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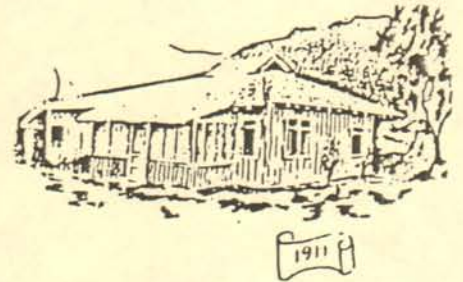
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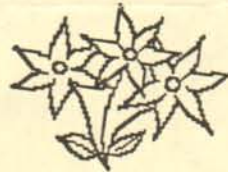
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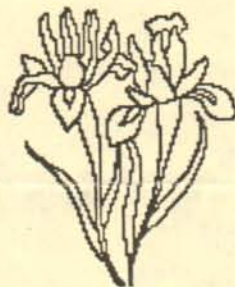


FIRST ANNUAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

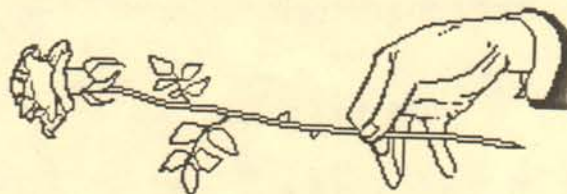
The historic Homestead Acre will provide a beautiful and appropriate setting for the Society's garden festival to be held on Sunday, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Acre is located at the west end of Devonshire Street.



Experts in gardening skills will provide exhibits and information including the subjects of native plants and flower arranging. Groups planning to exhibit are the San Fernando Rose Society, West Valley and Southern California Garden Clubs, the Herb Society, Chatsworth Garden Center and dried flowers by Kathy's Interiors. Sheila Watts will demonstrate arranging a bridal bouquet using roses grown at the Acre.



Docents will be on hand to direct guided tours of the museum, cottage and gardens. Vendors will display books and plants, there'll be a 'white elephant' booth, refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded. A donation of \$2 is suggested. Do plan to attend and bring friends. Zena Thorpe is event chairperson and she may be reached at 882-3572 if you would like to help or need further information.



DOCENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Lila Schepler is currently conducting a training session for those interested in serving as docents and helping at the Acre with the activities there. We have four people in the class and the next two sessions will be on Wednesdays, April 22 and 29 respectively. The first will feature Virginia Watson speaking on the early pioneers as well as Lillian Schepler describing the Society's extensive costume collection. The sessions are held from 4 to 6 p.m. On the 29th, Lila and Bill will give an overview of Chatsworth during the 1930's and Sheila Watts will describe the wedding program. The remaining two classes will take place the first two Wednesdays in May.

1992 INSTALLATION PLANS

On Tuesday, May 19 the Society will host a Wine & Cheese reception at 7 p.m. in the Homestead Cottage. During the event, installation of the new officers will be held. All members are invited to attend but reservations are required - please call Sheila Watts at 341-44489 by Friday, May 15 if you are planning to attend. The Acre will be at its prettiest in the middle of May with all the roses in bloom so plan on joining us for a pleasant evening, chatting with friends and hearing the plans for the coming year.

ANNUAL MEETING CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The theme for this year's annual meeting is RIVERSIDE: A CALIFORNIA SAMPLER. Joan Hall, president of the Riverside Historical Society is inviting all member societies to attend the different events. The meeting is scheduled from June 25th through 28th at the Riverside Sheraton.

From 5 to 7 p.m. welcoming receptions will be sponsored by the Riverside Society at three local museums: the Riverside Art Museum, the Riverside Municipal Museum and the California Museum of Photography; all three are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Light refreshments will be served.

A very busy schedule of informative programs is being offered including the annual awards luncheon, tours of the Mission Inn and Mission Inn Museum, aircraft restoration and repair and a tour of the March Air Force base museum, an

installation banquet and much more.

For further information on the Conference: Joan Hall (714) 684-3534
Fred Sager (714) 686-6307

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Zena Thorpe quilter nonpareil. Zena's newest quilt, "Heraldry," will be at the Paducah, Kentucky quilt show in May and will be judged at that event. This wonderful work of art then travels to Haddon Hall, England for display and judging in the International Quilt Association contest.

Readers will recall that an earlier quilt, "To England with Love from Zena," won the top award at the last International Contest and numerous other honors. The Paducah Museum officials have offered to buy that quilt for display.

CSUN TO FEATURE JAN HINKSTON

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association and California State University, Northridge will present a slide lecture by Jan Hinkston titled, "Santa Susana Mountain Park, from Historic Corridor to Wildlife Corridor.

The event will be held at the Oviatt Library, CSUN, on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Free parking will be available in the student lot L on the NE corner of Prairie St., and Darby Ave. The library is 200 yards east and is entered from the south.

Ms. Hinkston's presentation will include the proposed historic district in the Santa Susana Pass area as well as scenes from the whole range of the Santa Susanas that separate the three valleys of San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Simi. Ms. Hinkston founded the mountain park association in 1970 and is working to make the concept a reality before development makes it too late. The event will mark the official opening of an exhibit on the same subject that will be on display throughout May. Call 885-2271 for further information.



Chatsworth Women's Club News:

Tuesday, April 28 the speaker will be Marlon Von Cott:

"A Visit with Thomas Jefferson in 1826."

Wednesday, May 20 members plan a heritage tour of the Los Encinos State Park.

For information call Sheila Watts, 341-4489

Editor's Note:

Starting with the June issue of the Smoke Signal anyone wishing to have news items appear in the Smoke Signal MUST telephone me with the information. I won't expect people to type things out but I cannot take the time to call all of the members and/or board members every month.....please take note!

April 23rd in History

Birthdays:

- In 1564 William Shakespeare, bard
- In 1791 James Buchanan, 15th President (1857-1861)
- In 1813 Stephen Douglas, the "Little Giant," debated Lincoln
- In 1891 Sergei Prokofiev, composer
- In 1928 Shirley Temple, child actress

Events:

- National Secretary Day
- In 1871 Blossom Rock in San Francisco Bay blown up
- In 1962 First U.S. Satellite to reach moon launched from Cape Canaveral
- In 1972 Apollo 16 astronauts explored the moon surface.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The committee would appreciate reciving donations of new items and discards for the White Elephant booth for the Garden Festival. 341-4489.