

Chatsworth Historical Society

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Smoke Signal

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US.....

Chatsworth's 97th Anniversary

Tuesday March 19, 1985 * 7:30 PM

At Glendale Federal Federal S. & L.

DO YOU KNOW HOW CHATSWORTH GOT ITS NAME?

In addition to the Birthday Party
we will have a very exciting speaker-

Zena Thorpe, our 1st Vice President is from England and has visited the Chatsworth House in England which was begun by Sir William Cavendish and his wife, Elizabeth Hardwick in 1552.....now are you interested?

Zena will show slides and pictures and give historical data following its beginning and finale, to this time. Lillian Schepler and several other friends have also visited this beautiful and nostalgic place that was once the home of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire.

Joe Iverson and Virginia Ditto, pioneers, will be there to cut the birthday cake and our girl scouts and cub scouts and others will be a part of this celebration-Bring your friends.

As official business - names will be presented and voted on by the members at this meeting.

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OPEN HOUSE

At the Homestead Acre - Museum, Minnie Palmer House and the Gardens the FIRST Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 PM
 Location: 10385 Shadow Oak Drive - Chatsworth Park South

The Pioneer Church is located in Oakwood Memorial Park South 22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Angelican Church holds Services each Sunday - Morning Prayer - 9:15 AM
 Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Visitors are welcome to view the Church each Sunday Morning

DOCENTS this month will be (April 7) Marian Hyland, Helen Thomas and Millie Goff
 WORK DAY-Thursday - March 28th

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday—7:30 P.M.
 Glendale Federal Savings & Loan
 21821 Devonshire St.
 Chatsworth, Calif. (Corner Vassar)

Annual Dues:
 Single..... \$ 10.00
 Couple..... 15.00
 Life Membership (each)..... 100.00

Print Please:

Name _____
 Address _____
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Bring with you or mail to—

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 P.O. Box 102
 Chatsworth, California 91311

Names that have been submitted by the nominating committee to be put in the April Smoke Signal and to be voted on in the April meeting are as follows: (Nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting).



- President -- Ioline Cleveland
- First Vice Pres.-Zena Thorpe
- Second Vice Pres.- Lillian Schepler
- Third Vice Pres. - Marian Hyland
- Fourth Vice Pres. - Mildred Goff
- Recording Sec. - Louise Roberts
- Treasurer - Charles Janess
- Director of Docents - Lila Schepler
- Permanent Bd. Member - Virginia Watson
- Corres. Sec. - Tricia Plucknett
- Director of Photo. Materials
Bill Schepler
- Member at Large - Betty Summers
- Member at Large - Ramon Avila
- Member at Large - Dean Craig
- Chairman of Grounds Comm.-Candy Craig
- Smoke Signal Editor - Celia Woodman

KEEP IN MIND.

OUR BEAUTIFUL ROSE FESTIVAL - May 19th
Plan ahead - bring your friends.....

Installation of Officers at the regular
meeting - 3rd Tuesday - May 21st.....

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We have had some very nice comments from those visiting our museum and Minnie Palmer house - groups of children from the schools, Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts - members and non-members bringing their friends and others coming from the announcement that Virginia Watson always has in her column in the Daily News; it was especially nice to receive a donation of \$50.00 from one of our members, Dick Thompson and his wife, Lucille. They are from Whittier and are friends of Dean & Candy.

(We must have all been pretty good kids as this is the exact same roster as last year!!)

NEWS--from Candy Craig:

NEW GARDEN BENCH

An English teakwood garden bench bought with donations for a Memorial to Dean and Candy Craig's daughter, Eden, is in its place at the Homestead Acre Rose Garden.

The letters "In Memory of Eden Ellen Craig" in the top of the rail were carved by hand and donated by master woodcarver and Rockpointe resident, Rod Evans, of Evalar Construction Company.

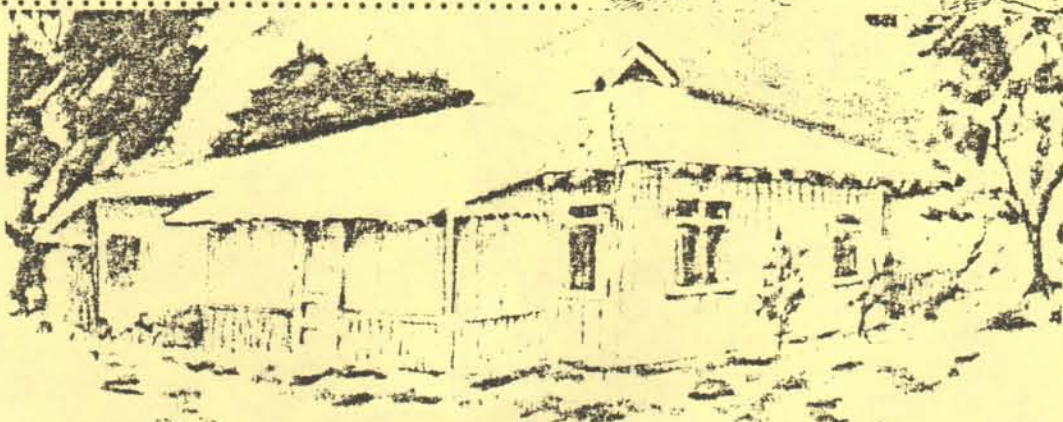
A yellow tree rose and four EDEN ELLEN floribundas, a new rose registered with the American Rose Society and introduced by Peter Schneider, a rosarian and A.R.S. judge from Rocky River, Ohio, are planted in a small circular brick edged bed near the garden bench.

Everyone is invited to sit in the garden and enjoy the roses. They will be most beautiful in April and May.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all those having a birthday in March - the same month as our town, CHATSWORTH: Wanda Daugherty, Henry Watson, Virginia Watson, Mardi Clark, Diana Bartlett, Mary Guilmette, Jane Matthews, Henry Berkemeyer, Dora Golden, Eleanor Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Megan Cleveland, Bob Dager, Arnold Hansen Jan Hinkston, Chuck Johnson and Donna Smith.

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DO YOU HAVE? Betty Summers is planning to change the display at Glendale Federal soon. She would like to borrow, for 4 to 6 weeks, articles such as: old razors, curling iron, shaving mug, reading glasses, old medicine bottle (Lydia Pinkham), etc. Everything is safe, it is locked in the display case. Call Betty at 341-2714 evenings or Saturday.....

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If you would like an autographed copy of the book, "Quiet On The Set!", written by our Bob Sherman, you should be at our Birthday Party on Tuesday - March 19th. Bob will bring some of his books. You have one? Then what better gift could you give to someone who would like to know more about the history of Chatsworth through the eyes of movies made on the Iverson Ranch? And while we are thinking about books written by our authors, do you have Catherine Mulholland's book, "Calabaras Girls"? Catherine will autograph her book, also, if you let her know.



ALL ABOUT OUR PEOPLE:

The flu-bug is still hovering around us and hasn't left since early November when some of our people were attacked! In December and January many of our members had it in some form or other, including your Editor.

I had called Lorraine and Orville Mitchell to learn about their recent trip. Lorraine was just beginning to recover after being very ill for two weeks - Orville was still weak after having had it the two previous weeks which was a traumatic ending for such a lovely vacation.

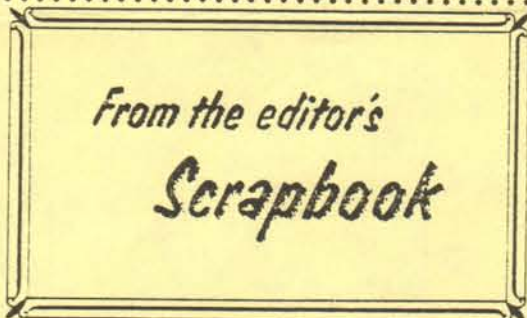
They had taken their lovely trailer to the Gem and Mineral Show at Quartzsite, Arizona where they had enjoyed the show. It was much smaller this year due to the bad weather conditions. Many people were not able to arrive because of the snows and bad roads. They stopped in Indio for two days to enjoy the Date Festival and on to Yucca Valley to visit friends. On Saturday, Orville became ill - now, only home felt good. A week later, Lorraine ill, now better.

Elaine Swartz had a bout-with-the-bathtub - slippery bathtub won - Elaine fell, dislocating her knee and causing great pain. She managed to get to her phone to call for help. She is now visiting with Bill and Lila. She has her cast off and is able to get around with crutches.

Speaking of injuries and falls - Virgil Heumann fell on Sunday March 3rd while walking down the steps of his home, crushing his right elbow, which was bad enough, but when the Dr. took X-Rays, he found two other fractures in the same arm. Virgil is home from the hospital where he received excellent care from the doctors that his wife, Ruth, had worked for for 30 years. He is wearing a cast, which is uncomfortable, but is happily free from pain.

A FOLLOW-UP ON OUR BILL SCHEPLER:

Bill is now home from the hospital after his Angioplasty. Fortunately the blood in main arteries was not restricted and only one artery was blocked. The doctors with Bill's cooperation believe with medication and a very strict diet that he may not need surgery. So, even if it is hard, Bill, think of this - "The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery (new kind of diet) when he has to take a detour(different foods)!"



The best things are the simplest things—home and love and work to do, flowers in the garden, and bread from the generous fields. Lacking these, what else can make life worth the living? Having them, give thanks with joy; we need no more.

Author Unknown

CANDY IS VERY GRATEFUL:

To the new garden helpers, Carol Orendy, Lucy Riddle and Lois Kidder for taking care of the gardens so nicely when she was on Jury Duty last month. Carol is a friend who lives in Rockpointe, Lucy was a teacher at Chatsworth Park for several years and Lois was the Office Manager at Chatsworth Park School until she retired. Thanks again!! from all of us.....

NOW HEAR THIS!! and READ IT TOO.....



Our Minnie Palmer house is now in the need of a cosmetic and physical face-lift. Her paint is peeling, especially on the south side where the sun beats on it. This project is now our immediate concern and we need everyone's help. We have started with the \$50.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson. Could you please make this your next gift as a donation to come off your income tax? And if you are working for a big company in Chatsworth (we have so many now) that want to have a LARGE income deduction, please make it your responsibility to ask them, and not leave the entire project to the Board of our Historical Society. We know you can do it - just remember the tremendous response that we received from all of you for the book sale!

Have you had your home repainted recently? How much did it cost you - \$1200.00, \$2000, or even as much as \$3000? We have a very experienced, expert painter who will do it for less, but we need the money in cash and it needs to be done as soon as possible so all the plants around the house will all be back in beautiful condition before our Rose Festival in May.

If you can help with this project, please call Ioline Cleveland, President--341-1529 or Chuck Janess--341-2828.

"All that you give, freely, heaped up and running over, will be returned to you as a blessing."

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If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9:23

The fairest flower in the garden of creation is a young mind, offering and unfolding itself to the influence of divine wisdom, as the heliotrope turns its sweet blossom to the sun.

Joseph Russel Smith

I question not if thrushes sing,
If roses load the air;
Beyond my heart I need not reach
When all is summer there.

John Vance Cheney

I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journeywork of the stars.

Walt Whitman

In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.

St. Augustine

Go forth, under the open sky, and list to Nature's teachings.

William Cullen Bryant