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~Holiday Dinner~

Thursday, December 6, 2007

6:00 pm- 9:30 pm

Athenaeum- Hall of Associates

~ Present ~

John W. Robinson

*“Gateways to Southern California:
Indian Footpaths, Horse Trails, Wagon
Roads, Railroads, and Highways”*

About the Author: John W. Robinson was born in Long Beach, California, received his bachelor's degree from USC, and his MA from Cal State Long Beach. His early enthusiasm for hiking has carried him for more than 50 years along trails in regions from Mexico to Alaska. What he experienced on those trails stimulated his curiosity about their origins and development. Before long he became a historian, which he somehow combined with teaching junior high school for 32 years.

Close to home are his two books "Trails of the Angeles: 100 Hikes in the San Gabriels" and "The San Gabriels (Travel and Local Interest)". There are similar pairs of books about the San Bernardino and the San Jacinto Mountains, and others about the history of mining in these areas. Others of his books tell the story of Southern California's first railroad and Los Angeles in Civil War Days.

John is the recipient of the Donald H. Pflueger Award for local history awarded by the Historical Society of Southern California, and he has recently been elected a Fellow of that Society. He also serves as historical advisor to the California Territorial Quarterly and has written more than 30 scholarly articles for that journal. Some of the more colorful titles of those articles include: "Placerita Canyon: California's First Gold Rush", "The Jackass Mail, The Pony Express of the South", and "The Killing of Juan Diego: From Murder to Mythology".

At the holiday dinner, he will talk and give a slide show on the subject of his most recent book, "Gateways to Southern California: Indian Footpaths, Horse Trails, Wagon Roads, Railroads, and Highways."

Reservations:

\$55.00/ members and their guests per person and \$60/non-members per person

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