



# Smoke Signal



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## ROSE FESTIVAL

Due to an unusually cold and wet Spring with little sunshine, many of our nearly 300 rose bushes at the Homestead Acre are not yet in full bloom. As did many gardens, ours suffered rather severe flooding in March. The bridge over the garden stream was washed off its foundations and many low lying garden areas and beds were covered with several inches of mud. But, good things happened, too. The bridge is back on its foundations, the mud is gone, and the garden is ready for its visitors!

We have a newly paved, extended and repaired, front entrance to the Acre and the last remnants of the unsightly trailer are gone. In coming months we hope to landscape the area west of the entrance drive.

Fifteen craft artists will show and sell their creations at the **ROSE & CRAFT FESTIVAL 98** and include eight well known **Gourd & Basket** artists as well as **Fimo Clay, Mosaic, Polish Paper Cutting, Herb and Rose** Crafts persons.

A **String Quartet** will play live music for the **English Tea** from noon to one o'clock and mini-tours of the cottage and museum with displays of **Quilts, American Art Pottery** and special **memorabilia** will be offered.

We have more than one hundred unusual or hard-to-find rose bushes for sale and **Kim Rupert** and **Jeri Owens** will be on hand to offer helpful advice and

information in choosing roses to plant in your garden.

There are a lot of things to see and do on Sunday, **APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Invite your friends and join in the fun.

## DOCENT DOINGS

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House: Team One Docents: Betty Summers, Virginia Watson, Kathy Reynolds, and Pauline Aue.

We have a booth at the L. A. Volunteer Festival at CSUN, from 10 to 4 on Saturday, April 18. We hope to make families aware of the **HOMESTEAD ACRE** and the value and fun of serving as a volunteer. There will be many hands-on activities for children, entertainment, food and a visit from Mayor Riordan. Come and visit us or tell a favorite family about the event.

## BAKE SALE and WHITE ELEPHANTS

To help raise funds for the society, we plan a bake sale at the Rose Festival. Please contact Lillian Schepler (341-2697) to let her know what you can contribute to the Bake Sale.

Sylvia Oates (709-8200) is working on the White Elephant table. She is pricing donations now, so contact her donations to that table. All the little donations from so many members and friends are what keep our society going.

## **MASON PARK BOUTIQUE**

The Society will participate with the Coordinating Council in providing literature for a table at the **May 9<sup>th</sup>** Mothers Day Boutique.

## **CHARITABLE TRAVELERS**

Marjorie Laflin has offered this fund raiser for the Historical Society. Participation is simple.

Before traveling, call Marjorie at The Travel Ticket, Inc. Identify yourself as a member or friend of Chatsworth Historical Society. Your purchase will be recorded and the society will receive a donation based on the total purchases.

This program includes all travel purchases – air, cruise, car, or hotel. Please call afternoons after 2 p.m (818) 907-5500 or email [LAFLCTC@aol.com](mailto:LAFLCTC@aol.com) and you must tell Marjorie you are part of the Chatsworth Historical Society group for our group to get the donation.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**Heather Watts**, daughter of Sheila and Keith Watts will present the Friends of the Library program May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.. She will speak about her new cookbook, at the Chatsworth Library.

Welcome to New Member, **Anita Legue**. She is a realtor associated with Century 21 in Chatsworth.

## **BOARD NOTES**

The Chatsworth Historical Society will participate with the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association and the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susanas, in the Dedication of the Park on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Board also voted to send letters to council members and the DWP in support of Hal Bernson's motion regarding preservation of the Chatsworth Nature Preserve/Reservoir.

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