



The WESTERNERS
Los Angeles Corral Roundup
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson St,
Alhambra, CA 91801
Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

**The Somewhat Less than Professional Beginnings of
Museums in the West**

Mark Hall-Patton will trace the origins of the earliest museums in many of the Western States, who started them, why, and what goals they hoped to achieve. American museums have a 200-year history as public institutions but the first ones in the Western States and Territories had many different reasons for their existence. Some were merely exhibits in support of salacious fundraising, others were personal collections, attempts at justifying land-grabs or ham-handed efforts to create a new hagiography, yet others tried to tell objective history as best they could. The presentation will be an enjoyable review of how to learn about history through the stuff of history, curated by non-curators who instinctively understood that historic artifacts had value and were worthy of preservation and public display.

Mark Hall-Patton is one of Nevada's best-known historians and museum curators. For nearly three decades he oversaw the Clark County Museum, the H.W. Cannon Aviation Museum, and the Searchlight History Museum. Mark is the author of four books, 85 monographs, and more than 450 scholarly articles. Award-winning Hall-Patton is as well-known to educational and popular television viewers as he is to bibliophiles, having written and produced 48 local history videos and frequently appeared as a guest expert on the History Channel. He is a past president of the Nevada Museums Association and a past board member of the California Association of Museums and the Western Museums Association. Mark is a long-time member of the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners International and presently serves as the Sublime Noble Grand Humbug of every *E Clampus Vitus* chapter in the known world.

Menu Choices for 4/9/2025 are: Top Sirloin, or Chicken Marsala, or Pesto Pasta. Please indicate your preference when you reserve your spot for the next Roundup.

Continuing with the splendid viticultural tradition introduced by our Deputy Sheriff Joe Cavallo, **FREE WINE** will again be offered to all attendees.

And. . . at the April 2025 Meeting we will resume our **Art Auction**, so bring your checkbooks! Henceforth, we will alternate this event with **Quiz Night**. . .

When you receive your order blank in the mail, please indicate your dinner choice and put your check for **\$45.00** made out to **Westerners, Los Angeles Corral**, and mail it to: **Michele Clark, 226 ½ Beacon Ave., South Pasadena, CA 91030-1702.**

Walk-in entrée choices will be limited to what is on hand. The “late price” is now \$50.00.

Or you can pay via **Paypal** via www.lawesterners.org: go to the **Members Only Tab**, then click on **Roundup Store**. Your password is **oldjoe**. please contact Michele Clark (Email at mclark216@earthlink.net) or by telephone (626) 822-1522) and state this intention.

L.A. Corral Presentations for the Coming Year, 2025:

May 14 2025: Sarah Keyes, *Overland Trail History*
June 7, 2025: Fandango! International Printing Museum, Carson, CA.
July 9 2025: Autry Fellow, TBA.
August 13 2025: Carla Bollinger, *History of Chatsworth, California*
September 10 2025: Laura Voisin George, *Robert Owens, L.A.'s Black Pioneer*
October 2025: Rendezvous, Location and Date TBA
November 12 2025: Brian Dervin Dillon, *Lost in the 'Sixties, Hippie San Francisco*
December 10 2025: Abraham Hoffman, *Another Look at the Llano del Rio Colony*

Car-Pooling: Many of our older members no longer drive or find night-driving problematic. Please reach out to those nearby and offer them a ride to our monthly Roundups...

First-Time Visitors: Please don't hesitate to invite non-member friends to Roundups they might find interesting...first-time visitors qualify for a special, reduced rate for their sponsors.