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A GARDEN FESTIVAL IN THE WEST VALLEY *Annual spring event at the Homestead Acre will go on as scheduled*

CHATSWORTH – While some of Chatsworth Park remains closed for soil testing, the 2008 Garden Festival at The Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, an historic City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility located at 10385 Shadow Oak Dr., will be held.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and include presentations of more than 300 rose bushes in bloom, museum exhibits – with a special collection of photographs of the Chatsworth area in the 1950s, arts and crafts, and other activities. Added for this year is a showing of paintings by Susan Rios and Marty Bell, who will do signings of their artwork from noon to 3:00 p.m.

There will also be floral demonstrations and information about garden clubs, a Veterans Quilt Project display, Polynesian dance revue by Chatsworth Dance Centre at 2:00 p.m., tours of Minnie's Cottage (noon to 3:00 p.m.), and plants, baked goods, and other items for sale.

A \$4 donation is requested from adults; proceeds will help maintain and improve the site, which is operated by the Chatsworth Historical Society. For those who are interested, a ceremonial tea will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Duchess Tea Room. The cost for this activity is \$7 per person; reservations can be made by calling (818) 882-5614.

For more information about the Garden Festival or The Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, which is located within Chatsworth Park South, at the west end of Devonshire St., call Virginia Watson of the Chatsworth Historical Society at (818) 341-3053.

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