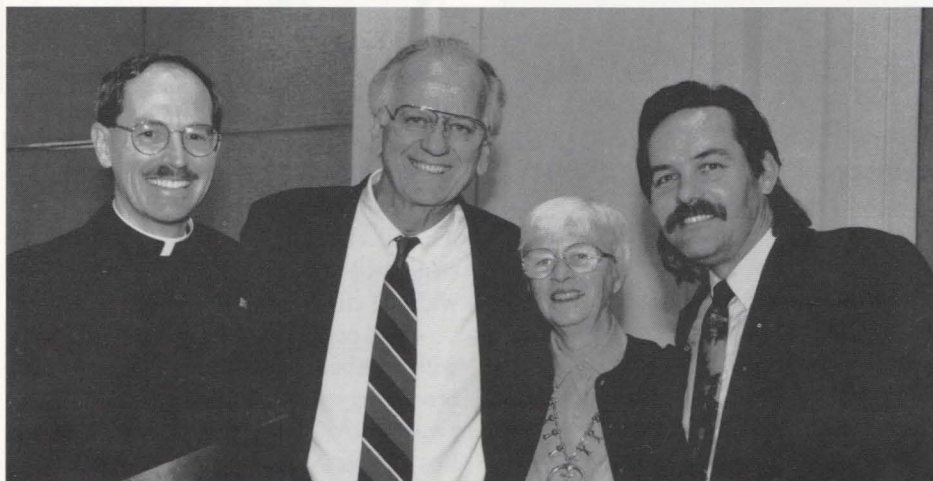




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Far left and right, Pflueger Award recipients Michael Engh and Tom Sitton join HSSC Executive Director Tom Andrews and Wheat Award winner Jane Apostol.

Awards Luncheon Honors Achievements

On Saturday March 8, more than one hundred people attended the Historical Society's first combined awards luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pasadena.

It proved to be an exciting afternoon as eleven individuals were honored for their scholarship and teaching abilities in history.

Teachers Honored

First to be recognized were Mark Elinson, Jerrie Martin, Lee Rosental and Catarina Spiess, the winners of the Louise and Joseph S. O'Flaherty Distinguished Teaching Award. Their story is told in more detail on page 8.

Wheat Award

Two awards for the best articles in the *Southern California Quarterly* were presented next. Jane Apostol received the Carl I. Wheat Award and a check for \$500 for the best article by a senior scholar. Entitled "Mary Emily Foy:

Miss Los Angeles Herself," the article appeared in the summer 1996 issue of the *Quarterly*.

Nunis Award

The newly established Doyce B. Nunis Award for the best article by a junior scholar, carrying a \$500 stipend, was shared by Jared Orsi, a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Elizabeth Wheeler, an assistant professor at the University of Oregon.



Ruth Newhall: Pflueger winner

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Endowment Campaign Moves Forward

Last fall the Historical Society embarked on a five-year, \$3.1 million endowment campaign. Six months later, the endowment moves forward with pledges totaling \$473,750 and payments totaling \$239,275.

Three awards—Nunis, Pflueger and Wheat—have been endowed and an endowment for the support of the *Quarterly* has been started. Board support has been outstanding, accounting for a very high percentage of the nearly half million dollars pledged so far.

Much remains to be done, but President Martin Ridge, Chairman George Dunning and Executive Director Tom Andrews are encouraged by this initial support and optimistic about reaching their goal.

"The future of history in Southern California will surely be affected by whether we reach our goal," Tom Andrews says. "It is the most important challenge HSSC has faced in its 114-year history."

Orsi's article, entitled "Restoring the Common to the Goose: Citizen Activism and the Protection of the California Coastline, 1969-1982," was published in the fall 1996 issue. Elizabeth Wheeler won for her article, "A Concrete Island: Nisaye Yamamoto's Postwar Los Angeles," which appeared in the spring 1996 *Quarterly*.

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GENTLE READER



WHEN MOST of us took history in junior high and high school, there was no such thing as "History Day"—a program of local, county, state and national competition for awards.

Today is different. This year, on March 22, one thousand young students competed for top honors at USC. Believe me, it's an exciting time when the winners are loudly cheered during the awards ceremony.

The students compete in categories where they write papers, construct projects, present performances and produce videos, either individually or in small groups. Both individual and group prizes are awarded. The winners move on to state and national competition.

The Historical Society has been active in History Day for fifteen years, providing financial support and personnel with Elizabeth Marsh and Margaret Dickerson having served as treasurers.

This year the Historical Society is providing over \$10,000 of its publications—in particular *Angels Flight*, *Griffith Park* and *Museums Along the Arroyo*—to serve as prizes for both participating teachers and winning students.

Few things are more important than the encouragement of young people to do history, to become active participants in the study of the past, to discover the power of history in their own lives.

This is why I am grateful for the opportunity HSSC has had to publish local history—and for foundations such as Ahmanson, ARCO and Haynes, for example, whose grant support has helped us place our publications in the schools. Reaching the young with history is not an option, it is a priority!

1997 History Conference a Success

The second annual history conference sponsored by HSSC and presented at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage is receiving rave reviews, if the evaluations made by attendees are any proof.

More than 200 people attended the one-day conference which focused on the collections and archives—both renowned and little-known—dealing with the city of Los Angeles.

Each person attending went home with a resource packet of books and brochures—all meant to increase awareness of where to go to study Los Angeles.

During the wine and cheese reception at the end of the day, hosted by the Southern California History Center at CSUN, attendees mingled with the people who curate the collections, who use them or who promote the collections by publicizing them. No one wanted to leave. It took dimming the lights in the Golden Spur to remind the crowd the conference was over.

The 1998 History Conference is already being planned and will focus on the people who made Los Angeles the city it has become. Be sure to look for details in a mailing later this year.

This year's conference was co-sponsored by Wells Fargo, California State University, Northridge, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Southern California Social Science Association.

LUNCHEON *continued from page 1*

Awards Underwritten

The Historical Society is grateful to Frank and Nancy Wheat for their generous bequest which ensures the continuation of the Wheat Award, and to the former students and friends of Doyce Nunis for their endowment contributions in his honor and in recognition of his 35 years as editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*.

Authors Honored

The awards ceremonies concluded with the presentation of the Donald H. Pflueger Local History Award. Endowed by friends and family of Don Pflueger, the award was given to Michael Engh, S.J., Ruth Newhall, George Sanchez and Tom Sitton. Their story is told in more detail on page 9.

The Historical Society hopes to make this combined awards luncheon an annual spring event. It was an exciting day for history!

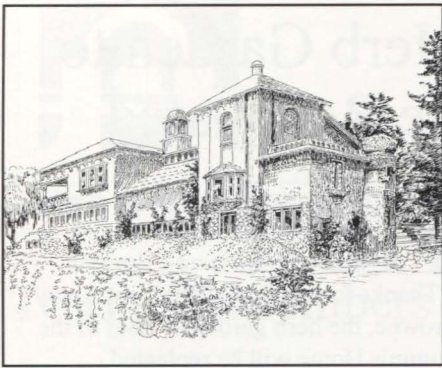
Museum Resources for Los Angeles History



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1997 History Conference

Museum Resources:
just one of several items included in the History Conference resource packet



Original home of the Judson Studios

Volume Three in Sesquicentennial Series Features Judson Studios

This year, the Judson Studios of Highland Park, world renowned as artisans of stained glass, faceted glass and mosaics, celebrate their centennial.

Jane Apostol has written their history, entitled *Painting with Light*, and HSSC will publish it this fall. The book tells the exciting story of the studio since the time of William Lees Judson, Arroyo resident, artist and dean of USC's College of Fine Arts.

The Judson Studios have provided notable stained glass creations for the Natural History Museum, the Ennis and Hollyhock houses, Hollywood Methodist Episcopal Church, Forest Lawn and Rose Hills memorial parks, the Sephardic Temple Tiferenth Israel, St. James Episcopal Church and the First Congregational Church of L.A., among others.

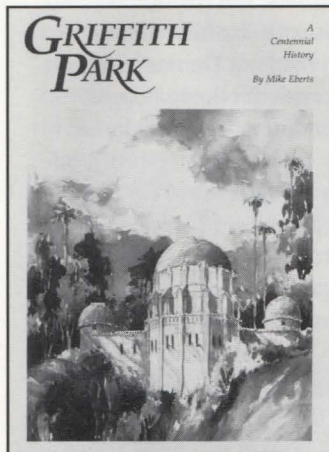
Equally important, the book tells the story of the rise of stained glass art in Los Angeles within the context of the culture of the Arroyo, the arts and crafts movement and early 20th century Southern California history. This is past history with a living presence among us today!

Painting with Light uncovers another local history treasure and makes its story available to teachers, students and the general public.

Foundations Support History of Griffith Park

The Ahmanson Foundation and the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation contributed generously to underwrite the publication of *Griffith Park: A Centennial History* by Mike Eberts.

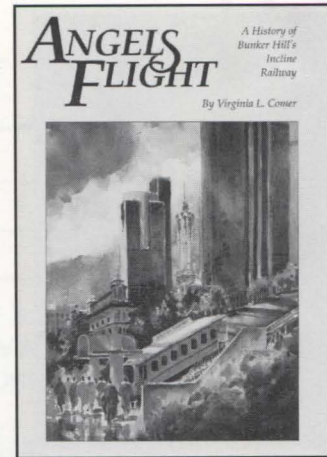
Their support also enables the Historical Society to make the book available to teachers. With large numbers of students visiting Griffith Park annually, Mike Eberts' book provides an opportunity to use a well-known place as a vehicle for the study of local



history. From its Rancho Los Feliz beginnings to the present, Griffith Park is a mirror for understanding Los Angeles.

Thoroughly researched and engagingly written, *Griffith Park: A Centennial History* is an impressive monograph of 460 pages, with more than 200 illustrations, that will command the subject for many years to come. It is the second in a series of volumes to be published to commemorate the State Sesquicentennial.

The Historical Society is grateful to The Ahmanson and Haynes foundations for both supporting the publication of this book and making possible its distribution to the schools of Los Angeles County.



ARCO Grant Puts Angels Flight Book in L.A. County Schools

A grant from the ARCO Foundation has enabled the Historical Society to distribute over 1,000 copies of *Angels Flight: A History of Bunker Hill's Incline Railway* to the public, private and parochial schools of Los Angeles County.

Angels Flight, by Virginia Comer is the first in a series of volumes the Society plans to publish about Los Angeles and Southern California to commemorate the State Sesquicentennial, 1996-2000.

The physical restoration of Angels Flight makes this book an ideal teaching tool for combining the study of the Flight's history with a trip to the funicular itself, thus extending the teaching of history beyond the walls of the classroom.

The history of Angels Flight, as told by Virginia Comer, is closely tied to the history of Bunker Hill. This connection enables students to better understand the emergence, decline and rebirth of both the hill and its railway.

The book also offers students an exposure to the larger themes of continuity, change and preservation in the life of a city such as Los Angeles. Once more, it is past history with a living presence among us.



Chris Lord: hard at work

Guest House Cleaned Thanks to Eagle Scout

Last August, San Marino High School student, Chris Lord, asked Tom Andrews for a project at the Lummis Home that would benefit the community at large.

Tom—never at a loss for ideas—came up with the job of cleaning the guest house, the building which had been used to house HSSC's photo archives before they were placed at The Huntington. According to a note on an old cyanotype photo, the building once was home to Jordan Lummis. Today it is used to store our publications.

With the help of two school friends, his parents and several others, Chris finished the job weeks later. First they moved boxes, filing cabinets and other furniture into the Lummis Home. Then, wearing masks and rubber gloves, Chris and his helpers scraped the loose plaster, swept and vacuumed, then washed the walls. City painters arrived next. They plastered, sealed and painted the walls. Then once again, Chris and crew became movers, returning furniture and books to the freshened cottage.

Partly as a result of his work on the guest cottage, Chris was inducted into the Eagle Scouts Court of Honor this past February. HSSC congratulates Chris Lord and we thank him heartily for a job well-done.

Grant to Restore Guest Houses Requested

Joining forces last October, Highland Park Heritage Trust and the Historical Society of Southern California applied for a grant from the California Office of Historic Preservation to restore the guest houses on the Lummis Home grounds.

The funds were available from a state park bond aimed at projects which would be used as models. The most fundable projects would have high visibility and extend the value of the grant by teaching methods of restoration.

Bob Ebinger, board member of both organizations, felt restoration of the guest houses fit the bill. He along with HSSC consultant Denise Martin and HPHT president Nicole Possert applied for funding. "Supervision of the project by private not-for-profit organizations is a bonus" says Ebinger.

Of 130 applicants, 17 were asked to submit full proposals for a grant. Our application was one of those few.

After an assessment of the final proposals, we placed seventh for funding. Sadly, right now, funding is available for only the first five on the list.

The guest houses still need restoration. If funding becomes available they stand a good chance of being restored. HSSC congratulates Bob, Denise and Nicole for coming this far.

Herb Garden to be Renovated

Herb gardens periodically need to be renovated and our twelve year-old one is no exception.

Thanks to a generous gift from Kathy Crowne, the herb garden in front of the Lummis Home will be replanted. Kathy is one of the waterwise garden's earliest volunteers and has made the gift in memory of her husband.

The first phase of the renovation will entail moving a specimen twelve-foot-tall euphorbia. The height and tenderness of the plant present a challenge to the movers. Kevin Regan, plant manager for the city, and his crew will carefully move the euphorbia four feet from its present location to a four-foot-square hole which will be backfilled with sand. The sand serves both to anchor the plant and to provide a medium through which the new root system can expand.

The next step will be to replace the plants along the front of the house. A new design by landscape architect Jane Frimodig is based on the waterwise garden's original concept first created by her Cal Poly professor, landscape architect Bob Perry.

Jane and the garden volunteers welcome your participation in the renovation—whether it's down and dirty planting or providing plants specified in the design. To sign up and dig in, call (213) 222-0546.

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HSSC ANNUAL REPORT

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1995 Annual Report

To HSSC Members

We can look back on 1995 with a sense of fulfillment. The highlight of 1995 was the presentation of the Community Enrichment Awards at the Biltmore Hotel.

The honorees were Joanne Hale, chief executive officer of the Autry Museum of Western Heritage; Irene Hirano, executive director of the Japanese American National Museum; Bill Huston, chairman of the board of the Watson Land Company; Albert Martin, past chairman of the Los Angeles Bicentennial Committee and Christine Shirley, who was responsible for the restoration of the Hale Laboratory.

Former mayor Tom Bradley and the Honorable George Deukmejian joined Gloria Lothrop, Doyce Nunis and William Ouchi in introducing the honorees. The response to the awards from the community and membership was entirely positive.

This has also been a banner year for the Society's publication program. The *Quarterly* retains its reputation as an excellent historical journal reflecting the most recent trends in scholarship.

It has also been a great year for books. That the book publication program is supported by corporations and foundations attests to the quality of the books. The books sell well, and many are now available in the schools.

It has been a pleasure for me to see the Society take the lead in encouraging historical work at all levels. I know that we will continue to recognize and meet future challenges and find ways to serve the Southern California community.

MARTIN RIDGE
President
March 1, 1997

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CASH FLOW ANALYSIS JANUARY 1, 1993 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1995

	January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995	January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994	January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993
Beginning cash	72,297	98,781	123,134
Membership dues	59,736	56,925	58,273
Investment income	7,248	6,990	10,868
Donations	53,847	70,195	104,548
Book sales	49,884	44,847	63,323
Quarterly Publication donations	20,300	9,000	60,700
Events and programs	27,911	58,930	14,273
Administrative fees	3,018	7,688	18,184
Increase in reserve and fund accounts	0	0	(76,569)
Stock sale proceeds	149,079	38,846	100,044
Receivables collected (incurred)	200	(200)	0
Decrease in book inventory	3,930	30,316	
Charges to reserved funds	70,452		
CASH RECEIPTS	445,605	323,536	353,643
Cash available	517,902	422,317	476,777
Operating expenses	(324,225)	(348,368)	(278,937)
Securities purchased			(100,477)
Decrease (increase) in payables	(119)	(351)	1,417
Decrease in reserve and fund accounts	(15,772)	(1,302)	
CASH EXPENDITURES	(340,116)	(350,021)	(377,997)
Ending cash balance	177,786	72,297	98,781

The above information has been compiled from the tax returns as filed by the Historical Society of Southern California, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 1993, December 31, 1994 and December 31, 1995.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (unaudited)

Cash, checking & money market	\$ 126,275
Other current assets	52,149
Restricted assets	51,011
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	\$ 229,435
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	\$ 3,344
Long-term liabilities, fund accounts	51,011
Board reserved moneys accounts	48,180
Ending account balance	126,900
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	\$ 229,435

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The following donors have contributed more than \$101,250 during 1995 in support of the publications, general operations and special projects of the society:

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Left to right: Mary Hall, Joseph O'Flaherty, Janice Harbin, Louise O'Flaherty, Darwin Horn, Abraham Hoffman, Angie Sims and Michael O'Flaherty

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O'Flaherty Teaching Award Recipients Honored



Photo: Suzanne Huddleson

Left to right: Roberta Vincent, principal of Voorhis Elementary School who accepted the award for Catarina Spiess; Lee Rosental, Mark Elinson and Jerrie Martin

Four teachers—Mark Elinson, Jerrie Martin, Lee Rosental and Catarina Spiess—received the 1997 O'Flaherty Distinguished Teaching Award at the March 8 Awards Luncheon.

The O'Flaherty Award recognizes and encourages excellence and innovation in the teaching of history in the public, private, and parochial schools of Los Angeles County.

The recipients are outstanding teachers who seek to give their students the ability to continue to discover their personal histories throughout their lives.

A Vital Part of Education

The O'Flaherty family believes that an understanding of history is a vital part of education, and that the elementary, intermediate and secondary teacher can make a difference in the way students see themselves as historical beings.

The O'Flaherty Award includes a cash stipend of \$500, membership in the Historical Society of Southern California, a certificate and the two-volume history of Los Angeles by Joseph O'Flaherty.

Mark Elinson

Mark Elinson, who teaches at the Monroe High School Law and Government Magnet in Sepulveda, was recognized in 1994 as Teacher of the Year by the California Law Affiliates. For ten years he generously gave of his time to coordinate History Day L.A., an annual history fair involving over 1,000 junior high and high school students competing for awards.

Jerrie Martin

Jerrie Martin teaches fourth grade, including California history, at the 74th Street School in the L.A. Unified School District. She has participated in developing models for teaching fourth grade history at UCLA and has served as a facilitator in the California History/Social Science Project at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Lee Rosental

Lee Rosental has taught for 22 years at Jefferson Middle School in San Gabriel. He has helped to build an interest in History Day at his school so that now over 300 students participate. Since 1983 his students have won a number of impressive awards in History Day competition at the county, state and national levels.

Catarina Spiess

Catarina Spiess teaches fourth grade at Jerry Voorhis Elementary School in El Monte. She has served as a Mentor Teacher, presented a number of workshops at the district level, is a consultant for the gold rush exhibit planned by the Oakland Museum, and has participated as a facilitator in the California History/Social Science Project at CSU, Dominguez Hills.

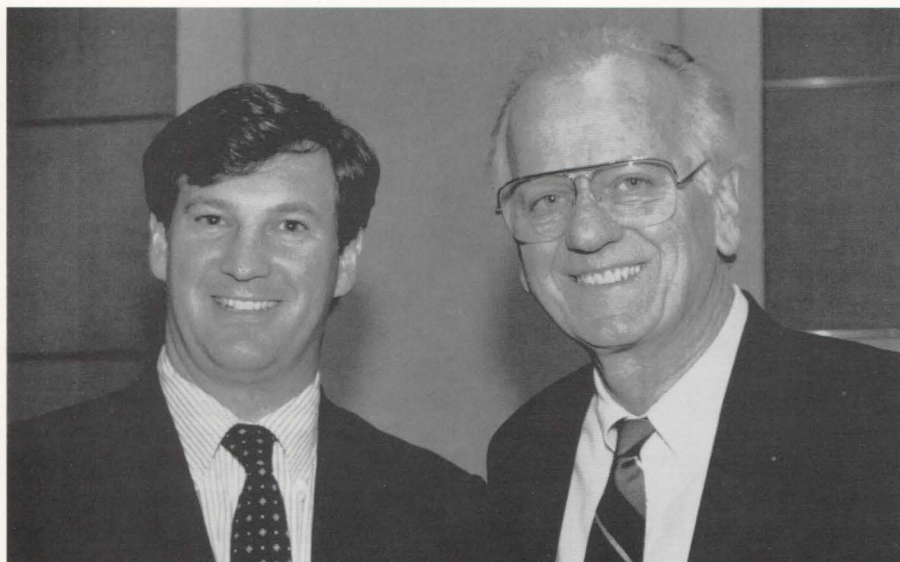
O'FLAHERTY Distinguished Teaching Award 1994 - 1995

Marie Altchech
William Coate
Cynthia Cuevas
Ronald Woolsey
Mary Catherine Hall
Janice Harbin
Abraham Hoffman
Angie Sims

Congratulations

Their willingness to spend extra time with students, combined with the support they receive from their principals, make our honorees outstanding teachers who seek to give their students the ability to continue to discover their personal histories throughout their lives.

The Historical Society congratulates Mark, Jerrie, Lee and Catarina and thanks the O'Flaherty family for making their recognition possible.



David Pflueger, son of Donald Pflueger, and Tom Andrews

Four new local history award winners—Michael Engh, S.J., Ruth Newhall, George Sanchez, and Tom Sitton—were presented with leather-bound copies of their books and checks for \$500 at the March 8 Awards Luncheon.

Focus on Local History

The Donald H. Pflueger Award recognizes significant publications and film productions on the local history of Southern California. The award focuses on a single work that was published at least three years ago.

A variety of genres, including community, institutional and corporate histories, biographies, autobiographies and generational histories, and regional and specialized histories are eligible for consideration.

George Sanchez



George Sanchez

George Sanchez, who has taught at UCLA and the University of Michigan adds an impressive title to the growing list of works on the Mexican-American

and Chicano experience in Los Angeles with his book, *Becoming Mexican American: Ethnicity, Culture and Identity in Chicano Los Angeles*.

Michael Engh

Michael Engh, history professor at Loyola Marymount University was recognized for his book, *Frontier Faiths*, an important study of church, temple and synagogue in Los Angeles between 1846 and 1888.

Ruth Newhall

Ruth Newhall, a journalist by trade, authored *A California Legend: The Newhall Land and Farming Company*, a book that makes important contributions to the study of Southern California as a corporate, family and regional history.

Tom Sitton

Tom Sitton, curator at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, has written extensively on Los Angeles and the Progressive reform movement. Both come together in the person of John Randolph Haynes, the subject of his prize-winning biography, *John Randolph Haynes: California Progressive*.

Servant of Local History

The award is named for Don Pflueger, former HSSC board member, professor at Cal Poly, Pomona, and a servant of Southern California local history. Don

Pflueger Local History Awards Presented

set a standard for writing local history with his histories of Glendora and Covina.

The Historical Society is grateful to the family and friends of Don Pflueger for the establishment of this endowment in his memory and honor.

PFLUEGER Local History Award

1991 - 1993

Jane Apostol
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&
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Pasadena City College

by David T. Leary



A view across a reflecting pool of one of Pasadena City College's original buildings.

Pasadena City College is one of the oldest and largest of California's 106 public, two-year community colleges. Pasadena Junior College, as PCC was long known, enrolled its first students—267 of them—in 1924. During the next seven decades, the institution grew to when now, it has more than 20,000 students. That explosive growth mirrors developments in the Southland.

Because the college was at first part of the Pasadena Unified School District—in the beginning, sharing the Pasadena High School campus—it drew significant numbers of students from Pasadena itself. By the 1960s, however, when voters approved the formation of an independent district, the college embraced Pasadena and five neighboring communities. This meant a larger pool of students, with somewhat more diversity. Then, in the 1980s, the California legislature mandated open enrollment which allowed students to come from anywhere in the state. This, plus population changes

statewide, prompted fascinating demographic developments.

For example, as late as the 1960s, although the numbers of men and women were comparable, whites made up 80 percent of the student body. Today, the male-female ratio is still comparable, but whites constitute 23 percent of the total. African-Americans are eight percent, Asians 30 percent, and Hispanics 34 percent.

In this context, it is useful to recall that California's population grew from 3.4 million in 1920 to 29.8 million in 1990. If the state's population is surging, and, as is said, minorities are becoming the majority, PCC is ahead of the trends.

The college has traditionally offered a solid list of academic subjects. At the start, however, courses were neither as numerous nor as diverse as today. In 1924-25, there were only four courses in history, whereas now there are 30. But whether few or many, academic courses have provided firm foundations for hundreds of transfer

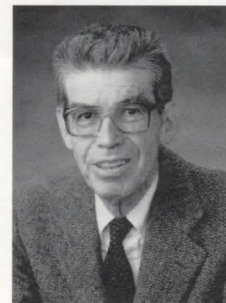
students. PCC is currently the third-largest contributor of transfers to the state university system and the very largest to USC.

Vocational subjects have also been available and valued. In 1924-25, these included citrus culture and poultry husbandry; now, they run the gamut from automotive electronics to zone system photography. Southland business and industry, more and more rely on PCC for skilled workers.

Nine presidents have managed it all—with a tenth, James Kossler, recently named. The second served 23 years; the tenures of the rest have been shorter, averaging six years, a figure above today's California average. Two of the presidents have held doctorates in history.

While the California legislature and a state board of governors set broad policy, a district board of trustees has local responsibility, possibly the most important element of which is financial oversight. At the start, the college's budget was \$42,718; today, it exceeds \$59 million.

The college continues to look ahead. With master plans for academics and facilities already in hand, it is completing one for technology. As its 75th anniversary approaches, as does a new century, PCC remains both responsive to change and caring about the best of the past.



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TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS



Stephen Loew, Jr

Stephen Lowe, Jr., who operated Capitol Milling Co. in the oldest commercial structure in Los Angeles, died last October.

The mill was a landmark on the edge of Chinatown, built by Abel Stearns and owned by the Loew family since 1883.

Stephen was a long-time member of the historical society and supported its commitment to the history of Los Angeles.

Josephine Smith

Josephine Smith died on February 26, following her husband's death by five and a half years. Her husband, A. Maxson Smith, was the son of Sarah Bixby Smith whose reminiscences of life in Southern California during the late 19th and early 20th centuries make the period come alive.

Both Josephine and Maxson were admirers of the Historical Society, often attending luncheons and special events at the Lummis Home.

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Harris Newmark was the grandson of the first Harris Newmark, whose book, *Sixty Years in Southern California*, is an important reference on the development of Los Angeles from 1853 to 1913.

The younger Newmark studied economics at Stanford and was a Los Angeles businessman and stockbroker for sixty years.

Harris Newmark was a supporter of the Historical Society, playing a role in bringing grants to help underwrite publications. The Society mourns his death on February 28.

David Cameron

David Cameron, chairman of the State Historical Resources Commission, died on February 27. He was an ardent preservationist and expert on electric railways. When he represented preservationists on Angels Flight's last run in 1969 and its first run after restoration in 1996, he was serving both his passions.

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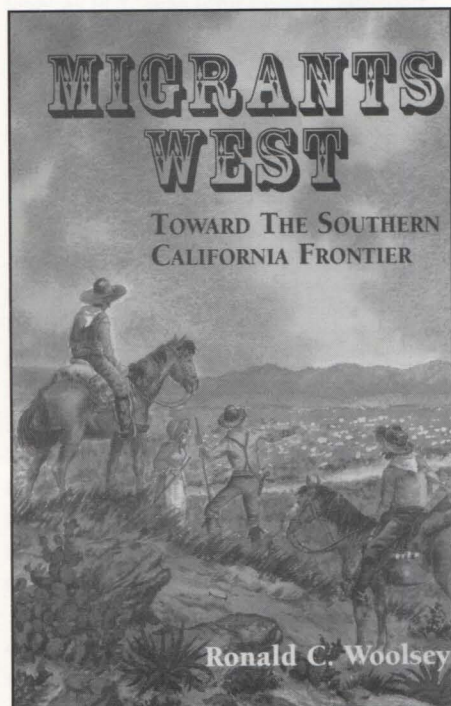
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One of the Historical Society's largest audiences at a booksigning gathered in the *museo* of the Lummis Home on Sunday, March 2, to hear Ron Woolsey, author of *Migrants West* speak about his recently published and well-received book.

Ron told of early pioneers involved in the settlement of the Southland whose lives mirrored the tensions and themes which shaped the region. He also discussed problems he encountered in his research before taking questions from the audience.

During a wine and cheese reception, Ron signed copies of his book.

Whitsett Lecture Announced

Dr. Iris H.W. Engstrand will present the W.P. Whitsett Lecture on the subject "The 18th Century Enlightenment Comes to California." The lecture is scheduled for Friday evening, April 11, at the University Club, CSUN.

Iris, a long-time member of HSSC, and a distinguished scholar on Spanish North America, wrote the introduction to our recent publication, *Women in the Life of Southern California*.

For more information, call (818) 677-3566.