Lynn Downey was the first in-house historian hired by Levi Strauss & Company in San Francisco. For twenty-four years, until her retirement, she filled in the historical blanks left by the 1906 earthquake and fire, not only with research but with actual historical garments, documents, and photographs. She scoured online auctions, private collections, flea markets and thrift stores to acquire what is now a 5,000+ archive of garments, including the oldest jeans known. These hidden denim treasures came from mines, barns, and trunks, and are now housed safely in fireproof and earthquake-proof facilities at the company’s headquarters. Lynn traveled to Levi Strauss’s birthplace in Buttenheim, Germany to view the family’s emigration documents. She went to Panama, to retrace Levi’s transit across the isthmus on his way to California in 1853. Her book, *Levi Strauss: The Man Who Gave Blue Jeans to the World* is the result of nearly a quarter-century of historical research.

**Meeting Location:** Fior d’Italia, 2237 Mason Street, San Francisco

The restaurant provides us with a private room and valet parking. We gather at 5:30 and dinner seating begins at 6:15 p.m. A three-course selection is available and costs $39.00. **RSVP:** Please send checks and dinner reservations by **September 22, 2017** to Judy Van Austen, KOC, 1789 Northwood Court, Oakland, CA 94611.

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**Round-up! Donations of books, ephemera and other Western-themed memorabilia are needed for our monthly raffle! Your donations will be much appreciated!**********
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Noteworthy Events

The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society – Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. PROGRAM: Lessons from the Summer of Love: Building a Culture of Hope and Resistance. Amid all the nostalgia about the landmark cultural events of the 1960s, what usually gets forgotten is any deeper understanding of the radical challenges and sobering lessons from the time. What can we learn from the cultural revolution of the past as we try to build our own culture of resistance today? The speaker, David Talbot, is the author of Season of the Witch, which spent more than four years on the San Francisco Chronicle bestseller list, as well as the New York Times bestseller, The Devil’s Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA and the Rise of America’s Secret Government. He is the founder of the pioneering online publication, Salon, and a columnist for the Chronicle. Roosevelt Middle School, 460 Arguello Blvd. (at Geary; entrance on Palm), www.sfhistory.org. Admission for non-members is $10.00 per person or $5.00 for seniors, students, K-12 teachers, and persons with disabilities. Admission fees may be applied to membership dues within 45 days.

California Historical Society Exhibit – On the Road to the Summer of Love. Through September 24, 2017. This exhibition, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, tells the story of the countercultural movement in San Francisco through photographs and ephemera. In the summer of 1967, young people from across the country converged on the Haight-Ashbury district. Guest curators Dennis McNally and Alisa Leslie explore the cultural context – from the Beat poets to the experimental art scene – that put San Francisco at the center of a social revolution. 678 Mission Street, San Francisco. Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 to 5:00. Admission: $5.00; Members and children free.

San Francisco Maritime Museum – Saturday, September 23, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – The Schooner Fayaway and Herman Melville’s Persistent Connections with San Francisco Bay. Colin Dewey, Assistant Professor of English at Cal Maritime and a Herman Melville scholar, presents a lecture on Melville’s persistent connections with San Francisco Bay. Named for the writer’s most seductive and enduring character from his novel, Typee, the schooner Fayaway had a long and eventful career from her launch in Connecticut to her loss in the Arctic nearly 30 years later. This lecture will present the question as to whether Herman Melville could have seen the vessel during his visit to San Francisco in October 1860, and what she would have meant to him then. Maritime Museum, Blue Room, 900 Beach Street, San Francisco. Free Admission. Information: (415) 561-7177.

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Mark your calendar for the S.F. Corral of Westerners’ meeting dates for 2017 (usually the fourth Tuesday of the month): this month, September 26; October 24; (No meeting in November); December 5.

Native Sons of the Golden West postcard for California’s sixtieth anniversary of statehood, 1910.