

Smoke Signal



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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The Garden Festival is on! We are so happy that we are now able to get into the Acre and have our annual spring Festival.

We were surprised how well everything looked. We had not been able to get in for approximately six weeks. I am sure that the wild life is not happy to have us back in, since they had the whole park to themselves.

Councilman Smith, his Chief of Staff Mitchell Englander, and Dan Huffman worked very hard to get us access to the Acre. Dan made sure that we would be in so that the Garden Festival could proceed. We appreciate all that has been done and hope that the rest of the park can be open soon.

Now that the Garden Festival is back on track we have the same needs as every year. We need volunteers for set up, tear down and everything else in between. Any thing you can do would be appreciated.

Since our parking is limited we are asking for as many people as possible to park at the train depot and take the shuttle bus over to the Acre. The shuttle will leave every fifteen minutes. The south side of the road leading to the Acre has been fenced off and the road leading to the recreation center is fenced off. That is why it is important to have as many people park off site as possible.

Hope to see everyone at the Garden Festival.

Linda and Andre

GARDEN FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

It was touch and go for awhile and we didn't know if there was going to be a Garden Festival because of the closure of the park, but thanks to Councilman Greig Smith and Dan Huffman, just our section will be opened and the rest of the park is fenced in, so it's all systems go for our annual event. Not too much publicity has gone out because of the uncertainty, so we need a lot of word of mouth for our fabulous affair.

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The highlight of the day is our wonderful high tea and we will be entertained by the Polynesian dancers from Chatsworth Dance Centre. Also, the garden clubs will be here as well as vendors and exhibits by DWP and the Veteran Quilt Display and of course, the different organizations will have tables with information.

We will also have our great bake sale and white elephant booth and plant sale, so we would like any donations of any kind.

Any questions, reach me at (818) 341-5449.

We will have a shuttle bus from the train station as parking will be limited.

April Program announced On another note, I am happy to announce our April program. Georgiana Sanchez, a famous Chumash story teller, has agreed to entertain us. The public is invited, so tell your friends and lets have a nice turnout.

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, at the Homestead Acre..

See you there on April 15th.

Bea Berman, Chairman

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

April 19 Friends of the Chatsworth Library Giant used Book Sale. Held at the Chatsworth Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 3 Chatsworth's 5th Annual Day of the Horse: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 21126 Chatsworth Street

Special Appearance by Gene McLaughlin World Champion Trick Roper and Guinness the World's Largest Horse. The Chatsworth High School Equestrian Team will also be there.

For more information contact Mary Kaufman 818 326-5772.

May 3 Mayor's Day of Service

There will be volunteers from all over the city for a clean up day in Chatsworth, West Hills and Canoga Park

For information go the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council website: chatsworthcouncil.org.

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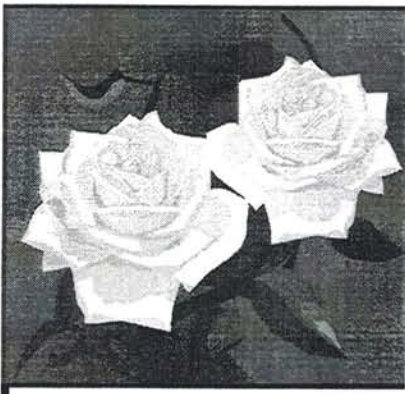
Elaine Campbell received this by mail:

The Flour Sack

In that long ago when things were saved
When roads were graveled and barrels were staved
When worn out clothing was used as rags
And there was no plastic wrap or bags
The well and pump were way out back
A versatile item was the flour sack
Pillsbury's Best, Mother's and Gold Medal too,
Stamped their names proudly in Purple and Blue!!

The sack had so many uses, the string on top was pulled and rolled into a ball. It could be filled with feathers and used as a pillow - or with a hole for the head and arms, a sleeping gown. It could carry our books or be made in clothing, cut into strips to make braided rugs- Mothers made curtains, strained milk and made a sling for a sprained wrist. They covered the bread dough to help it rise and made excellent dish towels.

We polished the stove, scoured and scrubbed the floor and dusted the furniture with that versatile flour sack. We made costumes for Halloween -even a parachute for the cat, so now when you are asked what you used before plastic wrap, Elmers glue and paper towels, tell them loudly and with pride "Grandmother had that wonderful flour sack!"



Chatsworth Historical Society Presents

A GARDEN FESTIVAL

Over 300 Rose Bushes in Bloom

Featuring Roses and Crafts

The Duchess Tea Room

Afternoon Tea

\$7 per person

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Polynesian Dance Review

2:00 p.m.

Provided by the Chatsworth Dance Center

Blooming Rose Gardens

Floral Demonstrations

Veteran's Quilt Project Display

Arts & Crafts

White Elephant Sale

Susan Rios & Marty Bell

Paintings

With special signing available by Susan Rios and Mark Bell from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Museum Exhibits

Featuring Chatsworth Pioneer Families and a special collection of Photos of Chatsworth in the 1950's

Tours of Minnie's Cottage

12:00 noon - 3 pm

Garden Clubs

Bake Sale

Live Plant Sale

Hot Dogs and Sodas

Sunday, April 27, 2008

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$4 Admission Donation – Adults and Seniors \$1 Children 5 and over

THE HOMESTEAD ACRE

Chatsworth Park South at the West End of Devonshire Street

10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth, CA 91311

For information contact 818 882-5614



Additional Parking is provided at the Chatsworth Train Depot. Free Shuttle Buses will run every 15 minutes from 11:00 – 4:00

All Proceeds go to the Chatsworth Historical Society for the Preservation of the Hill-Palmer Property and Virginia Watson Historical Museum