



# Smoke Signal



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## *From the President:*

I want to take this space to give special thanks to Lila Schepler and Viginia Watson for their efforts in arranging the recent lecture series. It was a great success. It's hard to say just how many people we reached because some people came to two or all three meetings but there must have been at least 100 different people who enjoyed learning about local history. More than 70 showed up for the final meeting and tour of historic sites.

The docent team is being kept busy with extra tours this month. Thank you to Donna Afflerbach for taking on the job of scheduling the tours.

The next project is the Garden Festival, Sunday, May 2nd. The Homestead gardens are magnificent this time of year. Don't miss the opportunity to check out all 299 roses, take tea with us, pick up a little information about gardening, see a display of garden-related quilts, maybe buy a beautiful rose bush or other plants or a white elephant all for just a \$1 donation. What better value could you find?

Zena

## **WE'RE CELEBRATING!**

Thirty years ago, in April, 1963, a group of people met and formed the Chatsworth Historical Society, agreed on objectives and vowed to save the Chatsworth Community Church.

A celebration of that event will be held at the Acre at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18 and will include the installation of new officers followed by a wine, cheese and dessert tasting! There'll be door prizes and time to visit with friends old and new.

Hope to see you there!

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## **MUSEUM COUNCIL NEWS**

The newly-formed Museum Council was announced in the February Smoke Signal and we welcome the first five members:

Ruth Grant,  
Virginia Watson (in memory of her husband, Henry Watson),  
Peggy Beltramo (in memory of her husband, Louie Beltramo),  
Dorothy Pogue, and  
Lila Schepler.

Thanks to these people for encouraging the continued upkeep of the Museum. We hope all will plan to attend the annual



meeting on Tuesday, May 18th and will wear their medallions, symbol of Museum Council membership.

Lila Schepler, Council Chairperson.

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**NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE INSTALLED:**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bea Berman                 | President                      |
| Donna Afflerbach           | V.P. Programs                  |
| Zena Thorpe                | V.P. Ways<br>& Means           |
| Keith Watts                | V.P. Membership                |
| Dorothy Sammartano         | V.P. Hospitality               |
| Lillian Schepler           | Treasurer                      |
| Sheila Watts               | Editor                         |
| Bill Schepler              | Dir. Photographic<br>Materials |
| Ramon Avila, Betty Summers | Directors<br>at Large          |
| Eileen Janess              |                                |
| Virginia Watson            | Curator                        |
| Lila Schepler              | Dir. of Docents                |
| Zena Thorpe                | Parliamentarian                |

Sheila Watts will be installing officer

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**DOCENT COMMITTEE NEWS**

The committee has several areas of responsibility. First and foremost, members are responsible for the upkeep of the cottage and museum, helping in the gardens at rose dead-heading time. In addition they staff the Acre and give tours at open houses, the first Sunday of each month. They also provide tours of the Acre for groups of ten or more throughout

the year, by appointment and serve as guides for the many school field trips requested by teachers. Since our speakers' bureau is staffed by docents, Lila and Bill Schepler and Virginia Watson, they provide lectures and slide presentations for such organizations as the Kiwanis, Optimists and Women's Clubs as well as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and government officials

During the past year the committee has accumulated 1655 hours not including the regular open house and upkeep chores. The docents are important assets of the CHS.

Lila

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**PLEASE NOTE!** At each of our outdoor programs, Betty Summers' green thumb is evident at the plant booth. Now she wants to expand the sale and is looking for donations of indoor or outdoor potted plants for the plant sale at the Garden Festival. Please call Betty, if you have some to give, at 341-2714.

White Elephants galore are needed for that booth so please spring clean and donate those mysterious items that you've never used! Call Sheila at 341-4489.

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**CANDY'S ROSE SALE.**

Not to be confused with Betty's plant sale is the group of rose bushes that Candy Craig will offer for sale from \$1 to \$6 - roses that she has nurtured including hard to find colors, antique blooms and special one-of-a-kind bushes.

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