



The WESTERNERS
Los Angeles Corral Roundup
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Almanson Court ~ 700 South Almanson St, Alhambra, CA 91801
Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Paul Spitzzeri presents: "Romance Never Dies in Old San Gabriel": History and Mythinformation with "The Mission Play."



From 1912 to 1932 (with revivals in 1939 and 1941), John Steven McGroarty's *The Mission Play* as performed over 3,000 times to more than 2 million persons near the Mission San Gabriel. The work was offered as an authentic representation of the untiring and dedicated efforts of Franciscan missionaries to Christianize and civilize the benighted neophytes among California's indigenous persons and was generally accepted as such by theatergoers and the media. This presentation looks at some of the history of *The Mission Play* within the context of the romanticized history of pre-American California in the early 20th century and uses rarely seen documents and photographs.

Join us for this fascinating look at one of the most popular theatrical staging of its time in greater Los Angeles.

Paul R. Spitzzeri is the director at the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum. He has a Master's Degree in History and has written and published in many journals and other publications of California History. His biography on the Workman and Temple families is an

Award of Merit winner from the American Association for State and Local History and he posts nearly daily on regional history on the Homestead's blog.

Menu Choices for 02/11/26 are:

Beef: Filet Mignon ~ USDA Tender Filet Mignon Slow Roasted with a Balsamic Reduction and a side of Shrimp Scampi in a Lemon Butter Sauce

Fish: Baked Atlantic Salmon Seasoned & Topped with a Lemon Butter Cream Sauce

Vegetarian: Pasta Primavera with garlic cream sauce.

Please indicate your preference when you reserve for the next RoundUp.

Free Wine will again be offered to all attendees.

When you receive your order blank in the mail, please indicate your dinner choice and put a check for \$45.00 made out to Westerners, Los Angeles Corral, and mail it to Michele Clark, 226 1/2 Beacon Ave., South Pasadena CA 91030-1702. Walk-ins are welcome but entrée

choices will be limited to the meal type available. The "late" price is \$50.00.

Or you can pay via Paypal at www.lawesterners.org Go to the Members Only tab, click on Roundup Store. The general password is oldjoe. Please contact Michele Clark (email at mclark216@earthlink.net) or by telephone (626) 822-1522 and let her know you wish to attend and how you paid.

L.A. Coral Presentations for 2026

March 11, 2026 Paul McClure "Tragic Heroes of Los Angeles History"

April 8, 2026 Mark Hall-Patton TBA

May 13, 2026 Christian Rodriguez "Charles Lummis and the Architecture of his house"

June 2026 the Fandango Date and Place TBA

July 8, 2026 and August 12, 2026 Autry Fellow and Carla Bollinger TBA

September 9, 2026 Michael Patris "Mount Lowe Railway Then and Now"

October 2026 the Rendezvous TBA

November 11, 2026 Jared Lo Nigro Trains

December 9, 2026 Brian Dillon TBA

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.

Do you need a GIFT idea? Remember, Westerners is a great organization, giving a Westerners GIFT membership for a friend or loved one is truly a fabulous idea!!

