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Attention Shoppers...Two Capital District Historic Parks Unite for One Great Artisan Shopping Weekend! *Sutter's Fort & State Indian Museum Host Traders' Faire and Indian Arts & Crafts Market -- April 16-17*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Come one, come all! Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) and the State Indian Museum are teaming up once again to host their annual spring time artisan shopping events on the very same weekend -- April 16 & 17. Sutter's Fort SHP will host its popular "Traders' Faire - California's First Mall" while the State Indian Museum (located on the northern grounds of Sutter's Fort) will present its annual spring time Indian Arts & Crafts Market, both open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. 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 SHP, offerings that weekend include unique pioneer hand-crafted clothing, housewares, toys, beads, knives and a popular line of Artisan products made on-site at the Fort that includes dipped candles, rag rugs and corn husk dolls. At the State Indian Museum, shoppers can peruse custom beaded jewelry, artwork, baskets, gourds, soapstone and elk horn carvings, drums and much more. As an added treat on Saturday only, Naida West -- author of the California Gold Trilogy: *River of Red Gold*, *Eye of the Bear* and *Rest for the Wicked* -- will be on-site at the State Indian Museum all day to meet and greet visitors and to autograph copies of her books.

The special event "combo" ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and include entrance into both the Traders' Faire and the Indian Arts & Crafts Market. Visitors are encouraged to support and learn from artisan crafters while also exploring all the two historic parks have to offer.

*On Friday, April 15, the Traders' Faire will be open at Sutter's Fort SHP 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 daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

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 daily 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.

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