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Celebrating with George A.V. Dunning at the Getty Center are good friends Jean and Hugh Tolford, Dick Brill, George, Bob Marino and Betty Brill.

Dunning Lecture Series on LA Inaugurated at the Getty Center

n appreciative audience of 300 attended the inaugural George A. V. Dunning Lecture at the Getty Center on Sunday afternoon, November 14. Past president Martin Ridge introduced the speaker, Doyce Nunis, whose talk, "Los Angeles in the Eye of the Twentieth Century" was taped for both audio and video release. A reception on the patio of the Harold M. Williams Auditorium followed.

Dr. Nunis spoke about Los Angeles being uniquely a twentieth century city, and elaborated on five elements that shaped its development:

- its geographic and geological setting
- · the influence of technological innovation
- · the role of the Federal government
- · the rise of the aircraft industry, and
- · the evolution of local politics.

The talk is being printed for distribution, and will be available first at the February 26 History Conference at the Autry Museum.

The second annual Dunning Lecture will be given by Michael E. Engh, S.J. in November (time and place to be determined).



Doyce Nunis presents the first lecture of the Dunning Lecture series.





The Getty Center provided a perfect backdrop for the reception after the lecture. Below left, Michele Crahan, Audrey Arellanes, Edna Smith and Evelyn Andrews chat about the lecture. Below right, two more guests enjoy refreshments served in the patio.

Sesquicentennial Dinner and Lecture

On September 9 in celebration of California's 150th anniversary of statehood, HSSC presented an illustrated lecture by Judson Grenier, author of *Golden Odyssey*—a just-published book on California's first controller and the origins of state government—at the Old Mill in San Marino. *From the top* •1 Guitarist Ken Nagatani sets the mood. •2 Dr. Grenier graciously signs his book. •3 Christine Shirley visits with Don and Jean Rowland.



Photo Highlights of Fall and Winter 1999 Events







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n October 10, a gro HSSC members an

their friends intent on learning more about Los Angeles's Asian communities and cultures joined Nancy and Jon Wilkman for a tour of the Japanese American National Museum, the Korean

Cultural Center—both in Angeles—and the Hsi La



perience Tour

of Temple in Hacienda Heights. From the top •1 The courtyard



of the Hsi Lai Temple. •2 A joyful Buddha greets guests at the Hsi Lai Temple. •3 Nancy Wilkman is flanked by guides Rishika Advani and her mother Mira at the Bombay Palace Restaurant. Later

after a lunch featuring Indian cuisine, Mira gave a talk. Photos: Jon Wilkman









Reception for Past Pflueger Recipients

On Sunday, October 24, past Pflueger Local History Award recipients were honored with a special exhibit and reception at the Lummis Home. *Clockwise from left* •1 Sheldon Jackson, author of *A British Ranchero*, rubs elbows with fellow authors. •2 Tom Sitton stands in front of the exhibit displaying his book on John Randolph Haynes. •3 Books by David Myrick on the history of Montecito and John Robinson on the San Bernardinos share space. •4 Merry Ovnick and David Clark get up-to-date on their new projects. •5 Margaret Bach recalls producing the videos for the Los Angeles History Project which aired on KCET.





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Check Out Our Web Site!

H SSC enters the new millenium with a beautiful web site created by board member Jon Wilkman. Jon has put extensive time, research, energy and enthusiasm into its development. And it is has already greatly increased our visibility and provided a new avenue for outreach to the academic community and the general public.

Our site offers several different features for the viewer to

explore. Information about HSSC's activities, programs, awards, publications, membership and calendar of upcoming events are all included. In addition, it offers an interactive chronol-

ogy extending from 1492 to 1998, an extensive bibliography of books and articles on Southern California history, and a

Historical Society of Southern California 200 East Avenue 43 Los Angeles CA 90031 323.222.0546 series of history links giving instant access to related sites. And if you have attended any of our recent tours or programs, you may even find your own picture in the photo gallery!

HSSC member Al Greenstein has made numerous contributions to the biographies of people in Southern California's past, and hopefully other viewers will want to do so as well. The web site can become a fo-

rum for discussion, and a serious research tool. We are already answering questions on Southern California history sent to us via our e-mail link.

We hope you will visit our

web site at **www.socalhistory. org** and enjoy seeing how HSSC has entered the twentyfirst century.

by Michele Clark

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday February 26 8-4:30 HISTORY CONFERENCE Autry Museum Los Angeles

Saturday May 6 12 noon HSSC AWARDS LUNCHEON The University Club

Sunday May 21

Pasadena

11-5 MUSEUMS OF THE ARROYO

DAY Lummis Home Gamble House Heritage Square Museum Pasadena Historical Museum Southwest Museum Los Angeles & Pasadena

Saturday August 27 9-5

Tour, dinner and performance PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS LED BY NANCY AND JON WILKMAN Laguna Beach

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