



## Centennial Book Project FACT SHEET

**Sponsor:** Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society (SMHPS), a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

**SMHPS Mission:** The purposes of the Society are the collection, preservation, and exhibition of historical documents and artifacts pertaining to the founding and subsequent development of Sierra Madre, California and its surrounding community; the gathering and cataloging of current history for future generations; provision of archival access for research purposes; and the continuation of the restoration and preservation of Lizzie's Trail Inn and the Richardson House.

**Project Description:** To publish a 250-page comprehensive history of Sierra Madre portraying the unique character of our foothill community.

**Edition:** First printing will be 2000 books.

**Publication Date:** Targeting 2007, the centennial of the incorporation of Sierra Madre.

**Rationale:** Previous SMHPS history books, *Annals of Early Sierra Madre* (1950) and *Sierra Madre Vistas* (1976), are outdated as well as out of print. This new publication will bring the Sierra Madre story up to the present and serve as a valuable historical and educational resource for the community.

**Historic Resources:** Collections from the Sierra Madre Historical Archives housed in the Sierra Madre Public Library are being researched. Volunteers are also consulting collections in California repositories such as the Huntington Library, California Historical Society, Los Angeles Public Library, and the university libraries of Berkeley, UCLA, and USC. SMHPS welcomes individual contributions (donations or loans) of historical materials for the book project.

**Professionals Involved:** A number of outstanding professionals are at work on the book. Michele Zack, award-winning author of *Altadena: Between Wilderness and City* (2004) is writing the book. Elizabeth Pomeroy, celebrated author of *Lost and Found* (2000), *John Muir* (2001), and *Lost and Found II* (2002), is serving as editor. Jeffrey Lapidés of First Water Design, noted designer of *Sierra Madre's Old Mount Wilson Trail* (2001) by John W. Robinson, will be designing the book.

**Project Team:** SMHPS has established a Centennial Book Committee consisting of the elected officers of the Society Board of Directors. Archivist Debbie Henderson facilitates research into Sierra Madre historical materials. Local notable historian Phyllis Chapman assists the Committee with publicity, special programs, and text review among other tasks.

**Budget:** Approximately \$90,000.

**Funding Sources:** SMHPS is raising funds for the book by sponsoring special events such as the Sunday Silent Movies accompanied by Bob Mitchell. SMHPS is also seeking contributions and pledges from Society members, Sierra Madre residents, interested individuals, community organizations, and businesses. SMHPS has also completed foundation grant applications to raise funds for this important project.

**For More Information:** Please contact SMHPS at P.O. Box 202, Sierra Madre, California 91025; tel. 626.355.8129; web: [www.smhps.org](http://www.smhps.org).