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Artfully Speaking

The essence of spring is blooming and summer is right around the corner – that means two things: the annual gala *Wine & Cars Under the Stars* and the L.A. County Fair will soon be here. *Wine & Cars*, an evening featuring fine wine, fine art and classic cars, supports arts education programming at the Millard Sheets Center for the Arts at Fairplex. I invite you to join me June 14 for some outright grown-up recreation.

The excitement is building as exhibit director Tony Sheets prepares the 2008 Fair exhibit *HOOFPRIENTS: The Horse in Art, Legend and Action*. This exciting show will chronicle the history of the horse from approximately 50 million years ago to contemporary equine. A truly educational experience, the exhibit will display depictions of prehistoric cave drawings of horses found in Lascaux, France. Additionally, a corral in the Court of the Redwoods between the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum and the MSCAF will feature different breeds of live horses each day during the Fair.

Be sure to also stop by this year's photo competition, *Photography at High Speed: A Historical and Contemporary Exhibit*, which will be located in a new, larger venue in The Village on Broadway, located on the ground floor of the grandstand.

For more information on all the happenings at the center, visit millardsheetscenter.org.

Viva Vino and Vintage Cars

Fast cars and sweet wines, as above you the brilliant stars shine.



Hot rod designer Pete Chapouris and wife Carol

It's time for the second annual *Wine & Cars Under the Stars* gala, where the world's best wines and most amazing rides take center stage under a glorious Southern California summer sky.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, this year's fete again provides an exciting backdrop to announce the award winners from the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition, and offers an opportunity to engage your senses in every way possible. Proceeds from the \$100-per-

person event benefit the educational programming of the Millard Sheets Center for the Arts.

Set for June 14 at the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum at Fairplex, *Wine & Cars* offers guests the first opportunity to taste medal-winning wines, spirits and extra virgin olive oils in the most creative ways: stop by the Spirits Bar and an expert mixologist will blend a fabulous concoction of gin, whiskey or mescal just for you or enjoy a delicious appetizer at the Edible Cocktails Bar.

One of the highlights of the evening, a live auction, brings guests the chance to bid on three custom Fender guitars, designed by the hottest names in the car culture, including Pete Chapouris

and a guitar signed by the Rolling Stones. A silent auction, benefiting the Millard Sheets Center for the Arts, will feature fine art, award-winning wines and exciting experiences. The live auction this year has an added surprise – Tony Sheets, son of artist Millard Sheets, the gallery's namesake, is donating a unique offering, a Millard Sheets original 22" X 30" painting. To complement this year's Fair exhibit, *HOOFPRIENTS, the Horse in Art, Legend and Action*, it will have horses in its composition.

And once you've placed your bids at both auctions, check out the lot – the car lot. A fine selection of collector automobiles will be polished to serve as the perfect eye candy. Later, park yourself in front of an open-air movie screen for a nostalgic trip back to the days of drive-in theaters. It's Elvis on the big screen, starring in "Viva Las Vegas." Afterward, dance the night away to classic rock & roll performed live and under the stars.

Hosting packages are available through the development department. For more information, visit winecarsstars.com.

