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48th DAA Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program Fair Summer 2015 www.agfair.org

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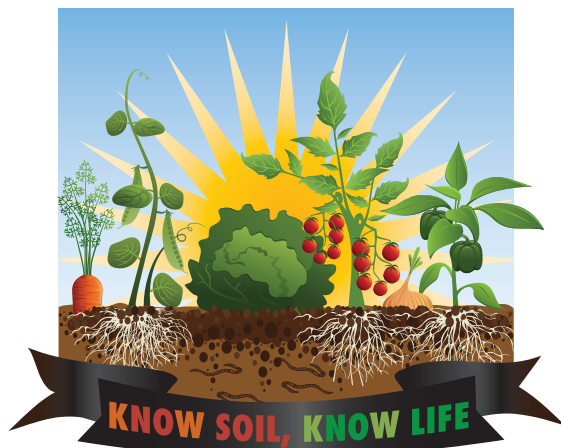
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Mission

To increase the understanding, appreciation and participation of urban teachers and students in agriculture and nutrition through cooperative involvements of the California agricultural industry, educational institutions and community partners.

Schools' Agriculture & Nutrition Fair Highlights



Thank you to all teachers, students and parents who participated in the 2015 Fair; *Know Soil, Know Life* was very successful.

The Fair is an opportunity for students to showcase their agricultural exhibits and creative projects. It is exciting to watch the students come into the building and begin looking about for his/her exhibit and celebrate their ribbons. We enjoy seeing students cheer for their classroom booth. Teachers are truly amazing.

Thank you to an amazing group of talented people that help make our fair a fun and educational success:

- The Fair staff who collectively worked over 1,300 creative hours; the mission of the staff is always for the students' enjoyment.
- Sharon Johnson, our clown who met the buses and provided teachers fair information.
- Laura Lafayette, Dairy Council of CA/Mobile Dairy Classroom, who demonstrated the importance of dairy and good nutrition, and live cow milking.
- Mike Fogg, Sr., Discovering Science, who demonstrated how much fun science can be.
- Diana Frieling, All About Animals, whose petting zoo allowed the students to interact with amazing animals — fun to watch.

- Ken Davis, Pomona Feed, for donating 15 straw bales to the fair.
- Mary Lee Guderjahn, Theater 16, Inc., pronouncer of our annual Spelling Bee which is supported and enjoyed by children and parents.
- The community partners who contribute in the success of the fair.

Thank you volunteer speakers and demonstrators who presented sessions for

AG Day LA

- Bees: Jon Reese, Bill Rathfelder, Dave Williams, Hossein Saeedy, and Eva Andrews of LA County Beekeepers Association
- Cotton: Haley Hanse and Amanda Garcia of Kings County Farm Bureau
- Cotton: Joan Smith, Judy Petrone and Byron Foote of CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter
- Food and Plants: Don Delano and Margie Shamblin and volunteers, The Farm at Fairplex
- Sheep Shearing: Matthew Pawlak, Mt. San Antonio College
- Water: G.I. Bergquist, CA Department of Water Resources
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- Water: Cindy DeChaine, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Water: Jo Ann Carey, Square Foot Gardens
- Water: Jerry Turney, Los Angeles County, Ag Commissioner Weights and Measures (ACWM)
- Ag Detector Dogs: Ada Martinez, Lina Ng, Richard LaFeuvre, Rogelio Carranza, Lauren Eckert, Craig Foy, and Shawn Borbor of Los Angeles County, Ag Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Docents: Thank you to Rhonda Ostrowski and students from Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture.
- Docents: Thank you to Cindy Werner, ACWM, and Mary Riley and students from Sonora High School.

Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/48thDAA and click 'Like'.

**Directions
to 48th DAA
Office:**

**From the 57
Freeway:** Exit at
Temple, go West.
Turn right on Bonita,
turn right at the
stop sign. Continue
straight through
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the left and turn left
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Follow directional signage.

**From the 10
Freeway:** Exit at
Grand, go South. Turn
left at Temple, turn left
at Bonita, turn right at
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WESTERN FAIRS ASSOCIATION

**Member of Western
Fairs Association**

- Thank you for additional staffing from ACWM.
- Thank you Melissa Wellmerling, L.A. County Farm Bureau.

**Here are a few comments from teachers
about the Schools' Agriculture and
Nutrition Fair; thank you!**

"We love the Ag Fair and all the interaction and knowledge it brings to our students!"

—Mrs. Emmons, Eastwood Elementary

"Thanks for another great year!"

— Darrel Nishimoto, Mayfair Middle

"Thank you for the wonderful job you all did to make our field trip spectacular!"

— Susan Massmann, Baldy View Elementary

"This is the **best** thing since 'sliced bread!' I love the Ag Fair and the opportunity that schools/ students can showcase their learning!"

— Unnamed

Teacher Updates

**Congratulations to Jerry Pate,
Teacher of the Year**

Jerry Pate, teacher at Calvary Baptist School in La Verne, was recognized as Teacher of the Year during the 13th Annual Teacher of the Year Award ceremony.

The award was presented by the La Verne Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the California State Senate, for Mr. Pate's "outstanding commitment and tremendous contributions in educating our community's youth."

The 48th DAA is proud of the teachers in the Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program and extends best wishes to Mr. Pate on all his future endeavors.

**Congratulations to Teacher
Robert Schlarmann**

Robert Schlarmann and five of his students from Santana High School participated in Generation Earth's *Streets to the Sea Challenge* in May and won 1st Place: a field trip to the Floating Lab in Long Beach.

The challenge involved teams of five students, led by an adult supervisor, to complete an audit of the watershed of their school. Together, they created innovative solutions that could be activated on their campus.

The top performing teams had the opportunity to experience forward-thinking presentations on sustainability, as well as present their solutions to a panel of judges. The *Streets to the Sea Challenge* is a fun way for environmentally-conscious students to share their voice and make a difference at school and for the planet.

Generation Earth challenges middle and high school students all over Los Angeles County to educate their peers about water pollution on their schools campuses and how to take actions to protect the watershed. They challenge students to design a unique public education campaign that directly links to real problems that the students themselves identify at their own school.

The 48th DAA congratulates Mr. Schlarmann and his students for their inventive ideas, their hard work and their accomplishments.

Visit <http://www.generationearth.com> and learn how your students can participate.

Also, visit http://blog.treepeople.org/neighborhood/2015/05/student-hacktivists-create-watershed-solutions-la-schools#.VZF_tljbLcs for photos and additional information.

Teachers, Schools, and School Garden Honorees



During the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, the 48th DAA Board of Directors recognized the following teachers and schools with *You Make a Difference Apple Awards*.

Congratulations!

Teachers Awards

Cathy Osman, Country Springs Elementary, Chino Hills

Ann Sorvetti, Baldy View Elementary, Upland
Julie Eaton, Whole Heart Christian Academy, Artesia

School Awards

Mountain View Elementary, Azusa (Louise Battles accepted)

Eastwood Elementary, La Mirada (Sally Ostgaard accepted)

Whittier Christian School, Whittier (Shelley Andros accepted)

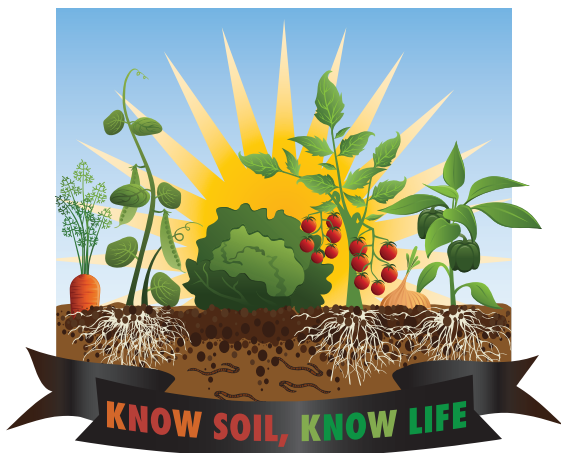
The following teachers were recognized and presented with *There is a School in Every Garden* Award and a check for \$50 towards their school gardens. Congratulations!

There is a School in Every Garden Awards

Lisa Larios, Sky Mountain Charter, Azusa

Jerry Pate, Calvary Baptist, La Verne

Robert Schlarmann, Santana High, La Puente



Fair 2015



Clockwise from top:
Nutrition mural entry from La Mirada High won 1st Place.

Student's Horticulture Dish Garden entry from Eastwood Elementary won 1st Place.

Barn Owl Sawhorse entry from Fremont Elementary won 1st Place and Best of Show.

School Garden mural entries.

Poptart the Clown performs hand painting.





Clockwise from top left:

Students from Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture volunteered as docents during AG DAY LA.

Dairy Council of CA, Mobile Dairy Classroom: Laura Lafayette demonstrates the importance of dairy and good nutrition.

Fair-themed Booth entry from Santana High won 1st Place.

Farm scene Diorama entries.

Larry Poncetta, Livestock Specialist at Mt. San Antonio College, demonstrates sheep shearing during AG DAY LA with Matthew Pawlak, Farm Supervisor at Mt. SAC (not pictured).



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CFAITC Conference Sponsorships

October 22–24, 2015

**Location: The Queen Mary
in Long Beach, CA**

CA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships for California teachers to attend the 2015 California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, October 22–24. The scholarships will cover a minimum full registration fee of \$280. Depending on sponsorships received, some scholarships may cover hotel and travel.

Experience the latest in agriculture literacy, teaching strategies, curriculum and research to expand your professional development and celebrate your commitment to connecting students with the source of their food and fiber and learn how products get from Farm to You.

California is a special place for agriculture and our farmers and ranchers play a significant role in feeding people throughout our country and the world. Along with farmers and ranchers, there are many people involved in growing the crops, transporting the products, preparing and processing, all before we get to consume and enjoy the products.

At the conference, you will see how school gardens and natural resources, STEM themes, Common Core concepts are all involved in getting our food, fibers, forest, flowers, and fuels from Farm to You!

Registration, workshops and additional information, visit <http://www.cfaitc.org/conference/2015>.

(Courtesy of CA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom).

Imagine this: CFAITC Story Writing Contest

CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) presents *Imagine This...Story Writing Contest*. Meet Academic Content Standards for California schools through this creative writing contest!

Create a positive learning experience that promotes reading, writing and the arts, and furthers the understanding of agriculture in our lives by using this award-winning contest in your classroom.

State-winning authors will have their stories published in an illustrated book and will be distributed to school libraries and classrooms across the state! Entries must be postmarked by November 1, annually.

Entry Details

- Select and submit up to five stories from each classroom
- Each story must have an entry form attached
- Individual grade categories: grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Stories must be written by one student author; no group entries allowed
- Stories exceeding 750 words will not be selected as state winners
- Stories should not be similar in theme to winning entries from previous years' contests

Visit <http://www.cfaitc.org/imaginethis> for additional details and to download the entry form.

CA Foundation for AG in the Classroom is a long-time supporter of the Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program providing lessons and resource materials that can be used to teach and reinforce the Curriculum Content Standards for California Public Schools.

Refer to the back of this newsletter for a list of Common Core lessons available at the 48th DAA office or email daa48th@aol.com.

The Boom of 1887 by Citrus Roots

Preserving Citrus Heritage Foundation

"The Boom of 1887" is a compelling story of how the California citrus industry really started. The photos tell the story of the period.

There will be three more sequel videos between now and 2016, all under the title "California: A Second Gold Rush...Citrus Gold," including "Getting a Golden California Orange to the New York City's Auction," which is available now on their website.

Visit <http://www.citrusroots.com> to view the videos and photos of the history of California citrus.

The Citrus Heritage Foundation strives to bring about a greater awareness to the role citrus played in the development of California.

Their mission is to keep Citrus Heritage alive in the minds of those living in California through publications, education and artistic work.

Join SCAN!

The Southern California Agriculture and Nutrition Foundation (SCAN) is a 501(c)3 public charity that has provided support to the State of California's 48th District Agricultural Association for over 30 years. Contact the 48th DAA if you are interested in serving on the SCAN board of directors.

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Free Nutrition Lesson Plans

Qualified California teachers can receive free lesson plans. Dairy Council of California K–12 nutrition curriculum aligns with Common Core State Standards and can easily integrate into units on Math, Social Science, Health, Language Arts and Physical Education.

Each grade level has a specific curriculum with six to ten nutrition lessons. The free nutrition lessons were created using a behavior-change model that encourages healthy-eating behaviors and attitudes in your students. Students can practice lifelong health skills like decision making, analyzing influences and setting goals.

Developed with real teachers, their nutrition lesson plans have been created to be fun, easy and impactful. Each program is evaluated for results so you can feel confident your valuable class time is used effectively. Visit <http://www.healthyeating.org> for additional information and teacher resources.

(Courtesy of Dairy Council of California)

Save the Dates!

Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair 2016 Theme and dates to be announced.
www.agfair.org



Did You Know?

The following are **Common Core Lesson Plans** available at the 48th DAA
(Materials courtesy of CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom)

Fruits & Vegetables for Health

Grades 4–6

Science, Math, Reading/
Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition

“Steer” Toward STEM, Careers in Animal Agriculture

Grades 3–5
Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/
Nutrition

Chemistry, Fertilizer and the Environment

Grades 8–12
Science, Math, Reading/Language

California Educator's Guide to Fun with the Plant Nutrient Team

Grades K–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition

Edible Plant Parts

Grades 2–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

From “STEM” to Plate: Careers in Food Science

Grades 6–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, Health/Nutrition, Visual/
Performing Arts

Too Much? Too Little?

Grades 5–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

What do Plants Need to Grow?

Grades 2–4
Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/
Nutrition

Come into the office or call us at **909-274-2433**. Lessons are free of charge; equipment, books, DVD's and videos can be borrowed.

The 48th also has Cotton's Journey Kits; Bread making kits; Trout in the Classroom supplies, and incubators to hatch chicks. Visit www.agfair.org for additional available lessons and materials.

The materials furnished by the 48th DAA are **free of charge** to teachers, in exchange for participation by teacher/students in the annual Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair. Submit a minimum of one entry for each of the materials (projects) checked out from the 48th DAA office.

The 48th DAA is open year round and works with teachers from Pre K to 12th Grade. Teachers and parents – we look forward to meeting you!

The office is open Monday to Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch). Please call ahead at **909-274-2433**.

