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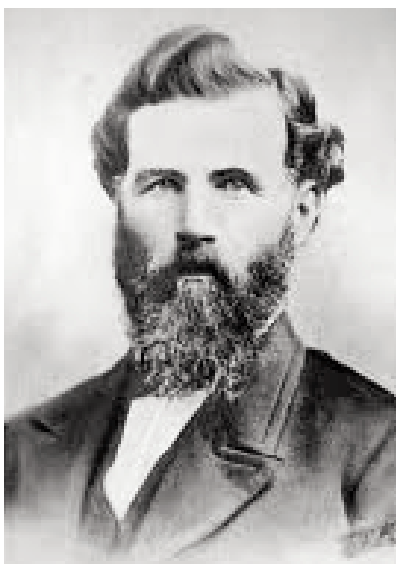
MAY 12 PROGRAM

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BERNARDO FERNANDEZ

The life of Bernardo Fernandez, one of the business and civic pioneers in the early history of Pinole, will be the subject of the Pinole Historical Society's Friday, May 12, meeting from 6:30 to 8 PM in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. The public is invited to this free event. Refreshments will be served.

Susan Fernandez, the great-granddaughter of her family's patriarch, who arrived in Pinole in 1853 and was a giant of the business community for nearly 60 years until his death in 1912, will be the presenter.

The program will cover Bernardo's boyhood and early life in his hometown of Villa da Figueira (now Figueira da Foz), Portugal, his journey to America, and his life and marriage to Carlotta Cuadra.



Bernardo Fernandez, age late '30s.

IN MEMORIAM

Lifelong Pinole resident and longtime Pinole Historical Society member Al Ramos died March 29. He was the husband of former PHS board member Shirley Ramos. He was 84.

Services and burial will be Thursday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 2450 Church Lane, San Pablo.

2017 PHS meeting dates

Put these dates on your calendar and attend all of our interesting and thought-provoking history programs. Here are the dates and our programs:

MAY 12

Susan Fernandez on the life of Bernardo Fernandez

SEPTEMBER 8

Author John Robinson presents the history of the Carquinez Bridge

NOVEMBER 3

To be announced

All meetings are held from 6:30-8 PM in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

For more information, call (510) 724-9507, or e-mail info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. Visit www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org for more information about our programs.

Pinole Historical Society



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MAY 12 ALSO PHS ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Our May 12 meeting will also serve as the society's annual meeting, at which we will elect directors to our board.

There are four seats open on the society's seven-member board up for election. Board terms are two years.

Interested in running? You must be a member in good standing for at least one year.

Send your name to info@pinolehistorical.society.org by May 1 if you'd like to serve.

PINOLE LIBRARY'S HISTORY 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.



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

Visit www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org for information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole.

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SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2017

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!

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2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

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CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

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GEORGE VINCENT'S BOOK ABOUT THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF PINOLE HAS ARRIVED

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

Pinole Historical Society co-founder and historian George Vincent's long-awaited book, "*School Bells and Ink Wells: a History of the Early Schools of Pinole, 1865-1968*," has been published and is for sale.

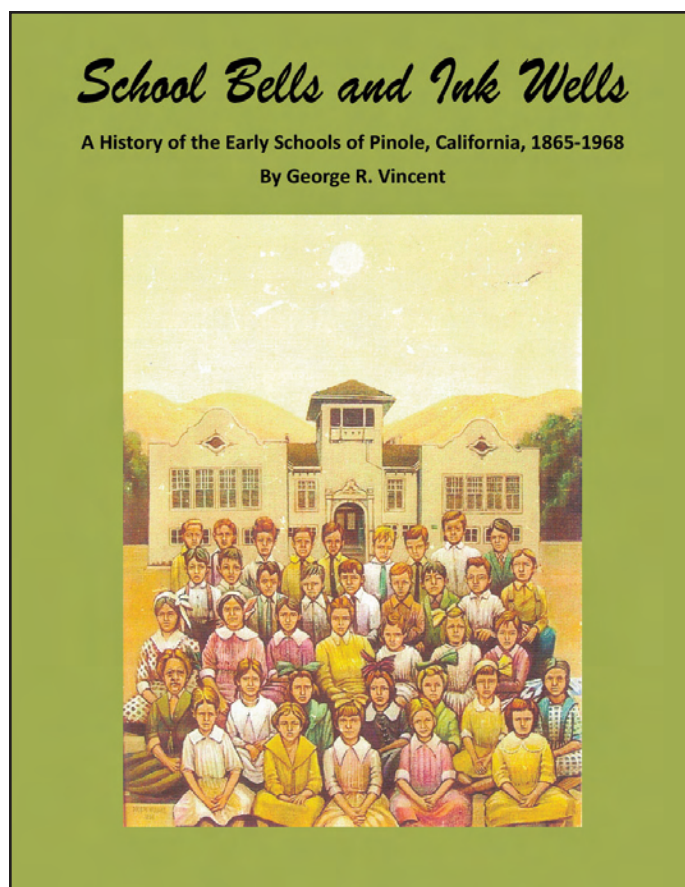
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

The book is filled with stories and amusing anecdotes, and anyone who went to school in Pinole will treasure this fond memory of their early education.

The book brings to light the workings and people that made the Pinole-Hercules Union School District the envy of surrounding townships.

Hill School alumni are fiercely loyal to their "green school" that stood atop Samuel Street in Pinole until 1968. There is a shared pride of camaraderie understood only by those who bore the trials of the daily uphill climb to the creaking stairs and dark halls haunted by the strict stares of lurking teachers.

If you are interested in purchasing the book (\$30, including sales tax and postage), please fill out the order form below and mail it to George Vincent. He will mail the book to you.



School Bells and Ink Wells

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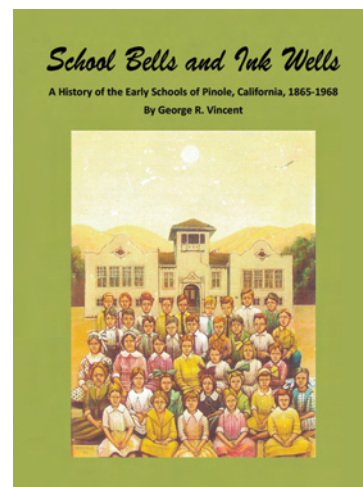
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WE'RE BACK AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

The Pinole Historical Society will be at its Pinole Farmers' Market booth April 15 and 29.

We'll be there every other

weekend through December.

Thanks for your many years of support. Please stop by our booth and say hello and chat about the history of our city.

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

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

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



The Pinole Historical Society is now on Facebook! Search for us at <https://www.facebook.com/PinoleHistoricalSociety/>

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We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.

PINOLE'S HISTORY IS ON PINOLE COMMUNITY TV

Four historical videos have added to the Pinole Community TV website: www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html

- Pinole Historical Society – School Bells and Ink Wells (Old Pinole Schools)

- Pinole Historical Society – The Presidential Rosies (Rosie the Riveters in Washington, D.C.)

- Pinole Historical Society – A Flood of Memories (Floods in Pinole)

- Maritime Contra Costa County – A history of the maritime industry in the county.

These additions bring to 35 the number of Pinole-history videos on the city's website. We thank Dave Snell and Stewart McCale of the PCTV staff for their good work in getting these videos online.

And, we thank Bob Kopp, who recorded many of these events for the society.

Miss one of our history programs on PCTV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to Pinole's history on its "Videos Online" page. You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer.



Go to the city's website www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our quarterly programs, interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours

of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine, PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the society's Historic Walking Tour brochure.

Also there are recorded interviews with several prominent Pinole citizens, including Ed LeFebvre, Charlotte (Fernandez) Shea, former fire chief Alex Clark, and former mayors Jack Meehan and Tom Cutino.

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET



APRIL 8, 22

Pinole Farmers' Market

The Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays.

This popular display offers many different genre of books, accessories, CDs, and DVDs, and varies from week to week.

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- *You will no longer use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card (effective April 1, 2016).
- Register your phone number that you will use at checkout.

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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.



RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY EXHIBITION

HOW WORLD WAR I CHANGED RICHMOND

MARCH 11 – JUNE 29

The Richmond Museum of History will host the exhibition “How World War I Changed Richmond” in the museum’s Seaver Gallery, 400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond.

The exhibit features dozens of World War I-related artifacts with connections to Richmond. Many artifacts have been in the museum collection more than 50 years and will be on display for the first time.

The exhibit commemorates the centennial of the United States involvement in the Great War and is one of the few events marking the centennial in the San Francisco Bay Area. It features stories of Richmond residents from all walks of life who were involved in World War I, both at home and on the front.

Visitors to the exhibit will learn how World War I shaped the City of Richmond to be ready to face the challenges of the World War II Home Front and beyond.

SCHEDULE OF RELATED EVENTS

- Friday March 10, 3-6 PM: Members only Preview
- Saturday, March 11, 2-4 PM: FREE Community Reception
- Saturday, April 8: 2 PM: Guest speaker Karen English, Professor of English San Jose State University. Program: “American Poetry of World War I.”
- Saturday, June 3, 2 PM: Guest speaker Susan Anderson, Founder of Memory House. Program: “World War I, Resistance and the New Negro.”

Learn more at www.richmondmuseum.org

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The City of El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission

and The El Cerrito Historical Society

present. . .

This Ain't No Mouse Music!

Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

at Rialto Cinemas Cerrito, 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito



Mance Lipscomb and Chris Strachwitz, courtesy of Chris Simon

This award-winning documentary by filmmakers Maureen Gosling and Chris Simon tells the story of Chris Strachwitz, owner of **Arhoolie Records** and **Down Home Music** at 10341 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito. Mr. Strachwitz has collected, recorded, and made available American “roots music” since the 1960s.

FREE ADMISSION. LIMITED SEATING.

Doors open approximately 15 minutes before the film starts.



For further information,
contact Suzanne Iarla at 215-4318
or siarla@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.



Flag Holidays

Every year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

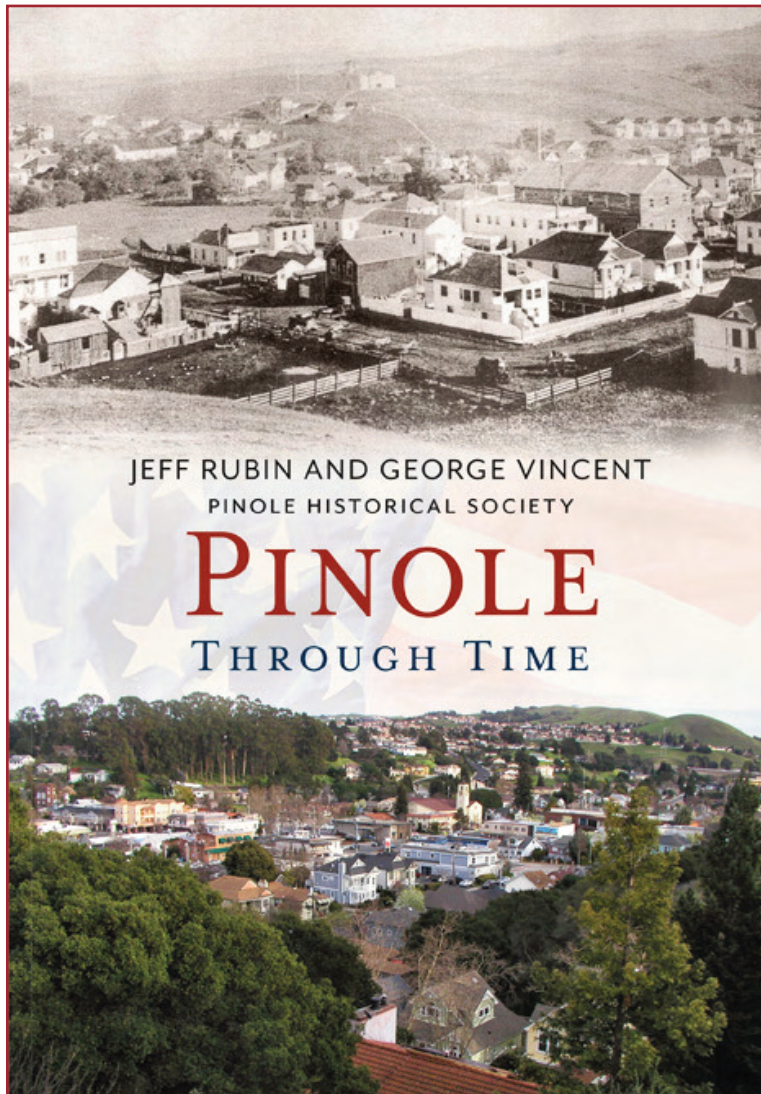
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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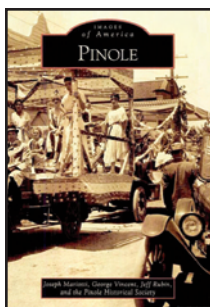
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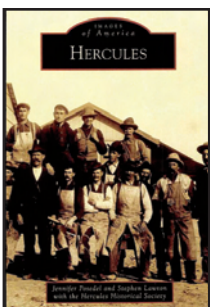
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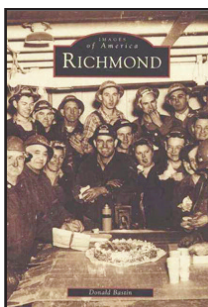
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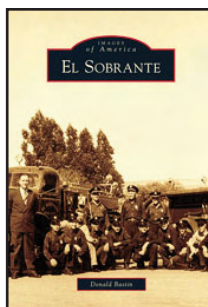
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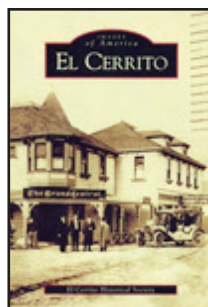
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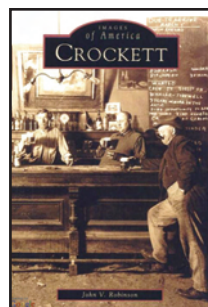
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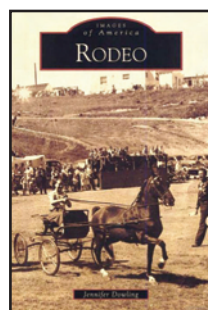
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

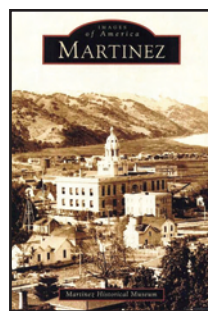
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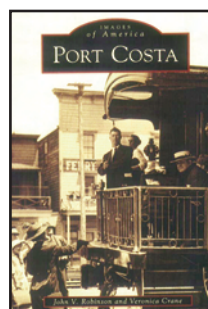
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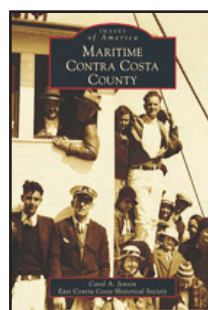
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**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

PHOTOS: People, family, events, buildings
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

MOVIES: VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades
and events, floods, fires, etc.

ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.

MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS: Documents, programs,
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

Contact the Pinole Historical Society
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