

all data relating to plant materials. All of the project activities will be administered by Ray Ziegler and Denver Markwith of the Society. Robert Perry, Landscape Architect, has designed the new garden and will be supervising its installation.

The Friends invite interested persons to join the group and share in the development of the Garden. Regular workdays are scheduled for spring and summer. Call Suzie Chamberlain (213) 257-2233 or Lois Kern (213) 258-7118 for information. Those interested in the education program should call Elna Bakker at (213) 222-9749.

FROM THE HSSC SALES CENTER AT THE LUMMIS HOME

The newest item available is the most recent issue of *The Californians* which is devoted entirely to the writings of Charles Lummis and features the *Best of The Land of Sunshine*. Keith Lummis, Charles' younger son, made the selections, and the entire issue is a fitting tribute to his father.

Copies of the magazine are \$2.95 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. (Use reservation form below.)

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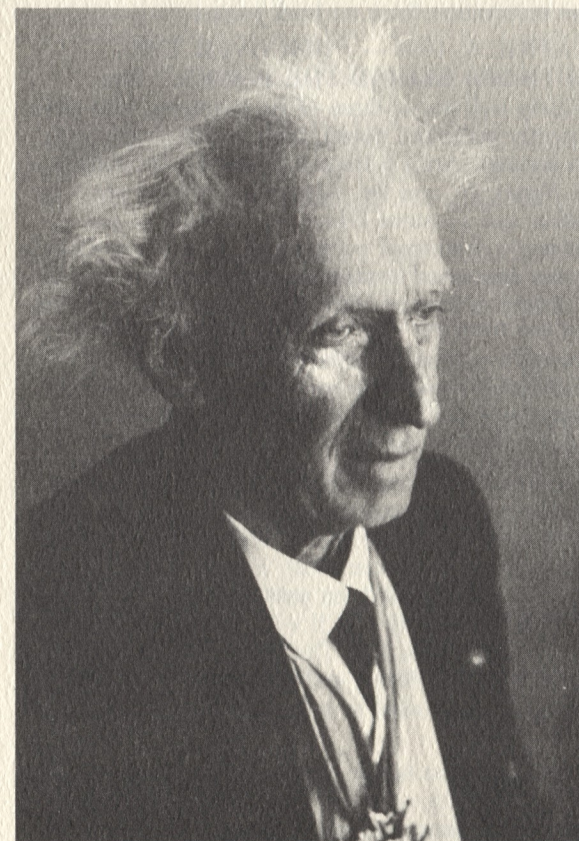


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHAS!!!!

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"THE YEAR OF DISCOVERIES CONTINUES" — 1986 EVENTS

MARCH 1 AND 2, 1986. — "DISCOVER THE STORY OF CHARLES F. LUMMIS."

Members are invited to a weekend celebration commemorating the birthday of Charles F. Lummis, builder of El Alisal. On Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., we shall present an exhibit and sale of watercolors entitled "Landscapes and Landmarks" executed by a painting group under the direction of Bob Henry. Mr. Henry was a professional graphic artist and later taught at Pasadena Community College. He and some of his former students have formed an informal group and have visited the Lummis Home many times, sketching the house and garden. Their work will be displayed for all to enjoy. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge, but members are asked to make a reservation. (Please use reservation form on back page.)

APRIL 6, 1986 — "DISCOVER THE AUTHORS BEHIND THE BOOKS."

The Society will honor three of its members, who have recently published books, with an autograph party on Sunday, April 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. Dr. Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. and Dr. Abraham Hoffman are Editor and Pictorial Editor respectively of the Society's centennial publication, *A Southern California Historical Anthology*, published last year in a limited edition of 500 copies. The book contains articles from the first one hundred years of the Society's publishing efforts and has enjoyed a brisk sale. Those who have already purchased the *Anthology*, are invited to bring their copies to be autographed by the two editors.

Robert G. Cowan, bibliographer and author, has written a book about his early life in the San Francisco area, service in World War I, and activities in Los Angeles before 1950. *Foibles — Fun — Flukes — Facts* has been published by the Arthur C. Clark Company which will co-host the afternoon with the Society. The book will be available at the Lummis Home, and those who have purchased it are invited to bring copies for autographing.

Join us as we honor three of our members and their contributions to the recording of Southern California history. There is no charge, but members are requested to make reservations. (Please use reservation form on back page.)

MAY 4, 1986 — "DISCOVER THE MEXICAN HERITAGE OF LOS ANGELES." The Cinco de Mayo celebration (one day early) promises to be a grand finale to our program year. Invitations will be mailed later.

JUNE 7, 1986 — ANNUAL TREK. San Juan Capistrano and its rich history will be the focus of our trek this year. Information will be forthcoming.

We regret that we were unable to secure Lee Stetson and his John Muir presentation. We hope to engage him at a later date.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

The dinner meeting on January 22 at the Los Angeles Police Academy was enjoyed by over one hundred members and guests who braved the winding roads of Elysian Park and the uphill climb to the Academy. The tour of the Development and Evaluation of Firearms Training facility was an eye-opener, and one of our members impressed the group with his shooting ability. Sergeant Hanf's detailing of the early history of the Los Angeles Police Department concluded a very unusual evening.

At our Holiday Reception in December, we enjoyed the ambience of a festively decorated El Alisal complete with a member decorated tree, luminarias, and holiday cheer. Our many volunteers were introduced, and members were able to meet these dedicated people who keep the garden in good repair and explain the Lummis Home to visitors.



Docents, Holiday Open House, El Alisal

Photo courtesy of Harry Chamberlain



Garden volunteers

Photo courtesy of Tom Engler

LUMMIS GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

The biggest and best news from the Society is the beginning of the Lummis Home Garden Project! Ground was broken on February 4, 1986, and since that time, jackhammers, skid loader, and picks have taken over the garden. The stones lining the asphalt paths have been removed and are being stored behind the house for later use. Some of the stones no doubt were around during the time of Lummis, and all of them must have come from the nearby Arroyo Seco. The asphalt has been bulldozed away, and the new decomposed granite paths are being set in place. Much of the overgrown plantings have been taken out, and some have been transferred to other places in the garden. The contractor's schedule calls for a March 31 finish date.

Meantime, the Friends of the Lummis Home Garden, the support group of volunteers, has elected a new chairman and has restructured itself to better work within the project activities. Suzie Chamberlain is the new Chair, and Elna Bakker will direct the educational program which will be part of the completed project. The Society received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust for the development of the education component, and Elna will organize a program designed to educate the public about a water conserving garden. Kathy Crowne is Secretary; Helen Molenaar will handle publicity; Eleanor Boba will coordinate fund-raising activities; Lois Kern and Kevin Connelly will supervise the volunteers in the preparation of the garden for planting; Rick Fisher will act as liaison between the major groups involved — designer, project administrators, and planting and maintenance supervisors; and Betty Southam, as Archivist, will record