

Pinole**Historical**Society **E-News**

NEW PINOLE BOOK SENT TO PUBLISHER

he second book about Pinole written by the Pinole Historical Society is in the hands of publisher Fonthill Media (www.fonthillmedia.com/), which specializes in publishing books on general, local, and regional history.

"Pinole Through Time" will be a new title in Fonthill's "America Through Time" series. The book will feature 91 sets of photos of old Pinole buildings and landmarks and current photos of what exists on those sites today. In several cases these will be the same buildings, some restored, and others nearly identical.

A book signing in the Bank of Pinole building will be scheduled as soon as we get a firm delivery date from the publisher.

The book signing will be held in conjunction with a ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the construction of the bank, which opened in 1915.

The PHS will be accepting pre-orders of the book soon.

Two photos from the book are at the right: Pinole City Hall, ca. 1980, and Pinole City Hall, ca. 2015.





Published by the Pinole Historical Society

April 1, 2015

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here: http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3



PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY'S WEBSITE

Several PHS programs have been added to the City of Pinole website:

www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html

- 2012 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
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- Japanese American Internment program (2012).
- Old School bell dedication (2013).

- February 7, 2014, program: "Bars, Barbers, and Characters of Early Pinole."
- September 5, 2014, program: "Presidential Rosies."
- November 7, 2014, program: "Maritime Contra Costa County."

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded most of these events for the society.

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY on the city's website to find all the Pinole history programs.

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEETING DATES

e have a great lineup of programs for our members and guests in 2015. Our first program, "A Flood of Memories," held on Friday, February 6, drew more than 30 attendees on an appropriately cold, rainy night. Our other meeting dates in 2015, all from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanante Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, are:

Friday, May 8 Friday, September 11 Friday, November 6

Pinole Historical Society

P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org (510) 724-9507

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



APRIL 4 AND 18 Pinole Farmers' Market

he Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays. In April, the Friends will focus on a New Member/ Volunteer Drive where interested parties can join the Friends of the Pinole Library group, volunteer for Friends' fund-raising events and activities, and support the Pinole Library.

Please bring your talents, energy, and enthusiasm to the Friends of the Pinole Library.

MAY 2 Biannual Book Sale

he Friends of the Pinole Library will host its next Biannual Book Sale Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with members and new members entering as early as 9 a.m. New memberships are available at the door. This sale will feature books organized in various genres, including children's, youth, and much more. Also included are CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games, and reference books. Selection is at its best. This event supports the Pinole Library for new

equipment, family programs, books, and other events.



Buy all of your reading material for the remainder of the year at the Friends of the Pinole Library's book sales.

May 3 Stuff-a-Sack Book Sale

he Friends of the Pinole Library will host a Stuff-a-Sack sale Sunday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pinole Library. Shoppers will

purchase a sack at the desk when they enter for \$5, and fill it to the brim. Books are organized into many genres. Come early, stay late.



WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

ot film?
The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history.

We want to establish a permanent, digitized collection of Pinole's history.

Do you have film of past Holy Ghost parades, Pinole Valley High School Homecoming parades, Memorial Day or July 4 parades?

How about important athletic events, such as a high-school football, basketball, baseball, softball, or volleyball games?

Perhaps you have film of an important event that took place in Fernandez Park, or a ribbon cutting or an event that has a place in Pinole's history — such as the 1958 flood?

We're looking for any video or film you have — VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm, Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm, motion picture.



Nearly everyone has taken home movies. That makes everyone who has taken film a historian.

We want to collect, digitize, catalog, and preserve old movies on DVD (and whatever formats are to come) to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the

California Pioneers of Santa Clara (www.youtube.com/sccpioneers).

Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

Got film? Please contact us at *info@pinolehistor-icalsociety.org*. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.

Upcoming events

Pinole Historical Society

April 1-30: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY EXHIBITS

The Pinole Historical Society has two exhibits at the Pinole Library. "Pinole ... Then and Now" features photos from the society s archives of buildings that existed at the turn of the 20th century and recent photos of buildings on those sites today.



California Powder Works, Hercules, around 1910.

This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole s history.

For more information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole, please visit the PHS website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

April 4: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS' MARKET SALE

The Pinole Historical Society has nine area history books, greeting cards, postcards, Fernandez Mansion magnets, Old School magnets, and U.S. flags. One or more of these items will be on sale at today's farmers' market. They are great additions to your history library and make wonderful gifts.

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April 18: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS' MARKET SALE

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May 8: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM 6:30 to 8 p.m., Conference rooms

Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Program: "KABOOM: Secret Stories of

Valley Road. Program: "KABOOM: Secret Stories of the Hercules Powder Works, the World's Largest Explosives Factory."

Author and Hercules Historical Society historian

Author and Hercules Historical Society historian Stephen Lawton will provide a glimpse into the interesting history and stories of this nearly 100-year-old explosives factory that gave the city its name.

Though the powder works sometimes went boom in the night (and day), the facility played a significant and decisive role in the U.S. Army's containment of fires started by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and produced much of the explosives used by Allied forces in World War I and World War II.

The public is invited to this FREE event. Refreshments will be served.

Also, directors of the society will be elected at this meeting, our annual meeting.

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PHS AT PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET THROUGH DECEMBER

he Pinole Historical Society is back at the Pinole Farmers'
Market through the endof this year.

Beginning April 4, we'll have a booth every other Saturday through December 26.

Please stop by and say hello—and take home a free newsletter. And ask us about our new book, scheduled to be published in late September.

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



TWO FILMS REMAIN IN WWII SERIES ABOUT WOMEN ON THE HOME FRONT AND BEYOND

wo movies remain in the Tuesday "Women on the Home Front and Beyond" film series aboard the SS Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored cargo ship built in Richmond during World War II. The ship is owned and operated by the Richmond Museum Association and is also part of Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

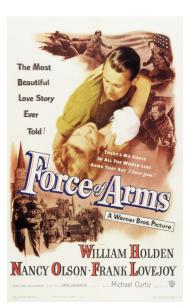
Admission to the films is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10 to help preserve and maintain the ship.

Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. and the films begin at 7 p.m..

Tuesday, April 14: *Force of Arms* (1951). William Holden, a soldier, and Nancy Olson, a nurse, find love during war.

Tuesday, May 12: *The Josephine Baker Story* (1991). Ingénue and ex-pat Josephine Baker stays in France during WWII and helps Jews escape the Nazis. This film is rated R; no one under 17 will be admitted without a parent.

The SS Red Oak Victory is located in historic Shipyard #3 at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, in Richmond. For directions to the shipyard, visit the





Red Oak Victory at www.ssredoak victory.com/contact.htm.

Please note: The ship is not ADA accessible. Visitors must be able to climb the gangplank (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard.

Remember to wear warm clothing, as it can be chilly aboard the ship!

Inclement weather may force the ship staff to cancel this program for safety reasons. If it rains, please call the ship at 510-237-2933 by 5:30 p.m. on the day of the screening to find out if the show will go on.

Upcoming events

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

El Cerrito Senior Center and El Cerrito Historical Society

Presents:

Big Band Era Tea Dance

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Time: 1 P.M - 4 P.M.

Big Band Era Tea Dance El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito 94530

Cost: \$15 per person

Music & Entertainment: Huey White Show Band

and DJ Chuck

Includes: appetizers, raffle prizes and historical display

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact

El Cerrito Senior Center at 510-559-7677 Mailing address:10890 San Pablo Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HOSTS

"WAGGING TAILS AND WAR TALES"

Bring your canine friend for a guided walk along Richmond's Bay Trail

oin park rangers from Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front National Historical Park for a dog-friendly walk-and-talk along Richmond's Bay Trail on April 4, 2015, at 10 a.m. Bring your furry friend on leash, and learn about the vital role that 10,000 American family dogs served in the American WWII defense effort.

The two-mile walk will last approximately two hours. Meet rangers at the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline near the Sit and Stay Café (rangers will be holding a "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" sign.) Rangers will lead some light stretching before embarking towards the Rosie the Riveter Memorial. Since the walk is not a loop, all participants will be responsible for finding their own way back to their car. There are parking lots at Point Isabel and also at Marina Bay Park.

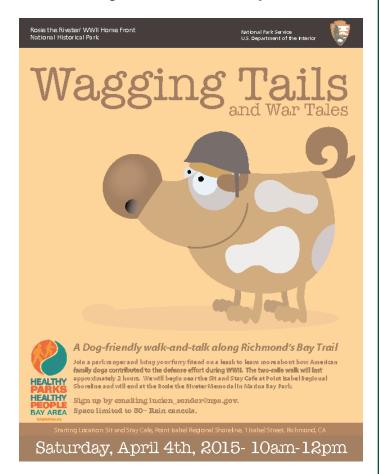
Space is limited to 30 people. Please sign up by e-mailing *lucien_sonder@nps.gov*. Please include your phone number in your email message. For directions to Point Isabel, please visit www.ebparks.org/parks/pt_isabel#reach.

The fine print: Rain will cancel this event. Dogs are invited to join in the fun, but it is not mandatory to bring a furry friend to attend this program. Your dog must be on a leash and must be able to get along with other dogs in a "pack" atmosphere. Aggressive dogs will be asked to leave the event.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All visitors are advised to wear sunscreen, comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes. We also suggest you bring water and snacks for yourself and for your dog.

Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park is hosting this program in collaboration with the "Healthy Parks Healthy People Bay Area" initiative to encourage park visitors to make healthy lifestyle choices while spending more time outdoors.

Participants are encouraged to visit the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center after the event or on another day; however, please note: dogs are not



allowed inside the Visitor Education Center at any time. Service dogs are the only exception.

The Visitor Education Center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm. Admission to the Visitor Education Center and all park sites and programs is free.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming park events, visit *www.rosietheriveter.org* and sign up for the newsletter. The Rosie the Riveter Trust is the nonprofit association that is building a community of support for this national park.

JAPANESE TRADITIONAL PERFORMING ARTS CELEBRATED IN NEW FILM

"Hidden Legacy" traces how incarcerated Japanese Americans maintained artistic expression during WWII

n April 10 and 11, the National Park Service will host a screening of a new documentary film called "Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Performing Arts in the World War II Internment Camps."

The film will be screened at 2 p.m. on both dates at the Visitor Education Center of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond.

On Saturday, March 11, the film will be preceded by a short koto performance and introduction by the director, with a Q&A to follow. Seating is limited at both screenings and reservations are required. Please call (510) 232-5050 x0 and leave your name and phone number, and please specify which date and time you wish to attend.

The film, directed by Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto-Wong, uses historical footage and interviews from artists who were incarcerated to tell the story of how traditional Japanese cultural arts were maintained at a time when the War Relocation Authority (WRA) emphasized the importance

of assimilation and Americanization. This film will be the first major presentation of the existence of traditional music, dance, and drama in the camps. The director's own family's history related to the camps led her to become a kotoist and teacher of the Japanese koto (13-stringed zither).

Thirty artists of traditional Japanese music (koto, nagauta shamisen, shakuhachi, shigin, biwa), dance (buyo, obon) and drama (kabuki) were interviewed for the film. All artists interviewed for the film are native born Americans who practiced Japanese arts before WWII, as well as during and after the war.

This made them "social activists," helping others to learn and enjoy these arts, and to help draw their attention away from their surroundings, giving them pride and self-esteem.

Their efforts kept Japanese cultural arts alive in our communities today.

Also featured in the film is Professor Minako Waseda of Geijutsu Daigaku University of Music

and Arts, and Kunitachi College of Music, in Tokyo, whose research thesis, "Extraordinary Circumstances, Exceptional Practices: Music in Japanese American Concentration Camps," is the only scholarly work that has been published on this subject.

Film locations include camps at Manzanar. Tule Lake. Heart Mountain: locations in Japan, such as Osaka, Kyoto, three Tokyo music universities; Cherry Blossom Festivals in the Bay Area: Japanese American Museum of San Jose; koto studio of Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto-Wong, and many more.

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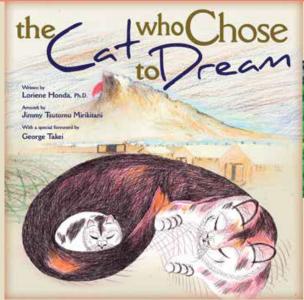


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Buvo dancer Yukino Okubo Harada, who taugh classical Japanese dance at Amache, Granac Colorado. Image courtesy of Yukino Okubo Harada.



The Cat Who Chose To Dream



Author Presentation by:



Dr. Loriene Honda

Saturday, 4/18, 12 PM

Dr. Loriene Honda is a psychologist from Davis, CA, and author of the children's book, *The Cat Who Chose to Dream*, a story of a cat's choice to be incarcerated at a World War II prison camp as a gesture of loving support to the Japanese American family to whom he belongs.

Dr. Honda will share background information related to the WWII prison camps, focusing in part on the long-term physical and inter-generational socio-emotional effects of the camp experience on Japanese Americans. She will also review her personal and family history related to the camp experience and how it led to her writing this book. Samples of the artwork from the book, done by artist Jimmy Mirikitani, will also be shown.

Both school-aged children and adults are encouraged to attend this program. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Seating is limited. Please call 610-232-5050 x0 and leave your name and phone number, and specify the event date and time.

Visitor Education Center 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000 Richmond, CA

For directions, visit http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm

BLOSSOMS & THORNS

A COMMUNITY UPROCTED



A POWERFUL NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM BY KEN KOKKA, ABOUT THE WWII EXPERIENCES OF JAPANESE AMERICANS FLOWER GROWERS IN RICHMOND

THURSDAYS

January 8th through June 25, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center

Duration: 45 minute program: 20 minute movie followed by talk and

questions/answers.

Presenters: Representative from the Japanese American Citizens League and NPS Ranger.

Program: Overview of the experience of Richmond's Japanese American citizens who were incarcerated during the Second World War.

1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA (Harbour Way South Exit off 580) Phone 510-232-5050 X0

Co-sponsored by the Pinole Historical Society

Community service yday

Helping is easy as 1-2-3:

Register Use the back of this form or visit www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation (click on "Community Services Commission" on the left bar)

Volunteer for a variety of three-hour community projects, including weeding at the creek, and the native plant garden at the library, visiting with seniors, gardening at the Faria House rose garden and MORE! Visit www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation for a current list. Volunteers will work from 9 am to noon.

Meet & Work meet at the Pinole Youth Center at 635 Tennent Avenue for a FREE breakfast and FREE post-event lunch! Head out to your project, meet your neighbors, make a friend and make a difference for Pinole. You will also get the satisfaction of knowing that you made Pinole a better place to be.

Saturday, June 13

8 am breakfast; 9 am -12 pm service work; 12 pm lunch

Meet at Pinole Youth Center 635 Tennent Avenue, Pinole

Pinole Community Service Day is sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission. You may also register the morning of the event, beginning at 8 am, at the Pinole Youth Center.

For more information call 724-9062 or e-mail recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us





SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2015

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP) AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.

Please mail the membership application today!

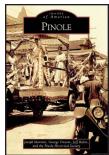
PinoleHistoricalSociety 2015 Membership Application

(PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

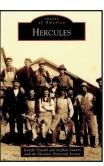
PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND SEND CASH OR YOUR CHECK, TO PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

Memberships are for the 2015 calendar year (except Lifetime memberships)

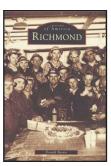
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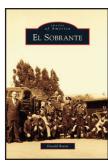




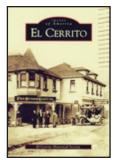
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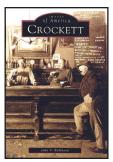
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LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

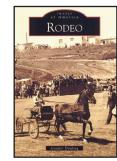
he Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

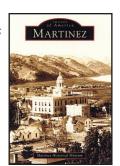
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for \$24, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including 8.75% sales tax.

Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society**, **P.O. Box 285**, **Pinole**, **CA 94564**.



Rodeo

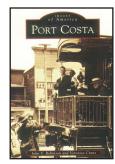


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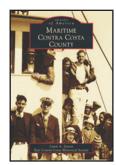
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Please mail your check for the total amount due, payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:

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Port Costa



Maritime