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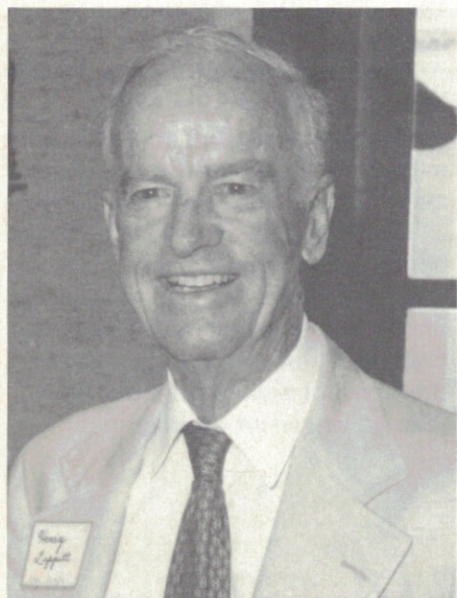


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Henry Lippitt, 2nd

Meet HSSC Director Henry Lippitt, 2nd

Henry Lippitt joined the HSSC Board of Directors in 1970 and served two terms before becoming Treasurer.

He has made a vital contribution to the Society by managing its assets and providing financial expertise to the Finance Committee of the Board.

Henry retired after a distinguished legal career in the natural gas regulatory field. He contributed to important legislation that was enacted during the 1980s. For nearly 28 years, he also authored a weekly newsletter on gas developments entitled *Lippitt Reports*.

With his wife Ruth, a Swiss citizen, Henry spends summers in the charming village of Wengren, Switzerland, which is accessible only by train.

With roots going back to early 17th century Rhode Island, it is understandable that Henry Lippitt would maintain a strong interest in history.

ARCO Grant Sponsors *A Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California*

Can history and leisure coexist in sunny Southern California? Absolutely. Especially this summer when *A Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California* appears in print for the first time.

Written by Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop, HSSC member and Professor of History at Cal Poly Pomona, *Historical Outings* is published jointly by HSSC and Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County.

ARCO Foundation provided funding for the guide, which they believe can be an indispensable resource not only for history professionals and enthusiasts but also for individuals and families seeking daytime and weekend outings with an historical emphasis.

Historical Outings brings together nearly 300 historic sites, parks, and

museums in one easy-to-use paperback volume. "It enables people to actively experience history," states David Boyd, Director of Community Affairs at ARCO.

The guide gives the name, address and phone number of each site so that readers can call for additional information. Entries are indexed by geographic area and subject and a comprehensive list of historical societies, museums and organizations is included as an additional reference.

Historical Outings retails for \$9.95 and will be sold at the El Alisal Book Shop and bookstores throughout Southern California. See the coupon on page 5 for a special prepublication offer at a 25% discount.



PHOTO: Suzanne Huddleson

Outings author Gloria Lothrop and David Boyd, Director of Community Affairs at ARCO.



GENTLE READER:

CONNECT...CONNECTS...CONNECTED

Believe it or not, these three words best define the essence of history.

I am often asked about the difference between history and antiquarianism. I usually reply that it's the difference between the "living past of the dead" and the "dead past of the living." History is meant to be the "past alive," not the "frozen past."

And the past is alive because it is connected to something, to other parts of the past and to the present. As historian William J. Bouwsma so aptly puts it, the implicit motto of history is "always connect."

He further writes: "I've always believed that to think historically means to locate every historical datum, whether person, artifact, event or process, in the largest possible context of significance."

This should be the ultimate conviction of every student of history, whether the subject is a building, a business, a neighborhood, a community or something larger in scope.

And that's exactly how history differs from nostalgia, which is a substitute for memory, frozen in time and focused on trivia.

So the next time you see a bumper sticker that reads, "Nostalgia isn't what it used to be," just smile and say to yourself, "there goes a disconnected person"—someone who needs a membership in HSSC!

Tom Andrews

HSSC Centennial Gala Coming in October

The Historical Society of Southern California will be celebrating 100 years of incorporation this October with a gala dinner at Times Mirror. Invitations will be mailed in early September for the October 24 event designed to highlight HSSC service to the Southern California community.

"I am pleased to announce that we will be celebrating this centennial at Times Mirror," stated HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews, "since both organizations—the Times and HSSC—have long been committed to furthering understanding of our local history."

While this celebration marks the Society's incorporation, it will not lose sight of its founders' first meeting date

108 years ago. As California's oldest, continuously-operating historical society, HSSC is proud to recall both 1883 and 1891 as milestones in its rich history.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be historian Kevin Starr, whose research and numerous books bring into focus the shimmering image of what many now call "the California dream."

The Centennial Gala will also be an opportunity to thank the Society's many supporters and acknowledge the intellectual contributions of Southern California's historians, authors and promoters of history. A special keepsake is planned for the event.

HSSC Receives Times Mirror Grant

The Historical Society has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Times Mirror Foundation to support the general operations of the Society.

In the words of Lisa Reale of Times Mirror, HSSC's "services and outreach are far more comprehensive than many historical societies around the country."

The grant, payable over two years, is

in response to the Society's "Century II Campaign," which marks this year's Centennial of Incorporation.

"This is doubly pleasing," notes President Joe O'Flaherty, "because The Times Mirror Foundation has been a leader in understanding the importance of the unrestricted operating grant."

Century II Founders

Century II Founders are individuals, businesses and foundations who contribute \$10,000 or more in support during the Society's Centennial Year of Incorporation. Gifts and grants may be paid over two years.

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Clockwise: Margaret Dickerson, HSSC; Louis Trujillo, Mayor's staff; Duane Georgeson, MWD Assistant General Manager; Mayor Tom Bradley and friend.



HSSC Board Member Sandra Burton and author George Liskow.



Hot-selling native plants from Theodore Payne Foundation.

Mayor Bradley Attends Garden Open House

Sunday, April 17, marked HSSC's Fifth Annual Lummis Garden Open House. Over 1,300 people attended including Mayor Tom Bradley. Visitors enjoyed tours of the waterwise garden and historic home, exhibits, book and plant sales and refreshments. Many HSSC members and friends remarked this Open House was the best ever for practical ideas about how to maintain a waterwise residential garden.



Landscape specialist Rebecca Fisher fields a question during garden tour.

Lummis Home neighbor with friend from Southwest Herpetologists exhibit.





Bill Coate

HSSC Salutes History Teacher Bill Coate

HSSC is proud to recognize Bill Coate as a history teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students.

As a student at Pasadena College, Bill came under the tutelage of Dr. Thomas Andrews and learned to direct his interest in history. Thus, his childhood love for history developed into a teaching career at the Madera Unified School District.

While teaching history to sixth graders, Bill accidentally discovered three old graves along the Chowchilla River. This gave him the idea of having students "do history" by resurrecting these forgotten people.

Thus, the "Madera Method" was born. Simply stated, "it is an attempt to entice elementary and junior high school students to collectively write a biographical novel by choosing a pioneer from their local past."

The students are taught to follow the paper trail left by that pioneer. By the end of the school year, they will have written and published a biographical novel printed by The Classroom Chronicles Press in Madera.

According to Bill Coate, "Students become participants in the real-life drama of history."

Bill has gained national attention with the "Madera Method," and is currently on special assignment with the Madera Unified School District.

Andrews Accepts Award

Tom Andrews received the first Jack E. Sherwood Award during the Huntington Corral Westerners luncheon at The Huntington Ritz Carlton on May 18.

The award is named after one of the Corral's founders, Jack E. Sherwood, for his dedication to publication of authentic history. Tom was chosen because he has devoted much of his historic research to emigrants who helped settle the west through publication of guidebook literature.

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El Alisal Book Shop

Recent Arrivals at El Alisal Book Shop

Are you looking for new and exciting reading this summer? If you are interested in biography try *California's Daughter: Gertrude Atherton* (1991) or *Thomas O. Larkin* (1990).

If it's practical hints for summer activities, try *L.A. Bike Rides* (1985), *Museums of Southern California* (1988), *California Public Gardens* (1991), or *Day Tours in and around Los Angeles* (1979).

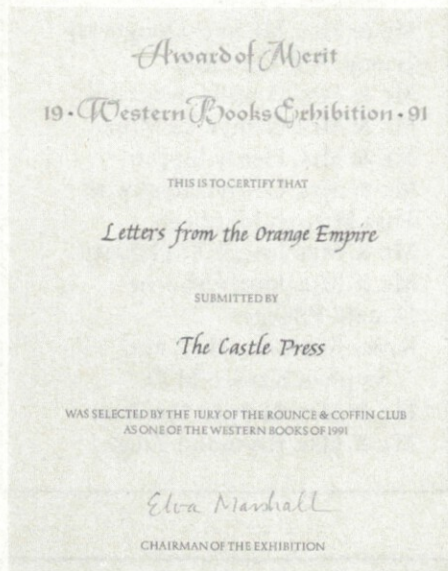
[Of course, the best is yet to come: *A Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California* (1991).]

If you dig summer gardening, then try *Beautiful Gardens* (1991), *Let It Rot!*

(1990), or *A Gardener Touched With Genius* (1985).

Or you can wrap up your evenings with *Los Angeles Stories* (1991) or *West of the West: Imagining California* (1989).

All of these and many more are yours to peruse and purchase at El Alisal Book Shop this summer. Come and visit us!



HSSC's Letters From the Orange Empire has been selected by the Rounce & Coffin Club as one of their 30 western books of 1991. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Rounce & Coffin Club's Western Books Exhibition which tours libraries in the western states for two years.

Announcing the Great HSSC Book Sale and Auction

First editions? Signed copies? History books? Garden books? Novels? Art books? Western Americana? What are your favorites?

Visit the Lummis Home on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15 and find them all.

Enjoy the thrill of bidding on a copy of *With Kennedy*, inscribed by author Pierre Salinger and accompanied by a letter from Allan Nevins accepting the review assignment for the book.

**THE GREAT
HSSC BOOK SALE**
Saturday, September 14
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

and
Sunday, September 15
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

AUCTION
Sunday, September 15
10:30 A.M. - 12 Noon
Preview at 9:30 A.M.

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Or test your staying power by bidding against Lummis Home docents for *Charles F. Lummis: The Man and His West*, written and signed by Lummis' son Keith and coupled with a signed copy of Lummis' *Spanish Songs of Old California*.

Or enjoy browsing among book-laden tables in search of a treasure to buy for yourself or to give as a gift.

Find \$1 to \$5 books galore. Find a whole library of 1/2 price books in very good to new condition. Find back issues of our *Quarterly* and many other history journals at reduced prices. Find pamphlets and brochures of historical interest. Proceeds from the sale go to assist the publications of the Historical Society.

For more information or for a catalogue of auction items (available August 15), call HSSC at (213) 222-0546.

And, remember, we are still accepting donations of books for the sale—right up to September 1st.

GUIDE TO HISTORICAL OUTINGS PREPUBLICATION ORDER

The Historical Society is pleased to announce a special prepublication offer on *A Guide to Historical Outings in Southern California*, to be published early this fall. This summer, *Historical Outings* is offered at \$7.50 (a 25% discount). After September 1st, the regular price is \$9.95, (\$12.50 with tax, postage and handling).

Special prepublication offer	\$ 7.50
Tax, postage & handling	\$ 2.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$10.00

OFFER EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 1

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For multiple copies, please send the following amounts:

2 copies	\$19.00	4 copies	\$37.00
3 copies	\$28.00	5 copies	\$46.00



Jean Stone

PHOTO: Suzanne Huddleson

Jean Stone Shares Insights on Historical Research with President's Circle Members

The occasion was the inaugural dinner of HSSC's new President's Circle. The speaker was noted editor Jean Stone. And the insights were the fruit of five decades of world travel and intensive research to recreate accurately and artistically the historical periods that fashioned such great figures as Darwin, Michelangelo, Van Gogh and Freud.

Following dinner at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and introductory comments by HSSC's President Joseph O'Flaherty, Mrs. Stone spoke informally, sharing experiences and anecdotes about how the researcher must dig out the facts regardless of the obstacles she or he encounters. President's Circle members enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk personally with Jean Stone.

The President's Circle comprises HSSC members at the \$1,000 level. For more information about joining the HSSC President's Circle, contact HSSC at (213) 222-0546.

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Noah Levering Centennial Lecture Series Concluded

HSSC thanks Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop for creating and coordinating a marvelous series of seven lectures held throughout Southern California at historic sites.

Those who attended the lectures were delighted with both the locations and the wide range of topics that were presented.

Subjects ranged from music, fine printing, law, and shipwrecks to the American breakfast.

Locations included the Brand Library, Mission San Fernando, Hale Solar Laboratory, Vista del Arroyo and Kellogg Mansion.

HSSC salutes Gloria for her special centennial gift to the Society.

Coast Live Oak Dedicated

On Sunday, May 19, family and friends of Richard G. Lillard gathered in the Lummis Garden for the dedication of a Coast Live Oak in his memory.

He is fondly remembered as an historian, environmentalist and the author of *Eden in Jeopardy*.

Dr. Lillard was made a FELLOW of the Historical Society in 1989.



PHOTO: Margaret Dickerson

Louise Lillard visits El Alisal Book Shop after dedication of tree in her husband's memory.

Third Annual "Museums of the Arroyo Day"

Several hundred people celebrated "Museums of the Arroyo Day" on Sunday, May 19.

The Lummis Home, the Southwest Museum and Heritage Square Museum were open to the public free of charge with shuttle buses continuously taking visitors to the museums.

Activities at each site varied from music of the old Southwest to Native American craft demonstrations to an ongoing living history program.

If you missed this year's event, mark your calendar as "Museums of the Arroyo Day" takes place annually on the third Sunday of May in conjunction with National Museum Week.

1946: Memories of L.A.

by
Fred Knepper

HSSC member, Fred Knepper is an urban planner with a Master of Business Administration from UCLA.

I took this picture as a teenage member of the Triangle Camera Club. The club was part of the downtown YMCA, then located on Hope Street, between 7th and 8th streets.

Because the era was immediately after World War II, most of the members were returning GIs. Although I was much younger than these fellows, they sometimes invited me to their outside parties.

I remember them as being a light-hearted, fun-loving crowd. The thing that amazes me today is that they never once mentioned the war. It was as if it had never happened. I heard no war stories, there was no bragging, and certainly no complaints. I always assumed that no one wanted to look back.

In those days one could freely walk the streets of Los Angeles late at night. Sometimes we would end up at one of the all-night Chinese restaurants located



PHOTO: Fred Knepper

Union Station at night, circa 1946. Notice the ghost figures in the lower right-hand corner and the cab driver waiting (leaning against the fender of his cab). Also notice the art deco lettering of the inside news stand, the Chevron Supreme ad on the back of the cab, and the old Madison telephone number under the rear window and above the Chevron sign.

you had a brush
story?

you share it
?

HSSC members are invited to contribute articles sharing their experiences of history-in-the-making. 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.

Orientation for Prospective House Docents Set

An orientation for new Lummis Home Docents is being offered on Saturday, July 27 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

If you are interested in meeting people, learning about the history of Los Angeles, and working in an historic landmark, you may be a candidate for Lummis Home Docent.

During the orientation, prospective docents will be introduced to active docents who will share their experiences. HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews will discuss books by and about Charles Lummis. A tour of El Alisal including parts of the home not open to the public, will conclude the morning's activities.

Each prospective docent will be provided with a free manual and will be paired with an experienced docent during training.

Docents are asked to serve one afternoon a month and one Sunday in April during the annual Garden Open House.

In return, docents are invited to the Society's Holiday Open House, enjoy free enrichment programs and receive a 10% discount at the El Alisal Book Shop.

To make a reservation or for more information, call HSSC at (213) 222-0546.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sept. 2	LA's 210th Birthday Celebration El Pueblo
Sept. 14, 15	Great Book Sale and Auction Lummis Home
Oct. 24	Centennial Gala Times Mirror
Dec. 1	Holiday Open House

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For Docents Only

Lummis Home Docents had a treat on Saturday, June 8 when Christine Shirley, HSSC member and Banning Museum Historian, presented a slide program focusing on early transportation in Los Angeles.

The program was followed by brunch and ended with one of Tom Andrews informal but informative book talks.

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☐ \$35 Individual Members receive:
Discounted program and event tickets for Member and one guest

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Please enroll me as a member in the *Historical Society of Southern California* in the category checked above.

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