

An Agricultural Valley Celebrates Itself:

ALMOND FESTIVAL, HARVEST FAIRES, BLACK HISTORY DAY, FOOD AND WINE PAIRINGS, MUSIC, ETC.

Most famous and long-lived is the Almond Festival--NOTE: if you're a "real" local, Almond has the "I" knocked out of it!

History of the Annual Almond Festival

The Capay Valley Almond Festival began in 1915 and has been a Northern California tradition. The only five town event in Northern California, the festival is a showcase of the Esparto/Capay Valley Region. It began in the fall after the harvest and moved years later to the spring, in order to show off the lovely blossoms. Of recent years the festival has received large amounts of rain and wind and this year the festival moved to the month of March.

The Almond Tree is the most mysterious nut tree and is mentioned in the bible in the book of Numbers 17:8. Its crop is very valuable to our state and California is the only place in North America that grows almonds commercially. A \$2 billion industry, more than 6,000 growers devote an estimated 530,000 acres in the Central Valley to almonds — California's largest tree nut crop — in a stretch of land extending from below Bakersfield in the south to Red Bluff in the north. For more information about almonds and recipes go to www.almondboard.com.

The Capay Valley Almond Festival traditionally included the towns of Madison, Esparto, Capay, Brooks, Guinda and Rumsey. Entertainment, crafts, good food and fun for all members of the family are provided. It

is a wonderful time to see the beauty of the whole Capay Valley and to meet many of the wonderful people who live and work in the area.

Queen Pageant

The 2011 Almond Queen Dinner is now being held at the Newly renovated [Western Yolo Grange](#) in Guinda.

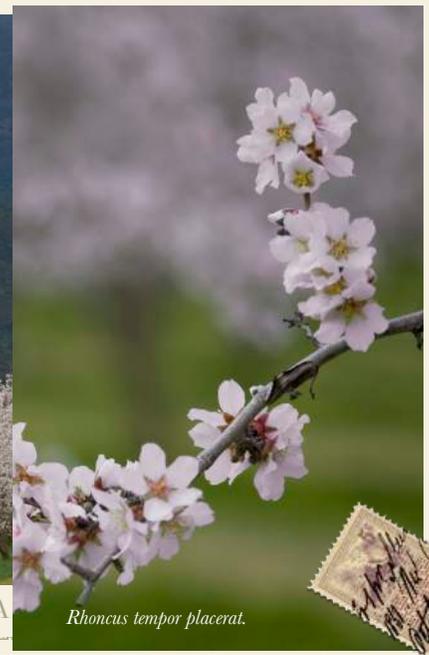
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