

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
200 EAST AVENUE 43 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90031

Gentlemen:  
Please accept my application for membership as.....member  
in the Historical Society of Southern California.  
I enclose my remittance in the amount of.....for annual dues.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

ACTIVE MEMBER.....	\$20.00
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER.....	\$20.00
SUSTAINING MEMBER.....	\$35.00
PATRON or COR- PORATE PATRON .....	\$125.00
STUDENT MEMBER .....	\$7.50

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

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

## EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER

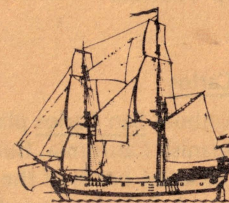
The life blood of any organization is its membership.  
Your Society needs not only your continuing support  
but a steady influx of new members in order to both  
continue and improve our varied activities.

Have you told your friends, relatives and neighbors  
about the Society's activities? Invite them to attend  
Society functions with you — let them read your  
newsletter — and suggest that they apply for member-  
ship with you as their sponsor!

A handy application blank will be found in this  
newsletter; additional blanks may be obtained from  
Peg Cassidy at the Lummis Home.

Have you brought in a new member recently?

# NEWSLETTER



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

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



## NEWS NOTES

### New Members

A cordial welcome is extended to these new members of the Society: Arthur W. Evans, Mrs. Marilyn Q. Fomon, Virginia M. Gallez, Mrs. Edward L. Nelson, Donald D. Shanahan, Jr. and Philip V. Swan.

### Our New Logo — San Carlos

The Spanish naval packetboat San Carlos played a vital part in the history of Spanish California. Built on the banks of the Santiago River, 26 miles north of the port of San Blas, Mexico, in 1767, she served as transport and supply vessel for ports along the Pacific Coast of New Spain. In 1769 she played a vital part in the expedition to found missions and presidios in Alta California. It was her timely arrival at San Diego with sorely-needed supplies which saved that first effort under Fr. Serra and Captain Portola from failure. In 1775 she was dispatched north from Monterey on a voyage of reconnaissance, and on August 5 that year she was the first European vessel to enter San Francisco Bay.

The reconstruction of San Carlos's appearance is the work of Raymond Aker of Palo Alto, and it is through his kind permission that the Historical Society of Southern California uses it. A trained mariner, naval architect and draftsman, Mr. Aker has made important contributions to California history by his research into ships and voyages of the past. No original plans of San Carlos have survived, but contemporary recorded dimensions and detailed inventories plus logs, correspondence and a careful study of naval ship-building practice of the period have provided the basis for Mr. Aker's reconstruction. The picture of San Carlos previously used by the Society depicted a vessel much more like Columbus's Santa Maria of 1492 than San Carlos of 1767.

### Garden Reception

A new feature initiated at the September 18th Reception to meet the new officers and directors of the Historical Society was a self-guided tour of the gardens. The grounds

are now marked with twelve plaques designating examples of the Southern California flora. The tour is outlined in an attractive brochure prepared through the cooperation of the Horticulture Division of the City Department of Recreation and Parks. If you were not able to attend our reception, you will find it worthwhile to visit the Lummis Home especially to take the garden tour with the help of the new brochure. As time goes on, both the markings and descriptive material will be expanded to include still other plants in the gardens.

### Golden Spike Ceremony at Lang Station

Your Society was one of the sponsors of a program on September 5 to celebrate the centennial of the driving of the last spike in the railroad connecting Los Angeles with San Francisco in 1876. Other participants included the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Chinese community, E Clampus Vitus and other historical groups. In spite of a dusty wind, this day could be termed most successful, with good publicity on television and in the newspapers.

### Historical Highland Park Saluted

Heralding the sponsorship and publication of an attractive leaflet, the Historical Society honored its historical neighbors in Highland Park with a special program and dinner at Lawry's California Center on October 6. The booklet highlights the Lummis Home, Southwest Museum, Casa de Adobe, Heritage Square and the Native Sons of the Golden West—Ramona Parlor and Museum.

Our honored guests included Dr. Carl Dentzel, Director of the Southwest Museum (which also operates Casa de Adobe) and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Silvestri. Ed is President of the Cultural Heritage Foundation which sponsors Heritage Square.

The program consisted of slides depicting the history of Heritage Square and its preservation and restoration projects. Narration was provided by First Vice President Stewart Rogers, who has been active in the Cultural Heritage Foundation since its founding. Thousands of people who travel the Pasadena Freeway are familiar with the "old houses" along the Arroyo Seco all clumped together at Heritage Square, but Society members were interested to learn more about the project in detail.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Memorial Library Fund Established

Society members were saddened by the recent death of long-time member Emma A. Kittell, mother of Director Wade Kittell. Mrs. Kittell was a dedicated member who attended our meetings over a period of many years. A library fund has been created in her memory to help in the purchase of books important to our collection. Your support of this fund will help memorialize a good friend and help enrich our library. Donations should be mailed to the Society office.

### Help Wanted!

Peg Cassidy, our stalwart Executive Secretary, desperately needs your help. Every month there are clerical chores that go way beyond the capabilities of one person, or even two. Please call Peg at 222-0546 and let her know when you will be able to give her a hand. If you would prefer to show visitors around the Lummis Home, we still need docents, too!

## RESERVE THESE DATES

**Saturday, December 4** — Traditional Christmas reception at El Alisal.

**Wednesday, January 19** — Evening meeting devoted to the history of the Los Angeles motion picture studios.

**Wednesday, February 16** — Evening meeting.

**Friday, March 18** — Evening meeting.

**Saturday, April 16** — Tour of Banning residence, dinner afloat.

**Wednesday, May 18** — Dinner meeting.

**Saturday, June 4** — Trek to Pala area.