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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We are all busy at The Acre getting ready for the Garden Festival. The sprinklers will be done by then and the Gardens are looking beautiful. We are so fortunate to have had so many hard working and caring men working on our sprinklers. I am sure that they went that extra mile for us.

The day of the Garden Festival we will have a special signing event by the artist Susan Rios. She has painted a painting of the cottage, and Chatsworth Florist will be selling the prints here and at their shop. Susan Rios has also made a generous offer to give the Historical Society half of the proceeds of the sale of the original painting. She will also be giving us Artist Proof #1 to hang in the museum. Thank you Susan.

We also would like to thank Marylou Frangie from City Publishing Co. who puts

out The Chatsworth Monthly. She donated a wonderful ad in her magazine for the Garden Festival. This magazine goes out to every home and business in Chatsworth. We would never be able to get that kind of publicity unless Huell Houser came back. Marylou has promoted The Garden Festival everywhere trying to get us donations, vendors and volunteers. Thank you Marylou.

Please join us at The Garden Festival. Bea has worked very hard to make it a special day.

Linda and Andre

APRIL PROGRAM MEETING

Our program for this month's general meeting will be held at the Homestead Acre on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. Mike Green, a local resident, will give an audio-visual (Power Point) presentation on the history of Kerman, a small rural town 17 miles west of Fresno. The presentation will cover a number of colonists and how they they came to settle there. (more)

The speaker is a member of the Sierra Club, San Fernando Valley Historical Society, So. Cal. Hist. Soc., and Friends of Archival Center at the San Fernando Mission. He has been honored by the CCC for his voluntary work in the community.

For an interesting evening at the Acre, we'll see you there on April 20th at 7:00 p.m.,

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

April has been designated as Equine Safety Month. Chatsworth is horse country and, because of this, we have many more elements of risk between horses and cars. This month is designated to educate and remind drivers when approaching horses, *the horses have the right away.*

April 17th - Day of the Horses 11 :00 p.m. at the Peppertree Ranch. 21031 Chatsworth Street, Chatsworth. The event will include equestrian demonstrations, food and fun.

April 24th - Earth Day and Clean Up at Chatsworth Park South 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

April 25th - Chatsworth Historical Society Garden Festival 11:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

May 2nd - The grand re-opening of the Gordon Howard Museum in Burbank.

May 2nd - 9th Annual Sunland- Tujunga Historic Home and Garden Tour 10:30a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$15.00 donation. For info (818) 352-3420.

The CHS Homestead Acre is open on the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for tours of the museum, cottage and gardens.

GARDEN FESTIVAL - APRIL 25TH

Don't forget to attend our annual Garden Festival on Sunday, April 25th at the Homestead Acre. In addition to the gardens in full bloom, there will be information, demonstrations, exhibits, entertainment, and fun for adults and children.

Be sure to enjoy afternoon high tea in the Duchess' Tea Garden. Also, local artist Susan Rios will show paintings and perform signings. The public is invited, children free (under 5 yrs.) For information, (818) 882-5614.

VALLEY STREET NAME ORIGINS

These Valley street name origins were taken from the website AmericanSuburb.com by Linda:

BRAND BOULEVARD - Leslie Brand was a street car magnate and developer who lived in the Glendale area and subdivided Mission Hills.

CHANDLER BOULEVARD - Originally a leg of Sherman Way, it was renamed for land developer and L.A. Times publisher Harry Chandler.

FOOTHILL BOULEVARD - Portions have been known as Horsethief Trail, Michigan Avenue, Tujunga Valley Avenue and Mulholland Street.

LANKERSHIM BOULEVARD - Named for the town of Lankershim (first called Toluca, now North Hollywood) and it's founding family. Issac B. Lankershim grew wheat in a wide swath of the Valley.

LAUREL CANYON BOULEVARD - Now named for the canyon in Hollywood Hills, portion in the flats was originally called Pacoima Avenue.

ROSCOE BOULEVARD - Name derives from the town of Roscoe, now Sun Valley.

SAN FERNANDO MISSION BOULEVARD - Originally called Stanford Avenue, after the former Gov. Leland

Stanford who loaned the money for Charles Maclay to purchase the land to found San Fernando.

SEPULVEDABOULEVARD - Once known as Saugus Avenue, it is named for the Sepulveda family of early Los Angeles.

SESNON BOULEVARD - William T. Sesnon was the grandson of Benjamin F. Porter, whose holdings became Northridge, Chatsworth and Porter Ranch.

SUNLAND BOULEVARD - Now a main link to Sunland, street was once known as Hansen Street after Homer Hansen, who settled the area of Hansen Heights in the Verdugo Mountains.

A NOTE FROM LILA SCHEPLER

Dear friends: We are grateful to the many members and friends who sent cards, flowers, and gifts to honor the memory of Bill Schepler. As a family we thank you and deeply appreciate all of these.

Lila Schepler, Leuise and Eddie Mitchell and family

The Historical Society Board has decided to use the memorial funds to enlarge the museum library and to rename it The Frank H. Schepler and William F. Schepler Memorial Library.

AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

(Our Nation in Peril)

“Let every nation know
whether it wishes us well or ill,
that we shall pay the price,
bear any burden, meet any hardship,
support any friend, oppose any foe,
in order to assure the survival and
the success of liberty.”

President John F. Kennedy

Carried by Eleanor Roosevelt
during WWII:

“Dear Lord
Lest I continue
My complacent way
Help me to remember
Somewhere out there
A man died for me today
-As long as there be war
I then must
Ask and answer
Am I worth dying for?”

Editor's Note: We were saddened to hear of the death of Bill Schepler, son of long-time CHS member, Lillian Schepler, after a protracted illness. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Lillian and the Schepler families. No details were available at the time of printing.