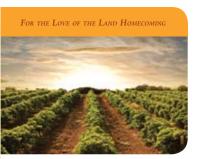


For the Love of the Land Homecoming

You may already know, and appreciate the men and women who provide a safe and healthy food supply for millions of families, and whose hard work contributes greatly to our state and local economies. Unfortunately, this is not common knowledge to most Californians, particularly our younger generations.



PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 TO
BENEFIT THE CALIFORNIA
FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE
IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE
CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION.

Students, many of whom have never set foot on a farm, are tomorrow's mothers and fathers, our workforce, our civic leaders, our CEOs, and our voters. Our state's agricultural legacy lies in the hands of our teachers, who, in their own way, are planting the seeds of awareness in their classrooms every day.

We warmly invite you to a very special event benefiting California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and the California Farm

Bureau Scholarship Foundation. "For the Love of the Land" is a reunion; a homecoming to celebrate agriculture. This evening of food and

wine, companionship and collaboration is aimed at strengthening and sustaining our ability to feed, clothe and shelter ourselves with the gifts of the land.

Additional event details and sponsorship opportunities are provided inside this issue.



upcoming events:

For the Love of the Land Homecoming Joseph, Sr. and Shirley Mohamed's Quail Run Gardens September 19, 2009

CFAITC Teacher Conference Rohnert Park, CA October 23-24, 2009

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has greatly impacted agriculture literacy. In 2007, more than 30 individuals and families honored her life by donating to CFAITC at her request. Mrs. Williamson, a fifth generation Californian, taught elementary school for 38 years. Both gardening and farming were near to her heart, as her family and late husband farmed flax throughout San Mateo County. Each year, \$1,000 in scholarships to attend the Foundation's annual conference are awarded to deserving educators in her name, a generous act administered by her grandson, Jack Olsen and his wife, Sherry. Many thanks to the family of Mrs. Williamson, and every one of our donors whose support ensures the preservation of our state's agricultural heritage.

Join us at the 2009 CFAITC Conference

We invite all of our supporters to join us at the 2009 AITC Conference, taking place in Rohnert Park on October 23-24, 2009. See for yourself



THE ANNUAL CALIFORNIA AITC CONFERENCE IS THE ONLY STATEWIDE FORUM OF ITS KIND, PROVIDING STIMULATING WAYS FOR EDUCATORS TO CONNECT STUDENTS WITH THE FOOD AND FIBER THEY USE EVERY DAY.

how your contributions are making a positive impact on California teachers, school garden coordinators, nutritionists and agriculture literacy supporters from across the state as we gather in Sonoma Valley, home to world-class wineries, restaurants, dairies and an abundance of school and community gardens.

Exciting and informative speakers, workshops, exhibits, and specialized field trips will inform and inspire attendees at this time of strong momentum for garden-based learning, children's health and food awareness. Guest speakers will include former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin and CDFA Secretary, A.G. Kawamura, as well as a panel of local authors, whose

stories share positive agricultural messages. First Lady Maria Shriver will also welcome attendees via a video message from the new WE Garden at Capitol Park, a project made possible with the help of CFAITC.

Would you like to support the 2009 AITC Conference?

- Consider donating a scholarship (\$225) for a teacher of your choice to attend the conference. Or, CFAITC can identify a scholarship recipient for you if you prefer.
- Provide fresh and/or packaged CA-grown commodity samples (300 of each) for our Hospitality Suite and/or Field Trips.
- Gift baskets, books, and gift certificates all make wonderful door prize donations!
- For more information about the 2009 Conference, please contact us directly at (800) 700-AITC or visit www.cfaitc.org/conference.

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You are invited to join this partnership by helping to develop and advance these critical objectives that are so vital to the long-term viability of California agriculture.

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California Wine Experience &

Strolling Dinner 5:30 p.m.

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\$10,000 - Table for 8, gift for **Platinum**

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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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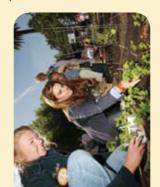
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WE Garden in Capitol Park

This past May, First Lady Maria Shriver called upon CFAITC, state dignitaries, kids, farmers, and chefs to help plant the first edible garden at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The 800 square-foot garden includes 16 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers, and will feature seasonal crops throughout the year.



classroom setting. "WE Garden" lesson plans meet Board of Education Content

Standards for grades 1-6 and are available at cfaitc.org/wegarden.

help translate the hands-on experiences

learned in a garden, into a traditional

of 10 "WE Garden" lesson plans that

Along with planning and planting the

garden, CFAITC developed a series

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THE NEW "WE GARDEN" IN
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importance of nutrition, healthy living,

'The garden was created to educate and inspire Californians about the CAPITOL PARK. agriculture and science, and to show (PHOTO BY MAIT SALVO, CFBF) that all these things can be taught in carring "caid Mario Chrises"

a garden setting," said Maria Shriver's Communications Director, Francisco Castillo. "Judy Culbertson and Ag in the Classroom have contributed priceless insight and experience, and helped us evolve this project into a comprehensive educational opportunity."



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