

# Smoke Signal

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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#### From the President:

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How often do you run across people who say, "I didn't know we had a museum in Chatsworth,?" Our Membership Roundup on Sunday, September 13 is a great opportunity to expose the best kept secret in town.

Bring your friends and neighbors for a barbecue and introduce them to our museum and beautiful gardens - where they'll learn about local history and about our projects and special programs.

We are about half way through our reorganizing and remodelling. The extension to the museum office is completed and looks great. We are now proceeding with the organization of our collections in the storage facility. Thanks are due to Lila and the docent team for the hard work they have put into the project.

Come on the 13th to check out these developments and see how your society is growing.

The society also extends thanks to Mary Avila for her years of devoted service. Mary has been cleaning and taking care of the house and museum for many years but is no longer able to do this due to ill health. Thank you, Mary, for service above and beyond the call of duty.

See you on the 13th,

Zena

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#### Museum News:

Wednesday is Work Day for Docents.

Docents have been meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Acre and accomplishing a lot of needed work--housework, yard work and museum work.

Bring your lunch and join us during September.

For more information call Lila Schepler at 341-3447.

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### **MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP & BARBECUE**

Sunday, September 13 at 4 p.m. at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth Park South.

Zena will welcome the guests and then we'll hear five minute reports from:

Craig Howell of the SFV Historical Society. He will kick off the year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Southern Pacific's first railway line to Chatsworth;

Chuck Tichenor, regional vice president of the Calif. Conference of Historical Societies. Chuck will announce plans for the Conference Symposium to be held in the San Fernando Valley in February, 1993, and;

Virginia Watson, curator, who will spell out

current and future projects that the CHS will SANTA SUSANA PASS HISTORIC be involved in this year.

Entertainment will be provided by the EN/ C.O.R.E. chorus of the San Fernando Valleyaires (barbershop vocalists) and Bill Razanski, CHS member, and his harmonica.

Please RSVP to Dottie Sammartano, 349-2869, so we know how many burgers to put on the barbecue. Members with the last name A to M are asked to bring dessert; members N to Z to bring salad.

Come & renew friendships & memberships with the Chatsworth Historical Society.

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#### A TRAIN, A TOUR, A TERRIFIC TIME.

The San Fernando Valley Historical Society is sponsoring a train trip to VENTURA on Saturday, October 10th. A narrated bus tour will visit the Olivos Adobe and the historic downtown district with its museums. Mission. antique stores and cafes.

Cost is \$35 per person. Deadlne is September 26. Contact 365-7810 or 360-5250. Our members who went on the last train tour said it was great fun as well as being informative.

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#### DATES:

Sunday, September 13 at 4 p.m. we'll host a barbecue picnic and membership round-up at the Acre.

Sunday, October 4 at 11 a.m. we'll hold the second Pioneer Day celebration...ya'll come.

## DISTRICT NEWS

by Virginia Watson

The Santa Susana Pass Historic District Committee, sponsored jointly by the Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn., and the Chatsworth Historical Society, has been meeting regularly at the Chatsworth Museum.

Defining the geographic outlines of the proposed district has taken up a lot of time but the committee is now concentrating on filling out the forms for naming the many historic sites in our area into one historic district for a place on the National Register of Historic Places

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#### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

This is a final reminder to those who have not yet renewed their membership.

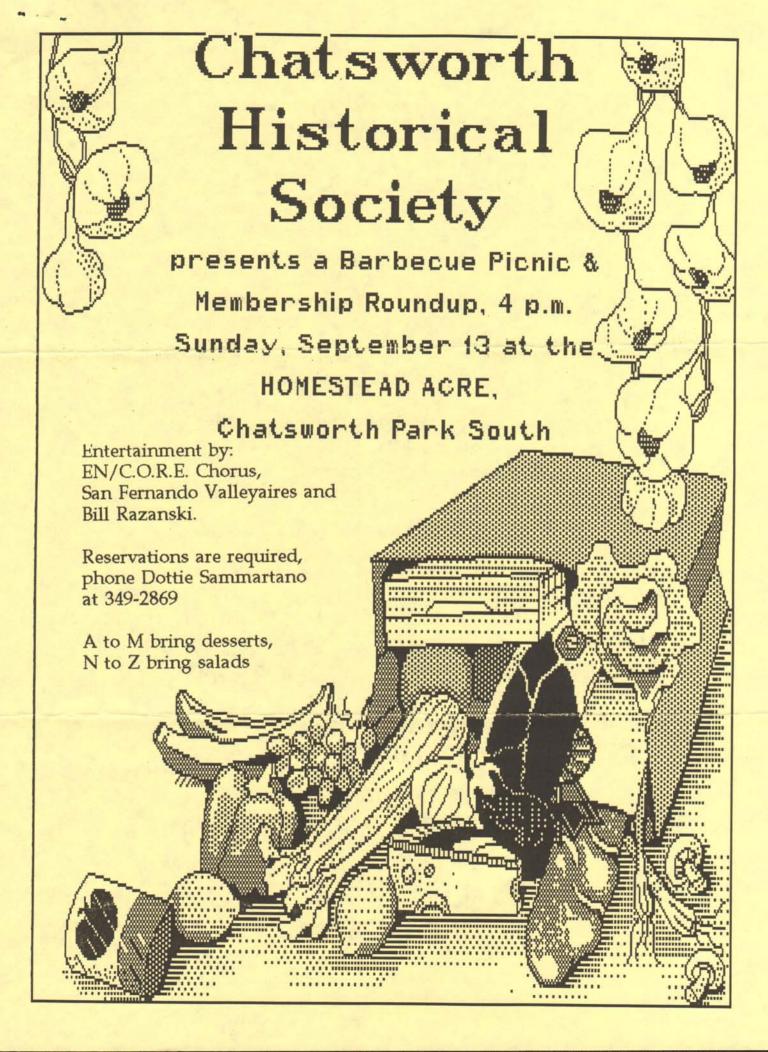
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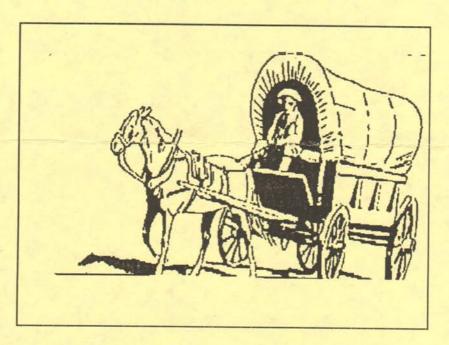
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## CELEBRATE PIONEER DAY!



WOOD CARVERS
4-H PETTING ZOO
BREAD BAKING
PLANT SALE, BAKE SALE
"WHITE ELEPHANTS"

CHILDREN'S STORIES, FACE PAINTING HAND LAUNDERING ROCKS & GEMS DOOR PRIZES, FOOD

MUSIC and MORE!
Admission \$1.00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 11:00 a.m.
Homestead Acre in
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