



The WESTERNERS

Los Angeles Corral *Post-Fire* Roundup

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson St,
Alhambra, CA 91801

Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Paul Spitzzeri will present:

Who Is Really Spanish, of an Old California Family, With Not a Drop of Indian Blood in Her Veins: Josephine M. Workman as Film Star Princess Mona Darkfeather, 1910-1917.

During the early years of silent film, “Princess Mona Darkfeather” was a major star working for several studios mainly under the direction of her husband, actor-director Frank E. Montgomery. Studio publicists sometimes promoted her as an authentic AmerIndian, yet also, and alternatively, supposedly from “a Spanish aristocratic family.” Spitzzeri’s presentation looks at the life of Josephine M. Workman, her career as Princess Mona Darkfeather, and how her ethnic identity was described in the press.



Paul Spitzzeri is Director of the Workman and Temple Family Homestead Museum in the City of Industry, where he has worked since 1988. His B.A. and M.A. in History are from Cal State Fullerton. Paul has published on regional, state and western American history in journals and anthologies. His biography of the Workman and Temple family won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. Sheriff of the Los Angeles Corral in 2011, Paul has also contributed to Brand Books and *The Branding Iron* and writes nearly daily for the Homestead’s blog.

Menu Choices for 2/12/2025 are: Top Sirloin Steak, or Salmon, or Pasta Primavera. **Members who paid for the January 2025 meeting which was canceled owing to the Los Angeles Firestorms can have this credit applied to the February meeting-** please just inform Michele Clark that you wish this past payment applied for 2/12/2025. If not already pre-paid, then 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**. **If you pre-paid via Paypal, and wish this payment to be applied to the February meeting,** please contact Michele Clark (Email at mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone (626) 822-1522) and state this intention.

And. . . we will continue with our monthly *Art Auction*, so bring your checkbook!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all Los Angeles Corral Members, their families, friends, and neighbors, who may have lost loved ones or their houses or businesses in the horrible Firestorms of early January 2025. Let’s all work together to help each other recover and get through the challenging days that lie ahead.

Our wonderfully organized 2025 Deputy Sheriff Joseph Cavallo planned out the entire year in advance but lost his home office to the disastrous Eaton Fire this January. Let’s help Joe and Sherry all we can as they try to put their life in Altadena back together. Thanks, Joe! We are with you all the way!

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

March 12 2025: Mark Barbour, *Los Angeles Printing History*
April 9 2025: Mark Hall-Patton, *Beginnings of Museums in the West*
May 14 2025: Sarah Keyes, *Overland Trail History*
June 2025: Fandango! Location and Date TBA
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, and Visitors: 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 Round-Ups. . .and, don’t hesitate to invite non-member friends to Round-Ups they might find interesting. . .first-time visitors qualify for a special, reduced rate for their sponsors.