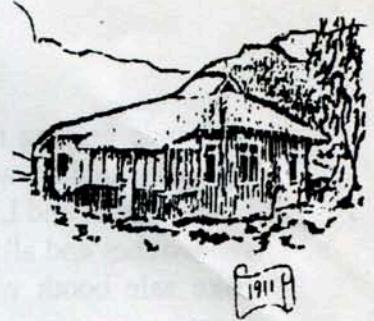


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had very successful garden festival; apart from the money aspect, everyone enjoyed the amenities that the Acre has to offer. It is a jewel in the urban sprawl of the Valley. We are gradually advertising its existence to the local and not local people. I would like to thank everyone who put in their effort to make it so enjoyable. In this time of increasing pressure to get ahead, it is good to stop and smell the roses for awhile. Thank you all who put in their bit. It was all worthwhile. I look forward to the new year.

John Thorpe

MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 30 is Memorial Day (observed on Monday, May 31 this year). A primary function of an historical society is to commemorate persons or events. So we can each take time, in his own way, to reflect, remember, and honor departed loved ones, friends and, especially, fallen comrades.



ANNUAL INSTALLATION MEETING

Mark your calendars for the installation of board members for 1999-2000 on Tuesday, May 18 at the Museum - 7:00 p.m. All members and guests are invited to the occasion. You are invited to dress in attire that recalls some period in the past 100 years, or to bring an article or memento recalling same. Refreshments including wine and cheese tasting will be served. Please come and enjoy!

FESTIVAL REPORT

Another Garden Festival has passed and my thanks go to all who worked so hard to make it a success. The terrific support from our members, the community and friends, really makes it look easy. We raised \$2,484 to refill our badly depleted treasury!

I have so many people to thank, so forgive me if I've left someone out; it isn't intentional: Chaminade for the girls who worked on the tea, and the boys who helped with parking; Gordon Foote and his Boy Scouts who also helped with parking; Chatsworth Dance Centre for the wonderful entertainment; Jerri Owens who donated the lovely quilt we raffled; Lois Orr who donated all the proceeds from her booth; Kim Rupert for his wonderful rose talks; Sylvia Oates for the table centerpieces; the Women's Club

with nine helping members; Lillian Schepler and Jeanne Schnelker who manned the White Elephant booth; Andre and Linda van der Valk who donated sandwiches and all the drinks - Andre manned the bake sale booth while Linda sweated in the tea room.

Also thanks to Betty Summers and Felicia Robinson who made the delicious scones while Jim Summers kept busy setting up and taking down; Lila Schepler and Evelyn Kanouse who helped with Cottage tours and Bill Schepler manned his displays; Virginia Watson and Pauline Aue handled the information booth; Zena Thorpe made delicious sausage rolls and lemon curd and organized the quilt display while John Thorpe helped with everything; Irene Nalbandian, with her granddaughter and Lillian Baker, did such a good job collecting at the gate; Vicki Wyant who handled the Chaminade girls so well and kept them busy; Ramon Avila and Keith Watts who did whatever needed doing; and of course Candy and Dean Craig - Candy handled our successful rose sale and Dean took care of publicity; Ruth Grant who manned the Museum and quilt display.

Special thanks to Patricia's Tea Room and Jackie O'Reilly for the delicious sandwiches; Chatsworth Nursery, Mel-O-Dee Nursery, Symphony of Flowers, Janet Elias Tupperware and Betty Summers for the door prizes; Bonnie's Cookies; Donut King; and everyone else who baked and donated.

Again, thanks to everyone.

Bea Berman, Chairman

FESTIVAL DOOR PRIZES

Door prize winners at the Garden Festival were notified by telephone and all have picked up their prizes. Listed are the winners and prizes they

won:

Don Owens - \$10 gift certificate from Mel-O-Dee Nursery.

Al Olson - \$10 gift certificate from Mel-O-Dee Nursery.

Sally Denido - miniature Pink Pet rose bush.

Ms. Herwig - large bowl of planted flowers.

April Hubbard (child) - her grandmother chose the big Rose Book.

Ethelmae Bidford - basket of green plants.

Kathy Levinson - Tupperware collection.

Dawn Blakenby - miniature rose bush.

Everyone was pleased with their prizes and very happy to have won. Many thanks to those who donated the prizes and to Bea Berman for picking them up.

Virginia Watson

IN THE GARDEN

The water is on! Repairs to the park's water system were finally completed three days before the Garden Festival. Four months without automatic irrigation water, and the very dry and cold weather that followed, delayed our usual lush Spring bloom. Instead of occurring in April, as usual, the peak bloom will extend from mid-May through June.

Our plum, apricot and apple trees are beginning to bud, the spiraea hedge is blooming and we look forward to the huge white clusters on Minnie Palmer's snowball bush that always elicit excited comments from visitors.

Over 20 new roses, numerous lavenders and sages, reblooming iris, daylilies, columbine and colorful annuals have been added to the gardens so the floral display in the months to come should really be beautiful.

Nearly one-third of the funds raised by the last three Garden Festivals has come from the sale of roses and other plants. We owe a special thanks to Kim

Rupert, who not only donated most of the rose bushes, as he has for the past three years, but gave talks, answered questions and described in such glowing detail the not-yet-blooming roses that people just *had* to buy them! Kim is truly our "Garden Angel".

We still have a small selection of blooming rose bushes for sale at half price (5 gallon size for \$6) until mid-May. Please call Candy at 341-4461 if you are interested.

Candy & Dean Craig

SPECIAL GARDEN TOURS

Since the gardens at the Homestead Acre are just coming into their full bloom, the gardens will be open for your viewing pleasure each of the following Wednesdays: May 19 & 26 and June 2 & 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Candy Craig will provide informal tours and descriptions of the gardens for Society members and the public. The museum and cottage will not be open for the tours.

DOCENT DOINGS

Virginia Watson made a presentation to the San Fernando Valley Historical Society on the history of Chatsworth and the activities of the Chatsworth Historical Society. Docent tours of the Homestead Acre were conducted for a women's group - the Amigo Grads from West Hills. Docent training was completed in March with a trip to the Leonis Adobe and lunch at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas.

MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to remind all annual members that their membership renewals are due as of

June 1. Annual members will find a dues envelope with this issue of the Smoke Signal. The envelope is designed to make it convenient to mail. If you have already paid your dues for 1999-2000, please ignore the envelope or use it to indicate additional information, change of address, etc

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Life Membership

Gary Standke - West Hills

Annual Membership

Bill Kane - Chatsworth,

Heather Mullen - Woodland Hills,

Carol Onofrio - Los Angeles,

Vivian Sontag - Chatsworth,

Bob Turner - Dixon, CA.

LOCAL BOOK ON SALE

Don't forget to obtain your copy of Bob Sherman's book, "Quiet On The Set", on sale at the Museum for \$14.95 per copy. This is your chance to get an authentic description of the many Western movies filmed right here in Chatsworth!

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to hear of the death of Irene Cleveland, wife of Everett Cleveland, in Kingman, Arizona. Everett was a long-time resident of Chatsworth and a tireless member and supporter of the Historical Society for many years together with his late wife, Iolene. Following their marriage a few years ago, Everett and Irene moved to Arizona in their retirement.
