



# Chatsworth Historical Society

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## Smoke Signal

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Regular meeting of the Chatsworth Historical Soc.

Tuesday - November 19th - 7:30 PM  
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The program will be presented by PAT HAVENS

She is the Museum Director of the Simi Valley  
Historical Society

She is also the Simi City Historian and.....  
Chairman of the Board on the Ventura County  
Cultural Heritage Board.....

She will present "HIDDEN PICTURES" and has  
an extensive slide show, "looking deeper  
into things you see around....."

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to bring the friends  
that you have been promising to bring -- to  
learn more about OUR community and our neigh-  
boring localities.

## Give Thanks

# 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

Docents for next Open House will be Lila Schepler, Tricia  
Plucknett, Betty Summers and Candy Craig

WORK DAY IS: Thursday Nov. 21 - 9:30 AM - everyone invited to  
come to help decorate the museum and Minnie's house for the  
Holidays. Could we borrow antique toys, dolls, etc.?

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The Pioneer Church is located in Chatsworth Park South---  
22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church  
holds Services each Sunday morning - Morning Prayer - 9:30 AM  
Visitors are welcomed at Services-- Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

OPEN HOUSE is also held there on the first Sunday of each month - 1 to 4PM.....

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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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bring with you or mail to—

Chatsworth Historical Society  
P.O. Box 102  
Chatsworth, California 91311



MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR THESE COMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 17th Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc, is celebrating its 15th Anniversary---New Display will be in the SSMPA Visitors Center at Chats. Park South. SSMPA and the Sierra Club sponsor a Nature and History Hike over the Stage Coach Trail every Sunday morning at 9 AM, leaving from Chatsworth Park So. Visitors Cen. (The 2nd & 4th Sundays hikers will leave from the same place, but do not follow the Stage Coach Trail - they have "Invitation to Explore" They invite anyone else to be a Hike Leader & also need Docents for one Sunday a month from 12 noon to 3 PM as a Docent in the Visitors Center. If there are questions call 884-9610.

NOVEMBER 19th (TUESDAY) Our Regular meeting. We urgently request our members to be there and to bring a friend - We always have a very good program, interesting hobby corner, the most delicious refreshments and room decorations and exciting Fund Raising Events..... therefore we need YOU to give us some good ideas how to get more people to come each time!

NOVEMBER 21st - Work Day! See first page....

NOVEMBER 28TH THANKSGIVING DAY We wish to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make our Chatsworth Historical Soc. so successful.

DECEMBER 1st OPEN HOUSE at the Acre 1 to 4PM

DECEMBER 13th (Friday) Our Christmas Meeting will be at Abner's Yellow Barn. Arrangements for our Christmas Party were made by Ioline & Everett Cleveland. We will arrive at 7:30 PM for a tour and history of the Barn and see the owner's collection associated with the Red Cars. We will wear old fashioned costumes (optional) and bring an exchange gift. We may meet at Glendale Federal to carpool or drive direct. More in next Smoke Signal, but keep the date!

DECEMBER 15th at 1 PM CHATSWORTH HOLIDAY PARADE Sponsored by the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce.

JANUARY 24-25 & 26 USED BOOK & MAGAZINE SALE at Topanga Plaza. Save hard backs, paper backs & magazines - ask your neighbors, donate the ones you bought last year and come to buy more this year. Be prepared to call Lillian Schepler at 341-2010 which days and times you can work. IT IS REALLY FUN TO MEET ALL THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO BUY and to help the school children find an article or something in a magazine for a project.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE:

Belated Congratulations go to the bride and groom - Mr. and Mrs. Chris McGinley of Woodland Hills.

Stephanie Bertoldo, a new member in June, had told your Editor that she was planning to be married in September. After our summer vac. I forgot to re-read our Smoke Signal until this month.....I called.

They had a lovely wedding at St. Judes Cath. Church in Agoura on September 28th. Their 3-weeks honeymoon was a never-to-be-forgotten trip to Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti. Chris works for an automobile company and Stephanie is still Marketing Director for Jerry Berns Realtors. They are both fond of the same sports and did try the scuba diving!

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IN MEMORIUM:

We send our condolences to the family of Paul Johnson. Paul passed away October 26th with a heart attack. His funeral was October 31st at Oakwood Memorial Park where he was laid to rest.

Paul and Margaret have been Life Members since the time we moved the Pioneer Church to its present location. Sister and brother-in-law are Steve and Henrietta Washburn, also members. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, to whom he was married 47 years, sons, Stephen, Jim and Gary and daughter Edie Daum, and eight grandchildren. He retired from the Fire Dept. several years ago. He was Captain at the time and was stationed at #96 in Chatsworth. His son Stephen is with the Air Lines, but Jim and Gary have followed in their father's footsteps-

Jim is a fireman at # 98 in Pacoima and Gary is a paramedic at # 69 in Pacific Palisades. Edie is working for our Doctor Schurter. Any memorial gift would be gratefully accepted for the Chatsworth United Methodist Church.

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Welcome back! Dean and Candy Craig, from your summer vacation in beautiful C-O-L-O-R-A-D-O. (your Editor was born in Colorado - Jim and I moved from Colorado to Chatsworth in 1947.)

We wish to thank Oliver Thorpe and his family for taking such good care of the gardens while they were gone--and other volunteers.

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Virgil Heumann has asked that any of us who help to clean up the yard be very careful not drop trash, leaves, etc., in the driveway on our way to putting them in trash barrel - he may have already swept the driveway. Thank you!

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## IS MY FACE RED!

On June the 1st, I was talking to my friend Barbara Daniels about our museum, Minnie Palmer house and Gardens and showed her the Smoke Signal. She was so interested and asked how she could become a member to get the Smoke Signal each month. I replied that it was very easy, for only \$15.00 she and husband, Charles could become a member. She took out her check book and in 1½ minutes they were members. Then I brought the check home, layed it on my desk and piled papers on it all summer. When I was looking for something for this Smoke Signal I found it! So they are new members of last June. We give them an extra special welcome & they will receive the Sept. & Oct. issue as well as Nov. They both work full-time and Charles loves sports of all kinds - has always participated in sports, but is now enjoying watching - their daughter, Jill won the Girl's basketball championship when in high school & is now playing while attending Valley College. Barbara's hobby is decorating and she is the News Editor for her L.D.S. Church. They have five children - two are still at home. Address: 20725-C Lemarsh, Chatsworth CA 91311 Telephone - 341-0885

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I also wish to clarify a statement that I had printed in the October Smoke Signal..... Mr. Robert Reno, whose son Robert was killed in an accident last year, painted the Pioneer Church at no cost - Robert's best friend, Desmond Greene helped Mr. Roberts paint the church and our museum. Mr. Roberts charged us a very special cost for painting the Museum and out of that he gave the \$100.00 for a Life Membership to Desmond Greene in memory of MR. Robert's son.

The paint for the Pioneer Church had been donated by someone else. The Church looks beautiful -- come to see!

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**Archaeological** finds of San Fernando Val. are now being shown at the new Anthropology Museum at CSUN. It officially opened its doors last week, with an inaugural exhibition never before publicly presented--- "Chumash: 10 years of Archaeology."

It will be on display through Dec. 11th. THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL OF US-let us all plan before it is too late. Museum hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information call (818) 885-3328 or (818) 885-3331.

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TIME FOR HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO: (for November) Fred Clark, Dennis Moran, Milo Johnson, Olga Bay, Myrna Leiner and Valeta Koller. November 30th was Minnie Palmer's Birthday.

OUR FELICIA ROBINSON was one of the Citizens to receive an Award-- a CERTIFICATE of MERIT for OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE was presented to her and others in the Mayor's Council Room at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 25th. She received the Human Relations Commission Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the pupils of the L.A. Unified School District, in special recognition for her work at Valerio Street School where she assists the teacher with teaching the children from under-privileged and those having learning problems.



Her daughter, Sandra, and other daughter, "Karen" are very proud of her and WE know that Felicia has done other outstanding volunteer work in hospitals and with Parks and Recreation. She is an accomplished artist, gourmet cook and World Traveler (traveling to Hawaii - the reason she will not be at November meeting.)

WILL YOU BE THERE? DON'T FORGET - PLAN AHEAD!

## A Poem for Thanksgiving

Give thanks for simple things today:  
A sturdy roof, our daily bread,  
A kettle singing on the fire,  
And seasoned wood piled in the shed.

Give thanks for beauty, crimson leaves  
Against a sky of gentian blue,  
For fruitfulness and harvestings,  
For sudden song and laughter, too.

For health and strength to do our work,  
For comradeship along the way,  
For life, the greatest gift of all,  
We keep in gratitude, this day.



## Reasons for Thanksgiving

To have food enough and a place to dwell,  
To have work to do and to do it well,

To find the comfort when things go wrong  
In a bit of prayer or a snatch of song,

To know good books and share their worth,  
To plant bright flowers in rich brown earth,

To have true friends--this is living  
And reason enough for Thanksgiving.

