



Celia Woodman, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

The public is very enthusiastic about the lecture series and we expect to have a capacity audience for each lecture.

Work is still progressing at Homestead Acre, but we are in need of funds and volunteer labor for ongoing maintenance. Students from Pierce College, under the direction of Malcolm Sears, will be putting in a vegetable garden in March as well as trimming trees and bushes. We especially need supervisors for other volunteer groups in the planting and maintenance of the rose garden, planning for the succulents to be planted by the rocks in the rear, and weeding of plant areas already established which cannot be mowed. Do call if you have some time.

Jane Matthews



FEBRUARY 19 - 7:30 P.M.

Glendale Federal Savings & Loan

BUSINESS MEETING AND VALENTINE PARTY

Bring your oldest, most beautiful or most unusual valentine to the party. A prize will be awarded for the most outstanding. Mary Avila has made special decorations.



Our Society has just received a Citation of Honor for Community Service in the San Fernando Valley in Heritage-Preservation from the Northridge Cultural Arts and Historical Association. Our thanks to Northridge!

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AN AFTERNOON OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HISTORY

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On February 17 Abraham Hoffman, instructor of history at Los Angeles Valley College will lecture on "Owens Valley Water." The Sunday afternoon series will conclude on February 24 with a summary by Andrew Rolle of Occidental College entitled "California and the San Fernando Valley in Retrospect." The time is 2 p.m. and the place is the Homestead Acre Museum in Chatsworth Park South.

On March 1, the first of six Saturday morning lectures will begin with William Schepler and "Set the Stage." He will discuss the formation of the Santa Susana Mountains and the Valley floor as well as the history of Homestead Acre. On March 8, Virginia Watson will describe the Chumash and Fernandeno tribes of the area. On March 15 Francis Edwards will talk about "The Spanish Influence" in the Valley through 1834. These lectures were planned by Lila Schepler and begin at 10 a.m. in the Homestead Acre Museum.

HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH -----FEBRUARY 1980

Afro-American History Month	St. Valentine's Day Feb. 14
American Heart Month	Chinese (lunar) New Year Feb. 16
American Music Month	Washington's Birthday Observance (18)
Freedom Day, Feb. 1	<u>CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S</u> (19)
Groundhog Day, Feb. 2	<u>VALENTINE PARTY and business meeting.</u>
Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12	Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20
Olympic winter games at Lake Placid, N.Y. Feb. 13-24	**** (Torch brought--Feb.8)

A Special Welcome to Our New Members

....and may we use the Welcome of the Los Angeles City Historical Society in saying: "Our Society is indeed pleased and honored to welcome it's new members. We want them to share with us their knowledge and experience, and to aid us in our projects and our efforts to achieve the high standards and goals of our Society."

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(A special "thank you" to Larry for all that he has done around the Homestead Museum, house and gardens).



At the January 22nd meeting of the Chatsworth Woman's Club, Lillian Schepler made a special presentation about the Minnie Palmer House to the members..... They voted to support Homestead Acre as their Community Involvement Project. They wish to contribute toward furniture for the dining room. Our thanks go to the Club for

their interest, with a special nod to Lillian for making this possible. Lillian, Adrienne Gudin, current President, and many others are very active members of our Chatsworth Historical Society - and the Club is a Life member of the Chatsworth Historical Society - both concerned - OUR TOWN CHATS.

MORE NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:::::

SAVE ORCUTT COMMUNITY: "Support the Wild Life Sanctuary vs. the Canoga Park Little League" - further hearings will be at the Planning Commission Feb. 19th and at the Public Works Commission on Feb. 25th (both after 2PM.) Bodies are needed. If you can attend, or need further information, please call Helen Trend 703-8056.....

A beautiful letter titled, A FLOCK IN THE AIR, A GAGGLE ON THE GROUND, was written and sent to the SAVE ORCUTT COMMUNITY by Mrs. Ione Buie of the Sierra Club following the tour taken of the Reservoir on Ja. 5th. If you would like a copy, please call Helen. Helen Trend will also be one of our Saturday-starting-in-March-Seminars. She will speak on the Lime kilns at Chatsworth Lake Reservoir and the Oak trees -- April 12th..... The Oak Tree Ordinance hearing will be on March 20th after 4 PM. at the Recreation and Parks Dept. City Hall E., 13th floor - 200 N. Main St.

Sierra Club: (several people have asked about the hikes from our area) These are sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc. The 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9 AM, hikers leave Chatsworth Park Elem. School, located at the corner of Devonshire and Topanga Canyon - destination is different places.

4th Sat. leaving same time, but leaving from Santa Susana Pass Road and Rocky Peak Road - This is a Nature History Hike and is always on the McDonald-Nichols State Park property. Call Jan Hingston for inf. 998-7231.

Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc.: Monday Feb. 18th -- 8:00 PM at Glendale Fed. 21821 Devonshire, Chatsworth. A slide program will be given by Arlene Benson, a professional archaeologist, on CALIFORNIA'S ANCIENT ASTRONOMERS * the CHUMASH INDIANS. This will include slides of the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year), at Rocketdyne - Burro Flats Site.....

L.A. City Historical Society:Feb. 27 - 7:30 PM - meet at KCET - 4401 Sunset
Speaker: Jean Bruce Poole, Curator of El Pueblo State Historic Park.....