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Bob Cowan's book, *Foibles, Fun, Flukes, Facts* is available by mail from the Sales Center. Cost is \$18.00 which includes postage and handling. Copies of *A Southern California Historical Anthology* also are available at \$53.25 each. (Use order form provided.)

RESERVATION/ORDER FORM

Please tear off and return to:
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Jewel of the Missions

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“FIESTA FINALE TO THE YEAR OF DISCOVERIES”

MAY 4, 1986. — “DISCOVER THE MEXICAN HERITAGE OF LOS ANGELES.”

A gala Cinco de Mayo celebration and brunch, held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 4, 1986, will conclude the 1985-86 program year. Members should have received invitations to this festive event, and if not, a reservation form is included in this *Newsletter*. Our hostess, Program Chairman, Shirl Mc Gurk, promises authentic Mexican atmosphere including Mariachi bands, strolling musicians, hand made tortillas, and assorted Mexican foods.

Special guests for the day will include Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo and representatives from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Please join the Board of Directors and your fellow members for this gala event.

JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ON A TREK TO “SLEEPY HOLLOW.” In 1841, Richard Henry Dana described the area of San Juan Capistrano as the “only romantic spot on the California coast” and “gleaming white in the sun of that warm April afternoon [he saw] the Mission standing in a small hollow.”

On June 7, 1986, the Historical Society of Southern California will visit that “romantic spot” with a special focus on the recent discoveries at the “Jewel of the Missions,” the Capistrano Mission, and visits to the new church and the new library.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Norman Neuerburg, lecturer, professor and consultant, as our guest tour leader. Dr. Neuerburg has served as a Historical Consultant for Mission San Juan Capistrano since 1979. In addition, he currently serves as Historical Consultant for Mission San Jose and the Santa Barbara Presidio Chapel.

Annual Trek Co-chairmen are Helen Lawton and Hugh Tolford. In addition to our tour, they promise a “hysterical, historical” bus trip.

We shall meet at the Lummis Home at 8:30 a.m.,

and the bus will depart 9:00 a.m. sharp! Wear comfortable walking shoes, as we will be touring the Mission, the new library and the new church. Lunch will be a festive occasion, held at The Capistrano Depot where we have reservations in a converted double boxcar from the old Santa Fe Railroad Line. We will return to the Lummis Home by 4:30 p.m.

Cost for this all day trip is \$28 for members and \$33 for non members and includes bus transportation, lunch, and all fees. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted in the order received. Deadline for reservations is May 25, 1986. Please use order form on the back page.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

Members and friends enjoyed two events held in March and April at the Lummis Home. On March 1 and 2 nearly one hundred people dropped by to celebrate Charles Lummis' one hundred and twenty-seventh birthday, complete with cake and a commemorative booklet prepared by Charlie Johnson and John Becker, two researchers interested in Lummis.

Doyce Nunis, Abraham Hoffman, and Bob Cowan spent a Sunday afternoon in April signing copies of their latest books. Even the rain and torn-up garden failed to deter history buffs. A festively decorated refreshments table added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

DOCENT NEWS

One of our most dedicated docents has found it necessary to leave the area, and we bid him a reluctant farewell. Charlie Johnson has been a regular docent on Wednesday afternoons for nearly two and a half years and has conducted numerous special tours on other days. His interest in Charles Lummis and the Lummis Home was unfailing, and his cooperation and willingness to undertake special projects always were in evidence. We shall miss him and hope he will return eventually.

We also are losing Madeline West, a regular Sunday docent for over a year. We wish her well as she pursues other interests.



Ray Ziegler, contractor- Mark Meahl, and Denver Mark- with confer on the Garden Project.

Photo courtesy of Mike Dougherty

LUMMIS GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

Phase one of the Garden Project is in its final stages with the construction of the stone seating areas in the front and back patios. The new irrigation system is in place, and the realigned pathways have been smoothed down. The new entrance on Carlota Street will give visitors a grand view of the front of the house, and several new plantings of sycamores add to the atmosphere of El Alisal.

Phase two will begin with the planting of the garden. The Friends of the Lummis Garden, a special support group of volunteers, will undertake the planting of many of the shrubs, flowers, and trees which will be part of the new garden. If you would like to help, please call the office at (213) 222-0546.

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

The Historical Society needs a photographer (or two) who will volunteer to document HSSC events as well as progress in the home and garden. (The Society will pay for film and processing.) If you are interested, please call Betty Marsh at (213) 222-0546.