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Sutter's Fort Joins "Farm-to-Fork" Effort & Presents "Feast at the Fort" on September 21

***Cooking with Chocolate is Theme for Unique Culinary Experience that
Includes Four-Course, Sit-Down Dinner Prepared by Sacramento's Top Chefs***

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – To the delight of history enthusiasts and food and wine lovers throughout the region, Friends of Sutter's Fort is proud to present a unique culinary experience -- "Feast at the Fort" -- on Saturday evening, September 21, 2013. Now part of the city-wide "Farm-to-Fork" effort, this is the fourth year for this signature event held at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP). With KFBK News Anchor Kitty O'Neal as celebrity emcee for the evening, "Feast at the Fort" guests will enjoy a delicious four-course, sit-down dinner prepared by Sacramento's top chefs amid a beautiful evening setting inside the historic walls of Sutter's Fort SHP. As a special treat and given John Sutter imported Mexican chocolate for enjoyment at the Fort, the theme for the event this year is "cooking with chocolate." Guests will delight in a menu of newly-created and history-inspired recipes that showcase chocolate and also incorporate vibrant local ingredients.

When they first arrive, "Feast at the Fort" guests will be treated to scrumptious appetizers while enjoying local wine, beer and cider tastings. Guests will also have the unique opportunity to watch and interact with chefs as they prepare their culinary creations in period facilities such as outdoor fire pits or in the historic kitchens and on-site bakery. With local wines and beer paired with the various courses that are served family-style, the amazing dishes will be created by chefs from popular restaurants such as **Café Vinoteca, Hock Farm Craft & Provisions, Hook & Ladder Manufacturing Co., Mulvaney's B&L, Ten22 Restaurant.**

With an international flair representative of the types of music enjoyed by emigrants who first came to Sutter's Fort, live acoustic music will entertain guests and set a lively and festive mood throughout the culinary experience and silent auction. At the close of the evening, each participant will receive a complimentary goodie bag that includes an event program and special keepsake items.

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On September 21, “Feast at the Fort” begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. With limited seating and based on its growing popularity in previous years, a sell-out is expected. The ticket cost is \$75 per person if purchased by September 2 or \$85 for tickets purchased September 3 or later (if still available). For information about donating silent auction items or purchasing tickets to “Feast at the Fort,” visit www.suttersfort.org or call 916-323-7626.

“Feast at the Fort” would not be possible without the generous contributions provided by the following businesses and organizations: Café Vinoteca, California State Parks, Midtown Business Association, Hock Farm Craft & Provisions, Hook & Ladder Manufacturing Co., Mulvaney’s B&L, New Helvetia Brewing, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), Ten 22 Restaurant and The Sutter District.

“Feast at the Fort” is a fundraising event for Friends of Sutter’s Fort, a 501 (C) (3) cooperating association that supports Sutter’s Fort SHP and is operated by California State Parks. The mission of Friends of Sutter’s Fort is to support the interpretive and educational programs at Sutter’s Fort SHP.

About Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park

Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park is operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter’s Fort. Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers monthly “Hands on History” activities and special events 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.suttersfort.org