

SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION
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IT WAS SSMPTUOUS!!!

Our grand opening bash was a smash! We cut the cake on November 18, 1984, and I certainly hope you were one of the smiling people I saw there. Wasn't it beautiful? The permanent displays created by Dave O'Connell and Jill Harris of Canyon Design are outstanding. Also beautiful, but no longer on display was the lovely floral arrangement created for the opening by Sheila Watts of Nature's Flower Garden. The flowers graced a table laden with refreshments and a cake modeled after Santa Susana Mountain Park!

Our opening was attended by State Assemblywoman Cathy Wright, Councilman Hal Bernson (who helped Jan cut that mountainous cake!) and Jack MacLean, Administrative Assistant to Assemblywoman Marian La Follette.

Following the ceremonies we viewed our slide presentation which depicts the fascinating history of the Chatsworth hills and the role that SSMPA has played (and is playing) in working toward the creation of a large public park in our Santa Susanas

Come in and see us now that we're beautiful. Stay and join us. Help us insure that our mountains continue to resemble the display. Our slide show is presented every Sunday. The welcome mat is out. 1:00 p.m.

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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE SPECIAL

Glendale Federal Savings & Loan - Community Room
21821 Devonshire Boulevard, Chatsworth, California

January 21, 1985 - 7:30 p.m.

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Sue Otherman. Sue is the author of the National Park Services pamphlet, "Mountains to the Sea - A Visitor's Guide to the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore" and is editor of the Topanga Canyon Docents' newsletter. She has chaired the Topanga Canyon docent program in the Santa Monica Mountains since 1974 and her docents conduct walks and public information programs in conjunction with both state and national parks.

Sue is special to us for serving as naturalist on our Santa Susana Nature/History Walks. She will discuss issues of importance in running the docent program. If you want to be a docent, don't miss this meeting! If you want to meet a docent, don't miss this meeting! If you don't know what a docent is, don't miss this meeting. See you there!

NOTE: Sue's book, mentioned above, will be on sale at this meeting.

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IMAGINE THAT! WE'VE MADE HISTORY!

Negotiations are under way for the donation of the SSMPA files to CSUN as part of the Urban Archives Collection.

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SSMPA PAVES THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

I'm fine now, perhaps even better for the love, the concern you expressed during my recent surgical adventury. Never imagined I'd find such good friends under the rocks! Your beautiful plant thrives, as I do, reminding me that SSMPA is more than an organization; it's people, friends, community. I love you all.

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SO YOU THOUGHT THE ELECTIONS WERE OVER IN NOVEMBER!

Heavens no! The elections are held in March! SSMMPA will elect a new board on March 18, 1985 at the general meeting. People qualified for office are people whose dues are current two weeks prior to the election. People qualified to vote are current in their dues at the time of the election and in attendance at the meeting. Don't remember when you paid? Check the mailing label on this newsletter. Your expiration date appears in the upper right hand corner.

Nominations may be made from the floor or sent c/o the nominating committee, SSMMPA at the address listed. Get out the vote! Attend the March 18th meeting!

IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

We're going to miss Margo Murman! Margo had had to give up her duties with SSMMPA recently, due to illness. She has been a most inspiring and capable member and, as the person who assembled and presented our proposal to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, a true friend of the Santa Susanas. Margo also served as president of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susanas.

Here's to your health, Margo! We cherish the memories and look forward to a time when we can be together again.

NOTE: Margo's proposal is on display at the Visitor Center.

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

Remember to join us for one of our docent-led hikes, featuring the STAGE COACH TRAIL. Hikes leave every Sunday, 9:00 a.m. from the parking lot in Chatsworth Park South. See you there!

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YES! I can volunteer some time. My special interest/occupation _____

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And, Thanks!