

Lummis Book

The new book, "Charles F. Lummis: The Man and His West," by Turbese Lummis Fiske and Keith Lummis, received a glowing and enthusiastic review in the Sunday Times Book Section in February. Members of the Historical Society may obtain specially autographed copies at a substantial saving from Peg Cassidy at the Society office. Special price to members: \$14.85 including tax. Please add 60¢ mailing charge if you do not wish to pick up the book. The regular price is \$18.55 including tax.

New Members

Voted in by the Board of Directors at its March meeting were the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bates, Millie Darter, Frank Davis, Dr. Carl Dentzel, Mrs. Richard Foster, Philip Hall, Mrs. Edward Kendrick, Charles Land, Mrs. Louise Escherich McLain, Mrs. Ruth Baker Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Ogilvie, Donald Ray, Mathilde Rubin, Henry P. Silka, Felix M. Soto, Sister Collette Standart, Helen J. Strickley, G.H. Sturtevant, Ellen L. Sweet, L.D. Templer, Don Torguson, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Young.

Historians Talk at Arco Towers

Several noted historians gave noon-hour lectures during March at the community room of Arco Towers. Dr. Robert Winter of Occidental College spoke on "Los Angeles: A City That Might Have Been." Dr. Iris Engstrom of San Diego State University talked about the wine industry. California Historical Society Executive Director Dr. J.S. Holliday spoke on "California History: Its Value and Impact." Dr. Andrew Rolle spoke about Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson; Dr. Doyce Nunis presented an oral history talk, "Do You Want To Be Taped?"; Art Seidenbaum gave a perspective on contemporary California Life and Dr. Robert Haas, director of the department of arts and humanities, UCLA Extension, talked about Edward Muybridge, pioneer photographer.

Membership Meetings

Almost a hundred members and guests enjoyed each of the two February events: the dinner meeting at the California Museum of Science and Industry and the brunch/tour at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel and the Huntington Library. Both were outstanding programs.

An unusually big response for the March meeting, "The Life and Times of Ernest Dawson, 1882-1947," made it necessary for Glen and Muir Dawson to put the program on twice the same night at Dawson's Book Shop. The evening was rich in nostalgia for all of us who had grown up in Los Angeles and were familiar with the shop in its different locations.

Archdiocese Honors Nunis

Dr. Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. has become the first individual to be honored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as a Fellow of the Chancery Archives. A specially embossed parchment document signed by Cardinal Timothy Manning has been presented to Nunis proclaiming "his continued interest in and concern for the preservation of California's Catholic Heritage." Dr. Nunis has acted as a historical consultant for the past 12 years. He is also serving as President of the Board of Trustees for the Santa Barbara Mission Archives.

Lectures on Long Beach

Director Wade Kittel is currently giving a series of illustrated talks on "Long Beach - Its History" for the Long Beach City College Forums Department. The lectures deal with the city from the period of the land grants to the Grand Prix as well as its future.

New Collection

Director Robert Cowan has reported that the Society has received a gift of 15 volumes of newspaper clippings, for the most part consisting of pictures and articles on the old homes of Los Angeles and the people who owned them. What makes this gift especially valuable is that it contains three boxes of 3 x 5 cards which constitute a complete index of the clippings.

NEWSLETTER

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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PLEASE SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO EDITOR STEWART ROGERS AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING MINI-PUBLICATION TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

COMING EVENTS

- May 19 Dinner Meeting featuring "Alta California and the Bicentennial," a talk by Dr. Doyce Nunis. To be held in the tower of the Security Pacific National Bank Headquarters in Downtown Los Angeles.
- June 5 Trek to Catalina Island

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Historical Roots of California and the Southwest

Sponsored by California State College, Dominguez Hills, and the Del Amo Foundation, this symposium will take place Monday, April 5 through Thursday, April 8. Taking part in the symposium will be the following professors: Dr. Martin de Riquer, Barcelona, Spain; Dr. Donald Cutter, University of New Mexico; Dr. Philip Powell, UC Santa Barbara; Dr. Demetrio Ramos, Valladolid, Spain; and Dr. Manual Servin, University of New Mexico. Their discussions will cover subjects ranging from Spanish mythology in connection with the naming of California to the role of the missions in colonization. The symposium will be held on the Cal State campus and at the nearby Rancho Dominguez Adobe. For further information or reservations, call Raul Aceves, Cal State Dominguez Hills, 532-4300.

The Woman Artist in the American West: 1860-1960

This comprehensive exhibit, which was described by Phil Kovinick at our February meeting, will take place April 1 through May 30. This important collection has been made possible through a gift from the Muckenthaler Center Circle. The gallery is located at 1201 West Malvern Avenue, Fullerton. Further information may be obtained by calling (714) 879-6860.

Art Project

Tom McNeill, Director, has undertaken the formation of a Western Art Collection for the Society. You now have a place for that tax-deductible gift of art work. Please pass the word to your art-collecting friends, as well. Tom is also arranging to borrow paintings from members to display at various Society functions.

History Workshops

The Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County will hold its Spring meeting Saturday, May 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Los Angeles Harbor College, 1111 Figueroa Place, Wilmington. The event highlights National Historical Preservation Week (May 9-15) and will be oriented to Bicentennial projects within the County and the individual societies.

Morning workshops will include photo preservation, oral history combined with audio-visual material, and cooperation between local schools and historical societies. An afternoon bus tour will visit historical points in the harbor area and conclude with a reception at the newly-decorated Banning House.

Tickets for the day are \$7.50. Please register by sending check, name and address, to Kay Wright, 2340 Allview Terrace; Los Angeles 90068.

Help Wanted

In order to keep our budget in line with the rising costs, the Society is going to take advantage of non-profit bulk mailing for its meeting notices and newsletters. This will necessitate sorting by zip-code and tying into bundles for mailing. We need your help in forming an office guild of willing workers to help with this important task. Juniors and students are welcome, as well. Please phone Peg Cassidy at 222-0546 for more details.

Also, we need extra docents to show our visitors through the Lummis Home, especially on Sunday. You will be given orientation training and will soon be thoroughly enjoying this fascinating assignment. Please phone Peg Cassidy for additional information.

GET A FRIEND TO JOIN

The Quarterly—annual treks—monthly programs. These are only a few of the benefits enjoyed by Society members. Why not encourage your friends to join, so they can participate with you?

Here's a handy application form →

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Gentlemen:

Please accept my application for membership asmember
in the Historical Society of Southern California.
I enclose my remittance in the amount offor annual dues.

Name.....
Firm Affiliation (if applicable)
Address.....
(City)..... (State)..... (Zip Code)
Date..... Telephone Number.....

Dues include subscription to the Society's Quarterly and Newsletter. All dues, contributions and bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and contributions.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS	
ACTIVE MEMBER	\$ 20.00
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER	\$ 20.00
SUSTAINING MEMBER	\$ 35.00
PATRON or CORPORATE PATRON	\$125.00
STUDENT MEMBER	\$ 7.50