



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

PHS MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, WILL EXPLORE SHARED HISTORY BETWEEN PINOLE AND HERCULES

The Pinole Historical Society has two significant events of public interest during the first quarter of 2013.

The first, on Friday, February 15, is the PHS quarterly membership meeting, featuring a joint program with the Hercules Historical Society entitled "A Tale of Two Cities."

This program, from 6:30-8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser

Medical Office Building on Pinole Valley Road, will explore the shared history between Pinole and Hercules, a history based on geography and a heritage of mutual need and cooperation.

Both cities were part of the 18,000-acre

El Rancho Pinole land grant in the early 1800s, and both grew into cities, Hercules in 1900, and Pinole in 1903. The program will focus on the interaction

and cultural ties of the communities. The mutual need for water, schools, and jobs will be highlighted, with oral histories and a Powerpoint presentation. The program is free and open to the public.

The second event is the society's participation on the 100th anniversary of

the Contra Costa Library system from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the El Sobrante Library. The PHS will be one of several West County historical societies presenting short histories of the libraries in their communities.



PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our programs on Pinole Community TV?

Not a problem. The city's website now has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE 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.pinoles.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our 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 Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

PHS BOARD MEETS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, AT SENIOR CENTER

In addition to our quarterly general membership meetings, the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center.

Our members, and the public, are invited to attend

these board meetings and speak on any item that is discussed.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 13, Please feel free to join us.



USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO FIND PHS WEBSITE

Find out more about Pinole's history by using your smartphone to scan this QR code. It will take you to the Pinole Historical Society website.

PHS WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS FOR MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Would you assist the PHS with any of the following? Helping with any of these will be a much-appreciated contribution to the history of our city.

- Gathering oral histories on video and/or audio
- Writing articles for PHS *Newsbriefs*, our quarterly printed newsletter
- Being a greeter at our quarterly membership programs.

Please be an *active* member of the society.

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(510) 724-9507

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.

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Got 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 game?

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@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.



The PHS will back at the Pinole Farmers' Market in April. We look forward to seeing all of our friends.

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS MOVED TO FRIDAYS

The quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held on Friday evenings in 2013 at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

Thursday evenings were no longer available, so we thought we'd try Fridays and see how they work for our members. We hope you'll be able to join us.

The 2013 meeting schedule is:

- **February 15**
- **May 17**
- **September 20**
- **November 15**

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

STUDENTS WRITING ESSAYS FOR FIFTH ANNUAL PHS CONTEST

Students from Pinole's five elementary schools — Collins, Ellerhorst, Shannon, Stewart, and St. Joseph) are busy writing essays for the fifth annual Pinole History Essay Contest.

Students are writing 250-word essays on this

topic: *"What Makes a Community Like Pinole so Special?"*

The contest will run through the end of February, and awards will be given to students who write the best essays at each school in March. Pinole Mayor Debbie Long will present the awards.

Photos of past contest winners



Collins Elementary School.



Stewart Elementary School.

St. Joseph Catholic School



Shannon Elementary School.

Friends of the Pinole Library

Presents

A New Sale

Stuff-a-Sack Sale will be held on:

Saturday, February 9, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





The Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
510-758-2741

Available Categories

Mysteries
Fiction
Non-Fiction
Biography
History
Romance
Religion / Philosophy
Health & Family
Sports
Children
Youth
Knitting & Crocheting Pamphlets



The Bookworm

-  Buy a double-strength sack for \$5.
-  Fill with books.
-  Free - 3 VHS videos with each sack (as available).
-  Free - 3 bookmarks with each sack (as available).

Help the Pinole Library Help Your Community Help the Earth

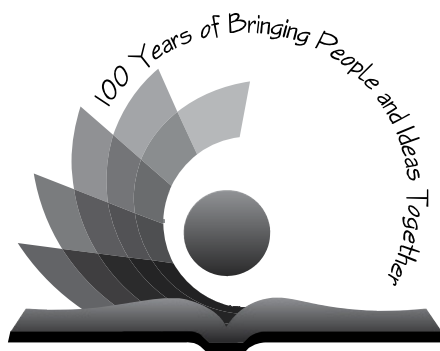
SPECIAL HISTORY EVENT AT HERCULES LIBRARY

From the Quarters to Lincoln Heights

See the story of how a large African-American population established itself in such unlikely places as the small towns of Weed, McCloud, Mt Shasta & Dunsmuir, California



Thursday,
February 21st
at 1:00



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CONTRA COSTA
COUNTY LIBRARY
1913 - 2013

Hercules Library
109 Civic Dr.
510-245-2420

Mon. Tue 1-9
Wed.-Thur. 10-6
Sat. 10-6

ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Free collectible cards teach young travelers about little-known stories

Trading cards have been popular with kids for generations, featuring everything from sports figures to movie stars. Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond is now offering visitors the chance to earn four trading cards representing the civil rights history of this park, as well as four more from Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial.

The cards are part of a series of 550 Civil War to Civil Rights cards available at participating national parks throughout the United States.

To “earn” a trading card, children of all ages may participate in a ranger-led tour or answer a question about their visit to the park.

“The trading cards are vehicles for telling some lesser-known stories – including the stories of civilians, women, African-Americans and Japanese-Americans,” said Superintendent Tom Leatherman.

“The cards are a great way to engage kids with our history as a nation, both here at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front, at Port Chicago Naval Magazine, and throughout the United States.”

The cards also provide an incentive to families to visit all parks which offer the cards.

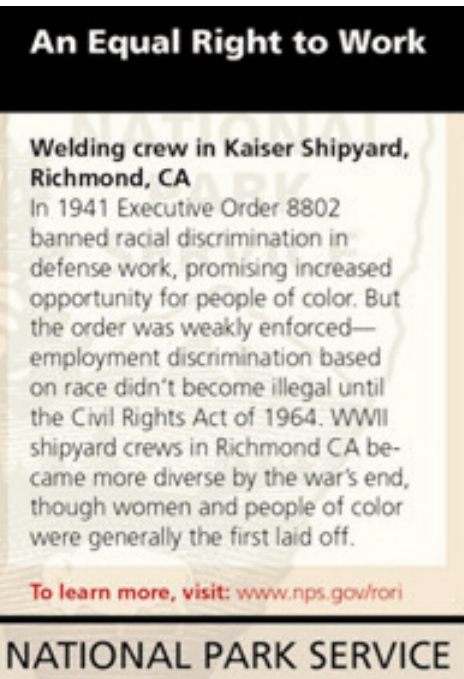
Each trading card tells a little-known story, but collectively the cards describe the struggles the nation has endured to achieve freedom and equality for all.

The recent Civil War Sesquicentennial and the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement provided the impetus for the creation of the trading card series. The goal is to encourage younger visitors to learn about the nation’s past through visiting their national parks, to celebrate the strides we have made

as a nation, and to reflect on how past events continue to affect their own lives.

Be among the first to earn these newest cards! Please note: All cards must be earned in person, through a visit to the park.

The National Park Service cannot honor requests to mail sets of cards; however,



**One of the trading cards available at the
Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park**

the entire set of NPS trading cards are available for viewing online at <http://bit.ly/JPrPnT>

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center is open 7 days a week between 10 AM and 5 PM, 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 510-232-3108 or go to <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

There is no charge for admission to the Visitor Center or for the trading cards. Cards will be available for visitors to earn while supplies last.



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front
National Historical Park
2566 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-232-5050
Fax: 510-232-5504

TRADITION OF CHILDREN'S ARTWORK CONTINUES AT ROSIE THE RIVETER MARITIME CENTER

School-aged children invited to join a ranger for arts and crafts

(Richmond, CA) – Join the National Park Service for a free, fun, family day on **Saturday, February 16**, at the historic Maritime Center in Richmond.

The building was built in 1943 as the Maritime Child Development Center, a federally funded childcare center to serve the families of shipyard workers. Today it is one of more than a dozen sites that make up Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

At 11 a.m., adult visitors are invited to tour the Maritime Center's preschool classroom exhibit and learn about the center's innovative wartime curriculum, and the role that childcare facilities played in the WWII home front effort by enabling mothers to join the workforce. The tour begins in the lobby and lasts one hour.

A family program, led by a ranger, will follow the tour, from 12-2 p.m., including arts and crafts for school-age children. A parent or guardian must attend with the child.

Children who attended the Maritime Child Development Center during WWII worked with many different art materials—tempera paints, clay, cut paper collage, linoleum prints, and leather. Children are invited to continue the tradition of art making during this fun afternoon.

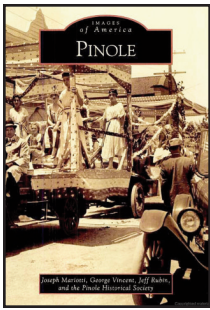
The Maritime Center is located at 1014 Florida Avenue, at the corner of Harbour Way in Richmond. Street parking nearby is generally easy to find. The National Park's Service's exhibit is only accessible by guided tour or by appointment, so don't miss this opportunity.

During the event, visitors will also be able to view a small exhibit on playground design in the Bay Area. The exhibit was originally curated by Susan Solomon for the Harold E. Jones Child Study Center at UC Berkeley. The center was designed in 1960 by architect Joseph Esherick, in collaboration with Catherine Landreth. Ms. Landreth also served as a consultant on the design of the Maritime Child Development Center earlier in her career.

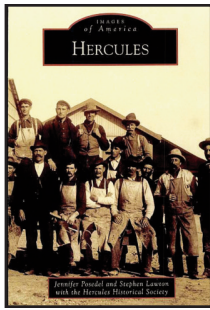
Reservations for the tour and art program are appreciated, but not necessary. If you'd like to, contact lucien_sonder@nps.gov or leave a message at (510) 232-5050, ext. 6622, to let us know you are coming.

Why not plan a whole day at the park while you are at it? The Visitor Education Center is located just a few blocks south of the Maritime Center at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000. The Visitor Education Center is open seven days a week between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

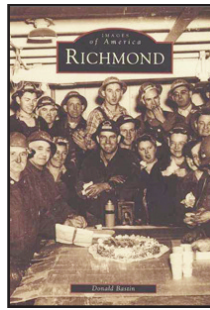
For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please go to www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm. There is no charge for admission to any park sites or events.



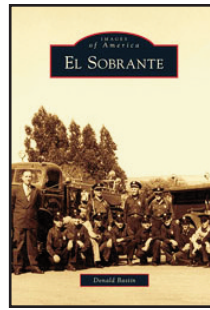
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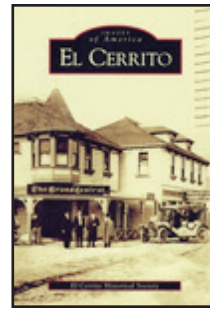
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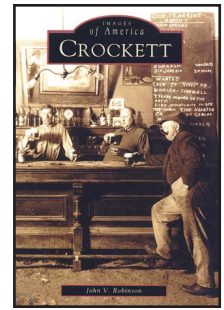
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about our surrounding communities of Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

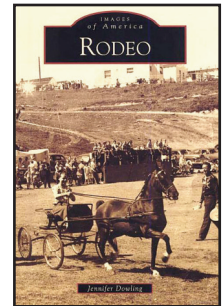
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, and El Cerrito books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

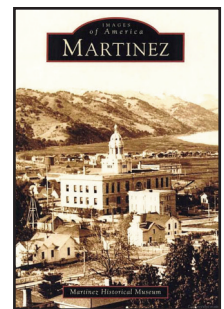
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

The prices, including 8.75% sales tax and postage are:

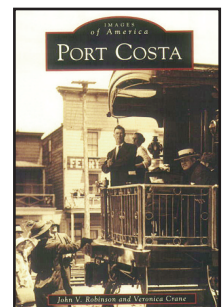
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

of Pinole books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Hercules books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Richmond books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of El Sobrante books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

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of Crockett books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Rodeo books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Martinez books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Port Costa books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**Please mail your check for the total amount due,
payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**



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Help us preserve Pinole's history through:

- Exhibits at the Pinole Library
- Pinole history programs in schools
- Pinole Community TV programs
- Walking tours of downtown Pinole
- Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park
- A proposed municipal museum

Annual memberships are only \$30

Please mail the membership application today!

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2013 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 2013 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each person): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

CIRCLE ONE: Annual (\$30) Life (\$150) Business (\$50) Sustaining \$(500)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: [] Cash \$ _____ [] Check # _____ \$ _____

DATE PAID: _____