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ATTENTION !!!

Change of date for May Meeting to:

TUESDAY, MAY 21st

The Culver City Historical Society will be joining the Santa Monica Historical Society at their regular meeting.

Place: Santa Monica Library, 6th and Santa Monica

Time: 7:00 - Get acquainted time

7:30 - Meeting

Speaker: Executive Director of Pier Restoration, for the

Santa Monica Pier!!!

We will be presenting the Santa Monica Historical Society with a bit of Culver City memorabilia...a piece of the original wooden bridge which spanned the La Ballona Creek (Sepulveda).

We will car pool from the Post Office on Culver & Lincoln, if you want a ride please meet there at 6:30 p.m. For any additional information regarding this meeting please contact Marti Diviak, 398-8165.

Note: Please bring any nominations for Culver City Historic sites to this meeting. The site should be 50+ and have historical significance to the community of Culver City.

CONGRATULATIONS CCHS:

We are the proud recipient of the Community Architect Award presented March 31 by Assemblywoman Gwen Moore in ceremonies held at Loyola Marymount. This will become a permanent part of our Museum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

May promises to be a truly exciting and busy month for the Historical Society, beginning:

- May 3, (Legislators Day) Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- May 8, Tournament of Roses Association; Luncheon, \$12.50 ea. (\$8.50 for Seniors over 60).
- May 11, "FIESTA LA BALLONA" All day in Veteran's Park starting with a 10K Run and Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., the Kiddie Parade at 10:00 (chaired by members, Bonnie Walsh and DeeDee Orr) this is really special fun.

We will be staffing a "Display Booth", call Jo Ellen to sign up for your shift. Thanks to Clarita for all the "good stuff" to decorate with.

The traditional City Bus Tours begin at 11:00 and end at 4:00...this is very educational even to old-time Culverites, docents - Julie, Rusty and Marti.

- May 12-18, "Main Street Preservation Week" We will be doing rubbings--sign up at the Fiesta Booth.
- May 13-17, Channel 7 News at 4:00...one day Charlie Lugo will be interviewed, "A Star is Born".
- May 21, Luncheon & Fashion Show at the May Company Pavillion, a co-venture with the Culver City Guidance Guild and Culver Exchangettes...the lunch is free...reservations are limited, call Julie by May 17th. But, the Raffle Tickets for the beautiful Money Hat (made by Clarita) are not limited. You can buy yours for \$1.00 donation/each or be a big spender and buy a book for \$10.00. All proceeds to go towards the Museum Fund.

You can get your ticket(s) at, where else...the Fiesta Booth of course!!! Or, call Rusty 559-0177.

May 21, 7:00 p.m. - Joint meeting with the Santa Monica Historical Society (see info above).

See you everywhere!

Julie (838-0215)

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 20-23: 31st Annual Conference of California Historical Societies
 Hosted by the Historical Society of Long Beach, Theme:
 "From Ranchos to Redevelopment". Main Conference to be held
 at the Breakers' Hotel. For information and registration
 contact Julie by May 17th.
- June 26 CCHS Board Meeting 6:00pm Julie Cerra's RSVP

OTHER DATES (cont'd)

July 25 thru August 4th: "The Cross and the Arrow", Tenth Annual Pageant of La Cristianita - San Clemente - Performances 8:30 p.m nightly except Monday and Tuesday. This is a two-hour outdoor drama, depicting the adventures of the first Spanish expedition venturing into what is now California. More about this at the Meeting on the 21st.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS:

JO ELLEN WEAVER, CHAIR

"Dues are Due" - You may either return the envelope mailed to you, or use the form below...sending it to the address on the other side, ATTN: JO ELLEN WEAVER, MEMBERSHIP.

If your ZIP CODE has changed, please make a note when returning your renewals.

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DIAL-A-RIDE:

397-7430

A special service for members needing a ride to our meetings.

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COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER:

If you know someowne who would like to receive a complimentary Newsletter, please call Bonnie Walsh, Editor, at 202-9009.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CULVER CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NAME:		Tel.:
ADDRESS:		Zip Code:
	ANNUAL DUES:	
	Patron Member (\$100 or more)	
	Sustaining Member (\$50 or mo	re)
	Contributing Member (\$25 or	more)
	☐ Individual Member (\$7.50)	
	Service Organization (\$10)	
	☐ Commercial Patron (\$100 or m	ore)
	☐ Commercial Member (\$15)	
	I would like to serve on the following COMMITTEE:	
	Library	☐ Historic Sites
	Museum	Membership

Program

☐ Publications (Newsletter)

This month's tour features some old favorites...how long has it been since you have been to:

- #144 NUESTRA SEÑORA LA REINA DE LOS ANGELES, (Sunset Blvd., and No. Main St.) Los Angeles. The Church of Our Lady the Queen of the Angeles was dedicated December 8, 1822, during California's Hispanic era, and was the only Catholic church in Los Angeles at that time. Today it is the church of the Spanish-speaking people, as it was in the days before the "gringo" came.
- #156 LOS ANGELES PLAZA (Sunset, No. Main, Plaza & Los Angeles
 Streets.) A part of the original pueblo lands of El Pueblo de
 Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula founded in
 1781 under the Spanish laws of the Indies during the reign of
 Spanish King Carlos III, this plaza is southeast of and adjoining
 the site of the original plaza, center of the settlement established
 by Governor Felipe de Neve in 1781. When the Plaza Church was
 completed in the 1820s or 1830s, this site was reserved as a public
 plaza and was officially dedicated as a public park in 1869.
- #159 PICO HOUSE (HOTEL) (El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic

 Park, Main St.) Pío Pico and his brother, Andres Pico, constructed the Pico House in 1869. The first three-story first-class hotel built in Los Angeles, it had approximately eighty rooms, numerous large windows, a small interior court, and quaint stairways. It is now being restored.
- #171 MERCED THEATER, (El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park)

 The Merced Theater. erected in 1869 on North Main Street next to the Pico House, was the first theater in Los Angeles. It was built by William Abbott a cabinetmaker, and named in honor of his wife, Mercedes Garcia, an accomplished musician.
- #301 LUGO ADOBE (SITE OF), (E side of Plaza on Los Angeles Street)

 The Lugo Adobe, said to have been built in the 1840s by Vicente
 Lugo, was one of the few two-story houses in the pueblo of Los
 Angeles. In 1867 Lugo donated this house to St. Vincent's College.

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