



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

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### *WCCUSD to install at Collins School*

## BELL FROM THE OLD SCHOOL RESCUED

**T**he bell that rang generations of Pinole school children to class at Pinole-Hercules School #1 (The School on the Hill) has been rescued by the Pinole Historical Society, repaired and repainted by the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and will be installed soon in a prominent loca-

tion at Collins Elementary School.

The bell is all that remains from the school, which taught Pinole and Hercules children from 1906 to 1966. It was demolished in 1968.

The bell was severely damaged after being left outside at Pinole Middle School for decades.

The PHS asked the WCCUSD to

store and repair the bell, and install it at a location where it would contribute to the city's rich history.

The PHS thanks the WCCUSD's Charles Ramsey, Dr. Bruce Harter, Wendell Greer, Luis Freese, and Jim Edward for preserving the bell.

The PHS is planning a dedication ceremony.

## BEFORE AND AFTER





*PHJS board member and co-founder George Vincent regales fourth-graders at St. Joseph Catholic School with stories about Pinole's history.*

## **PHS BRINGS PINOLE'S HISTORY TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**F**or the last four years, the Pinole Historical Society has brought the history of Pinole into the city's fourth-grade classrooms, courtesy of a fascinating program PHS co-founder and board member George Vincent conceived that captivates the children.

George, who taught at Ellerhorst Elementary school most of his adult life, has a unique way of relating to students, using a combination of purposely corny jokes and interesting tidbits about childrens' lives 100 years ago to create an engaged audience.

He uses old photos and arti-

facts from a bygone era to teach children about our city's history.

Schools teach California history in the fourth grade, but not local history. This program is part of the society's outreach program, a "museum on wheels" approach to bringing history to the public in the absence of a museum.

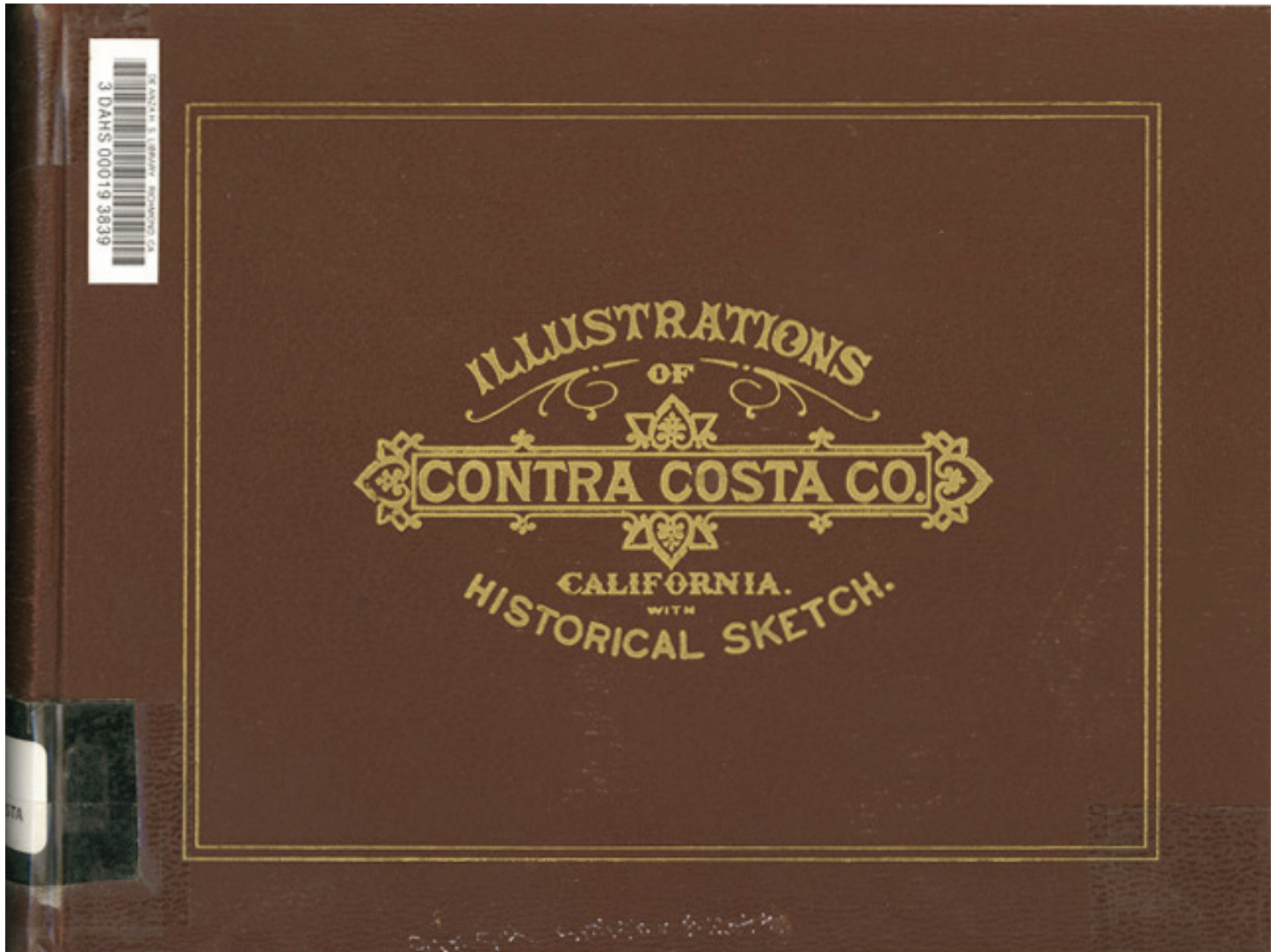
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**T**he Pinole Historical Society thanks Mary Kuntz Coté, of the Library Media Center at DeAnza High School, for donating the book, *Illustrations of Contra Costa Co., California, with Historical Sketches*, to the PHS library.

The book was published in 1952 by the Contra Costa County Historical Society.

Mary also donated a copy of *Historical Sketches: Recalling Early Times and People of the Pinole, California Area.*, by Jessie Howe Clark, Pinole historian and Poet Laureate and longtime writer for the *Pinole-Hercules News*.

## NEW BOARD ELECTED BY PHS MEMBERS

Marcia Kalapus and Jo Ann Gannotti were re-elected, and Mary McMains and Norma Martínez-Rubin were elected, to the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors at the

May 17 Annual Membership Meeting.

The PHS thanks outgoing board member Shirley Ramos for her years of invaluable service on the board.

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## Memories of a Lifetime in Contra Costa County, CA

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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY HAS FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE 'MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME'

A Facebook page recently created by the Contra Costa County Library system invites residents to contribute to a fun and interactive local history initiative.

*Memories of a Lifetime in Contra Costa County, CA*, located at this Facebook URL: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Memories-of-a-Lifetime-in-Contra-Costa-County-CA/516697705035627>, was created as part of the library's celebration of its 100th anniversary in 2013.

*Memories of a Lifetime in Contra Costa County, CA* includes a timeline that permits people to document where they have been in the county's last 100 years.

Photographs of Contra Costa County places in the past and present are included, in addition to interactive questions to get the community engaged and talking. Some questions will allow people to share their favorite anecdotes and martini recipes.



There are many photos posted and conversations abound. Among the photos is the one above, taken around 1927, of the original Carquinez Bridge.

## PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

**M**iss 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](http://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!

## PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

**G**ot 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/sccpioneers](http://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](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org). We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

## UPCOMING PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

**T**he 2013 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society are being held on Friday evenings at the Kaiser

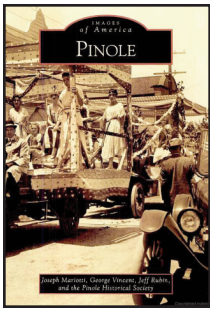
Permanente Medical Office  
Building on Pinole Valley Road.  
The remaining 2013 meeting  
schedule is:

• **September 6**

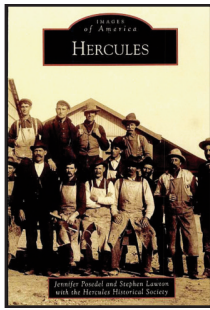
• **November 15**

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting. Tell your friends!

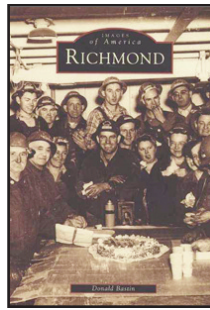
***The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.***



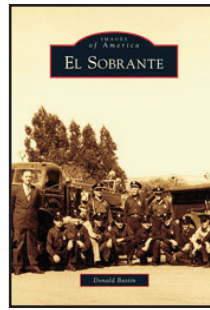
**Pinole**



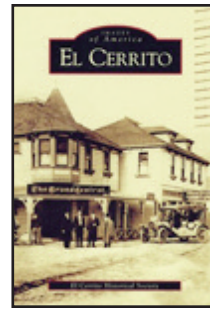
**Hercules**



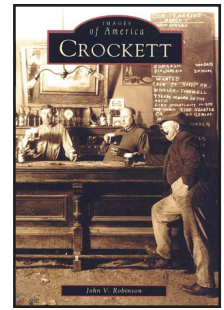
**Richmond**



**El Sobrante**



**El Cerrito**



**Crockett**

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**T**he 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.

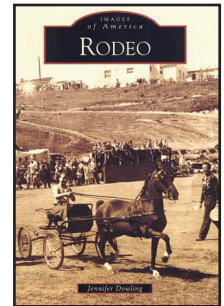
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

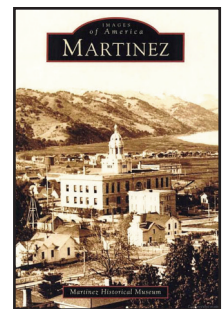
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

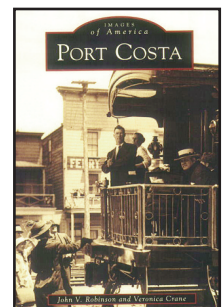
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



**Rodeo**



**Martinez**



**Port Costa**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# 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**



## Pinole **Historical** Society

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!

# Pinole **Historical** Society

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## TWO DOCUMENTARIES BEING SHOWN AT ROSIE THE RIVETER/ WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

**A** new documentary film called “The War At Home” is being shown daily at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The 25-minute film screens hourly at the park’s Visitor Education Center, starting at 11 a.m.. The last screening is at 4 p.m. It’s shown seven days a week.

“The War At Home,” produced in collaboration between the National Park Service and Signature



Communications, uses oral histories, archival materials, and personal diaries to illustrate the diversity and complexity of the World War II homefront experience, from the perspective of a number of real people who lived in different cities across the United States.

Another 16-minute documentary film, “Home Front Heroes,” which outlines the history of defense manufacturing in Richmond, during World War II, is also screened regularly, alternating with “The War At Home.”

## 5TH ANNUAL HOME FRONT FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS 6 WWII-ERA FILMS ABOARD THE SS RED OAK VICTORY

**T**he Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park and the Richmond Museum of History Association will present the 5th Annual WWII Home Front Film Festival on Thursdays in June, July and August, 2013. The film festival will feature popular, full-length movies that were shown on the Home Front during the WWII period.

Six movies will be screened aboard the SS Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored ship built in Richmond during World War II. The ship is located in historic Shipyard #3, where thousands of Americans labored to build 747 ships over the course of the war. Ship address: 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, in Richmond. For directions to the shipyard, call 510-237-2933 or visit [www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm](http://www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm).

Boarding is at 6:30 pm and the films begin at 7. There is a donation of \$5 to board the ship and enjoy ship exhibits prior to the film. Please note: the ship is not ADA accessible. Visitors must be able to climb gangplank (40 feet, of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard ship.

The movies include:

**June 13: In Which We Serve (1941).** Starring Noel Coward and John Mills. Stories of courage and reflections of the home front.

**June 27: The Wolf Man (1941).** Starring Claude Rains and Lon Chaney. The classic horror movie with a surprising connection to WWII.

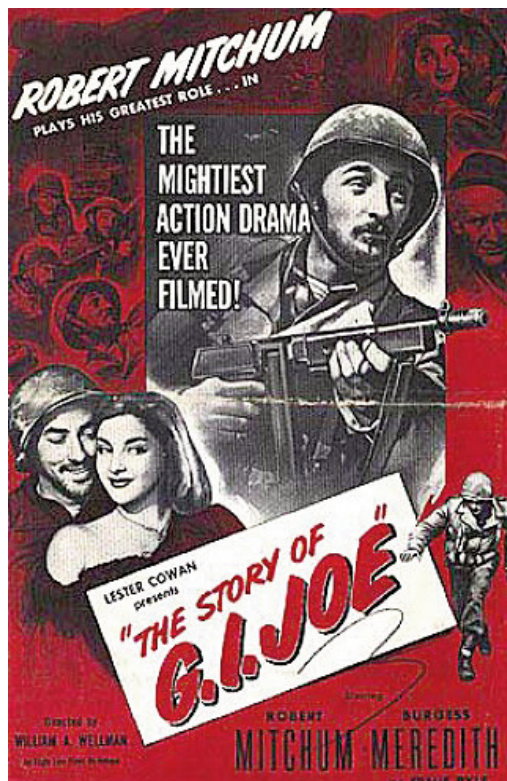
**July 11: Casablanca (1942).** Starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman: This “viewer’s choice” film is being reprised this year, as it was chosen by the festival audience as a favorite from the last four years. Casablanca is considered the greatest romance film of all time.

**July 25: Lifeboat (1944).** Written by John Steinbeck and directed by Alfred Hitchcock: This film was also a top audience choice, full of twists and turns only Hitchcock can deliver.

**August 8: The Story of G.I. Joe (1945).** Starring Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. As WWII came to an end, this film was a realistic look at what it was like to serve as a soldier in the European Theater. It’s based on the life of the famed war correspondent Ernie Pyle.

**August 22: Dear Ruth (1946).** starring William Holden and Joan Caulfield. Based on the 1944 play, a borrowed identity has hilarious consequences.

Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase. A National Park Service ranger will provide an introduction to the films in the context of the WWII Home Front.







# ROSIE THE RIVETER

WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

**May and June 2013**

**FREE TOURS AND PROGRAMS**

## Daily Program @ Visitor Center

**Everyday: 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm**

On Tuesdays and Saturdays, Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII. On Thursdays, docent Flora Ninomiya shows "Blossoms and Thorns", and shares her childhood experiences of a WWII internment camp. Sundays, the program, "Women, Get a War Job!", explores the media campaign that called women to "do their part" for the war effort.

**EVERYDAY**

2:00pm  
Downstairs Theater  
Topics Vary

## Rosie the Riveter Memorial

**Wed., Thur., Sun.: 11:30am**

Meet a ranger at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park for a 45 minute program exploring civilian contributions to the WWII American Home Front.

**Available Dates**

Wed: 5/1, 5/15, 6/19  
Thur: 6/6  
Sun: 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, 6/16

## Rationing for the Home Cook

**Fridays: 2:00pm**

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Come to the Visitor Center and learn about rationing and share a treat - invented by wartime cooks - with our very own "Rosies".

**Available Dates**

5/3, 5/31  
6/14, 6/28

## Caring for Rosie's Children

**Saturday: 2:00pm**

Dr. Natalia Fousekis, author of the recent book, "Demanding Child Care", will discuss the diverse group of women who saved public child care in California from World War II to the 1970s; followed by the screening of a film. Self-guided tour starts at 1:00pm in the lobby. Location: 1014 Florida Avenue, Richmond.

**RSVP Requested**

5/18  
RSVP: 510-232-5050 X6622  
(Meet at the Maritime Child Development Center)

## Modern Day Boomtowns: Williston, ND

**Saturday, June 8th, 2:00pm**

Millions of barrels of oil are rolling out of North Dakota each year and thousands of job-hungry Americans are rolling in. Linda Freund, Multimedia Producer for The Wall Street Journal will compare the WWII era boomtown of Richmond, CA to the current oil boom in Williston.

**Available Dates**

6/8

## Bus Tour

**Wednesdays: 10:00am to 12:30pm**

Take a city bus tour with park ranger Betty Soskin to visit key park sites while reflecting on African American home front experiences. Space is limited, reserve early. Call 510-232-5050 x0 for reservations.

**Reservations Required**

5/22  
6/5

**For directions and information phone: 510-232-5050 x0 or 510-232-3108 or visit [www.nps.gov/rovi](http://www.nps.gov/rovi).**

**Open everyday from 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804.**

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building - through the Security Gate).

# MAYBECK LEGACY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

June 28–30, 2013  
Berkeley & San Francisco

FEATURING THE BAY AREA FILM PREMIERE OF  
“PURSUING BEAUTY: THE ARCHITECTURE OF BERNARD MAYBECK”



*Town & Gown Club, 2401 Dwight Way, Berkeley*

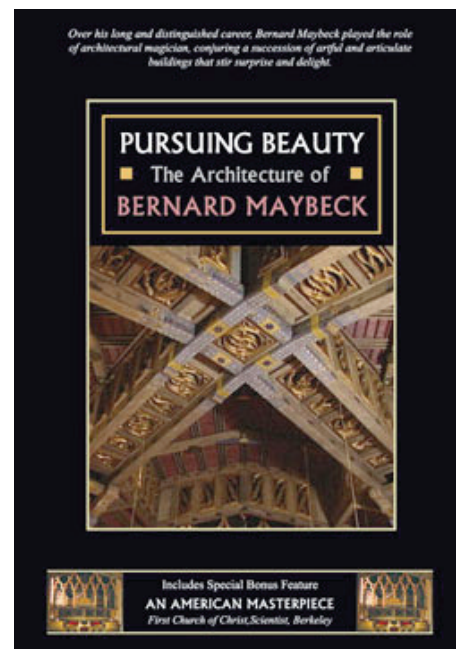
The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) will present the Bay Area premiere screening of Paul Bockhorst’s new documentary, **“Pursuing Beauty: The Architecture of Bernard Maybeck,”** on Friday, June 28, 2013, at 7:30 pm, at Berkeley’s historic Town and Gown Club, designed by Maybeck in 1899.

Paul Bockhorst ([www.bockhorstproductions.com](http://www.bockhorstproductions.com)) is an

Emmy Award–winning filmmaker known for his architectural documentaries, which include **“Greene & Greene: The Art of Architecture”** and **“Designing with Nature: Arts & Crafts Architecture in Northern California.”** The filmmaker and a Maybeck family member will be present and speak after the screening. Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 at door.

## FIVE OTHER EVENTS, FOUR OF THEM FREE OF CHARGE, WILL MARK THE MAYBECK LEGACY CELEBRATION WEEKEND.

- A guided tour of the Faculty Club at UC Berkeley — June 28, 1–2pm
- Premiere of “Pursuing Beauty: The Architecture of Bernard Maybeck” — June 29, doors 7 pm, program 7:30 pm
- A guided tour of the the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco — June 29, 10–11 am
- A reception at the Maybeck–designed Guy Hyde Chick House, in the Claremont area (\$35 by reservation only) — June 29, 3–5 pm
- A guided walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berkeley — June 30, 1:30–2:30 pm
- An open house at Maybeck’s First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berkeley — June 30, 3–5 pm



For information and reservations, visit the BAHA website (<http://berkeleyheritage.com>), e-mail ([baha@berkeleyheritage.com](mailto:baha@berkeleyheritage.com)), or call (510) 841-2242.