

The Wine & Food Festival — A Great Success!

The 14th Annual Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival, hosted by David & Linda Catlin, was held on June 3rd at California State University Channel Islands in a peaceful, tree-shaded, grassy courtyard located underneath the University's signature bell tower. The spacious setting was filled with booths representing more than 75 of the central



Bruce Barrios, and Pam & Sonny Grenier - CoChairs

coast's finest restaurants, 150 of its spectacular wineries, and 25 of its innovative microbreweries. And while the change of venue from its former home at Capistrano's and the Embassy Suites Mandalay Bay Resort in Oxnard to the Channel Islands University campus caused some concern that attendance would drop, the fears were unfounded as the event was packed with festival-goers throughout the afternoon.

A silent auction offered unique themed baskets for festival patrons to bid upon, and musical entertainment throughout the day included

performances by Benise – who played his flamenco guitar on a central stage surrounded by giant lounging pillows on which listeners could make themselves comfortable – and the 80's tribute band, the Spazmatics, which had people up and dancing wildly on the main stage's dance floor for an hour or more.

The complete success of the day was punctuated by the dollar amount raised by the event - \$164,000! Casa Pacifica thanks its tireless and dedicated Wine & Food Festival Chairpersons – Bruce Barrios and Sonny and Pam Grenier – and their dedicated committee for organizing this wonderful event and ensuring that its transition to a new venue went so smoothly.

Casa Pacifica would also like to thank the individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, Angels, Amigos, members of the Board of Directors and volunteers for making this year's Wine & Food Festival a great success.



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