

# Smoke Signal



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The next year promises to be a challenging one for me as the new president of the Society.

I know that my job will be much easier and the year more rewarding if all of you participate in the many events and activities we plan.

Bea Berman  
President, 1993-94.

A future project of the committee will be to provide snapshots and memorabilia for the Society. For instance, we have photographs of the Society's parade entries for many years and it will be nice to have a scrap book titled, Chatsworth Parades, 1963 to the present.

The docents hosted a baby shower for Kathy Reynolds in the cottage when many docents came to honor Kathy. Kathy's baby is due in July and all are awaiting the good news.

## RECENT EVENTS

The docent committee was busy this month and sponsored several activities in addition to the open house and tours.

Following a Wednesday meeting at the acre the committee learned from Elaine Kennon of Creative Memories how to make innovative scrap books and how to preserve these memories through the use of acid proof paper.

A bitter-sweet event was a farewell brunch for Marian and Ralph Hyland who will move soon to a new home at Kingman, Arizona. They have been important and supportive members almost from the start of the Society. However, we know they'll establish themselves happily in new lives in Kingman, (also home to members Everett and Irene Cleveland.)

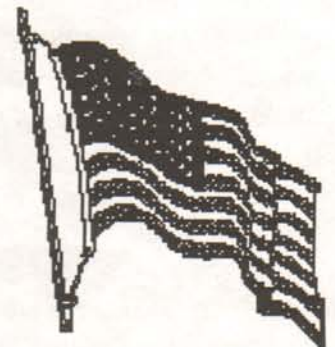
With this issue we commemorate the founding of our country - July Fourth, 1776.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

## AMERICA

1993



## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 1st, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Open House at the Acre with guided tours.

Sunday, September 5th, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Open House at the Acre with guided tours.

Sunday, September 12, 4 p.m. annual  
barbecue.

Sunday, October 3, Pioneer Day, details  
later.

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## CURATOR'S CORNER.

By now everyone must have seen the improvements we have made in the curator's office at The Acre. We are not quite finished, but the carpeting is in, the new furniture, the bulletin board is up for the Docents and we have new boxes to fill up with our collection. The files will be reorganized in the office during the summer.

Pauline Aue has been working in the library almost every Wednesday afternoon, organizing the books, making sure we have two cards for each book, and recently filling out a card for our research information—that is our flyers and brochures, catalogs and booklets that have information on the garden, on roses, on costumes, etc.

Donna Afflerbach has been working with back issues of the Smoke Signal. They are now in chronological order, but by the entire year. Some are already professionally bound and we hope to have all the issues bound soon. We have two copies of each issue, one bound and one for back-up.

Thanks to all the people who come up for Wednesday's-at-the-Acre. We always have work to do. The only time we don't meet is if we have other activities for the Society.

GOOD NEWS....We applied for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places way back in 1979. We were never notified that we had been accepted. Recently the Santa Susana Pass Historic District committee needed to know if we were already on the list, so I telephoned Washington, D.C., having obtained the number from Congressman McKeon. WE ARE LISTED! Not as they told us to write it—Hill-Palmer Homestead Cottage..but instead as Palmer, Hill House. We are number 79000480.

Our Sunday tours continue to be routinely well-attended with 35-60 visiting each Sunday and we probably will have many more this weekend for July 4th when we open our new summer exhibit.

It takes many volunteers to keep the Acre open and I'm going to start publishing the names of the people who work and what they do to keep up the activities.

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Jim and Betty Summers have made some improvements to the cottage- you know it needs painting inside and out—we last painted it soon after we acquired it in 1978. There have been some small holes in the walls, especially in the dining room, and water was coming through and we were getting some mildew. Jim sprackled and sanded and he and Betty painted inside and out. They called it spotting – not a whole paint job, but it looks a lot better.

Jim and Betty also met with a representative of Parks & Recreation regarding the low water pressure in the garden area. The problem has been resolved. I am watering while the Summers and the Craigs are gone. Jim also did extra pruning and we can walk beneath the lemon tree in the Centennial area. He and Betty replaced a grape vine on the back fence. I shall water the new vine if the water isn't turned off (by Parks) as it was last weekend!

Trini, our paid gardener, works very hard and also waters thoroughly when he is at the Acre

each Thursday. Ramon Avila and Keith Watts also assist with the watering and other upkeep tasks.

I hope to make a monthly report on who does what at the Acre. It really is the who that keep the Acre going—all the wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to our projects.

Thanks to all I have mentioned this month and also to those I missed or didn't know about. Keep up the good work!

Virginia

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

All General members of the Society who have not yet renewed their membership, please do so as soon as possible! Continue receiving the Smoke Signal and other Society communications, and enjoy our programs and special activities, such as the coming barbeque in September and Pioneer Days in October.

A handy membership form is attached at the bottom of this page for your convenience as well as for new members that you may interest in joining. Please take action now!



***"Hats off to the Chatsworth Historical Society"  
was theme of 1993 installation of officers in May.***

Yes, I would like to (continue) (rejoin) membership in the Chatsworth Historical Society. in order to participate and enjoy the activities and programs planned for the coming year.

Here are my dues in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 1993. (Individual \$15, Family \$20).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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