

The History of *Winemaking* in Los Angeles

Before there was Napa, there was Los Angeles. As one historian said, " For most of the 19th century, if you were drinking California wine, it was actually Los Angeles wine." Our program will cover this remarkable and unknown history and its expansion into all areas of the Southern California region. Our speaker is **Stuart Byles**, the author of *Los Angeles Wine: a history from the Missions to the present*, describing the little known development in Southern California of the wine business in the early 19th century, that has enabled the world class status in the Napa and Sonoma counties in the 21st century.

Mr. Byles is the director/vintner of the StoneBarn Vineyard Conservancy, a volunteer group tending the vineyard at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, commemorating the LeMesnager family, French immigrants who bought hundreds of acres in 1885, planted them in vines, and built the stonebarn (finished in 1915) to expand their winemaking enterprise. The conservancy holds programs on viticulture history of the area, and makes wine from the grapes in the vineyard that was planted in the park remodel of 2004-2005. The group is currently working on its 13th vintage.



Saturday
January 11th, 2020
1:00 PM
Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Avenue in Tujunga
Parking available uphill at the Elks Lodge

Everyone is Welcome

Free Admission

Suggested Donation:
\$3 per person

Light refreshments after the program



This program is sponsored by the Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills Rotary Club.

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Our Mission: To preserve and maintain Bolton Hall Museum and the historical record of Rancho Tujunga.

Little Landers Historical Society (LLHS) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization established in 1959 to save Bolton Hall from destruction. Bolton Hall is Los Angeles City Historic Cultural Monument #2. Contact us at (818) 352-3420 or LLHS@BoltonHall.org.