



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

FALL 1995 NEWSLETTER

RENOWNED ARCHAEOLOGIST IS OUR GUEST OCT. 16th

Clay Singer, renowned archaeologist who studied under the world-famous anthropologist Louis Leakey, will present an exciting program at our Monday, October 16, 1995 general meeting at the Glendale Federal Community Room at 21821 Devonshire St., just two blocks east of Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Chatsworth.

Mr. Singer will delight us with intriguing information about general archaeology as well as local Chumash Culture.

Please plan to attend. Business meeting starts at 7 PM and program begins at 7:45 pm.
SEE YOU THERE!



TRAIN STATION PAVERS FUNDRAISER

Buy a personalized paver brick to be set forever in the courtyard of the new Chatsworth Train Station Community Center. Twenty dollars of each purchase will come back to SSMPA if you use the enclosed order form. (Sponsoring group: Santa Susana Mountain Park Association or SSMPA) For more information contact the Chatsworth Depot Foundation at 818/341-2428.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Despite a short deadline, limited government funds, and people on summer vacation, the SSMPA through its Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains, was able to co-sponsor a grant application with the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation which resulted in a matching fund federal grant. The federal portion was \$3,312.68 while the State Parks granted \$687.68, and our Foundation put in \$2,500. The money will be used for one week's worth of trail repair and restoration by the Conservation Corps on our old Stagecoach Trail property on 10,000 feet and the reseeding the area with native vegetation by State Parks biologists.

Besides our Foundation board, who authorized the \$2,500 donation, special recognition goes to Lindsay Wilhelm who recently finished a grantsmanship course. She arranged a tour of the property with State Parks and our Foundation representatives to work out details, and kept in constant communication with State Parks grant writer Neil Braunstein and State biologist Suzanne Goode. Nancy Razanski notified State Parks and faxed them the grant application. Also Pauline and Nancy drove our Foundation's check to the State Park's Calabasas office to insure it was received on time. Janice Hinkston, who was away most of the time, was able to participate on the August 14th tour with State Parks along with Lindsay and Nancy and offer much expertise. Barbara Coffman, on vacation, contributed input for finalizing work details after the grant was obtained as soon as she returned home. Cindy Wilder and Janet Lazik offered resource information. Fantastic team work!

CHILI-COOK-OFF

SSPMA was one of eight participants in the First Annual Chatsworth Historical Society's Chili-Cook-Off at its successful Pioneer Day Celebration on October 1, 1995. Only because Lindsay Wilhelm happened to have a recipe did SSMPA take part. Lindsay's fabulous vegetarian chili recipe soon sold out - it was the one in its category. Three traditional chili meat recipes won. We all had a great time. Lindsay's boundless energy is a source of inspiration to us all. She hauled all the equipment and food all the way from her home in Calabasas.

ROCKETDYNE UPDATE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter concerning Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory, may request to be placed on the mailing list by writing: Environmental Communications, Rocketdyne, P.O. Box 7922 (AB57), Canoga Park, CA 91309-7922. The manager is Lori Circle
(818/586-6742, E-Mail: lacircle@rdyne.rockwell.com)

DON'T LET US HAVE ALL THE FUN

It is challenging working to establish a State Park in our lovely hills. It is thrilling receiving a grant in these hard economic times. It's tremendous that our group saved 670 acres of land in our hills. These wonders can not continue unless we get help from you!

Our visitor center needs docents on Sundays from 12 noon until 3 pm. One Sunday a month for these hours is all that is necessary. Contact Gretha Davis at 818/340-4011 for more more information. She'll show you around.

We also need Sierra Club trained hike leaders for our Sunday morning hikes that hundreds of people enjoy attending. Perhaps you too have enjoyed at least one of them? Call Barbara Coffman at 818/347-5603.

We always need Children's docents too. Call Janet Lazik at 818/993-0508 about these fun activities.

Many of our SSMPA board members have given years of their time and deserve much respect. They are understandably tired and would like to pass the torch to new people: Our next election is in March 1996. If you would like to serve as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, or simply a member-at-large, please contact us immediately. The personal satisfaction you will feel will truly be rewarding. Call Pauline at 818/341-5872 or Nancy at 818/341-3512.

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OPEN INVITATION: SSMPA's 25th CELEBRATION!

All friends of Santa Susana Mountain Park Association are cordially invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the SSMPA. It is free to our guests and will take place Sunday, November 19, 1995 on the Chatsworth Park gymnasium from 12:30 - 3:00 pm.

If you are representing a civic organization that has been invited to set up an information booth, please arrive at 12 noon to set up. Clean up time will be from 3 - 4 PM. We must vacate the premises at that time, because another group is scheduled to use the facilities.

This event promises to be even more exciting than our 20th, which was attended by well over 160 people. Music, food, presentations, and poetry readings will highlight this festive event. Please plan to attend. Public dignitaries have been invited and encouraged to RSVP by November 10, 1995. We are pleased and excited to have been notified by Congressman Beilenson's office that his Environmental Field Deputy, Susan Little, will attend. We soon hope to hear from others as well.

If you have a flare for party decorating or have any other creative ideas or just want to help, we can certainly use you. Much has been done but we are still open to any suggestions for making this event more enjoyable to the entire community.

If you would like to help, please call Pauline Aue at 818/341-5872 or Nancy Razanski at 818/341-3512.

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