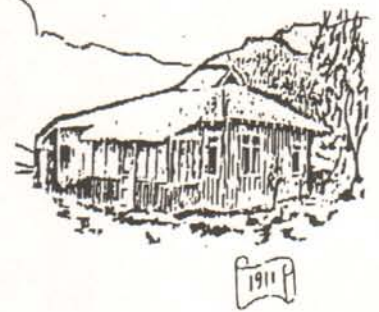


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From the President:

Can you believe this year has just slipped away. It has been a joy working and planning for our group. Kudos to all our volunteers for making my year in office so easy. I will go down in history as the disaster president because of the earthquake. How fortunate we were with minimal damage to both the cottage and the museum and the next year will be a new beginning with a new president.

Sincerely,
Bea Berman

WINE, CHEESE & DESSERT TASTING! (Coffee & tea too!)

Come join us for the annual installation meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., at the Museum and Cottage. Zelma Van, president of the Santa Susanna Mountain Park Association, will be installing officer.

Officers to be installed are
Sheila Watts, president
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BOOK SALE A SUCCESS

The book sale held on May 1st was a success and we're planning another one for Sunday, June 5 (see attached flyer.)

Thanks to all who helped.

VIRGINIA WATSON TO BE HONORED

The annual meeting of the California Conference of Historical Societies will be hosted by the Arcadia Historical Society the first weekend in June. At an awards luncheon on Saturday, June 4, the Conference will present an Award of Merit to Virginia Watson for her outstanding contributions to the preservation of artifacts and history throughout the San Fernando Valley.

Several members of the executive board will accompany Virginia to the luncheon to show our pride in one of the founders of CHS.

The **Chatsworth Women's Club** was the recipient of a first place award at the recent convention of Sierra Cahuenga District of Women's Clubs. The award was for the club's work on California History and Landmarks. Ten members of the club are also active members of the CHS.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of Southern California will host a reception at the Lummis House in Los Angeles to honor the presidents and board members of local historical societies. The reception will be held on Sunday, May 15. At that time Bea Berman, president of CHS will submit an application for a \$500 grant that will be presented to the most deserving historical society. The winning Society will be announced at a program in October. Wish us luck!

WATTS' WHAT. The Acre has never looked prettier. The roses are even more lush than usual. At the recent book sale we received rave reviews for the Homestead Acre and the gardens in particular.

Recent visitors have included David Moat, a video film maker who was scouting for a special place for his next video. While he was visiting, representatives of FEMA suddenly appeared together with men from Recreation and Parks there to substantiate the quake damage that the Recreation & Parks people had already repaired. We received compliments from all. That's what makes all the hard work worthwhile - to

know that the Homestead Acre and its history are appreciated.

Shortly after the quake we discovered that two tame rabbits were making their homes at the Acre. We simply guessed they'd escaped from their cages during the quake. Anyway, they found plenty to eat!

For many years Mrs. Johnson, 3rd grade teacher at Chatsworth Park Elementary School, has brought her class for a tour of the Acre. This year is no exception - on May 27 docents will be guiding tours for the youngsters who study local history at that grade level.

The new costume case is now installed in the museum and very soon we'll announce plans for a reception to honor the family who presented the case to the Society in memory of Louise Roberts.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY!

The museum and its cases will be decorated especially to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-DAY in particular on Sunday, June 5th.

We have some memorabilia but would certainly appreciate any artifacts that our readers may loan for the occasion. Pictures etc. Or you may have a brief story you'd like to share about your experiences during that momentous event.

If you do have anything you'd like to share, call Virginia Watson, curator, at 341-3053 or Sheila Watts, 341-4489.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER!

Dues-paying members, renewals are due this month, Single \$15, Family \$25.