



Smoke Signal



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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

Spring is just around the corner and, as in years past, that means we are getting ready for The Garden Festival. Bea has already been getting things organized for the festival and The High Tea.

We are getting ready to change the exhibits in the museum and we are looking for antique tea sets to display. If anyone has a tea set that could be on display for two or three months please let me know. If you have a child's tea set that would be great too.

The work on the new sprinkler system is well under way and we are hoping for an April 1st completion date. We are very thankful to Chuck Richman and

Dave Valastro for pushing this project through for us. Without them I think we would still be just talking about it and trying to get it done.

Betty and Jim Summers are there making sure that everything is okay. They open the restroom every day for the workers, bring donuts and make coffee. Jim has worked with the city to get an emergency fire hose that has been connected near the cottage. Our thanks to Jim and Betty for their many hours of hard work. It is for these reasons and their many years of dedication that Jim and Betty have been nominated by the Chatsworth Historical Society as Citizens of the Year.

Linda and Andre

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The program meeting for March will be held on March 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Homestead Acre (Museum). The meeting is planned to present several aspects of CHS activities. The program will comprise a showing of the video tape of the California Sesquicentennial celebration held at the Homestead Acre.

In addition, the Nominating Committee has been working hard to verify the CHS executive board for the coming fiscal year and they will present their recommendations for a slate of officers and

also ask for any additional nominations from the floor. The nominations, at this writing, are as follows:

Co-Presidents*, Linda and Andre von der Valk
VP Program*s, unfilled
VP Ways & Means*, Bea Berman
VP Membership*, Keith Watts
VP Hospitality*, Keli Jacobson
Treasurer*, Lillian Schepler
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Museum Curator, Virginia Watson
Cottage Curator, Betty Summers
Garden Director, Betty Summers
Director-at-Large*, Betty Summers
Director-at-Large*, Barbara Pampalone
Director-at-Large*, Diane Kartiala
Photographic Materials, Lila Schepler
Permanent Member, Lila Schepler
* Elective Offices

In further accordance with the by-laws, election will be held at the next monthly meeting in April.

Also at the March meeting there will be a display of the books of photographs depicting CHS events and activities, catalogued by Elaine Campbell.

Since March marks the 116th year since Chatsworth was put on the map, officially designated as Chatsworth Park, we will celebrate with a birthday cake, beverages and perhaps a Happy Birthday song. So be sure to come to the March meeting and enjoy all of these events.

ANNUAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

Would you like to enjoy a Tea with all the fixin's and served in a spring garden? If so, then don't forget to attend our CHS Garden Festival on Sunday, April 25th at the Homestead Acre from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition to the Duchess' Tea, this event will include:

Arts and Crafts Booths
Growing and Blooming Plants for Sale
Entertainment, Dancers
Baked Goods Sale
White Elephant Sale
Gardens in Full Bloom

For further information, please call (818) 882-5614 or Bea Berman, Event Chairman (818) 341-5449.

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