

## **News Release - MAY EVENT FOR CALENDAR POSTING**

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### **Event: "Primavera in the Gardens"**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual PRIMAVERA IN THE GARDENS is coming! Riverside's premier wine and food tasting event takes place on Sunday, May 16th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the UCR Botanic Gardens. Nearly 500 people attended in 2009. Tickets to the fund raiser are \$50 per person and are available both by reservation and at the gate. For additional information, call 951-784-6962.

Imagine yourself in an idyllic garden setting – strolling down verdant pathways, nibbling delicious appetizers; sitting under tall shade trees tasting terrific regional wines; all the while the dappled sunlight warms your face and kisses the colorful spring blooms. You are surrounded by the murmurs of pleasant conversation and happy laughter and the soft sounds of live music, this year highlighted by the band, Incendio. This is PRIMAVERA IN THE GARDENS!

Tantalizing appetizers are provided by wonderful restaurants and caterers from all over Riverside. Primavera 2009 included Cafe Sevilla, Ciao Bella, Cuban Café, Gerard's Eve Bistro, Gra-Pow, Jammin' Bread, Mario's Place, Olio's at the Marriott, Omakase, Saffron at the Riverside Art Museum, Simple Simon's, Smokey Canyon BBQ, The Cooking Store, The Tamale Factory, Tin Lizzy's Cookie Factory, UCR Dining Services and Coffee Roasters. Wines are proffered by regional vineyards and wineries, and in 2009 included BevMo! Corona, Callaway Vineyard & Winery, Canyon Crest Winery, Falkner Winery, Galleano, Hart Winery, Joseph Filippi Winery & Vineyard, Keyways Vineyard & Winery, Lorenzi's, Oak Mt. Winery, and South Coast Winery and Resort, as well as beers from Hangar 24 Craft Brewery and Inland Empire Brewery.

In addition, there will be the excitement of a Silent Auction, featuring dozens of garden-related items.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Botanic Gardens' many deserving projects, including hosting thousands of touring school children each year. To receive advance tickets, reservations should be postmarked by May 7. Make checks payable to UCR Foundation and send to Primavera, Botanic Gardens University of California, 92521-0124. For more information, call 951-784-6962, e-mail [ucrbg@ucr.edu](mailto:ucrbg@ucr.edu), or visit our website at [www.gardens.ucr.edu](http://www.gardens.ucr.edu).

The Botanic Gardens cover nearly 40 acres and feature more than 3500 plant species from around the world. Every year, we host some 50,000 visitors, including 5000 school children. Everybody enjoys the beautiful vistas and numerous scenic pathways, many gently graded for wheelchair access. To reach the Gardens, get directions by calling 951-784-6962 or by visiting our website at [www.gardens.ucr.edu](http://www.gardens.ucr.edu).

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