

History Comes *Alive!*



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~ Tales From the City Archives ~

I want to do something a little different in this month's "History Comes *Alive!*" column than reveal a piece of our City's history with the help of the Los Angeles City Archives. I want to invite everybody to find some history of their own choosing in their hometown.

I am talking about the ninth annual Archives Bazaar, set to take place in the USC Doheny Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. Oct. 25. It's being organized by Los Angeles as Subject – an association of more than 200 libraries, museums and archives, both public and private, from throughout Southern California. Contrary to what you may think of the term "bazaar," this is not a marketplace to buy things. It is a place to find out how many kinds of history are out there waiting to be discovered.

"What kinds of history?" you may ask. You like movies? You'll find the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences (the Oscars people), the Academy Film Archive, UCLA Film and Television Archive, and more. You're into sports? Take a look at the LA84 Foundation Sports Library – set up after the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics to keep the local Olympic spirit alive with artifacts and information. Love trains and transportation? You'll be moved with the materials of the MTA, the Auto Club and the Orange Empire Railway Museum. If it's Western History you saddle up to, you'll find none better than the Autry Museum and Library and the Seaver Center for Western Historical Research.

Do your kids need cultural studies? There's CAAM – The California African American Museum in Exposition Park, the Mamie A. Clayton Library and Museum in Culver City, the Japanese American National Museum, the Chinese American Historical Museum, and the Latino Museum of History, Art and Culture.

How about municipal history? Are the public libraries of Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Long Beach and Arcadia close enough to home? Or how about local historical groups from Glendora, Eagle Rock, Sierra Madre, Pasadena and Venice, to name a few. How about learning how to do your own family genealogy with the Southern California Genealogical Society volunteers face to face?

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the LA government institutions that will be there as well. Yes, the City Archives will be in attendance. The Los Angeles Public

Find Your Own History

LA Archives takes part in Archives Bazaar, set for Oct. 25 at USC.

Library will have something very special planned. The Los Angeles Police Museum – you know we have one, right? – should be there, too. Harbor has a museum. Los Angeles County usually has the Hollywood Bowl Museum there at the very least. The Los Angeles City Historical Society draws from active and retired City Employees on a very diverse set of interests. The Archives Bazaar is friendly and accessible.

Seminars and panel discussions are planned. There may be a keynote speaker or a documentary screening. A lot of details are being worked out as I write this in mid-September. But they will be fun and easy to attend.

Why are all these attractions easy to attend? Because they are free to attend – no admission. The Bazaar will be at USC while the Coliseum is empty – no football traffic. There's an MTA station right across the street – no driving hassles. There are lots of places near USC to eat or

just grab a snack. Maybe even the weather will be better in late October for walking around.

But there are a few things to remember. The first is to wear comfortable shoes for walking and standing. Do bring a bag to collect brochures, cards, flyers and I hope a few peppermint candies and the like. Don't be afraid to ask us anything about our stuff. Be prepared to be surprised at the sheer amount of history represented at this one event.

Here's the Website with all the current details:

laassubject.org/index.php/archives_bazaar

A flyer for the event:

laassubject.org/documents/2014_Bazaar_Save_the_Date.pdf

So make plans to join me and lot of other archivists, historians and collectors on the last Saturday in October at the Archives Bazaar. If it's not against the rules, maybe I'll raffle off a turkey. Stay curious, my friends.



At a previous Archives Bazaar.

Free Halloween Bag

At the Club Store!

Airports

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Clean Those Dunes!

LAX group hosts dunes cleanup Oct. 18.

Airports' Adopt-a-Dune program is planning a cleanup effort Oct. 18 on the dunes just west of LAX. Individuals and groups are invited to participate.

The LAX Adopt-a-Dune Program is a Los Angeles World Airports program that promotes community partnerships in coastal habitat conservation. The LAX El Segundo Dunes is the largest remaining fragment of the El Segundo Dunes complex, and provides habitat for more than 900 species, some of which cannot be found anywhere else. It is home to the feder-

ally endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, and other rare plant, animal and insect species.

Participation in LAX Adopt-a-Dune involves an organization's commitment to organize three to four volunteer visits per year to receive training about coastal dunes restoration; to help care for their adopted coastal dunes area by removing invasive plants, weeds, trash and rubble; and to protect the sensitive resources in their adopted coastal dunes area from harm.



Girl Scout Ayanna Neal, 15, of Westchester, plans to participate in the Adopt-a-Dune program Oct. 18 on the dunes near LAX.