



Smoke Signal



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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I want to start off by thanking everyone who came to our Membership Round-Up. We had a nice turn out and I think everyone had a great time. We had plenty of food, the entertainment was great and we were able to show off our new display cases. We are now getting ready for Pioneer Day. We are excited about having a shuttle bus this year to help with the parking problems. Bea is doing a great job again this year. She is so organized when it comes to doing this event and The Garden Festival.

If you haven't seen the museum yet make sure to come in and see our new cases and the displays at Pioneer Day. If you have a great chili recipe, Bea still has room for a few more chili cooks. If you can spare some time helping on Pioneer Day, contact Bea. We can always use help.

See you at Pioneer Day.
Linda and Andre

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

.....Bea Berman, Program Chair

PIONEER DAY- October 8th is upon us and we are looking forward to a great day, nice weather and a successful PIONEER DAY. We hope you will tell your friends about it. This year we are lucky as Councilman Greig Smith is furnishing us with a shuttle bus from the Chatsworth Depot to the Homestead Acre. The bus will run from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 P.M. We don't have sufficient parking for large events and this will really help. I still have openings for chili cooks and could use donations of baked goods and new or like new items for our white elephant booth. Remember, there will be fun and entertainment for everyone.

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP was a great success. Thanks to everyone for coming. The food was especially good; what a variety of salads and desserts! Special thanks to Andre for the great tri-tips and Linda for the famous mashed potatoes. The music by Art & Glen added that nice touch.

OCTOBER PROGRAM - Our October 17th meeting will feature Georgiana Sanchez, Chumash poet, who will also tell stories. Please try to attend so we can have a nice turnout for this special program. Remember our meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Homestead Acre Museum.

NEWS FROM LOCAL AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES - Presented for those interested in attending:

Chatsworth - Neighborhood Council Election

When: Wednesday, October 18th,

Where: Lawrence Middle School, 10100 Variel Ave., Chatsworth,

Time: 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please come and vote. The Neighborhood Council makes decisions that affect all of us in some way.

Meet the candidates on October 4th from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lawrence Middle School.

Conejo Valley - An historical re-enactment and theatre of "An evening on the Conejo -1876" will be presented at the Stagecoach Inn Museum, 51 S. Ventu Park Road, Newbury Park on Friday and Saturday Evenings, September 29 and 30 & October 6 and 7. Reservations should be mailed to CVHS 14092 Hargrove Court, Moorpark, CA 93021. Tickets are \$22.00.

Day Tour - The San Fernando Valley Historical Society is sponsoring a Centennial exhibit and mansion tour trip to Pasadena on Saturday, November 4. There will be tours of the famous Greene and Greene Gamble house and lunch at the Pasadena Soup Plantation. Total cost is \$40.00 including the food and entrance fees. The bus will depart from the Andres Pico Adobe, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd.. Mission Hills at 8:45 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Make checks out to SFVHS and send to Kathy Wilkie, 9156 Vena Ave. Arleta, CA 91331. Call Kathy at (818) 767-5823 for further information.

Santa Clarita - "*Ramona Memories: the Story of Tourism and the Shaping of Southern California*" will be discussed on Sunday, November 11, at 2 pm. at the Saugus Train Station at Heritage Junction, San Fernando Road in Newhall.

Dr. Dydia DeLyser, author of "Ramona Memories" will speak on the subject of how the original book "Ramona" created a romantic image that captured the hearts of the public and created a frenzied tourist industry in Southern California. The event is sponsored by the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society. For more information call (661) 254-1275.

DATES IN VALLEY HISTORY-October
(From Americassuburb.com)

OCTOBER 20, 1784 - Rancho San Rafael granted to ex-Spanish soldier Jose Verdugo.

OCTOBER 8, 1833 -The Los Angeles ayuntamiento sends Jose Antonio Carillo, a prominent Angeleno, to the Valley to protest a makeshift dam on the Rio Los Angeles.

OCTOBER 1, 1928 - Metropolitan Airport opens as a grass landing strip at Woodley Avenue and Saticoy Street. It is later renamed Van Nuys Airport.

OCTOBER 20, 1935 - Paved Sepulveda Boulevard opens through the Santa Monica Mountains, with a tunnel under Mulholland Highway.

OCTOBER 19, 1947 - KGIL radio goes on the air.

OCTOBER 12, 1954 - First golf course opens in Sepulveda dam basin.

OCTOBER 28, 1966 - Pink Lady of Malibu Canyon appears.

SOME OLD WIVES' TALES AND HINTS

.....Elaine Campbell

Keep your eye on the ball, your shoulder to the wheel, your ear to the ground; now try to work in that position

Hang posters or lightweight pictures with toothpaste. No holes and easy to erase.

People usually get what's coming to them, unless it's been mailed.

To peel tomatoes easily, loosen the skin by rubbing all over with the flat side of a knife. Let stand a few moments and then, presto, the peel will come off.

Always store mushrooms in a paper bag, plastic doesn't let them breath.

A warm knife makes it easier to cut hard cheese.

Annual
Pioneer Day

Sunday, October 8
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Old-time fun
for everyone:***

- * CHILI COOK-OFF
- * Bake sale
- * Woodcarvers
- * Music by Art and Glen
- * Panning for gold
- * Spinning and weaving
- * Veteran quilt display
- * Kids designing quilt squares
- * Rock chippers
- * Blacksmith
- * Indian artifacts
- * Useful origami
- * "Chores of yore"
and lots more!



Location:

Homestead Acre,
Chatsworth Park South
(West end of Devonshire St.)

Information:
(818) 882-5614

Donations:
Adults: \$4
Children: \$1
(Free for kids under 5)

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Park your car at the Chatsworth Train Depot (10038 Old Depot Plaza Road)
and use our free shuttle service, every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.