



# Smoke Signal



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## ANNUAL INSTALLATION PROGRAM.

This year the installation will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30p.m., in the museum. All are invited to attend.

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of V.E. Day, several cases are filled with memorabilia from that bittersweet event on May 8th, 1945. The photographs and mementoes we provided by Ramon Avila, Keith & Sheila Watts, Jane Matthews and Lillian Schepler.

Lillian Baker, member and long-time friend of the Historical Society, will serve as Installing Officer.

The program will be a tape of Heather Watts dancing "Valse Triste," partnered by Jock Soto, to the music of Sibellius, choreography by Peter Martins, on January 15 this year in her farewell performance with the New York City Ballet.

Wartime costumes are optional and if you were old enough to understand V.E. Day, tell us where you were on that fateful day.

The refreshments will include cake and internationally flavored coffee and tea. A sing-a-long of wartime songs will probably start with "White Cliffs of Dover," and end with "I'll be Seeing You."

Hope to see you there!

Sheila Watts,  
President

## GARDEN FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

From the broad array of informative exhibits, talks and walks, the diverse variety of plants for sale, the nature-related arts and crafts items, to the beauty of our garden's setting for the Duchess' Tea Room, to the joyous spirit imparted by the dancers and student volunteers, the Garden Festival successfully carried out its theme, "Celebrating Nature's Bounty," for visitors and participants alike. The \$1100.00 raised from this event will be directed to the \$1200.00 insurance payment due this month.

Such an effective event required the cooperation, assistance and personal time from many individuals both from the Society and from without. We offer our sincere gratitude to all the exhibitors, the arts and crafts people, sale booth operators and workers/volunteers who chose to help us with this fund raiser. We invite our members to help us communicate this thanks to and about the following individuals who were donors for the festival.

## DONORS:

California Rare Fruit Growers - donation from sales.

Chatsworth Dance Center, Elaine Henry, director and the Youth and

Adult dancers of the Polynesian Revue - entertainment

Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce - membership mailing

Commart Printing - Salim Damji, owner - publicity brochures



Costco Canoga Park Warehouse - Tricia Perez,  
manager - sodas  
Friends of the Chatsworth Library - membership  
mailing  
So. California Garden Club - donation from sales  
Orcutt Horticultural Center - 50 metal chairs  
Mary Theis, artist - door prize  
Tarweed Nursery - Chris Schaack, owner - door  
prize and plant for the Acre's creek bed  
Vargas Produce stand - strawberries

With Sincere Appreciation to All,  
Donna Afflerbach and Zena Thorpe  
co-organizers, Garden Festival

### DOCENT DOINGS:

Tour Saturday, May 13; SFV Alumnae, Delta Zeta.  
Open House, Sunday June 4;

Team 1: Betty Summers, Lila Schepler,  
Bev Ameson, Pauline Aue.

Donna Afflerbach,  
Director of Docents

**FEMA:** Many thanks to all who supported the \$40  
donation for a favorite month to help repay the  
FEMA (earthquake damage) loan:

March - Sheila Watts for Chatsworth's 107th  
birthday.

April - Bea Berman for Marshall's recovering  
health.

August - Peg Stichwey honoring her parent's  
anniversary; Mr & Mrs Bill Henry.

September - From Ray L. Johnson Jr., honoring  
his parents, Kelly & Catherine Johnson, organizers  
and founders of the Society.

November - Dorothy & Joe Sammartano.

Any month - Laurie Henion Dager, now affiliated  
with the Fred Sands Real Estate office.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome new members: Andre & Linda van  
der Valk and Shirley Herald. Also renewal of  
membership. Rita Clark.

Please remember - fees for renewing general  
memberships are due June 1; \$15 for a single  
membership, \$20 for a family membership.

Keith Watts,  
Membership Chairman

**IN GRATITUDE:** To Sylvia Oates who has  
already made and installed one new valence in the  
museum and is working on another. Then she and  
Bill Travis painted the trellis that covers the ugly  
electric board on the outside of the museum. We  
are very grateful for all their help.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS:** Former president Jane  
Matthews is recuperating at home following minor  
surgery - our thoughts are with you, Jane.