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Register Early and Save!

The California Fairs Alliance Budget Workshop is November 1 - 3, at the Courtyard Marriott Cal Expo

Ever wonder what other fairs are doing to generate and stretch their operating dollars? Finding out is as easy as signing up for the California Fairs Alliance (CFA) Budget Workshop in Sacramento, Tuesday - Thursday, November 1 - 3, at the Courtyard Marriott Cal Expo, a stone's throw from the Fair Services Building. Sign up by October 17 and you'll save \$25 off the per person price!

Day One opens with a California Fairs Alliance Board meeting followed by a Special Report presented by representatives from the Division of Fairs & Expositions, CFA, WFA and CFSA. After lunch (where you'll get a preview of the educational opportunities at the 2012 WFA Convention), you'll learn how fairs throughout the United States have survived severe cutbacks and funding losses, followed by an open forum dedicated to creative funding strategies at fairs in California. The day wraps up with a session on Fair Fundraising for the Future.

Day Two kicks off with Budget Workshops (remember to *Continued on other side . . .*)

Patti Nevin, CFSA's Workers' Compensation Administrator Set to Retire on October 28, 2011

After nearly 11 years as CFSA's workers' compensation administrator, Patti Nevin has announced her plans to retire at the end of this month.

Patty began her workers' compensation career at State Fund in 1969. From there she worked at several different insurance companies and third party administrators (TPAs), including stints as a supervisor, manager and regional manager.

Patti was familiar with CFSA, having heard about

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Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement Funding Program Nearing an End

Rick Wood, CFSA's assistant director - Finance, notes that third quarter Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement requests could deplete what money remains in F&E's Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement Fund.

If your fair has reimbursement requests, he recommends filing promptly as reimbursements will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions about the Fund or your fair's reimbursement, contact Rick Wood at 916/263-6147.

CFSA's Board Welcomes San Benito County Fair CEO Kelley Ferreira

When Richard Persons, CEO of the Lake County Fair, resigned part-way through his four-year term on CFSA's board of directors, an election was held to select his replacement.

The votes are now in and congratulations go to Kelley Ferreira, CEO of the San Benito County Fair, who will complete Persons' term and serve on the board through December 31, 2014.

Ferreira will represent fair Classes I and II.

"Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it."

~ Bill Cosby



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Columbus Day, October 10
F&E is open for business;
CARF, CFSA and WFA are closed.*

“Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain.”

~ J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

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bring your current budget and budget detail so you can compare costs with other fairs similar in size to yours), followed by the Blue Ribbon Foundation Lunch and sessions on audits and building a devoted volunteer corp. A session on keeping up employee morale will be led by Carol Scofield, and the CEO Open Forum, led by Alameda County Fair CEO and CFA Chair Rick Pickering, is the final session of the day.

Day Three opens with a hot breakfast and Area Meetings. The day's sessions include: Mobilizing Your Board, and Governance Structure and Fair Funding. When the Workshop ends at noon, your brain will be full of ideas and action plans!

Here's how to register:

You'll find a registration form on the WFA website, www.westernfairs.org (along with a full description of each day's sessions). Fill out the form and mail it with your check or credit card information to Western Fairs Association, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815, or fax your completed form and credit card information to 916/927-6397. Register by October 17 and pay \$225 per person, register after and pay full price, \$250 per person.

Stay at the Courtyard Marriott Cal Expo:

Reserve your room by October 17 and receive a special WFA room rate of \$89, plus tax. Call the Marriott at 916/973-1386 or 800/973-1386 and mention Western Fairs Association.

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Nevin Retirement, cont

the agency from friends. She wanted to try something different career-wise, so when she heard there was an opening at CFSA for a workers' compensation expert, she applied, thinking CFSA would be a "good fit." Patti added that once at CFSA she never looked back and that "this has been the best job she's ever had" because agency management allows her to take ownership of her job.

Even though retirement is still a few weeks away, Patti's already begun filling her retirement calendar, beginning with plans for a trip to Laguna Beach to visit family. After that, she's off to a luxurious cabin in Quincy with friends from high school, and after that she hops a plane to Wailea, her favorite spot on Maui.

Although sad to see her go, everyone at CFSA wishes Patti the best in her travels and post-CFSA life!

