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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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From the President:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break - as for the San Fernando Valley, residents are experiencing a lengthy heat wave!

The first event of the 1994-95 Society year will be the BBQ and membership roundup on Sunday, September 18. I hope to see you there. On Sunday, October 2nd we'll have the 4th annual Pioneer Day and I hope you'll join us for this happy event.

I have enclosed a copy of the Society's 1993-1994 budget to ensure that all members are aware of how we handle the Society's revenue!

We've applied for FEMA funding to replace the Museum carpet, to repair the two damaged display cases and reframe the three pictures that were broken, all as a result of the Northridge quake.

If you have suggestions for programs that you would like us to sponsor, please get in touch with Zena Thorpe, program director at (818) 882-3572.

See you in the Fall!

Sheila

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE.....Sunday, Sept. 4, 1994
(Labor Day Weekend) 1-4 p.m.
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MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND LOUISE BUTLER
MEMORIAL DEDICATION Sept. 18
Sunday at 4 p.m. Dedication 4:30 p.m.
Cost \$5 per person. (No charge for invited
guests for the Dedication.)

We will gather under the big old Black Walnut tree east of the house at 4 p.m. and enter the Museum at 4:30 for the Dedication.

Lila Schepler, chairperson, has planned a Litany for Louise for our participation. After that the Graham Hill video of our last year's Pioneer Days will be shown. Then hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and cake will be served outside under the tree again.

The Membership Dinner is an effort to remind members that dues are again payable for the 1994-95 year. Please bring your check to the dinner so that your Smoke Signal will not be discontinued. (A subscription to the Smoke Signal is part of your dues AND if you don't pay- we can't afford to send you the newsletter)

For those of you who are far away, mail your check to The Homestead Acre, Attn: Keith Watts, 10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

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CSUN TOUR OF THE ACRE..Saturday, Sept. 24
Bobbette Fleschler Class
Donna Afflerbach & Virginia Watson, Docents.

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CHATSWORTH CHATTER.....

ALL ABOUT OUR MEMBERS.

BEA AND MARSHALL BERMAN are moving out of their condo into a rental apartment for two months while earthquake repairs are being completed... LILLIAN BAKER, a long-time supporter of CHS has joined our group and plans to attend our events regularly..... LILA AND BILL SCHEPLER visited their former neighbors Paula and Barry Wheeler and their daughters Kim and Kris in Texas recently. The Scheplers went by rail--a train with a private shower! Ask them for details at our Membership BBQ. Later THE WHEELERS visited the Scheplers in Chatsworth. Still members of our Society, The Wheelers now live in Colleyville, Texas, between Dallas and Fort Worth and occasionally get back to Chatsworth.... LAURIE AND BOB DAGER took a cruise in the inner sea of Alaska plus a four-day tour on land. .. KEITH AND SHEILA WATTS had a "wonderful week" in New York in June and are going again in August to participate in the festivities surrounding Heather's retirement from the New York City Ballet Company. You will remember that their youngest daughter JENNIFER lives in the Big Apple area also.. AND. YOUR EDITOR had a magnificent 10-Day vacation in London with her two grandchildren. They saw all the sights PLUS VIRGINIA actually visited CHATSWORTH HOUSE out in the beautiful English countryside.....LUCILLE CLEMENTS is back in her mobile home now that the earthquake damage has been repaired. She says she had only minimal damage thanks to her foresight of five years ago when she had her home bolted down. Her two sons came to help her--the younger one lives in Redondo Beach where Lucille stayed while her home was being repaired and the older son lives in Sacramento. One of our faithful docents, Lucille has lived in the Park on Lassen since she retired from the LA City Schools in 1974.

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HERITAGE HUNT DAY CAMP TOUR

A group of Girl Scouts from the Heritage Hunt Day Camp toured the Homestead Acre in July. Docents helped the young women learn about pioneer life and skills by lecturing briefly and then bringing out the wash tub and assisting them in practising the art of scrubbing on the wash board and rinsing through the manual wringer. Donna Afflerbach and Virginia Watson were assisted by Alex and Crystal Daily.

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WHITE ELEPHANTS ARE NEEDED!

FOR OUR PIONEER DAY SALE!

Most everyone has a few items around our places that could qualify as a White Elephant. That bottle of cologne you got at the office Christmas party.....that gadget Aunt Sophie gave you last year... that jewelry that doesn't match anything you have. . . knick-knacks... scarves... that new tie you hate... china... earrings, the ones that pinch... that diamond bracelet you won on the TV show. Whoops! I just want to make sure you were reading.

BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP BBQ for Sheila or call her at (818) 341 4489.

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OTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETIES EVENTS

"AN EVENING ON THE CONEJO - 1876"
Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 (Friday evenings)
Oct 8 and 14th (Saturday evenings).

Living history, theater and dining at the Stagecoach Inn Museum. \$35 per guest. Children over 12 only, same price.

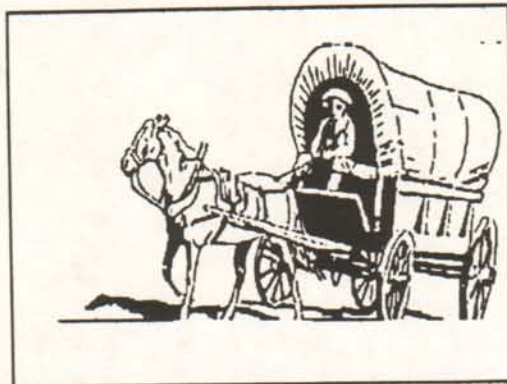
CALL (805) 495-8038 for details or see the flyer in our museum.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Boutique and Fashion Show on Sunday, Sept. 25th at the home of Eobette and Stephen Fleschler here in Chatsworth, 10028 Nita (hard to find) Last year the fashions were fabulous, the English tea delicious, and the door prizes good, I won one--a beautiful black evening bag. Call for more info 993-7575.

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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
4th Annual **PIONEER DAY**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1994 - 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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