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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

10385 Shadow Oaks Drive Chatsworth, CA

Sheila Watts, President, Editor

You are invited.....

To attend.....an

## OPEN HOUSE & BARBECUE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th 3 to 6 p.m.

Homestead Acre, 10385 Shadow Oak Drive

### *ENTERTAINMENT BY:*

## "Simi Valley Happy Squares"

Their coordinator, Bill Kohloff, will give the history of square dancing and this will be followed by a demonstration by the happy dancers.

The barbecue will be held toward the end of the afternoon. Barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Society. Those with the initials A to L should bring either vegetable or fruit salad for 8 people and those from M to Z should bring dessert.....everything else will be provided. PLEASE.....R.S.V.P. 341-4489.



Quilting News.....

The exciting news is that Zena Thorpe's newest quilting creation, "To England With Love from Zena," won several accolades and prizes during a recent quilting contest at Hatfield House, England. All of the exciting details will be in the September issue of the Smoke Signal along with photographs of the quilt and of Zena with several trophies.....but to give readers an idea of how important this is - the quilt took the Best of Show award, among others, in what is deemed one of the top international quilting competitions!

Our love and congratulations to Zena!  
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News of the Acre.....

We have seen some changes at the Acre this summer. For financial reasons we no longer have a paid gardener and so our treasured volunteers have been working harder than ever. Betty Summers has contributed many, many hours and weeds, dead heads and waters on an almost daily basis. Ramon has spent many hours repairing broken water pipes, repairing an inner tube on our carrier and in general maintaining the garden equipment. Virginia, Lillian and the writer have spent time there and Donna Afflerbach has been an invaluable volunteer this summer.

Keith Watts retired this Spring after 40 years with Rocketdyne and he's been lending a hand including planting grass seed.

We've all noted the wild life that lives in the area including a Mexican scrub jay, a road runner and a pair of cotton tail rabbits to name the newest additions. By far the prettiest of course are the doves.

There have been several weddings this summer including one on the 4th of July and a recent "rainbow" wedding when the female attendants each wore different colored pastel dresses. At least two more weddings will be held before the season is over and we already have one booked for next June.

Do remember that the house/acre is available for rent for parties, weddings and other similar events where guests number too many for homes!  
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CHANGES PLANNED.

For two years we have held quarterly program meetings and this year the board of directors has decided to hold these meetings every other month - September, November, January, March and May.

On alternative months we would like to offer "day trips" when we would offer visits to historic sites that are within easy driving distance of Chatsworth. We hope to invite members to join us in these expeditions, to bring along a brown bag lunch so that the trips would be casual and not too time consuming.

We would love to have a volunteer from among the membership to coordinate this new program. We have a list of numerous

interesting places. If you would like to be involved in planning these trips please call Donna Afflerbach, membership chairman, at 882-0485.

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Golden Anniversaries.

Ray and Virginia Moon, former long time residents of Chatsworth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19. The guests included Virginia and Henry Watson - Virginia was a bridesmaid for the Moon wedding.....Virginia & Henry left that wedding to be married. The Watson's celebrated their 50th at a brunch at the Red Onion. It was a family affair with their daughter and son in law Judy & Jim Jeude, together with the Jeude's son Jeff who is a 2nd Lt.J.G in the Navy, with his friend Dalia, the Jeude's younger son, Justin and the Watson's younger daughter Kelly with her daughter and son, Crystal and Alex. Jodie Jeude was unable to attend.

The Watts' celebrated their 43rd anniversary on August 24th which was the 4th anniversary of their son and daughter in law, Kevin and Diane.  
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RECUPERATING.....The extended vacation that Lila and Bill Schepler had been enjoying ended in Maine when Bill suffered a heart attack. He was hospitalized there for several weeks, had surgery and then was allowed to travel home for his recuperation. He is at home but follows a pretty rigid schedule that will aid his recovery. A lot of prayers were answered when it was learned that the surgery was successful. We are all still awaiting the news that he has been returned to a normal routine. Our thoughts are with you, Bill.

This month Louise Roberts had corrective knee surgery and we are waiting to hear the good news that walking is much easier now.

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IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy is extended to former L.A. City Councilman Robert Wilkinson on the death in July of his wife Marjorie.

Both Bob and Marjorie have been good friends of, and members of, the Society. Marjorie was active with several other valley organizations including the Spastic Childrens Society and the San Fernando Valley Board of Realtors.

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Long time Rockpoint resident, Guy Swanson, died recently. Guy had been a friend of the Chatsworth Historical Society and of all the residents of the west end of Chatsworth because of his support of the Los Angeles Police Department. Always on call for any kind of security situation for either Rockpoint or the local parks, Guy had been ill for over a year, according to his widow, Betty. We extend our sincere sympathy to Betty and their family.  
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It is really important that we know how many people to expect to attend the September 9th barbecue so please do R.S.U.P. 341-4489.

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