



HOME MOVIE DAY PRESS RELEASE

The Second Annual Santa Clarita Valley Home Movie Day Event will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the REP Playhouse, 24266 San Fernando Road, Newhall, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Grab a family member, and a few reels of your families Regular 8, Super8 or 16mm film. We will have a variety of working projectors on hand to screen your film. There will be trained archivists on hand who will inspect the condition of your film and give you important tips on preservation and DVD duplication.

The event will be hosted by Valencia Residents Rhonda and Phil Vigeant who have devoted their career to Home Movie Preservation through their Burbank based company Pro8mm. They are passionate advocates, having transferred millions of feet of celebrity and historical home movie footage. The Santa Clarita Home Movie Day Event will help to raise the consciousness of the community about the importance of preserving personal histories for future generations.

Home Movie Day was started in 2002 by a small group of film archivists concerned about what would happen to all of the home movies shot on film during the 20th century. They knew many people have boxes full of family memories that they have never seen for lack of a projector, or fears that the films were too fragile to be viewed again. The Home Movie Day founders envisioned a worldwide celebration of these amateur films during which people in cities and towns all over the world would get to meet local film archivists and find out about the importance of preservation of the original footage, even if they make DVD copies. Last year event were held simultaneous at over 50 locations worldwide, and 2006 adds even more.

Last years Santa Clarita Valley Event was a huge success! Held at the senior center, there was a continuous flow of people dropping by. A great time was had by all, and the tears flowed freely! We saw some amazing footage; from the couple who had been married 25 years and were seeing their wedding film for the first time, to the dancer who had footage of himself dancing at the Chicago Opera House in the 1940's, to the sisters from Lancaster who brought films from their childhood growing up in New Jersey, to a variety of great Santa Clarita shots prior to suburban sprawl.

This year's event we hope will be even better. We are holding it at the REP in downtown Newhall which has an actual projection booth and comfortable seating. We are hoping to appeal to not just the seniors, but the baby boomers who are starting to inherit these films from their parent or grandparents and hope they will see the importance of archiving their personal family stories! For more information on Home Movie Day, or to Volunteer, call 661-803-4205 or 818-848-5522

