

WAML Memorial

Barbara Elizabeth Haner

September 19, 1942 – November 19, 2010
 Librarian Emerita, UCLA

Barbara Haner was born and raised in England. She came to the U.S. to study at the University of Southern California (USC) for advanced degrees (Masters 1970, Ph.D. 1982) in geology after completing her undergraduate work at Aberystwyth University. While at USC she met and married David Haner. They settled in Claremont, California to raise their two daughters, Suzanne and Michelle.

Although trained as a geologist, Barbara later decided she would rather use her subject training as a librarian. She earned her MLIS in 1988 at UCLA's Graduate School of Library and Information Science and took her first post as an earth science librarian at the University of California, Riverside. In typical Barbara fashion, she embraced her new profession joining the Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML) and the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) becoming active in both organizations.

In her WAML activities Barbara served as a Geological Editor and member of the Publications Committee. Barbara attended several WAML meetings and hosted the Spring 1994 meeting at Riverside. In addition to the presentations from UCR professors and a BLM researcher, she arranged a lunch at the UCR Arboretum. WAML member Michael Noga remembers this meeting in particular because of the scent of orange blossoms in the test grove next to the UCR campus.

That same year, 1994, Barbara planned the annual GSIS meeting in Seattle, while serving as Vice-President/President Elect. The symposium topic was "Changing Gateways: the Impact of Technology on Geosciences Information Exchange." She was also on the International Relations Committee, Best Reference Book Committee, and Sixth Union List of Geologic Guidebooks Committee, as well as serving as the society's first Press Officer.

In 1995 Barbara transferred to UCLA as Earth, Space and Atmospheric Sciences Librarian where she served until her retirement in 2002. Barbara forged close and mutually supportive relations with faculty, staff and students. She reinforced these collegial ties to the department by attending the various Earth and Space Sciences and Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics seminars and providing feedback and advice on additional resources to graduate students practicing their first professional presentations. In addition to developing and managing collections in her disciplines, she taught classes and served on the reference desk at the Science & Engineering Library. She developed a

website on mines and mining resources in Southern California that became very popular with on and off-campus mining enthusiasts!

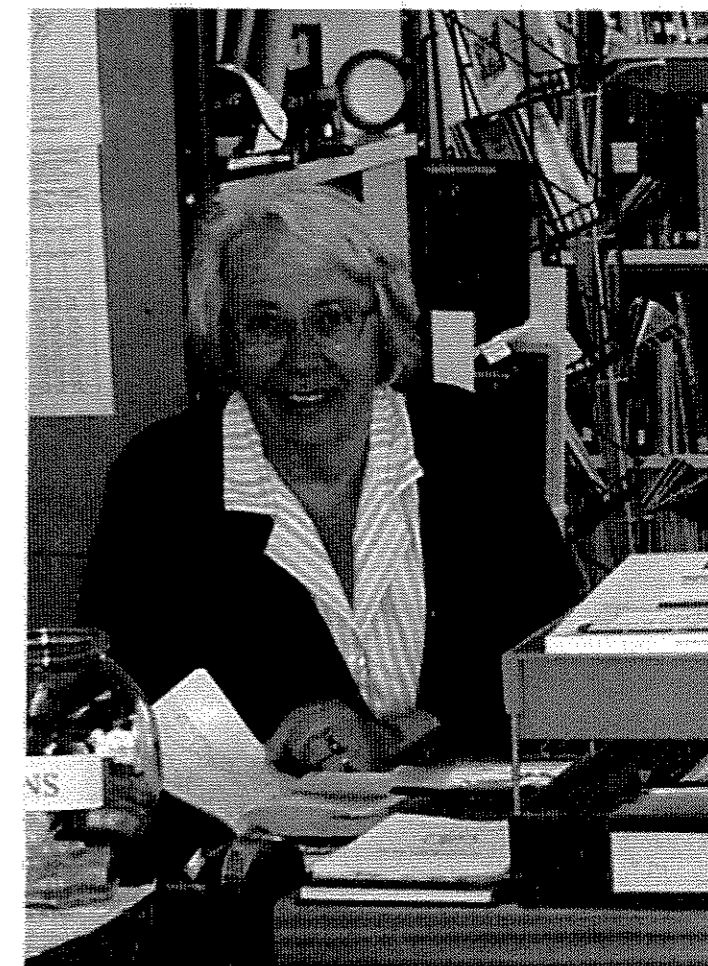
Barbara published extensively, with focus on the information seeking and citation behaviors of geology faculty and students, as well as botanical and genealogical topics. She contributed book reviews to the WAML Information Bulletin and an article "Summer-time Traveling with Geologic Maps" (21:3:168-69). Her paper, "Guidebook Citation Patterns in the Geological Journal Literature: A comparison between 1985 and 1967" won the 1991 GIS Best Paper Award.

Barbara and Dave traveled extensively throughout their time together. They lived in Paris with their then teenage daughters while Dave was on sabbatical from Cal Poly Pomona. In later years they visited Hawaii, Tasmania, and Machu Pichu among other locales. In retirement, Barbara went home (having kept her British citizenship) to the village of Pencombe, Herefordshire, England, every spring, returning to the states every fall. While stateside, she spent time with her children and grandchildren in northern California.

During her months in England, she pursued her interest in genealogy and local history, participating in the Bromyard & District Local History Society, and contributing to GENUKI, United Kingdom and Ireland Genealogy. Barbara also welcomed visits to her "black and white framed sixteenth century cottage" from her US friends and colleagues

Those who knew Barbara well will have stories to tell about this warm, adventurous woman whether it's about how she drove across the US by herself, took three teenage girls on tour in France, shared her knowledge and zest for life, or simply enjoyed nattering with colleagues over her morning coffee.

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