



The WESTERNERS Los Angeles Corral

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Roundup

Almansor Court - 700 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA

Social Hour at 5 P.M., Dinner at 6 P.M.

Our Speaker: Steve Lech

His Subject: Postcards From Mecca

The December Westerners meeting will feature a presentation by Steve Lech on a woman who fulfilled a dream. Steve Lech is a native Riversider who has been interested in the local history of Riverside County for more than 40 years. He has written extensively on various subjects in that county. Steve is the past chair on the Riverside County Historical Commission and co-authors the weekly "Back in the Day" column for the Riverside newspaper. He has been a docent at the historic Mission Inn Hotel for over 30 years and is currently the Director of Docent Training Program at the Mission Inn Foundation.

Susie Keef Smith was seeking escape from a troubled home life and the havoc of childhood polio when she and her cousin, Lula Mae Graves, set out to photograph the last of the prospectors, burro packers and stage stops in the remote deserts east of California's Salton Sea. They traveled by burro, foot and Ford through sandy washes and roadless canyons, armed with a .38 revolver and a large format camera. While making postcards for the post office spinner rack, the women were remade in the wilderness and wound up creating an unparalleled portrait of one of the lesser-knowns deserts in the West. Susie's photos were nearly lost to history when, upon her death, they were tossed out by a county administrator. A savvy archaeologist jumped into a dumpster and rescued many of the photos.

Suggestions for future programs are always welcome. Contact John Shea at (562) 408-6959 or johnshea23@ca.rr.com with your ideas and program topics.

Future Los Angeles Corral Events

January 11, 2023 Ira Pemstein Program on the Ronald Reagan Archives

February 8, 2023 To Be Announced

Dinner Fees, Reservations & Meal Choices

The Roundup Dinner Fee is \$45. Almansor Court has ample, convenient and free parking. The dinner choices for this Roundup are beef, garlic chicken, and vegetable pancit. Salad and dessert are included.

And it's our annual "Cherries Jubilee" celebration!

Please choose your entrée and make out your check for \$45 to "Westerners, Los Angeles Corral," or submit your payment online as EARLY AS YOU CAN but no later than one week before the Roundup date. Almansor Court needs the meal count no later than one week before the Roundup. Just log on to our website (www.lawesterners.org) and go to the **Members Only** tab.

Click on the **Roundup Store** option and follow the instructions. **The password is oldjoe**. Walk-ins can be served, but entrée choices will be limited to what is on hand. The "late price" is now \$50.00.

If you are paying by check, mail it to Michele Clark, Registrar of Marks and Brands at 226 1/2 Beacon Avenue South Pasadena, CA 91030-1702. Late reservations or questions may be addressed to Michele via Email: mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone: (626) 822-1522.

Safety Protocols for Covid 19 Continue to Change. Please have a mask available for use if needed.

Travel Assistance to Our Fellow Members

Please keep in mind that some of our members can no longer drive or are uncomfortable driving on the freeways at night. If such members live in your area, please get in touch to see if they would come with you to the Roundups. Call Michele Clark, our Sunshine Wrangler, at (626) 822-1522 if you need a ride.

