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Attention Brides & Wedding Planners... Two Capital District Historic Sites Are Now Available For Memorable Wedding Ceremonies *Governor's Mansion & Sutter's Fort are Open for Bookings in 2010*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Looking for a unique venue to say "I do"? Two longtime Sacramento historic sites -- the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park -- are now offering wedding venues with an ambiance of eras past. This exciting new offering is a first for the Capital District State Museums & Historic Parks and both sites are available for booking as early as spring 2010.

The possibilities are endless for couples looking for a romantic and vintage ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. Once home to 13 of California's governors between 1903 and 1967, the historic Governor's Mansion makes for a memorable backdrop for a wedding and reception. This stately Victorian's interior is ideal for an intimate wedding of up to 50 guests (seated). As a highlight, the bride can make a sweeping entrance down the curving central staircase to the delight of friends and family. The reception following the ceremony can accommodate up to 40 guests (seated, banquet-style) in the house's parlor room. If a more casual setting is preferred, a cocktail style reception is an option for up to 75 guests. Larger wedding parties can also be accommodated as well. The Mansion's grounds, which surround the historic home and carriage house, offer a nice garden setting for weddings and receptions up to 150 guests (seated) or up to 250 for a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception.

Or, if a more rustic setting reflecting early California pioneers is preferred, Sutter's Fort is now offering the site for weddings and receptions as well. In fact, the Fort is Sacramento's earliest European settlement and was home to many emigrants and pioneers in the 1840s. The rustic setting can accommodate up to 300 guests (seated) for outdoor weddings within the courtyard. Also, the historic grounds surrounding Sutter's Fort are an option for brides wanting a park-like setting in the heart of the city. Accommodating 300 guests (seated) and up to 500 (standing), the lawn is surrounded by large heritage trees. With the Fort in the background, wedding photographs promise to be both picturesque and memorable. A wedding at Sutter's Fort will guarantee history lovers a "back in time" experience for their special day.

For more information about options and costs or to book a wedding or reception, contact Cheryl Meyer, Facility Rental Coordinator at (916) 445-2560 or cmeyer@csrnf.org

About the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

Governor's Mansion State Historic Park is located at 16th and 'H' Streets in midtown Sacramento. Tours of the Mansion are offered Tuesday - Sunday, departing hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the Mansion's Carriage House and Museum Store. For more information about Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, call (916) 323-3047 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion.

About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter's Fort, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers special events, Living History and Demonstration Days programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first European settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/parks.ca.gov.

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