

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

FEBRUARY 12 PROGRAM

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME BASEBALL IN PINOLE

The Pinole Historical Society will kick off its 2016 series of programs with a sports focus.

Mike LeFebvre, longtime high school and college coach and current Guest Services representative for the San Francisco Giants, will chronicle the history of baseball in Pinole in *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*, on Friday, February 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Refreshments will be served.

With baseball Spring Training camps opening in Arizona and Florida the following week, this is a great time to feature our city's participation in our National Pastime. Several Pinole athletes have made it to the Major Leagues, including Dave Sveum, a coach for the World Champion Kansas City Royals, and Chris Singleton, who played for the Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles, Oakland A's, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.



Mike LeFebvre

2016 PHS meeting dates

Put these dates on your calendar and attend all four of our interesting and thought-provoking history programs:

FEBRUARY 12
MAY 13
SEPTEMBER 9
NOVEMBER 4

All meetings are held 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

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 ENROLLED IN S.H.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM

The Pinole Historical Society has enrolled in Save Mart's S.H.A.R.E.S (Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports) program, a fund-raising program offered free to more than 8,500 schools, groups, and organizations by Save Mart and its affiliated stores (Lucky Supermarkets, FoodMaxx and S-Mart Foods).

Each year, Save Mart sets aside a reserve of \$4.5 million specifically to benefit those who have enrolled in S.H.A.R.E.S. It's Save Mart's way of



giving back to the communities it calls home.

Using this card on qualified purchases made at the above stores in California and Nevada will earn the Pinole Historical Society up to 3% of qualified purchases annually.

Pinole Historical Society S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are available at the

PHS booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market and at our five yearly membership programs. Or, please request a S.H.A.R.E.S. card via e-mail (info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org) and we will mail one to you. Please remember to include your street address.

PHS WILL BE BACK AT FARMERS' MARKET IN APRIL

As we do every year, the Pinole Historical Society is taking off the first quarter at the Pinole

Farmers' Market.

We will resume our booth in April and will be there through the end of December.

We thank you for your many years of support, and look forward to seeing you in the spring. Have a nice winter.



FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

JANUARY 2, 16, AND 30
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.

Upcoming events

Pinole **Historical** Society

January 1-31: 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 centu-



ry and recent photos of buildings on those sites today. 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, visit our website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website 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.pinole.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!

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

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SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2016

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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2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

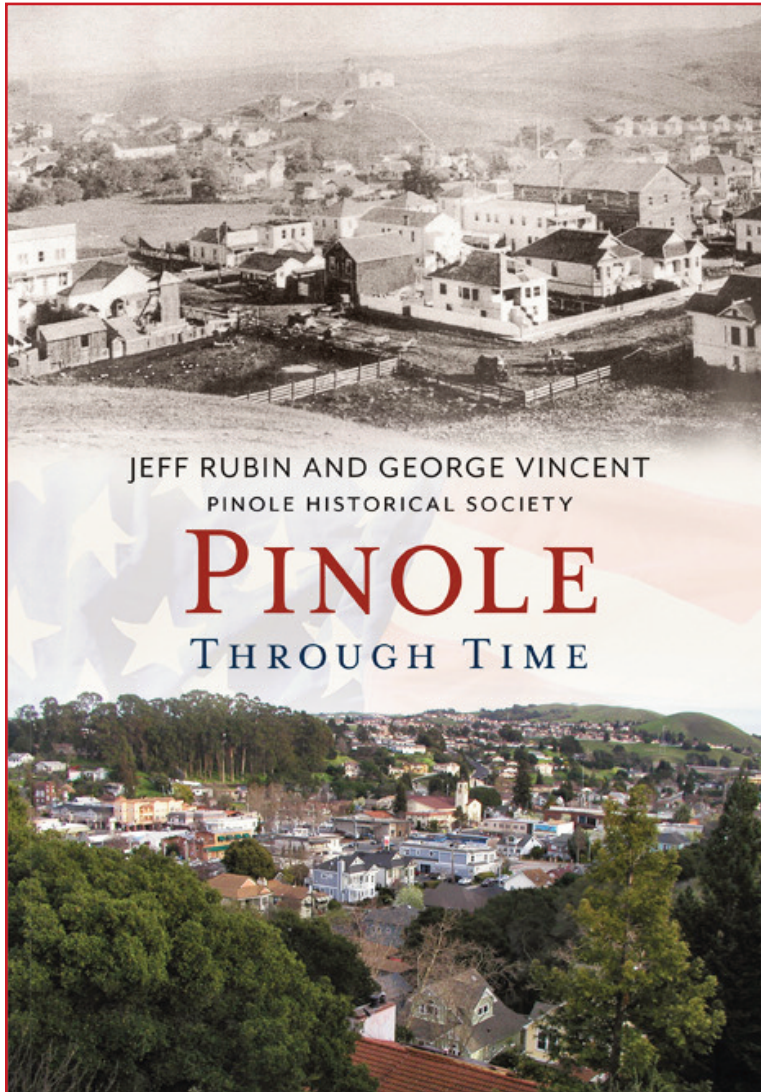
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society

Credit Card: (Visa MasterCard American Express Discover)

Credit Card # _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

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PLENTY OF BOOKS IN STOCK
Order your book(s) today!

PINOLE THROUGH TIME

MAIL TO: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564

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Address _____

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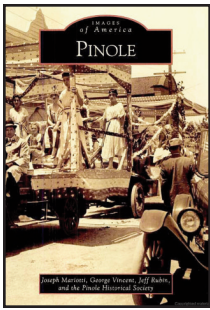
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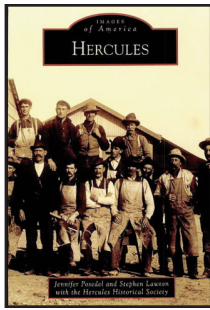
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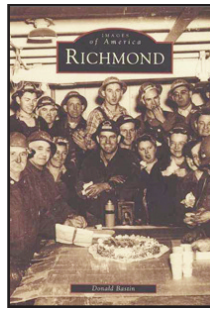
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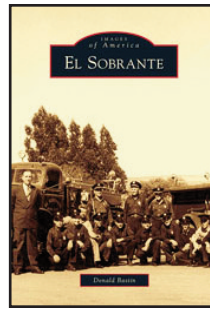
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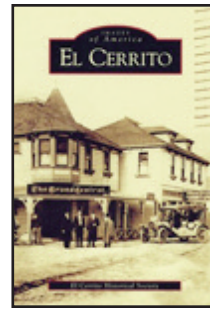
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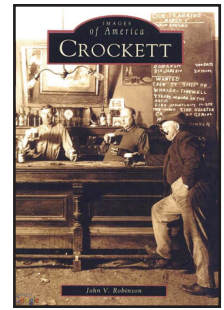
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El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

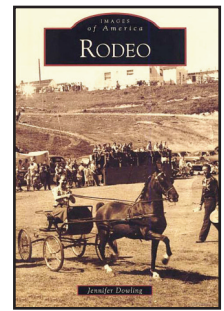
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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.

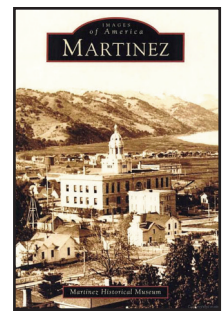
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

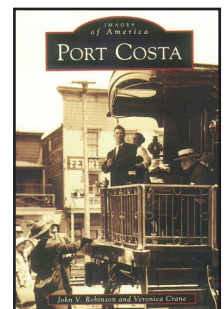
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



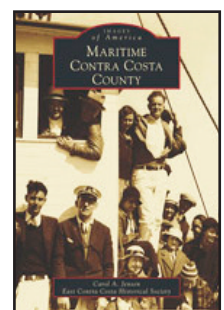
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



Maritime

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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

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

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

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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WANTED

by the
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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

(510) 724-9507

info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org



PROGRAMS

Tours
&
Events

JANUARY 2016

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

Junior Ranger Fun!

1/3, 1/24 at 2:00PM (30 minutes)

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

Bay Trail Walk

1/10 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Take a one-hour leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history with a park ranger.

Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look

1/17 Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions, and introduce the memorial.

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

1/31 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

MONDAYS:

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

1/11 at 1:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori

Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

TUESDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

***Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.**

WEDNESDAYS

Richmond Bus Tour with Armand Johnson (Reservations Required)

1/20 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)

Hop aboard with Ranger Armand Johnson for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

THURSDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

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Blossoms and Thorns

1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center.

Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

Rationing on the Home Front

1/8, 1/22 at 12:30 PM (45 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Learn about food rationing and share a sweet treat invented by wartime bakers.

Fridays continued...

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager

1/8, 1/29 at 3:00 PM (45 minutes)

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a ranger for a 45 minute program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

SATURDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"

1/30 3:30 PM (45 minutes)

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45 minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT



Courtesy, Christopher Sterba

The El Cerrito Historical Society presents:

Taming the Wild West in the Late 1940s:

The Making of Modern Day El Cerrito

Author and San Francisco State lecturer Chris Sterba will describe how a group of reformers transformed El Cerrito from a "wide-open town" known as "Little Reno" into the bustling, middle-class Bay Area community we know today.

Chris, who has lived in El Cerrito since 2001, received a Fulbright Award to teach in Norway in 2012-2013. He serves on the El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission.

Sunday, January 24, 2016. 2 p.m. Free.
Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane,
El Cerrito.

This is the Society's annual meeting. We will also discuss annual accomplishments and elect officers. The talk will start about 2:30. Wheelchair accessible Light refreshments. **Info: Dave Weinstein, 510-524-1737, davidsweinstein@yahoo.com.**