

Santa Barbara, Its History, Architecture and People

Jayme de Barros chose the ideal location to start his program on SB's history and architecture. Using the dramatic murals in the courthouse as his backdrop, he gave a comprehensive review of the historical events shaping our county, followed by Kathy Brewster's slide show on the architectural history. Then, along with Ethel Scar, he gave a tour of the landmark building itself. The old Spanish days' charm of the Covarrubias Adobe provided the locale for presentations by Jarrell Jackson and Ann Peterson on the cultural merging of the Californios and Anglos and the leading families involved. The seldom-visited archive library of the Mission was the location for presentations by Paulette Hoffman on the historical functioning of the Mission, and a light hearted review of our city's street names and colorful personalities by Neal Graffy. Paulette then led us on an insiders' tour of the Mission complex, aptly putting to close a seminar with a subject that has the potential to go on and on.