

Our note of thanks and gratitude...

The Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival is much more than just a parade and fair, it is a celebration of community and of our heritage. The Festival represents much of what makes this community so special. The Harvest Festival Board of Directors would like to recognize everyone that worked so hard to make the Festival a huge success. We would like to thank all the festival committee members and also the Community for their overwhelming support, especially the Festival Sponsors and Service Organizations who provided outstanding support.

The Festival is organized and conducted *completely* by volunteers and almost every community organization and service club is involved in at least one of the activities. This year's committee members included Steve Adams, Pat Fairbanks, Barry Bridge, Bob Lund, Chet Cash, Ginnie Howells, Dave Cantrell, Iris Swisher, Bobby Sidenberg, Madeline Poulin, Curtis Reinhardt, Faye Ogden, Homer Clees, Bret Colhouer, Anne McCracken, Jyll Lysobey, Jim Bergman, Madelyn Koontz, Teri Kelly-Nixon, Ross Kongable, Jane Line and Michael Kilton. The Service Organizations involved were the Arroyo Grande Optimists Club, Arroyo Grande Woman's Club, Arroyo Grande Lions Club, South County Historical Society, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Village Improvement Association, Dixson Agricultural Preserve, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, 4H Club, FFA, members of the Arroyo Grande City Staff and Arroyo Grande Parks and Recreation Dept., the 5 Cities Rotary Club, the Arroyo Grande Rotary Club, the Greater Pismo Beach Kiwanis and the Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis. All these groups came together and volunteered their time putting on a celebration that honors our agricultural heritage, our local farmers, the farming community, our community service organizations and our community spirit.

Special thanks to Bob Christianson of Christianson Chevrolet and the Arroyo Grande Optimist Club for organizing the Big Ditch Derby, Mark Corella and Wells Fargo Bank for providing the Wells Fargo Stage Coach, Jeff Hicks of Community Mortgage for providing the festival buttons, Dan Walker and Paul Grissom from the Quinn Company for displaying their Tractors, the South County Historical Society for their historical displays, Roy Burke of Burke and Pace Lumber for providing supplies for the nail driving contest, Jane Maxwell Campbell and her husband Tom for providing an old town backdrop and stagecoach as well as donating a large tent, Kim Talley for designing our festival logo, Mike Mullahey of Mullahey Ford for providing a parade vehicle for Abraham Lincoln and to our local law enforcement who helped with the parade, traffic control and public safety throughout the event. Over 55 law enforcement personnel were involved in this year's Festival, including staff from the following agencies; the Paso Robles Police Dept., San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Dept., San Luis Obispo Police Dept., Pismo Beach Police Dept., Grover Beach Police Dept., Officer and Citizen Volunteers CAT), Santa Maria Police Dept., Allan Hancock College Police Academy and the Arroyo Grande Police Dept., (Officers, Citizen Assisting Police CAP and the Explorers).

Next year will mark the Festival's 70th year. Entertainment, food, activities, contests and games will all be bigger and better. The hands of time will be turned back even further as we bring back some of the events and activities of yesteryear, such as the vegetable and flower auction, a home grown fruits and vegetables competition and the "whiskerino" competition.

We'll see you next year and thank you again to everyone for a successful and fun 69th Annual Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival.

Doug Perrin and Vivian Krug
2006 & 2007 Co-Chairs
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