

# Smoke Signal

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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## *Calendar of Events.....*

Jan 3, Thursday, 7 pm meeting of the board of directors, Museum

Jan 6, Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Open House at the Acre.

Jan 15, Tuesday, program meeting at the Museum, 7:30 p.m. See details on reverse side.

Jan 16, Wednesday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. a new program titled, "Wednesday at the Acre" (details elsewhere in newsletter.)

Jan 23, "Wednesday at the Acre."

Jan. 26, Saturday, docent training program starts at the museum.

Jan 30, "Wednesday at the Acre."

Feb.3rd, Sunday, Open House at the Acre. This will include a tree planting ceremony in honor of Lila and Bill Schepler's 50th wedding anniversary. Open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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## *"WEDNESDAYS AT THE ACRE."*

New Wednesday afternoon sessions at the cottage, museum and gardens will be get-acquainted afternoons and work parties.. We'll be serving coffee and tea and asking anyone who would care to help with small chores that really need to be taken care of The first one was held about two months ago in the tidying of the working

kitchen at the cottage and we took inventory of the flatware and other contents of the kitchen cabinets. Other projects we hope to undertake will include the cleaning of the display cases in the museum, tidying the cottage pantry as well as categorizing the Society's great costume collection. If you want to lend a hand we'll appreciate that but if you just want to visit we'll appreciate that also.....  
SO PLEASE JOIN US!

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*The Docent Training Program* will be a total of 6 Saturday morning programs; coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and lectures and slide shows will be from 10 am to 12 noon. We would love to enlarge our docent program and encourage both men and women to attend the training sessions. It's a great thrill to show off our historic facility and to see the interest and curiosity that the tours produce. Hope to see you there.#####

OUR WELLS FARGO STAGE COACH won first place trophies for both the Historical Society and Wells Fargo Bank!

What can we do to top this for the next parade!

THANKS TO Bea Berman who arranged for the use of the coach and to the bank employees who made it possible.



# The Chatsworth Historical Society

presents

## FROM OUT OF THE PAST

THE FASCINATING HISTORY  
OF MOVIES AND TV SHOWS  
FILMED IN THE CHATSWORTH AREA

AS TOLD BY

### DAVE HOLLAND

AUTHOR OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED  
PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE LONE RANGER

RETURN WITH US  
TO THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR

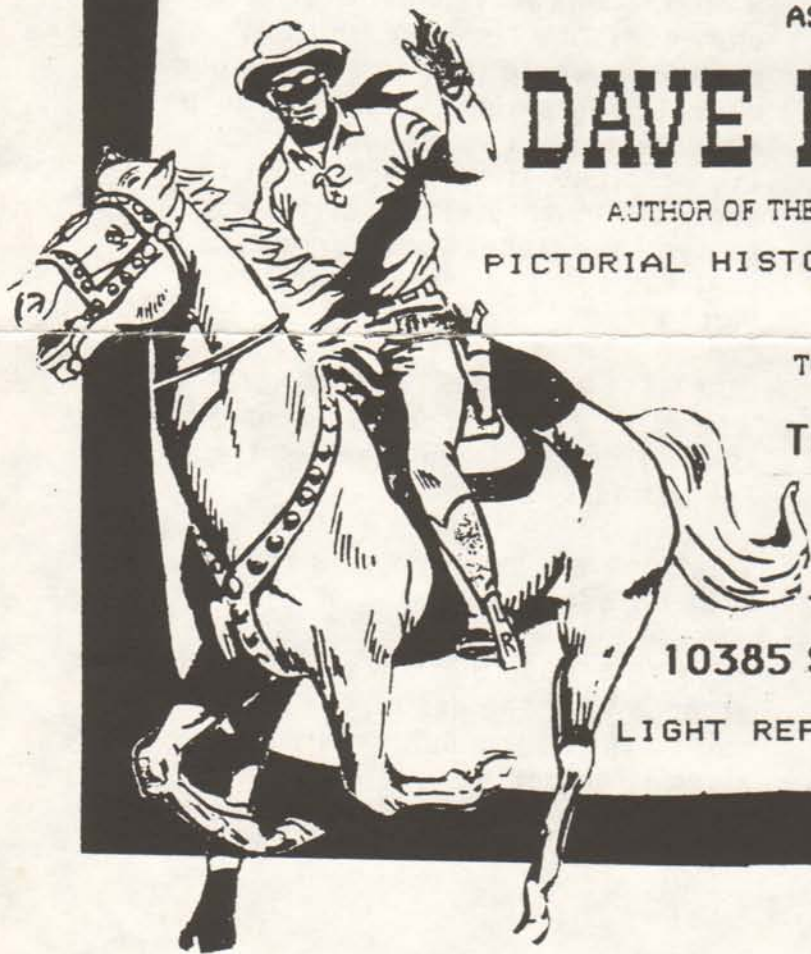
**Tuesday, January 15, 1991**

**7:30 P.M.**

AT

**The Chatsworth Museum**  
**10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth**  
(in Chatsworth Park South)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED





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'TAINT FOR SISSIES

Getting old just "ain't for sissies"  
I've heard so many say,  
And now that I've reached that point  
I often feel that way.

90th Birthday!

Long-time member Violet Wilson (Virginia Watson's mother) celebrated her 90th birthday with a big family party at The Homestead Acre on Saturday, November 17, 1990.

When I was young, for things to do  
I never had to seek.  
Now I'm older, the things are there  
But to do them I'm too weak.

Brunch was served buffet-style in the Cottage with white cloths covering the tables centered with African violets. The cake was white with lavender and purple icing and Mrs. Wilson's wheel chair, which she used for the day for mobility, was decorated to match.

When I was young the days were filled  
Right to the very brim.  
To do it all, now I find,  
I can only just begin.

Children, grandchildren and great-grand children attended and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere on the beautiful historic grounds of the Acre. Young and old alike expressed their joy at the occasion with the weather cooperating fully.

It's a joy to see the younger ones  
Step in and take their place,  
But it hurts to know I no longer can  
Stand up and join the race.

Virginia Watson especially voiced her appreciation for the use of the Acre and stated that after working on so many joyous weddings and events for other people it was really nice to enjoy the peace and pleasures for a family event.

'Tis true a sissy you can't be  
And face the changing years,  
But you can help a little bit  
With laughter, not with tears.

The following poem was written by Eileen Janess. We appreciate all contributions to the Smoke Signal so please feel free to submit poems or articles.

It's better to be a "has been"  
With memories galore,  
Than to be a "never was"  
Feeling life was just a bore.

The editor wishes to express happy holiday wishes to all members and friends of the Society.

Praise God for our replacements  
Ready to take our place,  
And God, please give us the courage  
To face it all with grace.

*Eileen Janess*