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The boys await you at Elysian Park

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1986 EVENTS

January 22, 1986. "DISCOVER THE STORY BEHIND LAW AND ORDER IN LOS ANGELES." Members will be given an insider's look at the training facility of the Los Angeles Police Department in Elysian Park with a tour of the gymnasium, classrooms, shooting range, and a talk about the history of the Los Angeles Police Academy. Dinner in the main dining room will round out the evening. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. Price will be \$15.00 for members, \$18.00 for guests. Members will receive invitations soon.

March or April 1986, date to be announced later. "DISCOVER JOHN MUIR." Lee Stetson has presented his one man show on John Muir at Yosemite Park and to numerous environmental, conservation, and historical groups, always to great acclaim. John Muir visited southern California, was a guest at El Alisal, and hiked in the San Gabriel Mountains. We are fortunate to have Lee Stetson expand our knowledge of this remarkable man.

May 4, 1986. "DISCOVER THE MEXICAN HERITAGE OF LOS ANGELES." A Cinco de Mayo celebration will top off our program year. Program Chair, Shirl McGurk, will open her home to members as we commemorate Mexican independence, honor an outstanding teacher of the year, get together with friends.

Annual Trek. June date and destination to be announced.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

Society members enjoyed a fabulous evening at the George C. Page Museum on October 22, 1985. We had the Museum to ourselves and could view its many treasures alone or guided by a trained docent. We were greeted by Greg Byrd, Museum Administrator, and George Page, donor of the Museum, and enjoyed a delicious buffet. It was an evening to remember.



George C. Page and Michael Dougherty, President, HSSC

Robert G. Cowan, a member of the Society for over fifty years, is celebrating his ninetieth birthday with a collection of reminiscences. To be published by Arthur C. Clark, the book will be available after the first of the year. Titled *Foibles, Fun, Flukes, Facts*, it contains his reflections and remembrances of family atmosphere in San Francisco during the first quarter of this century, World War I, and activities in Oakland and Los Angeles before 1950.

Member David G. Cameron has been appointed to the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks/Records Commission. The Commission is responsible for the designation of properties within Los Angeles County as National and State Historical Sites or Points of Interest.

Our garden is flourishing, thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. The renovation of the garden will proceed in stages. During the first phase, existing paths will be removed, new irrigation systems installed, the main entrance relocated, and the first plantings will begin. The Garden volunteers are sowing seeds in anticipation of winter rains, and they promise a dazzling display of wildflowers in the spring. Some of the existing shrubs and trees have been pruned, as many of them will remain. We want the garden to look as inviting as possible during the remodeling. Regular workdays are scheduled during the winter months. Contact Suzie Chamberlain at (213) 257-2233 or Lois Kern at (213) 258-7118 for information on the next workday.

Long time Lummis Home docent and HSSC member, Mary Givan Jones, died on October 19, 1985, after a brief illness. Mary had been a faithful tour guide once a week for over ten years, and her knowledgeable and friendly description of the home and its builder charmed many a visitor. She participated in HSSC events, joining us most recently on the July trip to Santa Cruz Island. Her warm smile and cheerful attitude will remain with all who knew her.

Our new sales center at the Lummis Home opened on December 8. A wide range of books, notecards, and prints are available. Members receive a ten percent discount on publications.

BOOK TITLE	PRICE, inc. tax
<i>Conspicuous California Plants</i>	\$12.25, softcover
Ralph D. Cornell	\$26.63, hardcover
<i>A Backward Glance</i>	\$ 3.00
<i>On the Rails of Los Angeles</i>	\$ 3.00
Robert G. Cowan	
<i>Charles Lummis: The Man and His West</i>	\$23.96
Turbese Lummis Fiske and Keith Lummis	
<i>Rancho San Pedro</i>	\$29.29
Robert C. Gillingham	
<i>Jottings in Southern California</i>	\$25.00
Marco Newmark	
<i>We Three Came West</i>	\$ 6.00, softcover
Mary Helen Wayne	\$11.00, hardcover
<i>A Southern California Historical Anthology</i>	\$53.25
Doyce B. Nunis, Jr.	
Abraham Hoffman, Eds.	
<i>California Cooking</i>	\$ 7.40
Betty Evans	
<i>Notecards</i> by Ed Alejandro	\$ 5.50
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