



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## **E-News**

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*Happy Independence Day*

*PHS essay-contest awards photos inside*

# Pinole Historical Society



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## 2017 PHS meeting dates

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

### SEPTEMBER 8

Author John Robinson  
presents the history of the Carquinez Bridge

### NOVEMBER 3

The National Park Service presents  
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

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.

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## PINOLE LIBRARY'S HISTORY EXHIBITS

**T**he 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](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) for information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole.

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# PHS PRESENTS AWARDS TO STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

**T**he Pinole Historical Society presented awards June 6 to students who participated in its annual Pinole History Essay Contest.

Students in Pinole schools were asked to write essays on this topic: *“What would you like to see in the new Pinole History Museum.”*

The society received many excellent ideas for the museum, which is in the planning stage.

Mayor Debbie Long accompanied PHS directors to St. Joseph School, Ellerhorst Elementary School, Collins Elementary School, and Shannon Elementary

School, and presented certificates and grand-prize awards (\$25 Target gift certificates) to the students. Certificates were previously given to students at Stewart Elementary School and Pinole Valley High School.

We look forward to visiting schools and recognizing students for their achievements. The Pinole Historical Society thanks the teachers at all of the Pinole schools for encouraging their students participate in the essay contest, and we thank the students for being so creative and giving us so many great ideas for the museum.





# ESSAY AWARDS...CONTINUED





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Donations made  
“In Memory Of” or  
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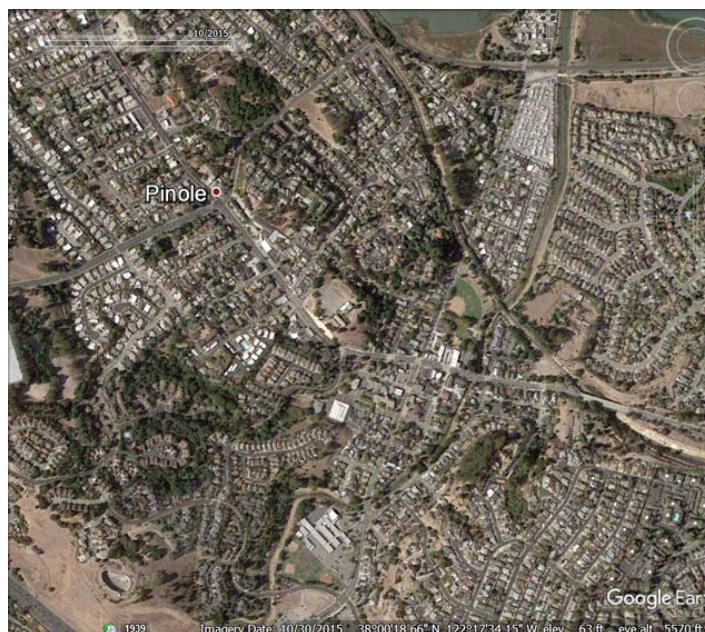
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As a 501(c)(3) non-profit  
corporation, all donations to  
the Pinole Historical Society  
are deductible as per the  
limits of the law.  
Thank you for considering  
donating to the  
Pinole Historical Society.

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**These Google Earth images of Pinole and the west end of Hercules from 1939 and 2015 were provided by Pinole Community TV Cable Access Coordinator Dave Snell, whom the Pinole Historical Society thanks very much for adding these maps to its historical archives. There are lots of changes in the 76 years between these photos.**



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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.***





## 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)

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

NAME: (each member): \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_



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

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

**P**inole 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.

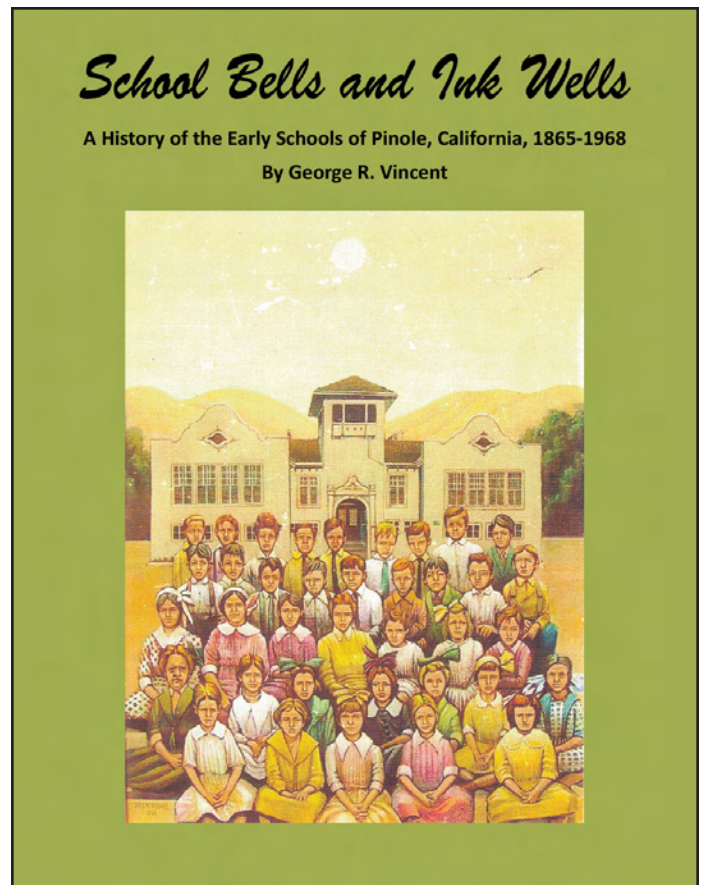
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

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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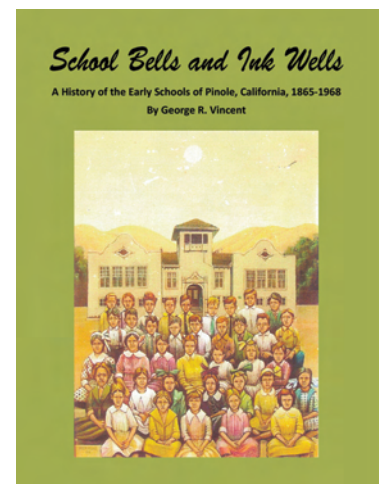
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**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **George Vincent**





# WE'RE BACK AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

**T**he Pinole Historical Society will be at its Pinole Farmers' Market booth July 8 and 22.

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/>

**Like us, Friend us, Follow us,** Tell your friends and family about us.

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



**ATTEND THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S  
JULY 15 ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THE  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
724 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ**



The Contra Costa County Historical Society is hosting an Ice Cream Social and Open House to celebrate National Ice Cream Day and summertime in CoCo County.

**Saturday, July 15, 2017  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Stop by for a free scoop and a tour of the archives!



**National Ice Cream Day - did you know?**

On July 9, 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5219 designating July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day.



Flips Burgers & Arden Ice Cream, San Pablo 1955

**Summertime in CoCo County**

What better way to celebrate summertime in Contra Costa County than with a summertime favorite such as Ice Cream.

From Richmond in the West, to Brentwood & Oakley in the East, to San Ramon Valley in the South, the big, beautiful County we reside in is a great place to enjoy summertime activities.

**RSVP is not required  
Parking is free on Saturday's  
\$5 suggested donation at the door  
For more information about CCCHS, visit [www.cocohistory.com](http://www.cocohistory.com)**





# **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017**

**One Community-One Event-One Location**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017**

**5PM - 8PM**

**FERNANDEZ PARK**

**THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:**

<b>K9 Demonstration</b>	<b>DJ-Music by Pistello</b>
<b>DUI/Command Center</b>	<b>Bounce House</b>
<b>Crime Prevention</b>	<b>Snow Cones/Popcorn</b>
<b>Traffic/Motor Unit</b>	<b>Local Vendors</b>

**Hot dog, chips, and a drink for \$3.00**

**All proceeds will go to the K-9 and Explorer Programs.**

**We encourage everyone to bring your block party to Fernandez Park and join the Pinole Police Department in celebrating National Night Out!**

For more information/questions please contact the Crime Prevention Unit:

Sandra Trevino: 510-724-8961 Email: [strevino@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:strevino@ci.pinole.ca.us) Natasha Valdepeña: 510-741-3892 Email: [nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us](mailto:nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us)







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Purchases are tracked through registered cards such as grocery loyalty cards (rewards cards, club cards, community cards), credit/debit cards, and one's phone number.

If you are a Lucky Supermarket shopper, you can get started by visiting [www.luckysupermarkets.com/shares](http://www.luckysupermarkets.com/shares). If you are a FoodMaxx shopper, you can get started by visiting [www.foodmaxx.com/shares](http://www.foodmaxx.com/shares).

During the registration process, you will be asked to select up to three organizations to support. By selecting the Pinole Historical Society only, you will allow us to get the most possible back!

You may begin to receive email updates from the eScrip program.



- Sign up for the NEW\* Shares program by registering your phone number with eScrip. Go to: <http://www.escrip.com/>
- \*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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**T**here's a simple and automatic way for you to support the Pinole Historical Society when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

You'll find the exact same prices, selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PHS.

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# Flag Holidays

**E**very 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.

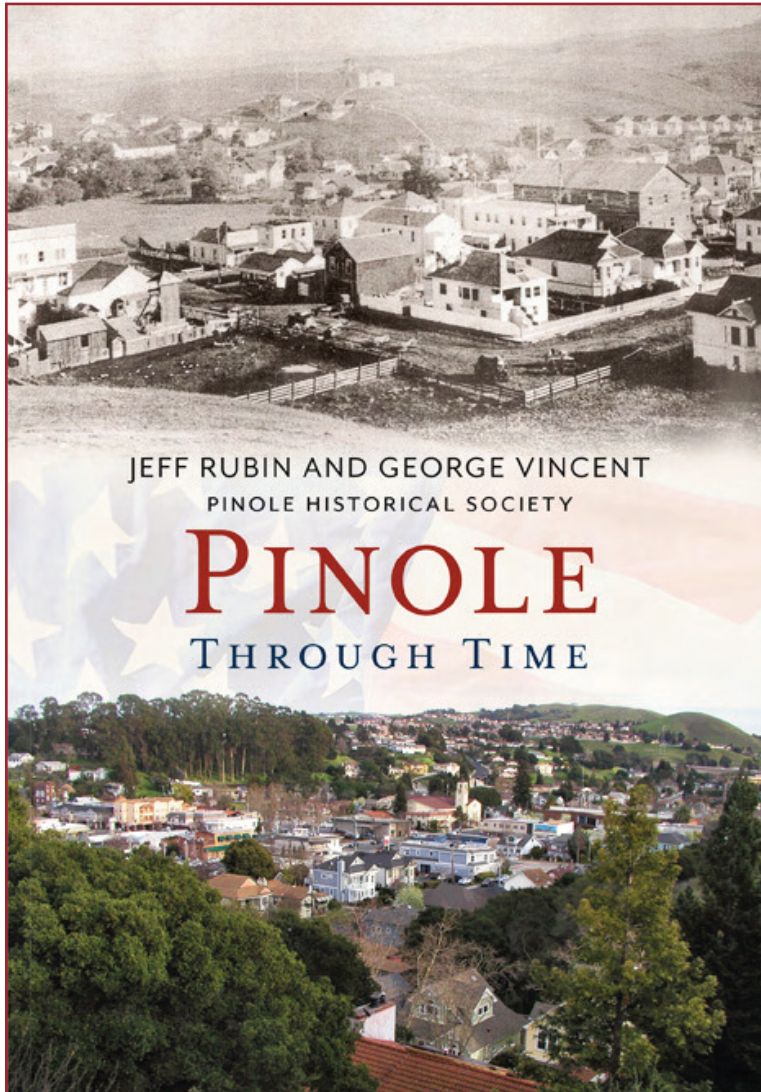
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## **PINOLE THROUGH TIME**

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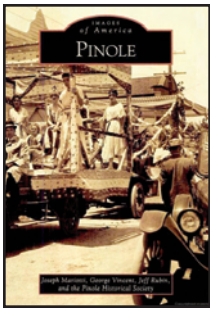
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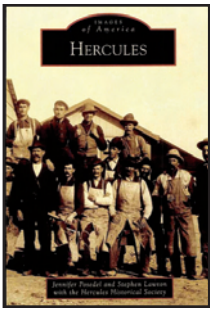
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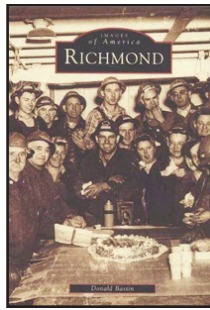
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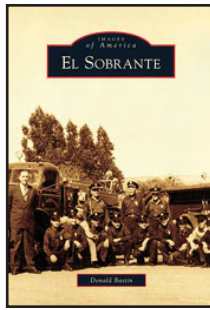
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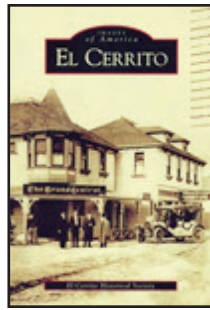
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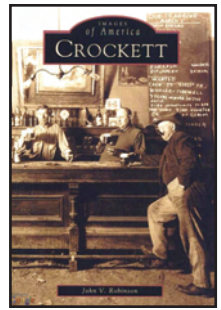
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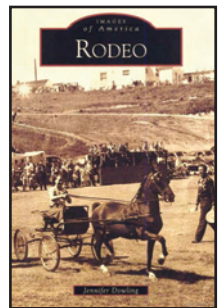
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The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

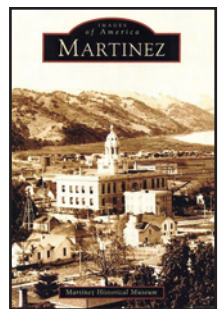
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

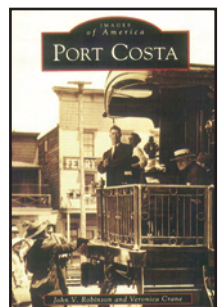
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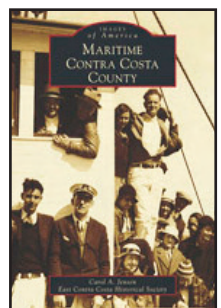
**Rodeo**



**Martinez**



**Port Costa**



**Maritime**

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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**

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