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Don Pflueger and the First Donald H. Pflueger Local History Award Winners Back row, left to right: Don Pflueger, Tom Patterson, Sheldon Jackson, Judson Grenier. Front row, left to right: Ellen Lee, Jane Apostol.

Garden Open House Offers Waterwise Solutions

On February 12, the Metropolitan Water District declared a water emergency and imposed a 31% cut in water delivered to 27 agencies from Ventura to San Diego. Then on February 20, the Los Angeles City Council imposed the toughest water rationing measure in the city's history.

After five years of drought, the situation is indeed critical. What can you do to use less water? The Lummis Home and Garden volunteers have a suggestion.

Visit the Lummis Home during its Fifth Annual Garden Open House on Sunday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and learn how to reduce your garden's water use up to one-half. Learn how to use less water outdoors and free up water for use indoors.

At the Open House you'll have opportunities to ask garden experts questions about drought-tolerant plants, about efficient irrigation systems and techniques. You'll meet author and plantsman Kevin Connelly, who will be autographing his book *Month-by-Month in a Waterwise Garden*. You'll take tours of the awardwinning water-conserving garden. And you'll have an opportunity to buy drought-tolerant plants from the Theodore Payne Foundation, Wildwood Nursery and the Lummis Garden nursery.

For the young and young-at-heart, there will be balloons, popcorn, lemonade, tours of Charles Lummis' stone-clad home, Steven Kutcher and his exotic bugs, and Diane Myers from the Southwest Herpetologists Society with her popular hands-on snake exhibit.

So yes, do "Shut Your Tap," but also—do join us on Sunday, April 7 and learn how to grow a green but, waterwise garden.

Admission, exhibits and refreshments are free, but a donation of \$1.00 per person is suggested.

Meet HSSC Director George Dunning

George Dunning became a member of HSSC in 1958 while attending the University of La Verne and majoring in history.

Thirty years later George would serve as vice president of HSSC and guide the development committee before becoming the Society's president for a two-year term in 1987.

Not only has George given of his time and expertise to HSSC, but his generous contributions have been responsible for such improvements as the new computer system in the Society's office.

He also sponsored the winter 1987 issue of the *Quarterly* which focused on "Hollywood and the Visual Arts in the 1940s."

George Dunning, history enthusiast and benefactor, is a lifetime member of the Historical Society of Southern California.



George Dunning

PHOTO: Henk Friezer



GENTLE READER:

Writing is hard work, and writing well is even more difficult.

If you don't think so, ask Mrs.

Thomas Carlyle, who said that her husband while writing was "arrogant, bad-tempered, unpredictable and turned the home into a madhouse." And he was always writing!

Good writing is the foundation of good history, and HSSC is fortunate to be a Society composed of members who write well—hopefully without some of the traits of the great historian-biographer mentioned above.

I'm proud to say that a list of HSSC members who write would fill this entire page.

HSSC is also a Society committed to publishing the writing of others, be it in the *Quarterly*, in this newsletter or in separate publications. Five books, for example, are planned for this year—our Centennial Year of Incorporation.

· And four more are scheduled for 1992—an exciting collection to own and to read!

This is one way I believe we can demonstrate the seriousness of our commitment to making history more immediate, personal and compelling—for the people of Southern California and, indeed, for those throughout the State.

Tom Andrews

Nunis Honored as Whitsett Lecturer

Doyce B. Nunis, Ph.D., editor of HSSC's *Southern California Quarterly*, has been selected to give the 1991 W.P. Whitsett California Lecture.

Dr. Nunis' lecture, entitled "Medicine in Hispanic California," will be preceded by a reception and dinner beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the University Club, California State University, Northridge on Friday, April 12.

Founded in 1986, the Whitsett California Lecture Series encourages a broader understanding and appreciation of the history of California and the West.

The lecture at 8:00 p.m. is free. For more information call: (818) 885-3566.



Doyce B. Nunis, Jr.

New Garden Publication

The Historical Society is pleased to present our newest publication, *Month by Month in a Waterwise Garden* by Kevin Connelly.

This compact book takes you through the gardening year, explaining each month's chores and opportunities, highlighting water-saving approaches to choosing plants, lawn care, irrigation equipment and soil amendments.

A valuable companion to both beginning gardeners and seasoned horticulturists, the book puts one and all in step with today's water-conservation ethic.

The author, a volunteer at the Lummis Garden, is both an accomplished gardener and writer whose articles on wildflowers, native plants and water-conserving gardening have appeared in the Los Angeles *Times*, Pasadena *Star-News* and *Pacific Horticulture*.

The Historical Society, which maintains the two-acre Lummis Garden as a model water-conserving garden, is proud to be the publisher of such a timely book.

Month by Month in a Waterwise Garden was funded by a grant from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a continuing supporter of the Lummis Garden.

MONTH BY MONTH IN A WATERWISE GARDEN FIRST TIME OFFER						
			Quantity		Total	
Members (20% discount)	\$	4.00		_ =	\$	
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ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 1989 - DECEMBER 31, 1990

To The Members of the Historical Society of Southern California

In 1991 the Society (HSSC) celebrates its 100th year of incorporation and its 108th year of existence. Concurrently, the five-year plan of its Board of Directors will be completed during the period. The following is a report on the Society's affairs.

Financial results for 4½ years, July 1, 1986 through December 31, 1990 are summarized in the columns immediately to the right. As HSSC has elected to change its fiscal year end to December 31 from June 30, a sixmonth stub period ended December 31, 1990 is included in this report.

The financial numbers represent expanding programs and show an ending cash balance for the past 18 months, July 1, 1989-December 31, 1990, 26% larger than the previous twelve months ending June 30, 1989. The balance sheet consists of liquid assets of \$201,365 including securities with a market value of \$152,236 as of December 31, 1990.

The ability of HSSC to stand on its own financial feet will continue to be the acid test required to obtain outside funding support in these competitive times. The record during recent years has been very good, and extensive outside support has been the result.

Since the Society's conception, it has been active in historical publishing ranging from its widely recognized *Quarterly* and other periodicals to books and articles. With the support of outside contributions the publications list is currently expanding at an impressive rate with nine books scheduled to be published between 1990 and 1992.

Joseph S. O'Flaherty HSSC President HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CASH FLOW ANALYSIS JULY 1, 1986 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1990

	July 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990	July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990	July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989	July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988	July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987
Beginning cash	\$110,373	\$52,460	\$41,787	\$25,383	\$11,473
Membership dues	25,390	44,125	40,560	34,092	36,608
Investment income	5,873	12,757	15,659	11,953	12,127
Donations	23,434	58,979	45,215	26,618	18,926
Book sales	14,631	15,306	14,121	10,181	6,335
Quarterly Publication donations	9,078	17,249	42,489	28,122	0
Events and programs	2,785	20,244	17,914	21,659	16,231
Administrative fees	6,604	39,143	4,640	4,732	1,211
Increase in reserve and fund accounts	13,946	53,306	26,932	40,011	19,621
Stock sale proceeds	1,000	45,219	6,961	0	53,077
Receivables collected	0	0	0	0	21,813
CASH RECEIPTS	102,744	306,330	214,495	177,371	185,952
Cash available	213,118	358,790	256,282	202,755	197,425
Operating expenses	(123,828)	(213,261)	(203,822)	(160,968)	(123,951)
Securities purchased	(22,383)	(35,155)	0	0	(26,275)
Payment of accounts payable	0	0	0	0	(21,814)
CASH EXPENDITURES	(146,211)	(248,416)	(203,822)	(160,968)	(172,041)
Ending cash balance	\$66,906	\$110,373	\$52,460	\$41,787	\$25,383
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The above information has been compiled from the tax returns as filed by the Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. for the years ended June 30, 1987, June 30, 1988, June 30, 1989, June 30, 1990 and the six months ended December 31, 1990. The Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. elected to change it's fiscal year end to December 31st (from June 30th), starting with December 31, 1990.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (unaudited)

ASSETS	December 31, 1990
Cash, checking & money market	\$ 25,220
Other current assets	6,996
Marketable securities	127,408*
Restricted assets	41,687
Property & equipment, net	54
	\$201,365
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	\$ 3,475
Long-term liabilities, fund accounts	41,687
Board reserved moneys accounts	169,509
Ending account balance	- 13,306
	\$201,365

^{*} Market value as of December 31, 1990: \$152,236

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HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS, 1989-1990

Historic 100 members have contributed over \$110,000 collectively during the past 18 months, July 1, 1989 to December 31, 1990. These donors, many over 50 years old, support the publications, general operations and special projects of the Society.

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HSSC BOARD SUPPORT TOPS \$65,000

For the past 18 months, the Board of Directors has proudly reported 100% participation in its annual Board Giving Campaign.

The following members of the Board have collectively given over \$65,000 to the operations and special projects of the Society.

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Five Favorite Books About Pasadena

By Alice Stone

Alice Stone, a writer specializing in Pasadena's history and books, has also conducted oral interviews and done research for the CalTech Archives.

My five favorite books about Pasadena differ in quality, but they speak clearly of life in early Pasadena, and, by extension, all of Southern California.

1. The Anniversaries, by John Espey. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1963.

A beautifully crafted, moving novel that follows Hudnell Frazier's arrival in Pasadena in 1887 to his death in 1948; traces the development of the Valley Hunt Club, the Tournament of Roses, and wealthy Old Pasadena. (Two decades later, Espey collaborated with Carolyn See and Lisa See Kendall under the pseudonym Monica Highland to write Lotus Land, published by McGraw-Hill in 1983. It uses some of the same material, is bigger, racier, and not quite as effective.)

2. History of Pasadena, by Hiram A. Reid, M.D. Pasadena History Company, 1895.

The first full-scale Pasadena history, written when the 20-year-old town community had blossomed to a

population of 9,450. In his delightfully chatty way, the food doctor seems to have included absolutely everybody in only 675 pages.

3. The Hunter Cats of Connorloa, by Helen Hunt Jackson. Boston, Roberts Brothers, 1884.

While researching Romona (1884), Helen Hunt Jackson visited developer Abbot Kinney who lived on Pasadena's Kinneloa Mesa. The children's book Hunter Cats of Connorloa eventually resulted, accurately picturing the difficulties of early agricultural life, but the depredations of the "hunter cats" on marauding gophers and the slaughter of the linnets in the fruit trees make it a bit bloody for today's younger readers.

4. We Three Came West: A True Chronicle, edited by Helen Raitt and Mary Collier Wayne. San Diego, Tofua Press, 1973.

Pasadena always had a literary set and these sparkling letters, dating 1873 to 1880, are from the family of one of the best-known of the bunch,



Alice Stone

PHOTO: Florence Photo

Margaret Collier Graham, an essayist and short story writer. The well-edited correspondence relates with wit and humor the hardships of a family who settled here for a loved-one's health.

5. A Winter Romance in Poppy Land, by Una Nixson Hopkins. Boston, Richard G. Badger, 1911.

Many Pasadena residents were originally winter tourists who came, saw, and settled. This novel, about one such mother-daughter pair, would be a third-rate effort in any age and is distasteful today because of racial stereotypes, but it portrays the pleasantly indolent life of excursions on the Mount Lowe Railway and jaunts to the San Gabriel Mission.

HSSC Publications

Powell, Letters From the Orange Empire (1990)
Connelly, Month By Month in a Waterwise Garden (1991)
Weber, California Bibliographies (1991)
Powell, Land of Fiction (1991)
Lothrop, Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California (1991)
O'Flaherty, An End and a Beginning & Those Powerful Years (1991)
Apostol, Centennial History of HSSC (1991)

Watch for announcements regarding these exciting books.



Mark Elinson

HSSC Salutes History Teacher Mark Elinson

HSSC is proud to recognize Mark Elinson as a high school history teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students.

Mark currently teaches at Abraham Lincoln High School and has been with the Los Angeles Unified School District for 22 years.

Local History first caught Mark's attention and led him to create a class called "LA Today," in which his students took field trips throughout the city in addition to classroom discussions with slide presentations.

But it is as the effective coordinator of History Day/L.A. for the past 9 years where Mark has distinguished himself within the field of history.

History Day/L.A. is part of a national program that encourages junior and senior high students to prepare exhibits, papers, media presentations and performances on a historical theme.

When Mark first attended History Day, 350 students participated. This year, under his direction, nearly 1,000 will compete for the right to go on to state and national finals.

Mark's enthusiasm not only encompasses his own students and all who participate in History Day, but also the 25 coordinators who serve under him.

HSSC is pleased to be a sponsor of History Day/L.A. and pleased to have Mark Elinson as one of its members.

My Brush With History

by Dr. Norman Neuerburg HSSC member and professor emeritus of art history at California State University, Dominguez Hills

History has a way of repeating itself, often in strange and unsettling ways.

As a rather precocious California history buff at the age of fifteen in 1941 I was invited to attend the rededication of Mission La Purisima Concepcion, near Lompoc, getting a ride with Dr. and Mrs. Owen C. Coy and Anna Begue de Packman. The date was Sunday, December the 7th. After mass we went out of the church and learned that Pearl Harbor had been bombed and that we were at war.

Years later I became a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the mission, now a State Park. At a meeting last fall it was decided that the fiftieth anniversary of the rededication should be celebrated, with special emphasis on the contribution of the California Conservation Corps, the group which supplied the labor for the reconstruction. A special subcommittee was chosen, including myself as one of the few still around who had been there that day, and the date chosen for that meeting was January 16th, 1991.

As I drove up that morning I thought, "How ironic it would be if upon exiting from the meeting we should again find we were at war." Of course, that's what happened, and probably with consequences as great as after that fateful day almost a half century ago.

Have you had a brush with history?

Would you share it with us?

HSSC members are invited to contribute articles sharing their experiences of history-in-themaking. Articles should be brief—approximately 250 words—and may be accompanied by a related photograph.

Mail to Editor, Southern Californian, 200 East Avenue 43, Los Angeles, CA 90031.

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In Memoriam

ROBERT F. SCHERRER, long-time HSSC member, passed away on January 21, 1991. Bob was an active participant in the Society and a volunteer at the Lummis Home until poor health kept him away. In addition to his interests in photography, gem polishing and bookbinding, Bob accumulated a house full of books on western history and printing. His books were his treasures.

JACK E. SHERWOOD, after a brief illness, passed away on December 30, 1990. One of the founders of Huntington Westerners, Jack further pursued his interest in western history by establishing Orizaba Publications in 1980. At the time of his death he was planning publication of the third volume of the trilogy, Days of Vintage, Years of Vision, authored by his wife, Midge.

THESE DATES:

Mar. 16	Levering Centennial Lecture Southwest Museum
Mar. 23	History Day/LA
Apr. 7	Garden Open House
Apr. 12	W.P. Whitsett Lecture CSU Northridge

Apr. 20 Levering Centennial Lecture Maritime Museum

May 16 President's Circle Dinner/Lecture

Levering Centennial May 18 Lecture/Breakfast Pomona College

Museums of the Arroyo May 19

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