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### Fall General Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of Glendale Federal Bank, 21821 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth.

The speaker for this event is Thomas Franklin Andrews and he is the executive director of the Historical Society of Southern California. The topic is, "The Role of the Historical Society in the 1990's." Mr. Andrews is eminent in the field of history and is the former vice president and academic dean of Westmont College in Santa Barbara. He is also a noted author.

Because of the importance of this meeting, the refreshments will be special - home made pumpkin pie, coffee, tea and cider! There'll be three FREE door prizes and a special collection for the hobby corner.

Remember, we'd like all who come to bring one item from a personal collection. We'd also like to have all our members and friends attend and bring a friend. Let's make this a very special evening.

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A happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all.

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE HOMESTEAD ACRE!

Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 to 4 p.m., will be our monthly open house at the Homestead Acre. The docents will be on hand to give tours of the cottage, the museum and the gardens. For this event the house and museum will be decorated for the holidays and we urge you to attend. We'll be serving cookies and tea and punch - use this as a reason to start your holiday celebration - join us for a lovely afternoon.

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## PARADE THEME IS "HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD!"

The annual Chatsworth Holiday Parade will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th. The parade route is Devonshire Street from Jordan Avenue to Mason Street.

Following a long tradition, the Chatsworth Historical Society will have a float in the parade and a committee is meeting weekly to decide, 1) what holiday we'll portray and 2) how we can best portray it. If you have any time to spare on Saturday, December 9th, the committee plans to decorate the float between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Join us for a rewarding experience (our floats have won first place in the past!)

Your help is needed!

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CONGRATULATIONS to Lillian Schepler and her fund raising committee. The two day yard sale brought in exactly \$1000! It's a lot of hard work but this one really paid off. Lillian's helpers included Betty Summers, Mary & Ramon Avila, Pauline Aue, Louise Roberts, Helen Fladwed, Donna Afflerbach, Marian Hyland, Lila Schepler, Everett Cleveland, Candy & Dean Craig and Dr. Barbara Pampalone. Further thanks to Lillian and Betty who cleaned the museum after the sale so that it looked great for open house.

The last wedding of the season was held Saturday, November 4th. We prayed for the winds to drop and they did! The ceremony was held near the Centennial Time Capsule and the reception was close to the walnut tree. With the three weddings and one reception held this season we took in \$1600 - we spent \$900 readying the Acre for the weddings.....the nice part is that people love being married there. Weddings are held from April 30 to October 31. Very small indoor weddings (25 or less) may be held in the cottage by special arrangement.

Special apologies from the editor for errors in the October issue.