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Hello LVHS Members!

We were busy on April 9th with the Brydon Ranch House tour and it was a great success. Highlights included a wonderful slide show of historical and contemporary garden photos, a visit from relatives of the Brydon family, and a visit from Supervisor Michael Antonovich's Field Deputy who presented owner Bob Kress with a scroll. We had an excellent turnout despite the rain and gained over 30 new members!

On April 16th members of the Retired Services Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) of La Verne were treated to a tour of La Verne, courtesy of organizer Marv Weston and tour guide Bill Lemon. We learned a lot about La Verne and gained two more members. A "porch party" preceded the event at the home of John and Sherry Best.

Here's what's happening in May and June:

May 7th – Cal Poly Pomona is staging its 10th Annual Strawberry Festival and the LVHS will have a table in the Exhibit Hall. We will bring photos of early scenes of the agriculture in La Verne (think orange groves), samples of lemon marmalade for sale, membership forms, and a few copies of Marlin Heckman's "*Gem of Lordsburg*" to round out our exhibit.

The event is located at AGRIsapes at Cal. Poly., Pomona, across from the main campus, next to the Farm Store at 4102 S. University Drive, Pomona, CA 91768 (just south of Temple Av.). The event hours are from 9am to 4pm. We hear that 8,000-10,000 people are expected for this festival.

May 20th - The Sam Maloof House and Garden tour is full! Thank you for responding so quickly to reserve your seats. Reserving all our seats so quickly is an example of a "good problem" and suggests that we maybe should visit the Sam Maloof House again in the future.

June 13th – Our last membership meeting until the fall will be held at the Citrus Meeting Room at Hillcrest at 7pm. Mr. Ben Jenkins from the University of La Verne will speak to us about his job as an archivist and bring some artifacts to share with us. We will discuss activities of the various committees and hopefully tempt members to lend their talents to our organization. We will look over the 2016-2017 events calendar and ask for your input.

July 4th – the LVHS is planning to participate in the annual La Verne Fourth of July parade. Stay tuned ...

The LVHS is getting very active. Our motto is "*Preserving Old La Verne's Environment: Making History for the Future.*" On the front of the membership letter we state, "Let's get engaged – with our community!" Please consider becoming actively engaged with the LVHS. Come to meetings, serve on a committee, be a home tour docent, and help the LVHS flourish. There is everything to gain with your participation.

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