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Group of hikers taking a rest along Sturtevant Trail between Hoegge's Camp and Chantry Flats, 1936. Gift of Jerry Mackanic, Sierra Madre Historical Archives (1995.1.1).

Seeking 1930s Stuff

During the month of October, the Sierra Madre Historical Archives will have a display at the Library titled "Sierra Madre in the 1930s." The display is part of "Sierra Madre Reads the Grapes of Wrath" Program and Pioneer Days.

Photographs, postcards, advertisements, and other items from the Depression decade will be featured in the case but we are seeking additional items. If anyone has Sierra Madre artifacts from this era and is willing to lend them for the display, please contact Debbie Henderson at the Library at 626.355.7186.

SMHPS to Consider Adoption of Revised Bylaws

Last revised in 1974, the Society's bylaws needed a major overhaul to reflect the organization's current goals and practices. All members are invited to review the revised bylaws and will have the opportunity to vote on adoption at the meeting on October 17, 2002. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Special thanks to Attorney Donald R. Reed for assisting us with the much needed revisions. Copies of the bylaws are available for review at the Sierra Madre Public Library at 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Members may also contact Debbie Henderson at 626.355.7186 to request copies to be sent to them via U.S. mail or e-mail.

"High Lights" Available on Microfilm

Local artist Alfred J. Dewey was called upon to lead the Sierra Madre Arts Guild that was established in March of 1938. He offered the use of his Old Adobe Studio as a meeting place for the guild. The aim of the guild was to further arts in the community and the group began to publish a monthly newsletter titled "High Lights" in 1940. This fascinating publication includes poetry, short stories, information about exhibits, events, meetings, book reviews, prints, drawings, and advertisements for local businesses. Special thanks to the Sierra Madre Civic Club for sponsoring the filming as part of their philanthropic work. We can now provide access to "High Lights" (1940-1948) without damaging the original, valuable issues.



This year's Pioneer Days promises to be another great event. Two pre-events set the tone; the 7th Annual "Hike into History" takes adventurous hikers to Jones Peak with author John Robinson as guide. Call 355-2356 for information and registration. The SMHPS will be sponsors on October 13th for a meeting of Landmark Home Owners at "El Retiro." See the President's Letter for details. This event is open to all persons interested in preservation.

All other activities will be consolidated into the weekend of Oct. 19 and Oct. 20 and will be centered in three locations. The SMHPS will be taking part in several ways:

- The Archives Slide Show at the Woman's Club on Saturday. Times are: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m.
- An "Ole Fashion Craft Fair" at Lizzie's on Sunday. Food, festivities, old-fashion music and family fun.
- Tours of Lizzie's and the Richardson House.
- Annual Chicken Dinner at Lizzie's presented by the Kiwanis.

Please bring your family and friends and join Sierra Madre for an event that celebrates our heritage and preserves our history by sharing it with everyone, young and old. For more information on these and other events please call for a recorded message at (626) 306-1150 and press 7. For questions regarding tickets or reservations for events call (626) 355-2356 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and ask for Dan or Artemisa.

President's Message

The SMHPS will be hosting a meeting of Landmark owners on Oct. 13, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at "El Retiro", 171 S. Baldwin Avenue. Light refreshments will be served. Individual owners of Landmark homes will be mailed invitations. All parties interested in preservation are welcome. The goal of this meeting is to introduce landmark owners to each other and to encourage landmark owners to host other meetings in the future. This is also an opportunity to see the "El Retiro" home, built in 1911, and meet it's owners, our hosts, for the gathering.

The SMHPS sadly notes the passing of Jim Heasley. He will be very much missed. We are indebted to the contribution of his many artifacts and wonderful anecdotes shared at Lizzie's on countless Saturday mornings. Our condolences to Jim's wife Barbara and their family.

Dane Lenton

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Calendar of Events

- Sept. 19 Regular SMHPS meeting. Senior Center Office. 7:00 p.m. Open to all members.
- Oct. 5 "Hike into History" Landmark Homeowners meeting
- Oct. 13 Regular SMHPS meeting. Senior Center Office. 7:00 p.m. By-laws revision. Open to all members
- Oct. 19 Pioneer Days Memorial Park - "Ole Timers in the Park"
- Oct. 20 Pioneer Days Lizzie's Trail Inn
- Nov. 21 Regular SMHPS meeting. Senior Center office 7:00 p.m.
- December Annual SMHPS membership renewal date.

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_____ Art Fair (booth 2 hours)	_____ Chair One House
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