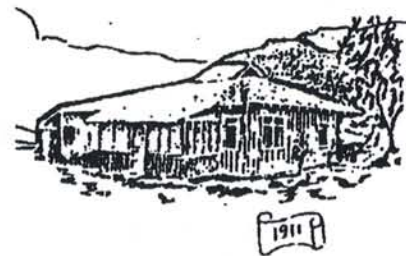


# Smoke Signal



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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I can't believe it is already June. We are having a few special tours at the Acre over the summer but for the most part it will be quiet.

If you would like to watch some great footage of the Iverson Ranch in the 1940's, pick up a copy of the *Perils of Nyoka*. It is a serial movie filmed here in 1942. It has more footage of the local hills than I have seen in any other movie. It can be purchased on the internet from [www.classiccliffhangers.com](http://www.classiccliffhangers.com). If you enjoy old serials they have a great selection of them.

I had visited with the Iversons one afternoon with Virginia and they had pictures of the sets from the serial, so when I saw that the film was

available I ordered it; and Andre and I enjoyed the local scenery. Hope everyone has a great summer.

Linda and Andre

### \*\*\*\*\* SCHEDULE ALERT \*\*\*\*\*

*Please be aware that there will be no programs for the months of June, July and August.*

*Also, there will be no Smoke Signal for July.*

*Programs will resume in September and will include our annual Roundup, discussed elsewhere in this newsletter.*

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## AROUND THE ACRE

.....Virginia Watson

Recently the docents spent one Wednesday working in the gardens. Everyone started out early and stayed until the noon deadline. Deadheading the roses was the big order of the day and everyone brought their own clippers and gloves and really worked hard.

Beverly worked in the Dean and Candy Craig

garden area, deadheading and planting some new plants, watering & cleaning up. Elaine worked in the area in front of the house in Minnie's rectangular rose area, as did Don Pendleton. He also worked around the "crick." Tom worked in several places - he has been repairing one of our benches that was broken. Jelena redid the compost box, a major undertaking. Karine, Ann & Virginia worked back and forth over the fence area and around the rocks. Betty & Jim were everywhere as usual. Naomi came and cleaned the house and Jim and Betty took her to the bus line. Linda came and also Lillian. Evelyn was ill and Elizabeth was on a trip. Altogether it was a very productive morning and the docents plan on doing it again.

On Wednesday, June 6th, the docents all helped with a tour. Twenty-five people came from the local St. Stephen Presbyterian Church to enjoy a tour. They brought a picnic lunch which they enjoyed under the big black walnut tree. Long-time CHS members Bea and Grant Samuel arranged for the tour. Beverly King and Karine did the cottage tour including the garden. And Virginia and Elaine gave the museum tour. It was Ann Vincent's first time to participate as a tour guide; and she did a really good job of explaining the tunnel pictures and the railroad signal.

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## PROGRAM REVIEW

.....Bea Berman, Chairman, Program and Ways and Means

The program meeting for May, that included our installation of officers, was very nice; and many thanks to Zena Thorpe for doing the installing. Also, the program was very enjoyable. We have to pay to get good programs, so its nice to have a good turnout of attendance.

Now that the summer is upon us, I can take a rest for about a month and then start over again with planning our Pioneer Day which is Sunday, October 7th. I can't forget that date as it will be my oldest granddaughter Samantha's 21st birthday. I told her we will have to celebrate before or after.

We are also planning our membership roundup which will be in September. We look forward to seeing everyone come out. .

Hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE

.....Virginia Watson

The Docents for the Chatsworth Historical Society will not be meeting as a group at the Acre each Wednesday for the summer. That doesn't mean they will be idle, for there are tours planned and Open House the first Sunday of every month.

June 20 We will need at least 4 docents from about 9:30 until noon for this tour. This is the tour that will be having a catered lunch.

June 27 Docents will meet on Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until noon to plan for July 1st Open House. We will need at least 4 docents for that day.

July 9 and 13 We need docents at 8 a.m. for early morning and short tours. This is for the first group of teachers from CSUN .

August 1 Docents will work Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and plan for the Sunday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Open House. Need 4 docents for that Sunday.

August 15 and 22 The second group of CSUN teachers will come on Aug. 15; and Aug. 22 for early morning short tours at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, August 29 will be another docent day from 9 a.m. to noon. Docents will plan the Open House for Sunday, Sept. 2nd (the Labor Day weekend).

Wednesday, September 12 will begin the Wednesday-at-the-Acre for every Wednesday in the fall.

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## **ANNUAL ROUNDUP**

*All are invited to our annual CHS  
Roundup and Potluck*

*Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
4 p.m., Homestead Acre  
Dinner and Musical Entertainment*

*Barbecue, Mashed potatoes, and  
Drinks provided by CHS*

*Attendees will choose to bring a favorite  
potluck dish, salad, or dessert for about  
10 people.*

*A good opportunity for members to  
renew their membership and for potential  
members to join the  
Chatsworth Historical Society.*

(Setup at 3:00 p.m.)