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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth CA 91311 (818)-882-5614

> President: John Thorpe MARCH, 1998



MARCH MEETING - St. Patrick's day, March 17th

We are honored to have Dr. Robert G. Marshall, Professor of History and head of the Urban Archives Center for California State University Northridge as our guest speaker. Dr. Marshall will speak on "Preserving Local History."

C.H.S. will be celebrating the 110th birthday of Chatsworth at this meeting.

ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL 98 -Sunday, April 26th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thirty-five years ago, on April 17th, the Chatsworth Historical Society was founded. This year we will celebrate that event at the ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL. Plans for the Festival are going well and we have had several well-known gourd and basket artists reserve space at our show and sale.

Bea Berman plans a delicious English Tea in the garden. Only the house dining room will be closed so the docents can conduct tours of the house for our visitors.

Sylvia Oates has agreed to serve as coordinator for the popular White Elephant table that Sheila Watts ran so successfully in the past. Sylvia needs clean, new or used items for the sale. Call Sylvia (818) 709-8200 or Candy (818) 341-4461 if you have items to donate.

Please display or distribute enclosed flyer.

DOCENT REPORT – February 21st Open House

Thank you to everyone who helped the Conference of California Historical Society's tour of the Homestead Acre on February 21st go so smoothly. Ramon Avila, Betty Summers, and Linda van der Valk for lending special personal collections for the museum display cases. Candy Craig for fashioning a dramatic centerpiece from our garden's current limited offerings. Jim Summers and Dean Craig who worked to make the muddy, doggy grounds accessible and presentable for walking and parking. Zena Thorpe, Evelyn Knouse and Joyce Ower, Betty Summer's daughter, for assisting the docents in interpreting the Acre to the visitors. Lillian Schepler who redid the costume case. Virginia Watson who acted as liaison for everyone and everything that needed to be done.

On Sunday, March 1st over 60 people toured the Homested Acre!! A busy day for Docents Lila Schepler, Lillian Schepler, Vickie Wyant, and Sylvia Oates,

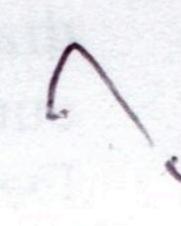
April 5th Open House: Team Three Docents Donna Afflerbach, Bea Berman, and Evelyn Kanouse

IN THE GARDEN

Rose pruning is complete, thanks to Jim and Betty Summers help. They pruned the OLYMPIAD bed and Minnie's GOLDEN SHOWERS climber. Next is fertilizing over 400 rose bushes - 125 in cans for the ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL 98 Sale as well as those planted at the Acre. We use ½ cup of OSMOTE 18-6-12 per push in the ground and 1 tablespoon each for the potted roses. After March 15th we will apply the fertilizer to avoid wash-outs from heavy rains.

A walk-through of the Acre is planned March 5th with Jan Zatorski, new Assistant Manager of the West Valley Department of Parks and Recreation, to discuss plans made earlier to pave and repair asphalt areas in the Acre's driveway, replace crumbling cement parking stops and add motion detector lights to the cottage and museum. All this, we hope, can be accomplished in time for the ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL.

Candy and Dean Craig



MEMBER NEWS

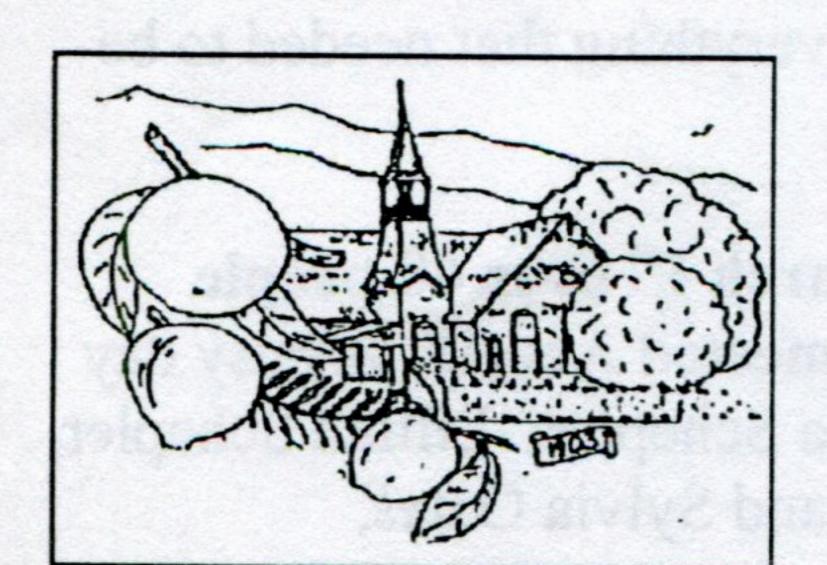
Dorothy Pogue is celebrating her 90th birthday on April 5th. Happy Birthday, Dorothy!! Keith Watts is recovering nicely from emergency eye surgery. We want you seeing us soon, Keith! Hazel Crute, one of our newest members, is hospitalized with shingles. Get Well Soon, Hazel!.

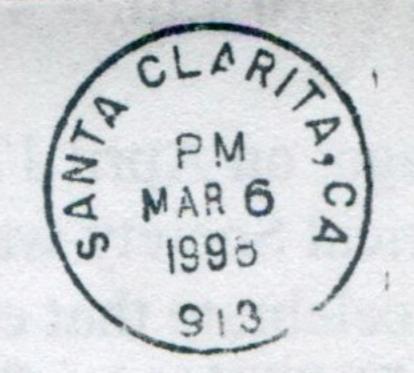
NOTES FROM BOARD MEETING

Many thanks to Alan Broude who has given a computer to the Historical Society!! To further organize, the board voted to purchase two file cabinets.

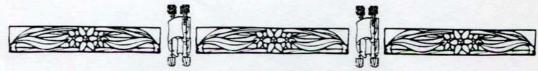
Linda and Andre van der Valk are nominated for the Coordinating Council Citizen of the Year award. Jim and Betty Summers are submitted for certificates. Plan to attend the Coordinating Council Banquet May 15th at Encino Glen.

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ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL 78

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1998, 10 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Location: The Hill-Palmer HOMESTEAD ACRE at the west end of Devonshire St. in Chatsworth Park South.

GOURD & BASKET ARTISTS SHOW & SALE

AWARD WINNING QUILTS & ART POTTERY DISPLAY

1911 COTTAGE TOURS

100 RARE/UNUSUAL ROSE BUSHES FOR SALE

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