

# News Release



<b>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE</b> March 8, 2010	 <b>SUTTER'S FORT</b> STATE HISTORIC PARK	 CALIFORNIA STATE INDIAN MUSEUM	<b>Contacts:</b> Connie McGough 916- 324-8112 Lisa Mealoy 916-804- 9381
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## Two Capital District Historic Sites Unite For One Great Artisan Shopping Weekend!

*Sutter's Fort & State Indian Museum Host  
Traders' Faire and Arts & Crafts Market -- April 17-18*

**What:** Sutter's Fort Traders' Fair and Indian Arts & Crafts Market  
**Where:** Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, 2701 L Street, Sacramento &  
State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street (on the grounds of Sutter's Fort)  
**When:** Saturday, April 17 - Sunday, April 18\*  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Special Event Admission:** Adults \$7; children \$5 (combo price includes both events)  
**Public Information:** 916-445-4422 or 916-324-0971

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** -- It's a shopper's paradise in-the-making! This year, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park and the State Indian Museum are both hosting their annual springtime artisan shopping events on the very same spring weekend -- April 17 & 18! Sutter's Fort will host their popular Traders' Faire and Historic Pioneer Demonstration Days while the State Indian Museum (located on the northern grounds of Sutter's Fort) will present their annual springtime Indian Arts & Crafts Market. While the available wares are different at each location and true to their respective histories, both offer unique hand-crafted items that make for treasured gifts and collectibles.

At Sutter's Fort, offerings that weekend include fine-quality hand-crafted clothing, housewares, toys, beads, knives and even a new line of Artisan products made on-site at the Fort that includes dipped candles, rag rugs and corn husk dolls. At the Indian Museum, shoppers can peruse from custom beaded jewelry, exquisite portraiture artwork, t-shirts, soap stone carving and basket weaving kits, and animal skins.

The special event "combo" ticket prices include entrance into both the Traders' Faire and the Indian Arts & Crafts Market. Visitors are encouraged to support and learn from local artisan crafters while also exploring all the two historic sites have to offer.

\*On Friday, April 16, the Traders' Faire will be open at Sutter's Fort with a focus on education. Special event cost for that one-day-only is \$6 for adults; \$4 for children and does not include entrance to the State Indian Museum.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets, the Fort offers special events and living history 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/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort) .*

**About the California State Indian Museum**

*The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. Open Tuesday - Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more details please call (916) 324-0971 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum](http://www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum).*

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