



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News



WELLS FARGO BANK TO HIGHLIGHT PINOLE'S HISTORY

Historic images of Pinole's rich history, beginning with the El Rancho Pinole land grant of 1823, will be featured in a dramatic mural to be installed in the Wells Fargo Bank branch at 1374 Fitzgerald Drive, as part of the bank's Community Mural Program.

The installation will take place in mid April. The Pinole Historical Society and Wells Fargo Bank are planning an event for the unveiling.

Wells Fargo's Community Mural Program provides a unique visual enhancement to the customer experience in its Wells Fargo stores. Designed to be a snapshot of Turn-of-the [Last]-Century America, historic images are chosen that convey a sense of history, tradition, stability,

longevity, optimism, and progress. A typical mural design combines Wells Fargo images and local images that reflect the history and diversity of the community. An accompanying legend describes each historical image used in the mural.

The Pinole mural will be among nearly 2,000 in Wells Fargo Bank stores nationwide. Each is unique to the area in which the bank store is located, and was developed with the aid of local archives and historians.

The Pinole mural includes images of a map of the land grant, the Martinez Adobe, downtown Pinole in the 1920s, Lawrence "Big Red" LeFebvre, the Pinole-Hercules School (the Old School), the Pinole Fire Department in the early 1950s, the 1904 class of the Plaza School

(featuring teacher Frances Ellerhorst), the original Santa Fe depot, Hercules Powder Works employees, Bernardo Fernandez, and the seal of the city of Pinole.

"We are grateful to Wells Fargo Bank for helping us keep the history of this very wonderful city alive," says PHS President Marcia Kalapus. "Because we don't have a museum, we take advantage of any opportunity to bring Pinole's history to the public. The Pinole Library has been great to us, giving us three display cases, and now Wells Fargo is installing this spectacular mural."

Wells Fargo Bank is making a \$500 donation to the Pinole Historical Society for providing all of the local images for the mural.

PHS TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WITH MARCH 16 PROGRAM AT EL SOBRANTE LIBRARY

The 100th anniversary of the Contra Costa Library system will be celebrated from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the El Sobrante Library.

The Pinole Historical Society will be among several West County historical societies presenting short histories of the libraries in their communities.

The event is free and open to the public.



Pinole's first municipal building opened in 1926 and housed the Pinole Library, fire station, and jail. The Pinole City Council met on the second floor.

PINOLE AND HERCULES HISTORICAL SOCIETIES COLLABORATE ON SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

The shared history between Pinole and Hercules, dating from the El Pinole land grant of 1823 that included both communities to present sharing of resources between the two cities, was the subject of a joint program of the Pinole Historical Society and Hercules Historical Society on February 15 that enthralled more than 60 people in the audience.

George Vincent, co-founder and current board member of the Pinole Historical Society, and Jay Tucker, president of the Hercules Historical Society, presented



Jay Tucker (L) and George Vincent spoke about the shared histories of Hercules and Pinole.

“A Tale of Two Cities.” The program traced the cities’ symbiotic relationship that has existed for nearly 200 years.

This history, based on

geography and a heritage of mutual need and cooperation, focused on the interaction and cultural ties of the communities, including historical

mutual needs for water, schools, and jobs.

Tucker provided a brief introduction to the history of Hercules, and the Hercules Historical Society provided videos of interviews conducted in 1998 by now-HHS secretary Lynn Fissell with former Hercules Powder Works employees. Vincent was eloquent as usual in taking the audience through the shared history of Pinole and Hercules, sprinkling his presentation, accompanied by a Powerpoint slide show, with colorful anecdotes drawn from his lifetime living in the area.

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, MARCH 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, March 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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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 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).

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 be back at the Pinole Farmers' Market on April 13. Please stop by and say hello.

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 remaining 2013 meeting schedule is:

- **May 17**
- **September 6**
- **November 15**

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



Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DEBUTS NEW FILM: “THE WAR AT HOME”

Shown daily at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

A new documentary film called “The War At Home” will debut at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3. The 25-minute film will screen hourly at the park’s Visitor Education Center, starting at 11 a.m.. The last screening will begin at 4 p.m.

“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.

After the weekend-long debut, visitors will be able to see “The War At Home” throughout the day on a regular basis, seven days a week at the Visitor Education Center. 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.”

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center,

at 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, 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 call (510) 232-3108 or go to www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm. There is no charge for the films or for admission to the Visitor Education Center.

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PROGRAMS AT ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Speaker series explores legacy of American WWII homefront

The National Park Service is hosting a series of guest speakers who will explore the legacy of the American World War II homefront on Saturday afternoons this spring.

Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.

Location: Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond

Program: *A League of Their Own* — Female Archetypes on the Diamond and on the WWII Home Front

Guest: Doc Stull

“*A League of Their Own*” is a film about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), which ran from 1943-1954. Former league players lauded the movie, at the time of its release (1992) for its realistic depiction of this remarkable social phenomenon—women not only worked on the Home Front for the war effort, but also played professional baseball at a high level.

Whether on the baseball diamond or in defense plants, working women during WWII faced discrimination, child care issues and social stereotypes. A Discussion of the film will follow with Dr. Dick (Doc) Stull. Doc’s entertaining talk will point out how the changing roles of working women during WWII can be seen in the archetypal characters in the movie.

Dr. Stull has taught at Humboldt State University in the Kinesiology and Recreation Administration Department since 1989. His radio show, “Doc Stull’s Sports Today and in the Day,” can be heard on ESPN Sports Radio 1340 AM, Eureka, daily at 7:55 a.m., as well as on the Public Radio Exchange. He is also a volunteer docent/tour guide at Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen.

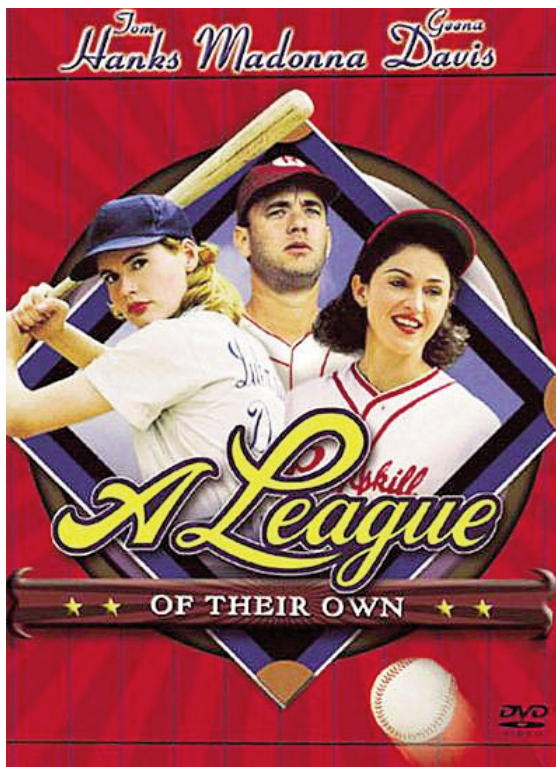
Saturday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

Location: Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond

Program: “From A Silk Cocoon” — screening of an Emmy-award winning film.

Guest: Dr. Satsuki Ina

This docu-drama chronicles the wartime story of Satsuki Ina, Professor Emeritus in the School of Education at CSU-Sacramento and a psychotherapist, whose parents refused to sign the so-called loyalty questionnaire imposed by the US government. Dr. Ina will discuss the long-term consequences of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II and its relevance for social justice issues today.



Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Location: Maritime Center, 1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way, Richmond.

Program: “Caring for Rosies’ and California’s Children”

Guest: Dr. Natalie Fousekis

The program will include a short film of interviews with teachers and former students who were involved in the federally funded childcare system that emerged in the San Francisco Bay Area during World War II.

The film was produced by the Regional Oral History Office at UC Berkeley.

Following the film, Dr. Natalie Fousekis will discuss this cross-class and cross-race group of women who saved public child care in California from World War II to the 1970s. Dr. Fousekis is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for Oral and

Public History at California State University-Fullerton, and author of the recent book, “Demanding Child Care.”

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The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center at 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, 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 call (510) 232-3108, or go to www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm.

There is no charge for admission to the Visitor Center. The Maritime Center exhibit is open by appointment only. Public tours of the exhibit are planned periodically. They will be listed at www.nps.gov/rori under “Free Ranger Tours.”

Contact Lucien Sonder, National Park Service Outreach Specialist/VIP Manager, at (510) 232-5050 ext. 6622, or by e-mail at lucien_sonder@nps.gov, for more information.



ROSIE THE RIVETER

WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

March and April, 2013

FREE TOURS AND PROGRAMS

Daily Program @ Visitor Center

Every Day: 2:00pm to 2:45pm

Meet a ranger or docent at front desk of the Visitor Education Center for a 45 minute program (topics vary). On most Tuesdays and Saturdays, Ranger Betty Soskin presents. On Thursdays, "Blossoms and Thorns" film, about the Japanese American WWII experience, presented by a special guest.

DAILY

Daily Program Topics Vary
(Tue. and Sat.: Betty Soskin)
(Thur.: Blossoms + Thorns)

Home Front Legacy Series

Saturdays: 2:00pm

NPS hosts a monthly speaker and film series presented by special guests. All programs at the Visitor Center. Sat. 2/23: Presentation of Richmond Blues, Gospel and Soul, 1940s-1970s, Sat. 3/9: "A League of Their Own" film screening/discussion, Sat. 4/6: Port Chicago Naval Magazine History, Sat. 4/27: "From A Silk Cocoon": Film Screening about Japanese American Internment.

2/23, 3/9
4/6, 4/27

Bus Tour

Fridays: 10:00am-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. Starts at the Visitor Center. Call 510-232-5050 x0 for reservations.

Reservations Required

3/8 and 4/19

Home Front History on your Bike!

Saturday: 10:00pm-12:00pm

Explore Richmond's WWII-era history along the Bay Trail. Bring your bike and meet park rangers at the Visitor Center. Bring a bike lock so you can see the introductory film. (Easy, Helmets Required). RSVP: Lucien_sonder@nps.gov

RSVP Requested

3/9

Maritime Child Dev. Center

Wed., Thur. and Fri. : 11:00am

Tour a wartime preschool classroom within the Maritime Child Development Center and learn about the essential role of childcare in the home front effort. Tour begins in the lobby of 1014 Florida Avenue, Richmond. (RSVP: 510-232-5050 X6622)

RSVP Requested

3/6 (Wed.)
3/22 (Friday)
4/18 (Thursday)

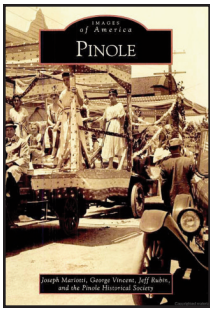
Rosie the Riveter Memorial

Wed., Sun.: 11:30am

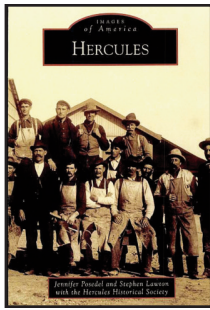
Meet a ranger at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park for a 45 minute program exploring civilian contributions to the WWII American Home Front.

Wed.: 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17
Sun.: 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28

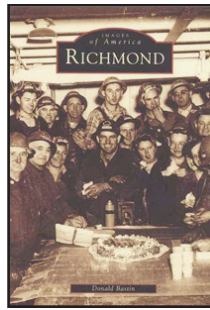
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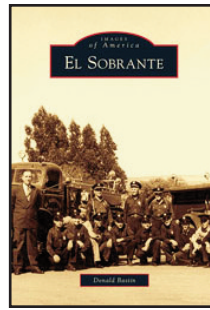
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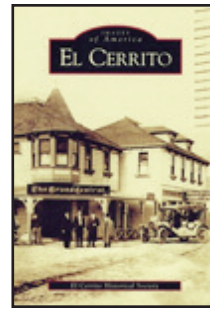
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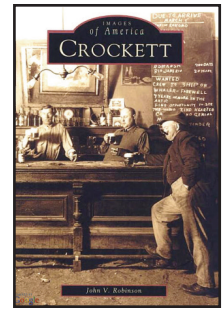
Richmond



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.

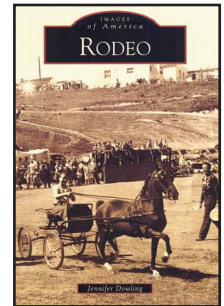
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

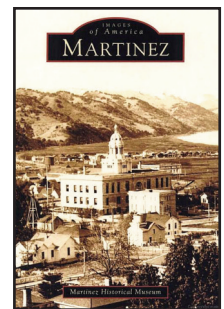
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

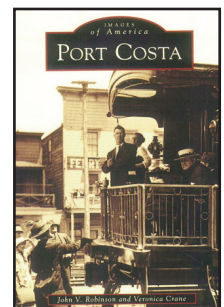
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

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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: _____