

Enjoy Lots of Fun, May 27th to 30th At Garden Grove Strawberry Festival

The 62nd Annual Strawberry Festival will be held in Garden Grove, CA, on Memorial Day Weekend, Friday through Monday, May 27th to 30th. One of the biggest and best local Festivals in California, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will kick off activities at an Opening Night Ceremony on Friday, May 27th at 6 p.m. with the cutting of a larger-than-life strawberry shortcake that will be served for FREE to all in attendance.

Patrick "Pat" Catlin, President of the Garden Grove Festival Association, announced the theme for the Festival's Parade will be "Celebrating Essential Workers" to honor those who have helped us through this pandemic. The Parade will be held in Garden Grove on Saturday, May 28th starting at 10 a.m.



The Parade is part of the Festival's family fun Admission-Free outdoor four-day Memorial Day Weekend celebration, which will be held at Village Green Park between Euclid Street and Main Street in Garden Grove. Kathy Garver, best known as "Cissy" on the long-running CBS international television hit, *Family Affair*—now celebrating its 55th Anniversary—will serve as the Parade's Celebrity Grand Marshal.

Festival Hours are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday. New this year is a Step-And-Repeat Banner at the Festival to take selfie photos for posting on social media with the Strawberry Festival's Mascot.

On Saturday morning, in the Garden Grove Community Center, La Casa Garcia will serve a VIP Pancake Breakfast at \$10.50 per person, hosted by actor and "The Misfit of Magic," magician, Ed Alonzo ("Saved By The Bell," "Masters of Illusion") with proceeds benefiting We Give Thanks. Breakfast attendees will include parade celebrities, local dignitaries, the yet to be named Miss Garden Grove 2022, and Miss Strawberry Grove 2020 and her court, and Miss Strawberry Grove 2020 Monica Waldau.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, film, television and stage celebrities, elected officials and VIPS, floats, equestrians, marching bands and the Strawberry Festival's Mascot will be featured in the Parade. Celebrities, in addition to Kathy Garver and Ed Alonzo, will include: Neile Adams McQueen (Broadway: *The Pajama Game*, Best Selling Author of *My Husband, My Friend*, about her life with husband Steve McQueen); Madison McQueen (The Face of Porsche and Co-Founder of McQueen Racing); Sheridan Pierce (One Day at a Time); French Stewart (Third Rock From The Sun); Vanessa Claire Stewart (Louis and Keely: *Live at the Sahara*); Evan Lê (10-year-old Vietnamese Piano Prodigy); Pyper Braun (Country Comfort); 1976 Olympic Silver Medalist Rosalyn Bryant Clark and 2016 Paralympic Gold Medalist Breanna Clark—and more!

The Festival will feature carnival rides for children and adults, FREE entertainment, games with prizes, contests (Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest, Redhead Roundup, Strawberry Idol Karaoke and Tiny Tots King and Queen) with prizes and food and vendor booths.

Special one-price ride-all-day wristbands will be offered at \$35 per wristband on Friday and at \$40 per wristband on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Tickets for individual rides can also be purchased at \$1 per ticket.

Music and live entertainment will be provided in the 550-seat Amphitheater and Showmobile. Festival goers will be able to dine on a delicious and diverse lineup of food including smoothies, crepes, strawberry sundaes and strawberry shortcake, chocolate covered strawberries—and more! Food sales will help fund local charities.

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is an annual 501(c)(3) non-profit FREE event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a dedicated volunteer group that has raised more than \$7 million for various charities since its inception in 1958.

For updates and further information about the Festival, please visit www.strawberryfestival.org or on Facebook: @StrawberryFestivalGardenGrove, Twitter: @GGStrawberryFst, Instagram: @strawberry.festival or Pinterest: @ggstrawberry.

Win Free Festival Ride Tickets

Enter to win free ride tickets to the Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival by sending an email to: california@barlomea.com and put "Garden Grove Strawberry Festival" in the subject line. You can also send a letter or postcard to: The Country Register, 515 E Carefree Hwy, #1128, Phoenix, AZ 85085.

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in your entry. One entry per person. The drawing will be held on May 1st and tickets will be mailed to the winners with instructions.