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**JOIN US celebrate...**  
**A Tribute to Agriculture!**

Each year CFAITC marks National Agriculture Week with a duo of events to celebrate agriculture as one of our state's most productive and important industries.

We invite you to join the many supporters, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and families who gather to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

1017 11th Street  
 Sacramento, CA  
 Reception 5:30 p.m.  
 Dinner 6:30 p.m.

*30-minute tours of the newly renovated Cathedral at 5:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

**Mission San Juan Capistrano**

26801 Ortega Hwy  
 San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
 Tour 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

**El Adobe Restaurant**

31891 Camino Capistrano  
 San Juan Capistrano, CA  
 Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

**Sponsorship Levels (per venue)**

- Platinum** \$10,000 - Tickets for 16, display table for sponsor's materials, and gift for each guest.
- Gold** \$7,500 - Tickets for 8 and a gift for each guest.
- Silver** \$5,000 - Tickets for 8
- Bronze** \$2,500 - Tickets for 4
- Honor Roll** \$1,000 - Tickets for 2
- Individual** \$200 - Ticket for 1

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**Message from our Chairman**

On behalf of California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, I would like to personally thank you for your ongoing support as we help students recognize the importance of agriculture in their lives. You, our donors, are truly a remarkable group and continue to humble us with your unmatched generosity, even during these times of cut-backs, closures and fiscal instability.

In the past year, we have accomplished great things with your support, such as a successful National AITC Conference, a fantastic new 5-lesson dairy unit, *Milk Matters! Discovering Dairy*, and the publication of our first ever *Imagine this...* book featuring winning student stories. The ability of CFAITC to continue providing free materials to more than 11,500 educators and administrators across the state is only made possible by friends like you.



Thank you for making agriculture education a priority. We look forward to earning your support again in 2009.

Very sincerely,

Doug Mosebar  
 Chairman of the Board



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**Oreggia Supports Literacy For Life**

The Oreggia Family Foundation donated \$20,000 to California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) to sponsor CFAITC's Literacy for Life Teaching Awards program. "Arden Oreggia wanted to see agriculture as a whole benefit," explained Oreggia Family Foundation trustee Robert Taylor. The Oreggia family began in the dairy business, and subsequently pioneered asparagus

in the Salinas Valley. Arden and his sister, Sabina, established the Foundation prior to their deaths, and have funded many agricultural education endeavors and organizations.



DAVID MENSHEW, A HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY AND FORENSIC BIOTECHNOLOGY TEACHER AT JAMES C. ENOCHS HIGH SCHOOL IN MODESTO, WAS NAMED CFAITC'S 2009 LITERACY FOR LIFE AWARD WINNER.

CFAITC's Literacy for Life Teaching Awards program recognizes California educators making an extra effort to incorporate agriculture into their curriculum. "The Oreggia Family Foundation's sponsorship has allowed us to expand visibility of this program, and inform more teachers about this great opportunity," said CFAITC Executive Director Judy Culbertson.

The Literacy for Life Teaching Awards recipients are selected annually, and all California K-12 educators emphasizing agriculture in their classrooms are encouraged to apply. The 2009 winners will receive awards, including cash prizes, and expense-paid trips to AITC conferences and the 2009 California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Anaheim.



**upcoming events:**

- National Agriculture Week Fundraisers  
 Sacramento and San Juan Capistrano  
 March 17 & 28, 2009
- 1st Annual Ag Get-together  
 Joseph and Shirley Mohamed's  
 Quail Run Gardens  
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 September 12, 2009

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## In the "Spear"-it of Giving

Last October, a group of California educators, CFAITC staff, and members of the California Asparagus Commission gathered in Stockton, to



ELLEN NELSON, RETIRED TEACHER FROM ESCALON, AND ANGELA MAYFIELD, FORMER AGRICULTURE TEACHER FROM ELK GROVE, WERE PART OF THE TEAM DEVELOPING THE 7TH EDITION OF *WHAT'S GROWIN' ON?*

develop the 7th edition of CFAITC's popular newspaper for students, *What's Growin' On?* Industry professionals talked to the group about the commodity, and the process of growing, harvesting, marketing and selling asparagus.

The California Asparagus Commission provided a \$10,000 donation to sponsor the center feature of the 16-page resource designed for third-eighth grade students. The two pages feature full-color educational activities and information, fun-facts, and standards-based lessons about this uniquely California vegetable. Executive Director of the California Asparagus Commission, Cher Watte-Angulo, arranged for the educators to tour Zuckerman Family Farms, a

local asparagus farm, where teachers saw how and where asparagus grows. Watte-Angulo expressed her enthusiasm for the project. "*What's Growin' On?* is one of our favorite resources, and is a hit every year at the Stockton Asparagus Festival. We're excited to share information about asparagus with a brand new audience!"

Ellen Nelson, a retired math teacher from Escalon said she feels confident that students will be challenged and inspired by this new resource. "There are so many great topics, interesting information, and fun activities, the students will hardly realize they're learning!"

CFAITC publishes *What's Growin' On?* annually, and distributes 500,000 copies statewide to communities, classrooms, county fairs, county Farm Bureaus, and the California Newspapers in Education (CNIE) program. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the 8th edition of *What's Growin' On?* please contact the Foundation at (800) 700-AITC.

EDUCATORS GATHERED IN STOCKTON TO CREATE ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS.



We are California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC). Our mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Our vision is an appreciation of agriculture by all.

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