2026 Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival
Honored Couple:
Art and Leonor Serna

Art and Leonor Serna are deeply honored and humbled to be recognized by the Orange Blossom Committee as the 2026 Honored Couple. This acknowledgment reflects their lifelong dedication, service, and love for the community of Lindsay – values that lie at the heart of the Orange Blossom Festival, *Citrus Dreamin'.*

Art, a lifelong resident of Lindsay, is following his mother, Teresa Fevinger Serna, who was honored as the 2001 Orange Blossom Festival Honored Person. He has one sister, also a resident of Lindsay. Art graduated from Lindsay High School in 1971, then attended College of the Sequoias for two years. Leonor was born in Harlingen, Texas, and her family relocated to Fresno in 1961. One of nine siblings graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1970. She holds a bachelor's degree and teaching credentials from CSU Fresno, as well as a master's degree in educational administration from Fresno Pacific University.

A mutual acquaintance introduced Art and Leonor, and after more than ten years of dating, they married in 1983. They celebrated their wedding with family and friends at the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Together, they raised three daughters: Carolina (Caro), a teacher at Woodlake Elementary School District, in 2005 she was an OBF attendant; Raquel (Rocky), a research scientist with Taylor Farms of Salinas, in 2007 she was an OBF attendant; and Artesia (Artie), employed at Lindsay True Value Hardware Store, in 2012, she was an OBF attendant. Artesia is married to Robert Borbon; they reside in Lindsay with their two children, Sarah and Arthur Julian (AJ).

In 1977, Art founded Art's Custom Cabinets, Inc., which has been operating for forty-eight years. Followed by Lindsay Equipment Rentals, which operated until its closure in 2017. In 2001, Art and Leonor opened Lindsay True Value Hardware Store, which continues to serve the community.

Leonor began her teaching career with the Hanford Elementary School District and later taught in the Fresno Unified School District. In 1981, she became the first CA Mini-Corps Coordinator at College of the Sequoias. After pausing to raise her daughters, she returned as the CA Mini-Corps Coordinator at Porterville College, a position she held until her retirement in 2019.

Together, Art and Leonor have left a lasting impact through their involvement in numerous community organizations, including Lindsay FFA Ag Boosters, Lindsay High School Athletic Boosters, and Lindsay Skimmers. Both have served as project leaders for Prairie Center 4-H.

Leonor is currently the arts and crafts project leader—a position she resumed upon her grandchildren's involvement in 4-H. In 2012, Art and Leonor were recognized as Tulare County 4-H Outstanding Leaders. Art's commitment to community service began as a youth member of Boy Scouts Troop 1, and as an adult, he served as the Boy Scouts Troop 1 Leader. In 2001, he was honored as the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. He currently chairs the Monache High School MCTA Advisory Board, where he has served for more than a decade.

The Sernas have been active supporters of the Lindsay Ono City Sister Program. Leonor and their daughters, Carolina and Raquel, have represented Lindsay as ambassadors to Ono City, Japan. Art and Leonor have hosted visiting Japanese guests in their home and supported fundraising efforts, including the long-running teriyaki dinners. Most recently, they hosted the welcome reception for the entire Japanese Ono City delegation and the Lindsay Ono City Committee.

Their dedication to Sacred Heart Catholic Church spans over forty years. Both have served as members of the Finance Council. Art has further contributed through his involvement on the building committee and the construction of various projects at the church. Leonor has served as a lector, Altar Society member, and former confirmation teacher.

Leonor's civic engagement also includes service on the boards of the Lindsay AAUW Chapter and the Lindsay Community Theater. She is a member and a former president of the Tulare County League of Mexican American Women, and she currently serves on the Tulare County Library Advisory Board. In 1996, she was elected to the Lindsay Unified School District Board, serving for a four-year term. Her contributions led to her selection as the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2007. Leonor has been a member of Lindsay's PEO Chapter UZ for thirty years, currently holding an officer role. She has also been a member of the Lindsay Hospital Guild for thirty-eight years, where she is now serving her second term as president.

The Sernas appreciate the dedication and hard work of the Orange Blossom Festival Committee and have supported the organization since 1994 by assisting in various behind-the-scenes capacities. They have also assisted in the construction of the queen's float for several years, in 1994 they assisted by creating a float featuring mechanical blossoms. Additionally, Art and Art's Custom Cabinets chaired the OBF vendors committee for five years.

In their free time, Art and Leonor enjoy participating in car shows throughout California, where Art and his cars have been recognized by many Best of Show awards. They also enthusiastically support their grandchildren's school, church, golf, soccer, and 4-H activities.

Art and Leonor are blessed to call Lindsay home and extend their heartfelt thanks to the Orange Blossom Festival Committee for this meaningful honor.