



Smoke Signal



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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RECEPTION PLANNED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

You are cordially invited to attend a reception at 7:30 p.m., at the Museum when the Society will honor Virginia Watson for her years of dedication to the Society and its artifacts. At the same time, Virginia was also busy with support of other organizations such as helping found the Coordinating Council, working for the PTA's of local schools as well as helping with projects of the Chatsworth Women's Club. Please plan to attend, dessert will be served and all attending will have a chance to talk with Virginia and visit with friends.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

In addition to the reception for Virginia the Society's board members are busy planning the annual Pioneer Day and the exciting chili cook-off. For Pioneer Day, Sunday, October 1st we need help from the membership including assistance with such jobs as dead-heading the three hundred roses. At the actual event we'll need people to assist with set-up, take-down and with the activities being presented. Bea Berman is this year's chairperson and her phone number is (818)341-5449 and my number is (818) 341-4489. Your help will be appreciated.

We urge members to enter the chili cook-off and an application with the rules is included in this Smoke Signal. The deadline for entry is Friday, September 15. The first three cash prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25. Come join the fun.

After observing the end of World War II for most of the summer with very fitting museum displays, we've

changed the cases to mixed themes of "back to school" and bakery tools and equipment from the bakery shop that Betty Summer's grandfather ran from 1900 to 1919 in San Luis Obispo. If anyone reading this would like to share some of their small or large collections from earlier decades, we'd love to display them for the public. WWII displays were provided by the Watts, the Summers, Ramon Avila, Virginia Watson, Lillian Schepler and Jane Matthews.

The Acre has endured the hot, hot summer but we definitely need help with the rose upkeep. It has also become a haven for wild life. First, in the attic of the cottage we've got ground squirrels galore and had to call the city for help in controlling them. Second, we have an ever-expanding colony of cotton-tail rabbits running around and under! The usual birds have returned again and now the doves are prevalent. The Acre is still a lovely place to visit and still seems miles from the city.

Sheila

CHAMBER TO SELL PAVING STONES.

The Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce is selling personalised paving stones for the new Chatsworth train station. Organizations are invited to sell bricks, receiving \$20 for each brick sold. Cost of each brick is \$100. For information contact the Chamber at 341-2428 - a neat way to raise funds for your favorite charity!

White Elephant- Olde Curiosity Shoppe - Please save your new discards that are in clean condition for the White Elephant lady. Jewelry is the most popular item at every sale, so tidy up your jewelry box! Call 341-4489 or bring to the Museum.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

During the past month, the following have renewed membership: Thanks to all!

Tim & Kathy Reynolds	Arthania Koeker
Carmelita Johnson	Phyllis Owens
Vic & Vicki Wyant	E. Swartz
Margaret Stichweh	
Dr. U. Thakkar - Life Membership	

Yes, it's still that time - time for renewing membership! In addition to your generous support of Society functions, membership fees will guarantee your continuing receipt of the Smoke Signal.

Important Notice Unfortunately, because of rising postal and publishing costs, this will be the last copy of the newsletter sent to those who have not renewed their annual membership for this year. A postcard will be enclosed with this newsletter to remind those whose fees are now due and payable.

...Keith Watts



Chatsworth Historical Society
Pioneer Days
Sunday, October 1, 1995

First Annual Mini Chili Cookoff
Registration Form

ORGANIZATION NAME _____
REPRESENTATIVE _____
INDIVIDUAL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NO. _____

OFFICIAL RULES

THE CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT THE HOMESTEAD ACRE, LOCATED IN CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH, 22380 DEVONSHIRE STREET.

ONE ENTRY PER INDIVIDUAL, CLUB, GROUP, OR ORGANIZATION. MEMBERS MAY ENTER SEPARATELY IF THEY WISH, BUT ONLY ONE ENTRY UNDER THE ORGANIZATION NAME.

ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO 40.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00, MADE PAYABLE TO CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

EACH CONTESTANT WILL NEED TO PROVIDE ALL INGREDIENTS AND COOKING UTENSILS; A CAMP STOVE; A SIGN OR BANNER WITH ENTRY'S NAME ON IT; A TABLE AND TWO CHAIRS.

THE HOMESTEAD ACRE WILL OPEN EARLY FOR CONTESTANTS AT 9:30 A.M.

JUDGING WILL START AT 11:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED ON THE JUDGES DECISIONS:

1ST PRIZE- \$100; 2ND PRIZE- \$50; 3RD PRIZE- \$25.

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL BEA BERMAN (818) 341-5449.