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Annual garden festival at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth

CHATSWORTH – The Chatsworth Historical Society will hold its 2009 Garden Festival on Sunday, April 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, which is at 10385 Shadow Oak Dr., on the grounds of Chatsworth Park South, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility at the west end of Devonshire Street.

The event will include displays of more than 300 rose bushes in bloom, museum exhibits that feature Chatsworth pioneer families, arts and crafts, and other activities.

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. Refreshments will also be offered.

A \$4 donation is requested from adults and for children age 6 or older; proceeds will help maintain and improve the Hill-Palmer property, which is operated by the Chatsworth Historical Society, and benefit Virginia Watson's Chatsworth Museum.

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 is \$7 per person, and reservations – which are recommended – can be made by calling (818) 882-5614.

Because of limited on-site parking, free shuttle service will be available from the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd. For more information about the Garden Festival or the Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, call Virginia Watson of the Chatsworth Historical Society at (818) 341-3053.

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