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Restoring the Lemon
GameZone

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IT'S LIKE PAINTING THE SURFACE OF THE MOON

For many, the Lemon is a work of art, but for tourists, it presents the best opportunity for a selfie in the, "Best Climate on Earth". The public sculpture simply known as the Lemon has become a must see item in San Diego County and serves as a famous must see symbol in the City of Lemon Grove.

The sizable fruit was originally built as a parade float on July 4, 1928 and later plastered before being placed upon an engraved concrete base reading, "The Best Climate on Earth".

Recently, the City's most sought-after landmark, the infamous Lemon, became the target for vandalism prompting city officials to contact the original restoration artist and Lemon Grove resident, Mr. Steven Garcia. Mr. Garcia has lived in Lemon Grove since 1976 and has been active in the community for over 30 years as an artist and professional stuntman.

A skilled artist, Mr. Garcia approaches the project with a passion for painting and restoration. He relates, "Painting the Lemon is kind of like trying to paint the surface of the moon", as he skillfully applies a primer followed by the application of a rough surface painting tape to cover the lettering. He finishes the project with a coat of the iconic yellow that residents have come to know and love.



Pictured: Mr. Steven Garcia



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GameZone



Pictured: Mr. Stan Rorabaugh

Serving the Lemon Grove Community for over 15 years, Gamezone opened in Lemon Grove in 2007 and currently caters to anime enthusiasts of all ages as an official YuGiOh! and Pokemon-licensed retailer.

Owner, Mr. Stan Rorabaugh, a Costa Rica native and the former Director of Marketing for Buffets, Inc., moved to Lemon Grove approximately thirty years ago to start a family with his wife Laura. Together, they own and operate Gamezone which is located at 7943 Broadway. Originally, the duo started out as a retail hotspot selling everything from skateboards and toys, to snapbacks and official San Diego Chargers merchandise.

Today Gamezone is focused on Trading Card Games (TCG) such as *Yugioh!*, Pokemon, Magic and Funko Pops. They carry over 500 different pops and feature a wide selection of card game supplies.

Trading Card games offer an opportunity for socialization while gaining or improving skills such as quick math, reading comprehension, and strategy. In a nutshell, GameZone offers a unique experience and tons of fun while encouraging friendly competition in our community.

On weekends GameZone hosts Official TCG tournaments that begin at 1pm and on Thursday they host a free Pokemon League from 6pm to 8pm.

"We have enjoyed living and working in Lemon Grove. We have been blessed to see a generation of Customers now bringing in their children. Trading card game have served as a positive activity and the players have become like extended family."

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