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"The Sculptures of Africa" and felt that she should learn more about the back ground of the people. Jane is curating a small exhibition for the Pierson Library at California Lutheran University which runs from October 6 to the 30th.



The following important events will take place in October. So please circle the dates and be sure to attend. Your support is so important to the Society!

OCTOBER 10, bus tour to the historic Adamson House and the Malibu Lagoon Museum.

Jane will also be giving a public lecture in the Preuss-Brandt Auditorium on October 12 - and on November 4 will appear on the Cuesta College Forum Series in San Luis Obispo.

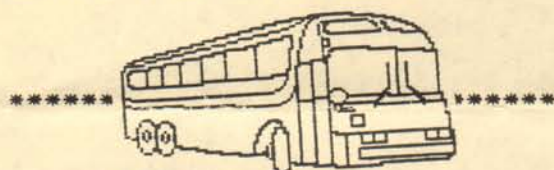
COST \$3. Please bring a brown bag lunch - we'll provide the punch. We shall be eating on a nearby beach as there are no picnic arrangements at the museum. Wear comfortable shoes etc., and bring a light-weight folding chair if you can't sit on the sand.

From the President:

WE'LL MEET at 10 a.m. October 10 (Saturday) at the back parking lot of Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Association, 21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth. Guests will be welcome.

Dear Members:

Our first event after the summer break was successful and a lot of fun even though many members were still on vacation. We had an outstanding program provided by Jane Matthews, program chairman.



PROGRAM MEETING

A group of Mexican dancers from the Morningside Elementary School gave a colorful performance of Folklorico dancing. They were accompanied by their leaders, several parents and the school principal. We contributed \$30 to their costume fund and provided lunch and tours for all of them. We hope to have them again sometime, maybe for our Pioneer Days.

Tuesday, October 20, at 8 p.m. at Glendale Federal. Jane Matthews will present a slide-lecture titled "West Africa - Old & New." The cost is \$3.50. The regular meeting follows the program; there'll be no refreshments but there will be a hobby corner.

Many thanks to the committee that made the potluck possible and that includes Lila & Bill Schepler, Jane, Virginia, Lillian and Betty & Jim Summers for the set-up; Dave Poteel for providing the tables and Ruth Keuman for being there to accept and return them and

Jane visited Africa Last February and this visit will be the subject of her talk. She will be giving lectures soon on

Ruth's granddaughter, Nicole, and friend who helped with the parking. A special thanks to Chuck & Eileen Janess for all those delicious home made rolls. Eileen baked and donated enough rolls for everyone and they stayed warm!

While we are thanking people this is a good time to thank Barbara & Joe Pampalone. Barbara types up the labels for the Smoke Signal and will do the membership list when it is completed for the year. They donate the stickers upon which the addresses are typed also. Thank you both!

Mary Kitchens, corresponding secretary, will now be the one to buy the stamps, lick them, put on the address labels, stuff the envelopes and take them to the Post Office beginning with this our October issue.

Keep in mind our October 10 trip. I do hope you will support it and bring your friends and neighbors. The cost is minimal and it is a new museum.

Jane's lecture at our regular meeting is a money-raising event, another "bring a friend" opportunity.

Virginia

REPORT FROM JANE MATTHEWS;

Our fall season got off to a beautiful start on the 20th with a salad lunch at the Acre. We were treated to rancho dances by the Morningside Folklorico - 12 dancers from the Morningside Elementary

School of San Fernando. They performed by the house and the background of roses enhanced the scene.

Since this is a big year for the Society and the town of Chatsworth, we are making an effort to bring you special speakers. Beginning with the November program on the Chumash tribe, the emphasis will be on the history of the area, ending with Dennis Adler's talk on auto history in June.

I urge you to support the programs. If you can't attend send a neighbor, friend or relative. It is important to have a good attendance for these lecturers. See you at the next meeting.

Jane Matthews,
Vice President -
Programs.

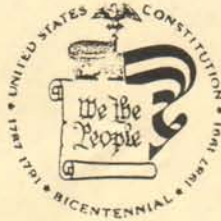
DOCENT'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual docent's meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, Oct 24 at the Homestead Acre.

A social hour with coffee and donuts will start at 9:30 giving the docents a chance to visit before the meeting begins. Discussion will center around the methods docents use for getting the story across of the Hill-Palmer family and the Homestead Acre.

Practice sessions are planned and the restructuring of the docent program due to the loss of members will be discussed.

Please be there - it is a very important meeting. LILA.



PROGRAM FOR 1987-1988 CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Approved unanimously at the June executive board meeting.

- Sep.20 Sunday afternoon potluck picnic with entertainment at the Homestead Acre.
- Oct.10 Sat. morning, meet at 10 a.m. at Glendale Federal Savings for a bus trip to the historic Adamson House & Malibu Lagoon Museum.
- Oct.20 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Jane Matthews, "West Africa, Old & New." No refreshments. A money making project on our regular meeting night. Slides & artifacts to be shown at Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
- Nov.17 Tuesday, dessert/social, 7:30 p.m. Glendale Federal Savings. Speaker at 8 p.m., Dr. Thomas Maxwell, professor of Sociology & Anthropology at Calif.Lutheran College. A charter member of the Ventura County Archeological Society, he will speak on the subject of the Chumash Indians. A display of old cookbooks will be highlighted so please bring your old books to display.
- Dec.13 Chatsworth Parade--Centennial Theme--we'll have a float.
- Dec.15 Christmas Party at the Homestead Acre. The Hill-Palmer cottage will be decorated and we'll sing Christmas carols. Instead of exchanging gifts we'll bring food and gifts to be donated to FISH.
- Dec.20 Trip to Descanso Gardens. This may be cancelled if not enough people sign up. Let Lillian Schepler know at the October 20th meeting.
- Jan.19 Catherine Mulholland will be the speaker at our regular meeting. She will bring books to autograph--her new book is out. Dessert/social at 7:30 p.m., speaker at 8 with short business meeting afterward.
- Feb.16 Ioline Cleveland will be the speaker. Her subject is the history of Chatsworth Park Elementary School; there'll be a display of old valentines. Social/dessert at 7:30 p.m., speaker at 8 p.m.
- Mar 10 CENTENNIAL MONTH!! Chatsworth will be 100 years old on March 10, 1988!! The Chatsworth Centennial Committee (with the Chatsworth Historical Society represented on the committee) will host a gigantic birthday reception in the recreation building of Chatsworth Park South. The Homestead Acre will be open for tours. Special guests will be Mayor Tom Bradley and other elected representatives. Perhaps the Duke of Devonshire will be visiting. We may possibly be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Historical Society at the reception. The actual anniversary is April 17 and it may be celebrated at the April meeting. Either time, all past presidents of the Society will be invited.
- Apr.9/10 ANNUAL YARD SALE at the Homestead Acre
- Apr.19 Dr. David Hornbeck will be the speaker at the program meeting at Glendale Federal; dessert/social at 7:30 p.m. program at 8; election of officers, nominations from the floor accepted.



- May 14 PIONEER DAYS on Saturday, May 14, celebrating the Centennial. Booths, games, raffle, tours, mini book sale, bake sale and plant sale.
- May 17 Installation meeting. 7:30 p.m. Refreshments after the installation; no program, Glendale Federal.
- June 21 Dennis Adler, author from Westways magazine will discuss touring. Dessert/social at 7:30 p.m., program at 8 p.m. Last regular meeting until September.

QUILT NEWS...

Don't forget to look for the centennial quilt backing and sign your name for posterity - the lowly cost of \$1 is a bargain.

Your editor is so impressed with the quilt that adjectives fail...the words don't exist to describe the superb work that the seamstresses have accomplished - and I've only seen scenes from the quilt as it has not yet been sewn together.

The scenes include the Pioneer Church, the Homestead Acre and flora and fauna native to the Chatsworth area.

Thanks to all the committee members, Ruth Grant, Zena Thorpe, Ruth Ball, Jan Formanek, Millie Goff, Marian Hyland, Carmie Johnson, Jackie O'Reilly, Margaret Perkins, Dorothy Sammartino, Betty Summers, and Jackie Sylvester.

WATT'S WHAT....

President Virginia Watson asked us to visit museums during our recent summer holidays and that's what I did. During two back-to-back trips to England, I managed to visit about 9 museums. In this issue, I'll tell about one that captured my imagination since most of my family was engaged in the manufacture of woollen fabric during the past years.

The Armley Mill Museum is located in a suburb of Leeds in the West Riding of Yorkshire, for many years the

center of the English woollen industry. Manufacturers exported millions of yards of first class fabric throughout the world during the years from the 1880's to the 1950's.

Originally the West Riding was renowned for the sheep raised for the wool that was exported to Europe - this back about 900 years! Eventually, local merchants started manufacturing the fabric...and after that came fine tailors to turn the fabric into garments. At one point some five million garments were exported in one year.

The city of Leeds has made a museum of the largest mill within its boundaries and furnished it with authentic looms and other equipment necessary to produce fine woollen fabrics. Video displays along the way reproduce the highlights of a typical day in a woollen mill, showing the wool arriving to be spun, loomed, dyed and inspected.

This is a very fitting tribute to an industry that no longer exists. Where there were hundreds of textile mills in the Leeds and Bradford area up to the 1950's, only one or two remain in use. Man-made fabrics have ended a century old industry.
