



Pinole**Historical**Society

E-News



Happy New Year

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2015 MEETING DATES

We have a great lineup of programs for our members and guests in 2015, beginning on **Friday, February 6**. Details of this program, "*A Flood of Memories*" are on page 2.

Our other meeting dates in 2015, all from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, are:

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

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>



“A FLOOD OF MEMORIES” KICKS OFF 2015 PHS PROGRAM SERIES ON FEBRUARY 6

On April 2, 1958, a fierce winter storm that had dropped buckets of rain on the city for several days caused a swollen Pinole Creek to overflow, turning downtown Pinole streets into navigable waterways.

This was the latest of several massive Pinole Creek floods in the city's history. It caused the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin a lengthy project to ensure the creek wouldn't overflow again.

Why did Pinole Creek overflow and how did civil engineers solve this problem?

PHS co-founder George Vincent, former mayor (1964-65) Jack Meehan, and Pinole Public Works Director/City Engineer Dean Allison will discuss the history of Pinole's watery battles with Mother Nature in our February 6, 2015, program, "A Flood of Memories," from 6:30 to 8 PM in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building on Pinole Valley Road.

Do you remember the flood of 1958? The flood of 1940? Please share your recollections with us at this event, the first of four fascinating 2015 PHS programs for members, their guests, and the public. As always, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

***Rowing down Tennent Avenue in
1958. Photo courtesy Dick Lincoln.***



1940 flood in front of Val's, a bar and restaurant on the southwest corner of San Pablo and Fernandez avenues.



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.
- 2013 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- 2014 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- 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.

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



JANUARY 7

Family Programs Series

Coventry and Kaluza will perform at the library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, part of the Friends of the Pinole Library Family Programs Series.

This wonderful team uses performing arts including circus, theater, music, and dance to celebrate laughter, and inspire community, artistic expression, and respect for life.

Bring the whole family and enjoy the Friends of the Pinole Library's gift to you.

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The Friends of the Pinole Library will appear at the Pinole Farmers' Market on alternating Saturdays in January, starting the 10th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our display includes many hardbacks, paperbacks, coffee table and art books, book bags, gift tags and note paper, and featured author boxes of today's most popular writers. Visitors will also be able to discover how they can help support the library through memberships, volunteerism, donations of books, and other means.

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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!

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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)

NAME (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ☐ Cash \$ _____ ☐ Check # _____ \$ _____

DATE PAID: _____



PROGRAMS

Tours
&
Events

JANUARY 2015



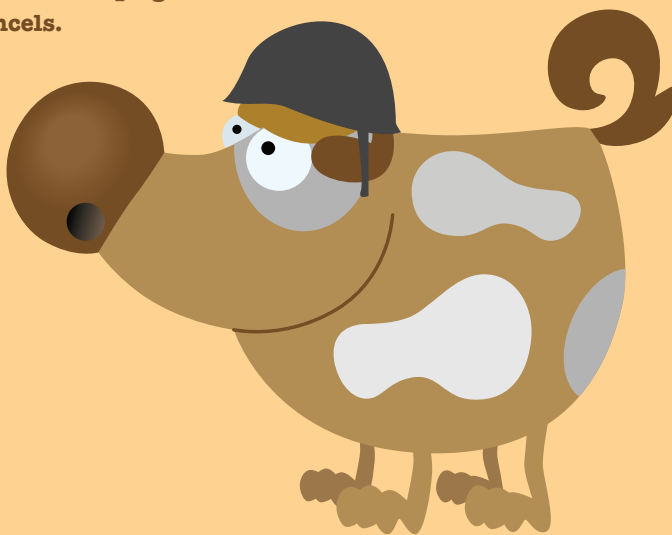
A Dog-friendly walk-and-talk along Richmond's Bay Trail

Join a park ranger and bring your furry friend on a leash, to learn more about how American family dogs contributed to the defense effort during WWII.

The two-mile walk will last approximately 1.5 hours. We will begin near the Sit and Stay Cafe at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline and end at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park.

Sign up by emailing lucien_sonder@nps.gov.

Space limited to 30- Rain cancels.



Wagging Tails

and War Tales



HEALTHY
PARKS
HEALTHY
PEOPLE
BAY AREA
<http://bayareaparks.org>

Starting Location: Sit and Stay Cafe, Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, 2701 Isabel Street, Richmond, CA

Saturday, January 10, 2015- 10am-11:30am



WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

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 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.

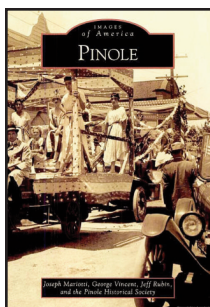
The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the

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

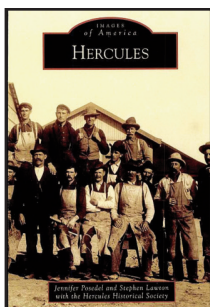
Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

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

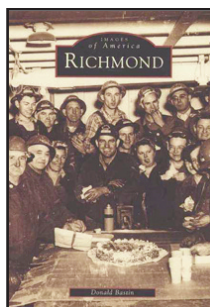
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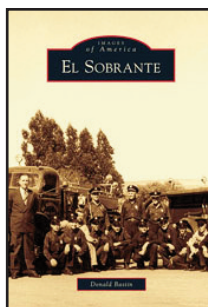
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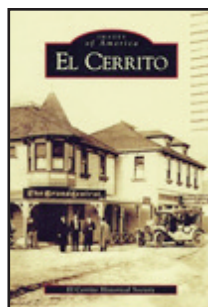
Hercules



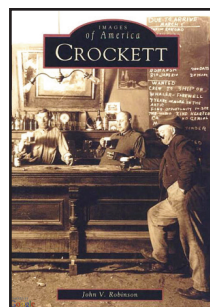
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

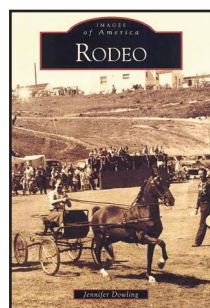
The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

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.

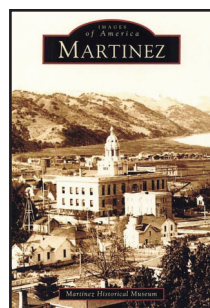
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

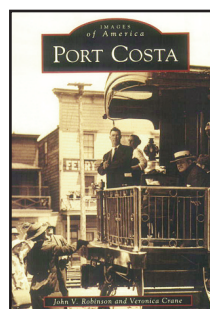
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.



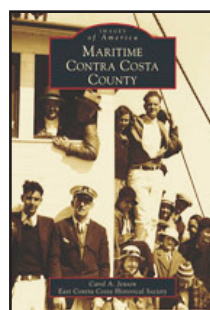
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



Maritime

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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

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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:**

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