

President's Message



munity experience like none other.

We worked hard in 2007 to examine land-use during the Fair and staff made many changes to the flow of the Fair, which, with over a million guests, demonstrated that our customers appreciated the changes. The next two years will be just as inventive as 2007, with changes to some of the buildings, arrangement of vendors, programming, and the continued revitalization of the Main Mall and the Grandstand Arena.

The annual Fair must serve as both a custodian of tradition and a reflection of the community as it grows and evolves, and the Board of Directors and the staff of the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center cherish this responsibility. During these next few years, staff will be sensitive to guest reaction to these changes and we hope you find them as exciting as we do.

*Dale Dykema
President, Board of Directors
Orange County Fair & Exposition Center*

New Tattoo Festival Musink Offers A Buzz In February

There will be a buzz around the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center in February when famed tattoo artist Kat Von D from the TV show "L.A. Ink" debuts Musink, a tattoo and music festival.

Slated for Feb. 22-24, Musink will showcase 200 of the top tattoo artists from around the world. Some of the best body art in the industry will be on display and if attendees feel inspired they can take a seat and get their own to take home.

If getting a tattoo isn't on the agenda

for the weekend, attendees can also enjoy three days of live music, with each day featuring a different style of music. Punk band Tiger Army is scheduled to headline the event when they rock out on Saturday, Feb. 23.

There will also be seminars, contests with celebrity judges, and lifestyle vendors.

The event is open Friday, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, Noon-11 p.m.; and Sunday, Noon-6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per day and will be on sale in December.



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Download the guide and enter online.

Visit ocfair.com and click the Youth Expo logo.

For information, call (714) 708-1553.

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Did You Know?

2008 OC Fair admission is now on sale. Buy Now, Save \$\$\$.

Ready, Set, Smile at 2008 Youth Expo



Put a "Smile" on your face in anticipation of the 29th annual Youth Expo at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, April 25-27, 2008.

Thousands of local school-children, schools, youth groups and families will take over the fairgrounds for the free annual event, which recognizes Orange County youth for their positive accomplishments in math, science, literature, agriculture,

art, and the community.

Student projects on a variety of academic subjects will be on display in the **School Projects** building throughout the three-day event. The best student projects are awarded ribbons, trophies and cash awards.

Future gardeners and farmers can show off their young talent with an entry in the **Li'l Sprouts Farm and Garden Competition** on April 25. Pre-registration is

not required and all self-grown fruits, vegetables, or flowers can be delivered to Centennial Farm from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day for submission.

The **18th annual Home Builders Council (HBC) Design/Build Competition** will set-up shop for a fourth year with its two-day event which challenges high school, community college, Youth Build, and

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OC'S Largest Mixer Returns



gling and networking at the Orange County's Largest Mixer V on Mar. 13.

Designed to be part exposition and part social event, the Mixer is an annual event that has grown to include more than 300 exhibitors and thousands of attendees.

Chambers of commerce and businesses from throughout the county are on-hand to talk about what they can offer.

The physical layout of the event

encourages attendees, and exhibitors, to not only check out all the different companies and organizations on exhibit, but network and socialize as well.

Admission for the one-night event is \$20. The Largest Mixer will be held in buildings 14 and 16 and Baja Blues Restaurant from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or to become an exhibitor visit ocmixer.com or call (213) 908-0800.

Business professionals from hundreds of industries will return to the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center for a fifth year of mixing, min-

MARCH 13

Winter Event Highlights

The new year will be warming up nicely with a variety of events that will be having locals visit the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center for services, entertainment, and products throughout the winter season.

The Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale will bloom right before spring when it returns to OCFEC on Feb. 8-10. The annual event features hundreds of beautiful orchids from around the world. Attendees can view and purchase orchids and orchid-related products. Event hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. Admission is \$5 for adults.

March will start off with a little bit of Americana at the **California Country**



Antique Americana Show and Sale, Mar. 8-9. The only antique show focused exclusively on country and folk art, the show will feature tons of dealers from

across the nation selling a variety of furniture, art, decorations, textiles, ceramics and more. Event hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9 for both days and \$6 for Sunday only. Guests 17 and under are free.

This American spirit will shift from country art to muscle cars when the **Good Guys Car Show** returns Mar. 15-16. The all-grounds event will feature tricked out and custom cars for the two-day event. The event opens at 8 a.m. both days and closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$13, children (7-12) are \$6, and children six years and younger are free.

Centennial Farm Receives CM Community Foundation Grant

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center's Centennial Farm was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Costa Mesa Community Foundation for The Ranch After School Program at a special ceremony in Building 33 on Nov. 5. The Ranch program currently teaches children from Davis Education Center, College Park Elementary School and Sonora Elementary School about animal husbandry, equine science, gardening and nutrition, and leather crafting.

The grant will allow for program expansion to include other local schools, as well as the possible inclusion of groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts, according to Evy Young, OCFEC's agricultural education supervisor.

"We believe so much in the importance of teaching our children about agriculture and how it is integrated into our daily lives," said OCFEC CEO Becky Bailey-Findley. "The support from the Foundation's Community Grants program is greatly appreciated because it allows the program to reach out to more children in a meaningful way."



Grant Presentation—(l-r) OCFEC CEO Becky Bailey-Findley, CFF Board member Kathy Nakase, Centennial Farm Supervisor Evy Young, and CMCF members Cindy O'Dell, Bill Turpit, and Charlene Ashendorf.

The Foundation's Community Grants program was launched in June 2007 to provide support to community groups in the

areas of youth academics and recreation, public safety, public park enhancements and community pride initiatives.

Academia won't be the only thing making visitors to Youth Expo smile though. Gale Webb will return with her **Extreme Sports and Air Show**, which features some of the youngest BMX, inline and skateboarding stars of today.

Other Youth Expo features include a 4-H livestock competition, Girl Scout exhibits and crafts, and exhibitors offering educational resources and information.

The 2008 Youth Expo Competition

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Regional Occupation Program (ROP) student teams to design and build as professional builders would.

For the **53rd annual Orange County Science and Engineering Fair**, science and math will be the featured attraction with hundreds of individual and group projects on display from students in the sixth through 12th grades.

Guide is available online now. Download the handbook and enter online by visiting ocfair.com and clicking the Youth Expo logo. The entry form deadline is Feb. 7, 2008. For additional information, call (714) 708-1553.

Youth Expo hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Events CALENDAR 2008

January - March

Weekly Events

STAR-VU DRIVE-IN

Friday-Sunday.

Admission: general \$8.50, children (5-12) \$5, kids four and under admitted free. Show listings, times and ticket sales available at star-vu.com. (949) 296-7002

GIANT PAINTBALL PARK

Thursday & Friday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Admission: \$25.

Grandstand Arena.

giantpaintball.com

(949) 489-9000

ORANGE COUNTY MARKET PLACE

Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Main Parking Lot.

Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free.

Tel Phil Enterprises

(949) 723-6660

ocmarketplace.com

FARMERS MARKET

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Main Parking Lot.

Orange County Farm Bureau

(714) 573-0374

orange.cfbf.com

CENTENNIAL FARM

Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: free.

(714) 708-1916.

During all-ground events,

admission may be required.

ocfair.com

JANUARY 2008

5 BRIDAL WORLD EXPO

Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 10 & Parade of Products

Admission: adults \$10 and

children under 12 admitted free.

Adcom Publishing

(714) 670-7800

brideworld.com

12-13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLD SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Building 10

Admission: adults \$5, children

under 12 admitted free.

goldprospectors.org

19-20 TEX*US GUITAR SHOW

Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 12

Admission: adults \$15, children

under 12 admitted free.

Tex*us Guitar Shows, Inc.

texasguitarshows.com

26-27 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW

Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Buildings 10, 12, 14, 16, Parade

of Products & Main Mall

Admission: adults \$12, seniors

\$11, children under 12 admitted

free with adult.

B&L Productions

(801) 544-9125

28-31 MAINTENANCE MANIA

Monday-Thursday

ocfair.com

FEBRUARY 2008

1-2 SCATSGYMNASTICS

Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Building 10

Admission: adults \$8, seniors &

children \$5.

Scats Gymnastics

(714) 895-2909

2-3 WAREHOUSE SALE

Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 14

Admission: Saturday \$15 presale

or \$25 at the door; Sunday \$5.

thewarehousesale.com

8-10 FASCINATION OF ORCHIDS

Friday, Saturday &

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Buildings 14 & 16

Admission: adults \$4.

Fascinations of Orchids

(949) 735-2930

fascinationfororchids.com

8-10 32nd ANNUAL HOME REMODELING & DECORATING SHOW

Friday, noon-8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Buildings 10, 12 & Parade of

Products

Admission: adults \$6.75, seniors

\$4, and children admitted free.

N.E.C. Group, Inc.

(818) 557-2950

15-17 SCRAPBOOK EXPO

Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buildings 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 &

Parade of Products

Admission: adults \$8,

children under 12 admitted free.

Scrapbook Expo

scrapbookexpo.com

22-24 MUSINK-THE ULTIMATE TATTOO & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday, 6 p.m.-11 p.m.

Saturday, noon-11 p.m.

Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Admission: \$25/day

musink.org

23-24 MALIBU CAT CLUB

Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 14

Admission: general \$5, seniors

(62+) and children under 12 \$4.

2/29-3/2 GEM FAIRE

Friday, noon-7 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buildings 10 & Parade of Products

Admission: adult weekend pass \$5,

children 11 and under admitted

free.

Gem Faire, Inc.

(503) 252-8300

gemfaire.com

MARCH 2008

6-8 SUGAR PLUM FESTIVAL'S "ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW"

Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 10

Admission: free.

Sugar Plum Festivals

(562) 598-0857

sugarplumfestivals.com

NO STROLLERS PLEASE.

8-9 CALIFORNIA COUNTRY ANTIQUE AMERICANA SHOW & SALE

Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Building 14

Admission: adults \$9 on

Saturday (\$6 after 2 p.m.)

and \$6 on Sunday (\$3 after 2 p.m.),

children 17 and under free.

Paid first day admission good

for both days.

California Country

(831) 476-4161

californiacountryshow.com

12 AAOC ANNUAL TRADE SHOW & CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Building 10 & 12

Admission: free.

Apartment Association of

Orange County

(714) 638-5550

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

13 OC's LARGEST MIXER V

Thursday, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Buildings 14, 16 & Baja Blues

Admission: \$15.

The Linden Group, Inc.

(213) 908-0800

largestmixer.com

15-16 GOOD GUYS CAR SHOW

Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

All Grounds

Admission: general \$13; kids

(7-12) \$6; children under 6

admitted free.

good-guys.com

23 ROCK HARBOR CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, times TBD.

Pacific Amphitheatre

Admission: free.

Rock Harbor Church

www.rockharbor.org

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Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Buildings 10, 12, 14, 16, Parade

of Products & Main Mall

Admission: adults \$12, seniors

\$11, children under 12 admitted

free with adult.

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