



Chatsworth Historical Society

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Regular meeting of the Chatsworth Historical Soc.

Tuesday - October 15th - 7:30 PM

Our Program will be given by Helen Treend
 "THE HISTORY OF ORCUTT PARK"
 (Whom we remember as "The save the Trees"
 lady) She is currently the head Docent at
 Orcutt Park. She wrote the history of
 Orcutt Park for the Park Department and
 is active in what is now called the Oak
 Tree Coalition in which the members mark
 and measure historical oaks....they welcome
 interested members.....

Come to hear Helen.... she will answer
 any question that may not have been answered
 in her talk.

OFFICERS FOR 1984-85

1st VP Zena Thorpe (program)	882-3572
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3rd VP Marian Hyland (Membership)	882-1852
4th VP Mildred Goff (Hospitality)	882-0381
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Betty Summers (Assist. Curator & Member at Large)	341-2714
Candy Craig (Co-Chairman-Grounds)	341-4461
Eileen Janess (Auditor)	341-2828
Ramon Avila (Member at Large)	341-2346
Dean Craig (Member at Large)	341-4461

FUTURE DATES TO KEEP IN MIND and on your calendar.....

November Regular meeting ..Speaker will be from the Simi Historical Society (Nov. 19th)

WELCOME BACK school display in Glendale Federal Savings and Loan -- School Exhibit by Betty Summers....stop by to see it!

Annual Used Book Sale at Topanga Plaza on Jan. 24, 25 & 26th give books and magazines to Lillian Schepler (341-2010) or take to Open House at the Acre Nov. 3rd or Dec. 1st.

DECEMBER 15th - Chatsworth Parade .. Chatsworth Historical Society will have an entry.

ONLY TWO YEARS until Chatsworth's Bicentennial--not too soon to start planning - would YOU like to be involved in the planning or in the action? Let us know!

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 Anglican 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 for November 3rd will be: Chuck & Eileen Janess & Nancy Razanski
 WORK DAY Thursday October 24th (Come to help Lila - there are many things to make and do.

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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

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Bring with you or mail to--

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 Chatsworth, California 91311

Henrietta Washburn did not plan to be a look-alike with President Reagan, even though their birthdays are on the same day (Feb. 7th) we're very sure that neither of them planned to have the same kind of surgery, but it just happened that way. Henrietta had her surgery in August and recovering just as nicely as Pres. Reagan...

We're happy for your quick recovery, Henrietta now it is time for you to return to active duty in the Historical Society.....

We are happy to announce that we have received more than \$100 in memory of Dr. Harold Hayward and his name will be on our Memorial Plaque in the museum with the names of all our loved ones whom we have received \$100 or more - if you still plan to give to this fund in memory of Dr. Hayward, please send to Chuck Janess Box 3102 Chats. 91313.

We were sorry to hear of the very serious illness and eventual surgery (Cholestectomy) of our devoted Mary Avila. We are happy to know that she is gradually getting her strength back. Keep "truckin'", Mary, we need to have you back in the swing of things!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Kim L Rupert - 21733 Lassen #6
Chatsworth, CA 91311 tel. 998-3374

We hope this will be a better time for Kim and his family - his mother, Ginger, broke her back & a month later his father died - his mother has had 3 heart attacks and is recovering from one in the hospital at this time. He has two sisters, Kristi and Karen and a brother-in-law. Kim is the mgr. of the jewelry dept. at G.H. Gemco and his hobby is raising roses (in his mother's yard). He has 38 varieties at this time and has ordered 15 new varieties from Great Britain--it is easy to see why he has a great interest in our Acre with all our lovely roses (by the way they are blooming beautifully again after our heat spell.) Come to see!

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New Life Member: Desmond Greene - Desmond has been given the Life Membership by Mr. Robert Reno for his (Desmond's) devoted service in helping Mr. Reno paint the entire Pioneer Church (and beautifully done as reported by Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe, members of the Anglican Church that holds services there each Sunday). Desmond was a long-time friend and buddy of the young Robert Reno who was killed in an accident - he died May 21st. Robert was a student at Northridge Jr. High at the time of his death. He is buried in Oakwood Memorial Park, not far from the Pioneer Church. Mr. Reno painted the church at a very nominal fee and gave the \$100 Life Membership for Desmond for the long hours that he helped Mr. Reno in painting the church. Desmond lives at: 9444 Stonehurst, Sun Valley 91352 Tel. 352-6518 He lives with his father and mother and has an 8-year-old brother. His hobbies are baseball and art. He is a student at Francis Poly Tech. High School and in his speciality in art is drawing and painting birds. The logo of their high school is the parrot. There is a contest going on at this time to update the image of the parrot - Desmond is one of the 10 finalists (we hope he comes in 1st)

Robert is survived by his parents and one brother, his grandparents, who live in Reseda and another grandparent living in Camarillo.



Heather Watts Dances to Top Honors

By Carol De Lisle

The award was inscribed, "For the New York City Ballet dancer whose exciting and exacting style and dramatic power have forged a singularly modern prototype for today's classical ballerina." This would seem to say it all because this award, given yearly for lifelong achievement in dance by Dancemagazine, is considered to be the most prestigious and coveted in all of dance.

It was presented this year by Peter Martins, director and choreographer of the New York City Ballet, to Heather Watts, daughter of Sheelagh and Keith Watts. However, it would be impossible to entirely describe Heather Watts in only one sentence.

Watts began to study ballet at the Sheila Rozann Ballet Studio in Chatsworth at the age of nine. When she was 10½, the New York City Ballet came to the Greek Theatre and she won a child's role in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." She continued her study, receiving summer scholarships to the School of American Ballet in New York.

When she was 15, she moved permanently to New York to study ballet. Watts, who had attended Chatsworth High, finished school and graduated from the Professional Children's School there. She joined the New York City Ballet at the age of 17 and danced for several years in the corps before becoming a soloist and later a principal dancer.

Watts has danced in most of the world's leading cities, partnered by some of the principal male dancers of this era. During the Carter administration Watts, partnered by Mikhail Baryshnikov, danced at the White House. Her parents were among the invited guests at the reception following.

She has appeared in many ballet productions on both PPS and NBC. In mid-August, Watts left on a tour of eight cities in Europe. She, along with Sean Lavery, will be heading and directing a group of dancers from the New York City Ballet.

Her parents are our Life Members, Keith and Sheelagh Watts, who own "Nature's Flower Garden" in Chatsworth.

