

# Cambria Historical Society's Annual Recognitions Banquet *Sunday, February 11, 2018*

**Featured Speaker: Robert C. Pavlik**



***Robert is a published author, poet, accomplished state historian and member of varied civic organizations, nonprofits, advisory committees and the Caltrans Historic Preservation Committee.***

**Topic: “The Life and Times of Russ Leadabrand, Folklorist, Historian, Journalist”**

A few years ago Bob started, somewhat slowly, to explore the idea of writing a biography of Russ Leadabrand (1920-1994). Russ was a prolific author, journalist, and travel writer active in the Pasadena area from the 1950s through the 1980s. He and his wife Audrey relocated to Cambria in 1985, when he wrote for *The Cambrian* and continued to write for other publications. He is best known for his monthly contributions to *Westways*, the monthly magazine of the Automobile Club of Southern California. Russ was as much a folklorist and historian (and amateur archaeologist) as he was a newspaperman. He also wrote for several off-highway vehicle magazines, as well as publications related to treasure hunting and collecting. He has been greatly assisted in this endeavor by his widow, Audrey, and his daughter, Marylenn. This talk is intended as a brief introduction to the man, his literary output, and what it meant (and means) for a few generations of Californians who benefited from his guidebooks, his human interest stories, and his example as a “boots on the ground” writer. This is a work in progress; ideas, personal experiences, and insights welcome!

**Join us for an Informative & Fun Evening!**

**Cambria Pines Lodge**

**5:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**(No Host Bar)**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner**

**7:00 Brief Business Meeting**

**7:15 Speaker Robert C. Pavlik**

***The public is welcome with paid reservation***

**\$40 per person**

**Meal Choices: Prime Rib, Macadamia Crusted Halibut, Gluten-free Vegetarian Lasagna**

*Dinners include salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea,  
and desserts (apple or cherry pie)*

Make Reservations at:

[www.cambriahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.cambriahistoricalsociety.com)

or at the museum Friday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m., Monday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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