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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## President's message:

The Society will have two different events within the next thirty days. First, on September 17 we'll have the membership roundup and barbecue with the special addition in the dedication of the beautiful costume display case in memory of Louise Butler Roberts.

The 4th annual Pioneer Day will take place on Sunday, October 2nd with fun for all ages. Details of both events will be found elsewhere in the Smoke Signal.

Join us for both!

A new project that we're involved with has to do with the attempt to have Chatsworth Lake designated a nature preserve to protect it from developers. It has been named to the Federal historic place list but needs to have protection on a local level. More on this later.

Let us know if you'd like to work on any of our projects -

Sheila

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Membership Reminder. Your annual dues are now payable. We'll hate to lose you but your subscription to the Smoke Signal expires with this issue.

COMING SUNDAY !!  
SEPT. 18, 4 pm !!

Membership Roundup and Dedication of Louise Roberts Memorial Display Case.

Food, fun, fellowship. You-all come!! Invited guests no charge. Members and others \$5.00 each.

Call Zena Thorpe about the Membership Roundup at 882-3572. Call Bea Berman at 341-5449 for information about the food we are serving. For information about the Dedication call Lila Schepler at 341-3447.

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COMING SUNDAY, OCT. 2nd.  
PIONEER DAY  
See Page 2 for details!

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NOW PLAYING EVERY WEEK  
WEDNESDAY-AT-THE-ACRE

From 9am to 12 p.m. Volunteers just show up for chores. Sometimes it is office work, sometimes cleaning or making displays, sometimes it is garden work such as deadheading the roses and some days it is just plain discussion. Anyone is invited you don't have to be a member to come and help. Just drop by and see what we do or leave your name and number on the message phone at The Acre, 882-5614.

## DOCENT DOINGS

by  
Donna Afflerbach

The docents, volunteers, and friends of the Chatsworth Historical Society are busy preparing for the grandest Open House event of the year, Pioneer Day to take place from 11am to 4pm Sunday, Oct. 2.

This will be the fourth year of bringing alive the arts, crafts and entertainment of yesteryear that our Museum and Homestead Cottage exemplify.

Visitors can scrub clothes on a washboard using home-made soap, put them through a wringer, then hang them up to dry, just like Minnie Hill, her mother and sisters did.

The quilts and knitted lace tablecloths of Zena Thorpe and Roberta Weinstein can be admired for their detail and skill of workmanship.

Helen Schram will demonstrate how baskets were woven by native Indians and William Standing Bear will display his collection of artifacts.

Examples of the leather and silver artistry of the local saddlery, Silver King, will be displayed and Bonita Campbell will bring some of the more unusual pieces of her Depression Glass which she exhibited at CSUN recently.

The art of spinning will again be demonstrated by Hope Parshall, one of the event's most requested events.

There will be horseshoes to toss, storytelling, farm animals, a pony to ride, refreshments, as well as a general store full of white elephants in the gardens of The Acre.

The event will be from 11am to 4pm and all for an old-fashioned admission/donation of \$1.99 per adult.

If you have not visited The Homestead Acre in a while, PIONEER DAY is the perfect opportunity. Please invite your neighbors and friends to come also.

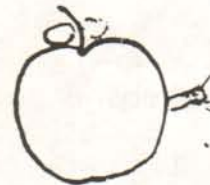
We need more assistance from our members on this day. We need help at the entrance desk, with the children's activities and at our selling booths.

Please call me at 882-0485 (evenings) to volunteer.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS. Jane Matthews sent us a lovely clear glass kerosine lamp for the cottage. She is hoping we will be able to use it in the "master bedroom".

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## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS.....

Zena and John Thorpe have returned from a trip to their native England where Zena entered her beautiful new flower quilt in the big quilt show held at the fashionable Ascot Race Course. She entered under the "Advanced Deccorative" category and WON FIRST PRIZE!!

While they were there the Thorpe's visited all sorts of historic sites and brought back lots of ideas and information. They visited Portsmouth where all the planning for the invasion of Normandy was done. In the museum there was a 272 foot long "Overlord Embroidery" which impressed them so much they brought back slides for our November meeting. More next month in the Smoke Signal about this.

Betty and Jim Summers have been traveling around the country also visiting historic sites and bringing back ways that other museums operate. They visited Candy and Dean Craig in Colorado on their way.

But after they came back Betty went into the hospital for major surgery. She is at home now recovering. She is hoping to be well enough to at least attend our membership roundup for a little while although she is "taking it easy," per doctor's orders.

Joyce Ower, Betty's daughter and for a long time our member who lived the farthest away, has moved from Alaska to Cathlamet, Nebraska.

She was here in Chatsworth recently visiting her mother and attending son Jeffrey's wedding near Goleta, Calif.

Pauline Aue recently had bad news. Her twin brother died and she flew back to Orem, Utah for the funeral. She came back home and a week later flew to Auburn, Nebraska where his ashes were interred and a memorial service was held for family members who were unable to attend the funeral.

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## MUSEUM COUNCIL

Lila Schepler reports that the Museum Council is starting its third year and has been a very successful enterprise. The money received from the membership has allowed us to accomplish many things. We made the office bigger and cut the window, improved the lighting, bought a desk, shelves, chair, got new office carpeting, had shelves made and got our collection into an airtight storage area and much, much more.

We still have a wish list: new carpeting for the museum, an IBM computer, an intercom between the house and museum, a bell or some sort of way of communicating to those inside the house or museum when the gate is locked, we need more acid free envelopes for our original pictures, some reframing done, AND SOME MANNEQUINS to wear our costumes.

The Museum Council has made it possible for the society to operate much more efficiently this year. Members are: Peggy Beltramo, Leonard Chenard, Ruth Grant, Eileen Janess, Ray Johnson, Joyce Ower, Dorothy Pogue, Lila Schepler, Kant Thakker, Virginia Watson, Sheila Watts, Kim Wheeler and Kris Wheeler.

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