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# HSSC CALENDAR NEWSLETTER

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*The lazy days of summer*

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## FINAL WORDS

The HSSC 1985-86 program year concluded with a festive Cinco de Mayo celebration in early May. Members and guests, including representatives from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Councilman Michael Woo's office, basked in the sunshine of a perfect spring day in Hidden Hills, enjoyed an authentic Mexican brunch, and were entertained by a mariachi band. The Society presented commendations to both the Conservancy and Councilman Woo for their support of the Lummis Home Garden project.



Hostess Shirl McGurk and Roger Gertmenian, Chairman of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board, cut the cake at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

*Photo courtesy of Donald Patten*

A bus trip to San Juan Capistrano and a visit to that city's historic structures was a fitting climax to the "Year of Discoveries." With Dr. Norman Neuerburg as our guide, we were introduced to the fascinating field of historic restoration. The new church, designed and decorated by Dr. Neuerburg and based on extensive archaeological and historical evidence, is a beautiful application of restoration techniques, and the Regional Library is an example of what a library should be. It was an educational and fun day.

In early June, the Lummis Home was the locale for a reception hosted by the California Library Foundation. Guests viewed a display of photographs of William Fletcher who chronicled scenes of Los Angeles in the 1880s and 90s. The original negatives of the photographer are housed at the State Library in Sacramento.

## SUMMER MUSINGS

During the summer months, the Board of the Society will be meeting to plan activities for 1986-87. Any member with ideas for programs, field trips, lectures, etc. should call or write the office. The Society's programs are for YOU, so please let us know your ideas.

There are staff changes at the Society. Judy Astone, who has

been our consultant for several months, and Jane Turner are now interim Co-Executive Directors, and Jean Hamilton has assumed bookkeeping and membership duties. Betty Marsh remains as Curator.

We welcome our new Board members and wish them productive and interesting years with the Society. Our new officers are: President, Michael Dougherty; Vice Presidents, Denver Markwith, Jr., George A.V. Dunning, Christopher B. Leinberger; Secretary, Larry Burgess; Treasurer, Henry F. Lippitt, 2nd. A sincere "Thank You" to all the members who served on the Board during the past years. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

## GARDEN REPORT

Phase One of the Garden project has been completed, and the Lummis Home has taken on a new look. The new plantings flanking the front of the house accentuate the architecture, and the rock benches offer a place to sit and study the details of the building. The garden volunteers deserve a great deal of credit for putting in all the plants, a job which took them several days. They also re-installed the sign at the entrance. Thanks to all of them — Elna Bakker, Suzie and Harry Chamberlain, Kevin Connelly, Bob Cornell, Kathy Crowne, Tyrone Dunn, Tom and Ruth Engler, Rick Fisher, Kent Houser, Lois Kern, Helen Molenaar, Paul Norconck, Rebecca Null, Bob Perry, Betty Southam, Joseph Strobe, Mike Woodward, and Linda Zinn. Without them the garden would be just another garden.

Most of the flowers and shrubs are in place; some of them have become established and are blooming. The pink calla lillies and coral bells under the sycamore in the patio are thriving, and the pink and lavender geraniums are doing well in many areas. The verbenas, yarrows, rock roses, wild garlic, and bougainvillea also are providing spots of color. The matilija poppies grace the center of the garden, their white blossoms a welcome accent among all the dusty green shrubs. Additional sycamores have been planted throughout the garden, making the Lummis Home really El Alisal.

In addition to the major grant of \$80,118.00 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, we also have received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust of Scotland for the development and implementation of an educational program for the garden. Elna Bakker is working on this aspect of the project, putting together a program which will tell visitors the value of water-conserving plants in Southern California.

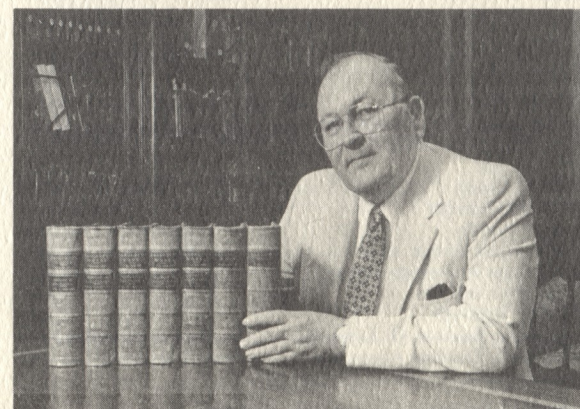
We have received donations of irrigation equipment from Champion Brass Manufacturing, Rainbird Sales, and American Irrigation Control; soil amendments from Kellogg Supply and Southern California Organic Fertilizer Co.; plants from La Verne Nursery, Mockingbird Nursery, Huntington Library and Botanic Garden, Durling Nursery, Monrovia Nursery, Burkard Nursery, Tree of Life Nursery, and Tatum's Nursery; cash gifts from numerous individuals, corporations, and governmental agencies including Atlantic Richfield Company, John Hayes, Sarah Hayes, Kathleen Crowne, Janice Slaby, Betty

Southam, Elna Bakker, Mrs. Walter Engle, John Haught, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome K. Fisher, Jacquelyn Wilson, Pasadena Garden Club, and the Metropolitan Water District; the design for the lighting system from William Rattan of Turpin and Rattan Engineering; and additional time from the landscape architect, Robert Perry.

## MEMBER IN THE NEWS

Long time editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*, Dr. Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., has been honored with an Award of Merit from the California Conference of Historical Societies at its recent meeting in Sacramento. Dr. Nunis is Professor of History at the University of Southern California which he has served for over twenty-five years. His teaching covers a broad range of subjects including the History of the Americas, the History of European and American Education, United States Constitutional History, and the History of the American West, California, and California State and Local History. He has edited the *Quarterly* for twenty-four years.

Dr. Nunis' citation reads in part: "He has actively supported historical organizations to which he belongs or has founded . . . endowing them with funds and generously giving of his time and personal resources. . . . He has served as teacher and/or Professor, . . . has served on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Southern California, as President of the Santa Barbara Mission Archives Library and has served in a leadership capacity in several other history organizations. . . . Dr. Nunis has a special ability 'to substantially link the worlds of business and government in support of historical projects' which makes him 'so very rare.' . . . He has represented history on university committees, and as organizer of the conference on "Bilingualism and Biculturalism: The Impact on the American Experience;" and by writing numerous articles and books. He has received many awards for his contributions."



Dr. Doyce B. Nunis, Jr.

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