



The WESTERNERS

Los Angeles Corral Roundup

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson St, Alhambra, CA 91801
Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

**Sarah Keyes will present an illustrated Lecture entitled
“A New History of the Overland Trail”**



Our Speaker for the January RoundUp is Professor Sarah Keyes. She will be speaking on a New History of the Overland Trail. This talk will discuss the sobering aspect of those 19th century would-be Westward migrants who passed away on the trail to what could have been a new life for them. But they were travelling over lands lived on by indigenous peoples who were also experiencing life changing events. Indigenous peoples had lived there for millennia. Considering their losses and subsequent resilience this talk will be both important and seriously informative as we understand our combined history.

Sarah Keyes is a historian of the United States. She specializes in the 19th century and the history of the U.S. West with a focus on the environment and intercultural interactions between Indigenous peoples and Euro-Americans. Her first book, *American Burial Ground: A New History of the Overland Trail*, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in October 2023. Her book is based on the dissertation that she completed at the University of Southern California. In 2010 Keyes was honored to receive a fellowship from the Los Angeles Westerners to conduct research for her dissertation at the Autry Museum of the American West.

Future Corral Events

The February RoundUp Speaker will be Westerner member and former Sheriff, Paul Spitzzeri, longtime curator of the Workman Homestead in the City of Industry historic park. His topic will be about the beautiful movie star of the silent era, Princess Mona Darkfeather also known as Josephine M. Workman. Her deep knowledge of Indian tribes and relationship with tribal chiefs will make this an interesting presentation on the Workman family, early film, and native Americans. Paul is not only a knowledgeable historian but also an engaging speaker who makes understanding our heritage and our Western history noteworthy and enjoyable.

Hear a Good Talk Lately? Suggestions for future programs are always welcome. Contact Joseph Cavallo at joscavallo@gmail.com with your ideas and program topics.

Dinner Fees, Reservations & Meal Choices

The Roundup Dinner Fee is \$45. Almanson Court has ample, convenient and free parking.

For January: The **dinner choices** for the Roundup are **Sliced Top Sirloin Steak, Atlantic Salmon, or Pasta Primavera.** Salad and dessert (Strawberry Shortcake) are included.

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. Almanson Court needs the meal count no later than one week before the Roundup. Just visit 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 ½ Beacon Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030-1702. Late reservations or questions may be addressed to Michele via email at mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone (626) 822-1522.

Brand Book No. 26, by Frank Brito

Brand Book 26 has been published and will be available for sale at the Round Up. ***Cost is only \$25.00, cash or check.***

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.