups and cannot happen without community backing and involvement. This year, the event is on September 11th. Some of the proceeds from the 2010 festival will go to Lake County Fire/Rescue – our local First Responders.

"In 2009, the business community as well as individuals really stepped up to the plate and helped with financial and in-kind sponsorships," said Henry Bornstein, AMIA Treasurer. "We look forward to that support continuing and working

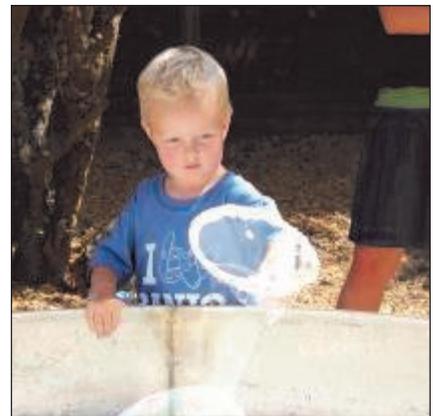


Susie Glaze with her Hilonsome Band performed at last year's festival.

with all the sponsors, raffle supporters and volunteers who are needed to make the 5th Annual Old Time Bluegrass Festival another successful major Lake County event."

"Last year's Old time Bluegrass Festival went off without a hitch," says Gae Henry, AMIA Secretary. "The music was the best ever and the food was, without a doubt, the most varied and best quality so far. We hear over and over

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Noah Schlange enjoyed the kid's activities at the 2009 OTBF. .

Ranger's Report

By Ryen Goering, Supervising Ranger

Greetings AMIA members! I hope 2010 has been a great year for all of you so far! This year, Anderson Marsh State Historic Park looks great. With all the rain we have received, the park is still very green and as I write this, has many wildflowers in full bloom. If you have a chance, get out and hike the Marsh to discover the abundance of wildlife and flora that has benefited from this unusually wet year.

This year, I was able to attend and work the 2nd annual "Day In Your Park" event on May 22nd. With all the great leadership and help by the dedicated AMIA members, this event was a success despite the late hail storm that sent vendors and musicians scurrying for cover! Upcoming is the always entertaining Bluegrass Festival on Sept. 11th. I'm looking forward to this year's festival and other upcoming events sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association.

There have been many changes to staffing within the Clear Lake Sector. Superintendent Jay Sherman retired. His replacement, Bill Salata was recently hired to start June 15th. Bill lives in Maxwell and grew up vacationing on Clear Lake. Bill is very excited to work here at the Clear Lake Sector. We will be losing Ranger Marisa Holman at the end of June. She will be transferring to Lake Oroville SRA. We have been advertising our Ranger vacancies and hope to fill them soon. The sector also lost two Maintenance staff to retirements. Maintenance Worker Dan Templeton and Maintenance Mechanic Dale Speers both retired in May after many dedicated years to serving State Parks. We wish them all the best.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and Association members who helped to stave off last year's 2nd threat to the closure of Clear Lake State Park and Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. Unfortunately (or fortunately!), the state had to raise fees to keep all of the parks open. The fee for parking at the parking lot went up from \$2.00 to \$4.00. And also due to the staffing shortage, the gates are only open on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays. We hope that the budget and staffing issues will improve and we can return the fees and hours to the previous rates and times of operation. In the November election, there will be a ballot measure to charge a fee on vehicle license fees. This new fee would fully fund State Parks and all day use fees would be free to all registered California vehicles. I hope the worst is behind us and we can work together to make California State Parks the great attraction that it once was and always has been!

Discovery Center Project changes course

After working for two years as joint partners to establish a Discovery Center at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, both the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA) and the Children's Museum of Art and Science (CMAS) have realized that a Discovery Center of the magnitude proposed at the onset of this project is not realistic at this time.

AMIA will continue to pursue its stewardship activities at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, including working on ranch house conservation and restoration, while at the same time offering interpretive programs and activities at the park. The group will continue to work towards development of a smaller, scaled down version of the proposed Discovery Center, which will take the form of a Visitor's Center at the park. State Park officials have indicated strong support for this goal, which could start with the installation of a modular unit at the park that will serve as a visitor's center and a location for educational programs.

The Discovery Center project was conceived at the very beginning of the economic downturn and the resulting threats, including the actual closure of many State Parks, including Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, have created many obstacles to the original goal. Despite the downturn, however, the State Department of Parks and Recreation remains supportive of a future facility at the

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park and AMIA members remain committed to this concept.

“As a cooperative association with the State Parks Department, we have to be sensitive to the department’s concerns and goals. We understand that the Discovery Center project, though a desirable facility for the community, is not feasible for State Parks at this time,” noted AMIA president Roberta Lyons.



Each year Santa Claus greets children at the Anderson Marsh State Park “Christmas at the Ranch,” sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Assoc. The event is one of many interpretive events presented by the association.



Local musicians, Don Coffin, right; Tom Nixon, and Anna McAtee are among the entertainers for the annual Christmas at the Ranch event at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park.



2010 Bluegrass Logo winner

Each year AMIA holds a contest for Lake County High School Students to select the Bluegrass logo for that year. Hallel Sullivan of Lower Lake High School drew the winning logo for 2010. Along with the all other entrants, she will receive a certificate of artistic merit, a gift certificate and her original artwork will be framed and displayed at the Art-in-the-Barn at the Festival. As the winner, Hallel will also be sent a check for \$100.

Guided Nature Walks and Ranch House tours scheduled at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park for this summer

On Saturday, June 19th, July 17th, and August 21st, from 8:30-noon, at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, on Hwy. 53, between Lower Lake and Clearlake, the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA) will hold its monthly Guided Nature Walk followed by a Ranch House tour.



Come and experience the flora and fauna of Anderson Marsh and Cache Creek. The Nature Walk is ADA accessible. For more information email info@andersonmarsh.org or call (707)995-2658.

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Art & science camp provides great learning experience

Fifty-eight fourth to sixth graders from schools throughout Lake County participated in the art and science camp held at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park on Saturday, May 1.

During the morning, students rotated through four stations. In the south barn, they looked at slides in a microscope and then compared the skulls, pelts and (plastic) scat of herbivores and carnivores.

In the north barn, they learned about Native American history and culture and then made a tule doll. At the ranch house, they took a tour and then joined a band to learn "Polly Wolly Doodle" (a pioneer song). On a nature walk to Cache Creek, they saw turtles, deer, rabbits and lots of birds.

These free camps are always well-received by the students and adults who participate. The camps highlight the importance of the Anderson Marsh site as a place to study Native American and European history, plant and animal life, and the ecology and geology of the area. The camps would not be possible without the support of local volunteers and service groups.

This event was sponsored by the Children's Museum of Art and Science (CMAS) and the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA). High school students from Carle and Lower Lake High Schools assisted in groups and at the various stations. A mid-morning snack was generously provided by Dennis Darling of Foods, Etc. in Clearlake.

Students enjoy learning at Anderson Marsh State Park



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again from attendees how much they enjoy the food, music, vendors, and children's activities. We also hear how much they appreciate the organization and cleanliness of the park and how friendly everyone is – this indeed feels like a home town event with our best foot forward."

Performers at the 2010 Festival include John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Bill Evans & Megan Lynch, Rita Hosking, Anderson Family Band, Pat Ikes & Bound-to-Ride plus other regional & local favorites; also fantastic fiddling and clogging demonstrations with the Konocti Fiddlers and the Clearlake Klikkers. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. and non-stop music on two stages from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Enjoy this family-friendly event and spend an old-fashioned day in the park. There'll be special activities for children all day; musician's workshops led by pros like Jim Williams, Andy Skelton, Don Coffin and others; a wine and beer garden featuring Lake County wines, Art-in-the Barn and dozens of food and handicraft booths. There will also be demonstrations of wool spinning and weaving. Attendees are encouraged to bring their instruments for workshops and informal jam sessions behind the ranch house.

More information about the Bluegrass Festival can be found at www.andersonmarsh.org. For information about volunteering, becoming a Festival sponsor, making a donation to the Festival raffle or becoming an AMIA member, please contact AMIA at (707) 995-2658 or bluegrass@andersonmarsh.org

A fond farewell to Winifred Minden

Friends and family said good-bye to Winifred Agnes (Anderson) Minden who passed away March 9, 2010 in Austin, Texas at the age of 97.

Winifred was an Anderson, of Anderson Marsh and Ranch fame and spent many years at the ranch as a youngster. She was a great friend of Anderson Marsh State Historic Park and was very pleased that her family's old homestead had become an important State Park. She loved being involved with the park and was an active volunteer in various activities at the old ranch house where she spent many hours as a child.

Winifred was born Feb. 15, 1913 to John Russell and Ianthe Carmen (Baylis) Anderson in Lakeport. She was the youngest of five children and loved to recall wonderful memories of growing up on the Anderson Ranch with her siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles. In her early years, she attended school in Lower Lake and Burns Valley, but later attended schools in the Bay Area.

After becoming a widow, in 1969, she moved back to Lake County from the Bay Area and enjoyed her home on Clear Lake for many years.

Bluegrass in the past...



Kids enjoy OTBF too.



Heritage crafts are demonstrated.



Dancers at Bluegrass Festival.



Carle High students Alexandria Von Rekowski and Bianca Frias.

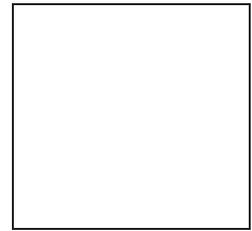


A huge crowd of Bluegrass fans.



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Is dedicated to the preservation of all facets of the park. New members are always welcome! Come Join the Fun!

2010 AMIA Membership Application

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE is August 31, 2010 for this year's festival

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Special Interest (music, education, history, ecology,
archaeology, other): _____

AMIA members receive two (2) newsletters a year, special invitations to attend events being held at the park and the satisfaction that comes from supporting a community treasure and working to preserve it for future generations.

Membership Categories:

- \$20 Mink** – 10% discount at AMIA Booth at Bluegrass Festival
- \$40 Otter** - 1 Bluegrass Festival T-shirt Voucher
- \$60 Cougar** – 1 Bluegrass Festival T-Shirt Voucher plus 1 Free Pass to Bluegrass Festival
- \$80 Pond Turtle** – 1 Bluegrass Festival T-Shirt Voucher plus 2 Free Passes to the Bluegrass Festival
- \$100 Wild Turkey** – 1 Bluegrass Festival T-Shirt Voucher plus 4 Free Passes to the Bluegrass Festival

Please send your check and completed application to

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Or you may fax your completed application to this toll-free fax number: AMIA Membership
(866)655-5798