



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

Special event



A romp through the history of Contra Costa County

IMAGES OF AMERICA: PINOLE TO BE FEATURED AT BOOK SIGNING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 7:30 P.M.

SWAN'S BOOKS, 1381 LOCUST STREET, WALNUT CREEK

Pinole Historical Society vice president Jeff Rubin, co-author of the 2009 book *Images of America: Pinole*, is one of four authors who will speak about their books and cities at a book signing March 6 to benefit the Contra Costa County Historical Society.

Swan's Books, 1381 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, is hosting the event from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Jeff Rubin publishes the Pinole Historical Society's two newsletters, *PHS Newsbriefs*, a quarterly 16-page print newsletter, and *PHS E-News*, a monthly e-zine. A former newspaper reporter and columnist, Jeff has been published in numerous magazines, including *Family Weekly*, *Runner's World*, *Track and Field News*, and *Marketplace Contra Costa*. Jeff is the founder of National Punctuation Day, which celebrates the lowly comma, correctly used quotation marks, and other proper uses of periods, semicolons, and the ever-mysterious ellipsis, which is celebrated every September 24.

These authors will also speak:

- **Donald Bastin**, author of *Images of America: Richmond*, and *Images of America: El Sobrante*. Don is a founding member of the El Sobrante Historical

Society, a member of Richmond's Historic Preservation Commission, and a board member of the Contra Costa County Historical Society.

- **Traci Parent**, co-author of the book *Images of America: Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*. Traci documented gravesites and researched the individuals buried in historic Rose Hill Cemetery at Black Diamond for over 30 years. She is the recently retired Supervising Naturalist at Black Diamond Mines Regional Park and a former board member and past president of the Contra Costa County Historical Society.

- **Beverly Lane**, co-author of *Images of America: San Ramon Valley, Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon*, a book of historical photographs; and co-author of *Vintage Danville: 150 Years of Memories*.

Whether a California native or a transplant from another region of the United States or another country, there is so much to discover about the county in which we all live.

Seating will be limited, so please RSVP to hold a space. The event is free. Light refreshments will be served.

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March 1, 2014

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.



WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

PHS TAKING PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET HIATUS



As we do every year, the Pinole Historical Society will be taking a break from its Pinole Farmers' Market booth in the first quarter of 2014.

We'll be back for a sixth season beginning Saturday, April 5, and we'll be exhibiting our books, postcards, greeting cards, magnets, American flags, and newsletters every other week through the end of the year.

If you want one of our books before we're back, there's an order form in this E-News. We'd be happy to ship the books to you.

Pinole **Historical** Society

P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org

(510) 724-9507

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PHS BOARD?

There will be three seats open on the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors at our May 2 annual meeting, at which we will elect board members.

Would you be interested in serving a two-year term?

Please let us know by e-mailing us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org so we can discuss with you the responsibilities of board membership.

We're also always appreciative of volunteers for our various events and activities. Please let us know if you'd be interested in this.

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



For all the people who are and who love the Irish, the Friends of the Pinole Library invite you to join Chris Waltz (photo, left) at the library to enjoy St. Patrick's Day songs on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Pinole Library Board of Directors will meet Monday, March 17, at 2 p.m. at the Pinole Library. The board invites members or prospective members to attend. The board will be discussing the May book sale, the display and events at the Pinole Farmers' Market, and other activities that are important in supporting our library.

The Pinole Farmers' Market on Saturdays has proven to be a great place for the Friends of Pinole Library to meet the public and garner new Friends, possible volunteers, and people who are looking for book sales. Look for us on March 8 and March 22 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Bank of the West on Tennent Avenue.



'The Bookworm'

The Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
(510) 758-2741

The Friends of the Pinole Library Public Relations Committee will meet Monday, March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Pinole Library to discuss the May book sale, memberships and volunteerism, and other topics. Members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

Contact Chuck Dadisman at the Friends of the Pinole Library Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-the-Pinole-Library/447328998705197?ref=hl> — if you have questions about any of these events.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2014

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, Pinole history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction of helping promote and preserve 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!

Pinole **Historical** Society

2014 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 2014 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: _____

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!

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.

PHS BOARD MEETS MARCH 12 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 March 12.

2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings

The 2014 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms

2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

The remaining 2014 meeting schedule is: May 2 • September 5 • November 7

Upcoming events

THE EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS John Marsh and his Great Stone House

Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. Free.

Arlington Park Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Boulevard, El Cerrito

John Marsh was one of the most cantankerous figures in Northern California history, an Indian trader and self-professed doctor who fought with the Sioux in the Black Hawk War. He settled in Eastern Contra Costa in 1838 and prospered — but met an unhappy end.

Hear his story and learn about the Marsh House, a stone mansion from 1855 that remains one of the Bay Area's stateliest mid-19th century buildings, though much in need of repair.

Gene Metz, president of the John Marsh Trust, will talk about the restoration of the Marsh House and about the 4,000-acre Marsh Creek State Park that surrounds it, with newly discovered archeological remains going back 7,000 years.

This event is wheelchair accessible. Light refreshments will be served.



Please RSVP to Dave Weinstein
(510) 524-1737

davidsweinstein@yahoo.com

PHS SELLING EMBROIDERED AMERICAN FLAGS

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These durable flags, resistant to fading and fraying, are made of Dupont Solarmax nylon fabric. They look great and fly well in low wind.

They have brass grommets attached to heavy canvas pole ends and combine lustrous beauty with superior wearing quality and excellent fly ability.

These flags are made by the Valley Forge Flag Company, and are directly comparable in both



quality and durability to flags sold by leading home improvement and retail stores for up to \$30. This size is suitable for flagpoles from 15 to 20 feet.

These flags are only \$25, including sales tax. We'll deliver if you live in West Contra Costa County. If not, we will ship the flag to you

for an additional \$5. We also have flag poles for \$5. We do not ship the poles.

To order, send a check payable to the Pinole Historical Society to P.O. Box 285, Pinole, 94564

We also sell these flags at our Pinole Farmers' Market booth.



PROGRAMS

MARCH 2014

Tours
&
Events

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

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, unless otherwise noted.

For directions and information, call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori.

The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building, through the security gate.

SUNDAYS

Women, Get a War Job!

March 2, 9, 23, 30 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Learn about the World War II campaign that called women to “do their part.”

MONDAYS

Opposing the “Good War”

March 3, 10, 17, 24 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

What happened to the conscientious objectors during World War II?

TUESDAYS

Of Lost Conversations

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during World War II.

WEDNESDAYS

Wartime Playtime: Toys and Games in World War II

March 5, 19 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Docent Brad Bunnin will discuss how American children played their way through World War II, often with kid-sized uniforms, toy guns, model airplanes, and ships.

Richmond Bus Tour with Ranger Betty Soskin (Reservation only)

March 19 – (2 1/2 hours)

Board the bus with ranger Betty Soskin to visit key park sites while reflecting on African-American homefront experiences. Space is limited, reservations are required: call (510) 232-5050, x0, for start time and location.

THURSDAYS

Blossoms and Thorns

March 6, 13, 20, 27 – 2 p.m.

Docent Flora Ninomiya screens the film “Blossoms and Thorns,” and shares her childhood experiences in a World War II internment camp.

The First Lady, the Cement Tycoon, and the 8-Hour Orphans

March 13, 27 – 11 a.m. (1 hour)

Eleanor Roosevelt was a major proponent of factory-based childcare for working mothers during World War II. Tour a wartime preschool classroom exhibit and learn about the First Lady’s role in bringing federally-funded childcare centers to Richmond’s Kaiser shipyards and other industrial communities. Tour meets at the Maritime Child Development Center, 1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way. RSVP: Lucien_sonder@nps.gov.

Of Lost Conversations

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

March 6 – 11 a.m. (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during World War II.

Historic films aboard the Red Oak Victory

March 20 – 7 p.m. (45 minutes)

“Away All Boats” (1956): Starring Jeff Chandler and George Nader. This is a quintessential story of World War II in the Pacific from the viewpoints of a career Navy officer and a drafted Merchant Marine officer. \$5 donation to board ship at Shipyard No. 3, 1337 Canal Boulevard, Berth 6A, Richmond. For directions call (510) 237-2933.

FRIDAYS

Rosie Meet and Greet!

March 7, 14, 21, 28 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A perfect opportunity for the public to meet a group of actual Rosies who worked in the Kaiser shipyards during World War II.

Bay Trail Walk

March 14 – 11 a.m. (1 hour)

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

SATURDAYS

Of Lost Conversations

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during World War II.

International Women’s Day Event

Documentary Film: “The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter”

March 8 – Noon and 3 p.m.

Join us for a special screening of this groundbreaking documentary from 1980 starring five former Rosies who movingly recall their histories working in Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco during World War II. Director Connie Field and Editor Lucy Phenix will introduce the 3 p.m. film and lead a discussion.

Home Front History on your Bike (RSVP required)

March 22 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Explore Richmond’s World War II-era history along the Bay Trail. Bring your bike and meet park rangers at the Visitor Center. (Easy ride, helmets required, rain cancels.) RSVP: Raphael_Allen@nps.gov.

Dogs for Defense

March 22 – 3 p.m.

Learn about how thousands of American families not only lent a hand to the World War II war effort, but lent four paws as well, by donating their family dogs to assist soldiers on the front lines and on the home front.

National Park Service/Richmond Museum film festival continues with movies about World War II home front

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Richmond Museum of History continue their “Third Thursday Historic Film Series” aboard the SS Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored cargo ship built in Richmond during World War II.

The ship, now part of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, is located in historic Shipyard #3 at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, in Richmond. For directions, call (510) 237-2933 or visit www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm.

Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. and the films begin at 7 p.m. 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 the gangplank (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard.

Remember to dress warmly, as it can be chilly aboard the ship.

The featured movies include:

- **Thursday, March 20:** *Away All Boats* (1956),



starring Jeff Chandler and George Nader tells a quintessential story of WWII in the Pacific from the viewpoints of a career Navy officer and a drafted Merchant Marine officer.

- **Thursday, April 17:** *The Sea Chase* (1955), starring John Wayne and Lana Turner. Merchant captain John Wayne tries to evade and escape from enemy ships and take his crew home.

- **Thursday, May 15:** *Swing Shift* (1984), starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. California aircraft workers support the war effort and find romance on the home front.

New exhibits coming to Rosie the Riveter park

The Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park will begin the installation of new permanent interpretive exhibits on March 1 in the Visitor Education Center.

Between March 1 and the public unveiling of the exhibits on May 24, the Visitor Center will remain open seven days per week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for a closure lasting one or two days starting Tuesday, April 1.

There will be partial closure of the exhibit galleries in March, and full closure in April. The Visitor Education Center, however, will remain open, and Rangers will continue to show films every half hour and will lead a variety of programs in the building's theater.

Additional walking tours and programs will be offered at 11 a.m. several days a week. Please check www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/things2do.htm for the new program schedule.

The Visitor Education Center is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond. For more information and directions, please call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm. Admission is free.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming park events, visit the Rosie the Riveter Trust at www.rosietheriveter.org and sign up for the newsletter.

The Trust is the nonprofit association that is building a community of support for the national park.



Volunteer

to be a National Park

Docent

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, a unit of the National Park Service in Richmond, CA, seeks volunteer docents to assist with operations at our Visitor Education Center.

We are looking for people 18 years old or older, with a passion for history, education, and public service, who can make an ongoing minimum commitment to volunteer at least 8 hours per month.

Each volunteer docent will be required to complete a series of training sessions prior to commencement of responsibilities. Volunteers must be available to attend each training unit listed below:



Training Unit #1

**Introduction to the National Park Service and our park:
Saturday, February 8th, 2014, 9 AM-1 PM**

Training Unit #2

**Visitor Center operations and customer service:
Saturday, February 22nd, 2014, 9 AM-1 PM**

To reserve your spot in our training program, or for more information, please contact Lucien Sonder at Lucien_Sonder@nps.gov, or 510 232 5050 x. 6622. If you cannot attend any of the above dates, but are interested in future training opportunities, please let us know.



ROSIE THE RIVETER

World War II Home Front
National Historical Park

Visitor Center



BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS

KOPP PRODUCTIONS AND THE CITY OF PINOLE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THIS EVENT HONORING OUR TROOPS

With every ticket purchased you will provide AND enjoy a barbecue with 50 soldiers, their spouses, and children. We believe so many soldiers have sacrificed so much for our country, and we want to thank them for their service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

FERNANDEZ PARK, PINOLE

(RAIN DAYS: APRIL 12 AND APRIL 19)

TICKETS: \$20 (ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)

Menu: Appetizers, NY steak or chicken for adults, hamburgers and hot dogs for children under 10, drinks and desserts, bouncers and activities for children, and live entertainment.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS: Continental Electric, Kopp Productions, Pinole Police Employees Association, West Coast Drilling, W.R. Forde Construction, McGuire Harley-Davidson, Crocketts Premier Auto Body

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The Book Nook

NEW TITLE BY
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AUTHOR

San Francisco's "opposite shore" is showcased for its maritime role in securing the city's financial preeminence.

Located minutes from San Francisco by ferry or automobile, Contra Costa County provided deepwater ports for shipping agricultural, mineral, and manufactured goods around the world. Pacific commodity traders made use of these ports to ship products, ensuring California's unique global economic role.

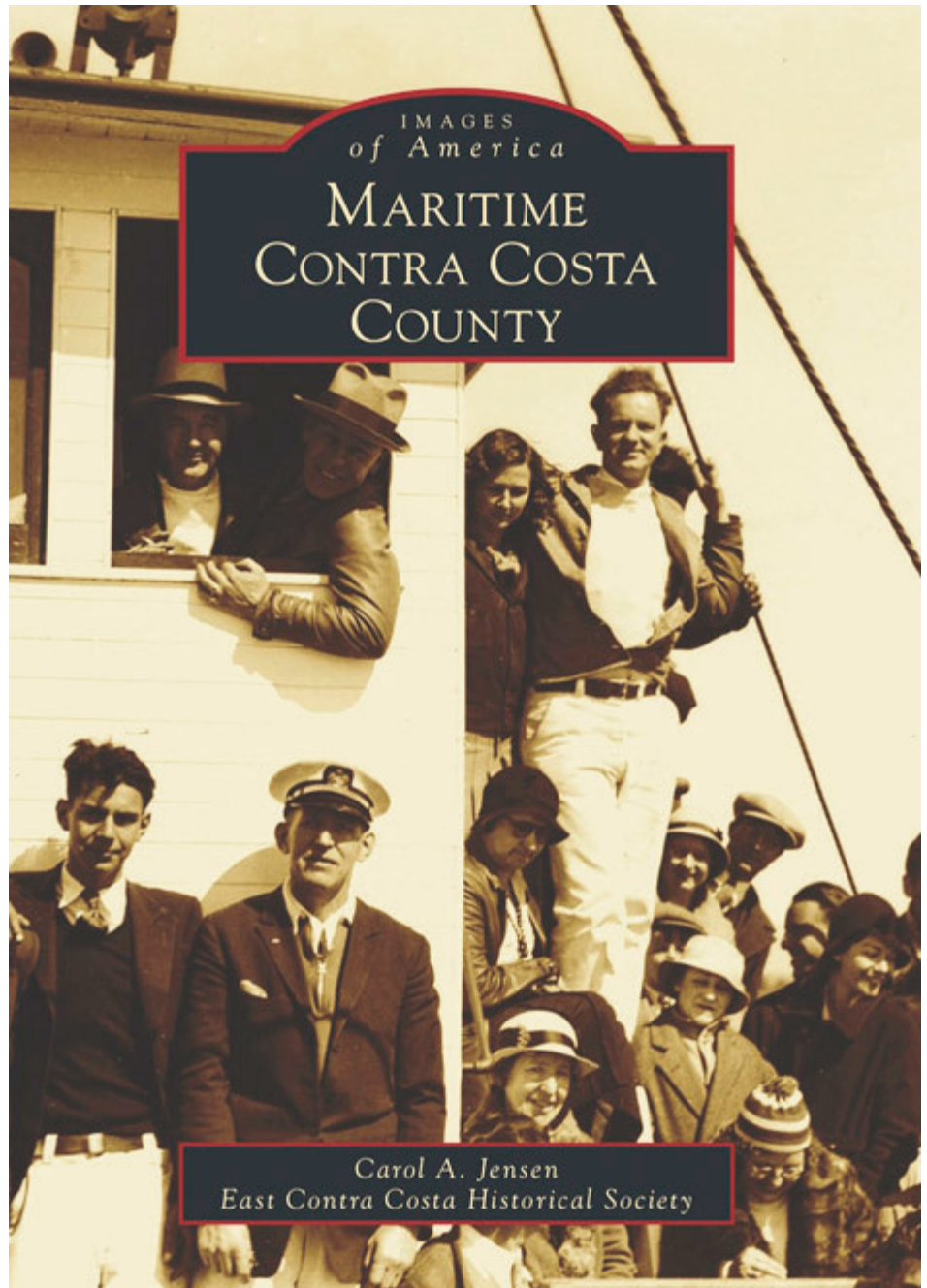
Immense wealth was created from goods shipped from maritime Contra Costa County, securing a vibrant economy from the Gaslight era to the days of Haight-Ashbury.

In these pages, Carol A. Jensen, a member of the East Contra Costa Historical Society, presents the county's vibrant maritime history. She presents images drawn from the Library of Congress, California State Library, San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection, Contra Costa County archives, and important local historical society collections.

Herein we experience in vintage photographs this region's impact on significant California events. Wines to challenge French viticultural supremacy were shipped, grains destined to make Guinness beer great set sail, and soldiers embarked for the World War II Pacific theater from these piers.

Maritime Contra Costa County provides a fresh perspective on the intertwined histories of San Francisco and its "other coast."

The book is available at www.arcadiapublishing.com, bookstores throughout the East Bay, and from Carol Jensen at

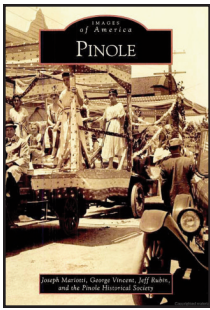


historian@byronhotsprings.com.
The retail price is \$21.99, plus sales tax.

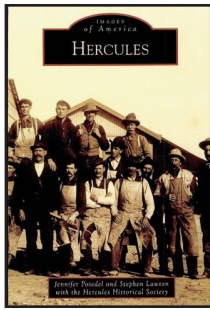
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About the author: Carol A. Jensen is a native daughter of the Delta and East Contra Costa County. She is a history graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara. She delights in discovering Delta ephemera and

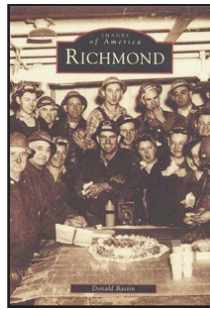
documenting the cultural history of the area from those who lived, visited, or farmed. Jensen is a member of the California Historical Society, Contra Costa County Historical Society, East Contra Costa Historical Society, and John Marsh Historic Trust. She also serves as vice president of The Contra Costa Historic Landmark Advisory Committee.



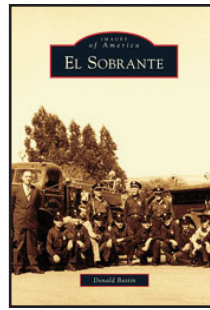
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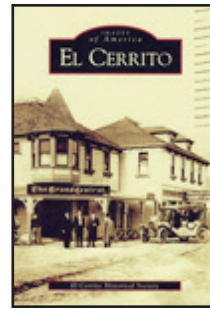
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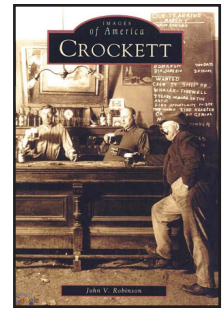
Richmond



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.

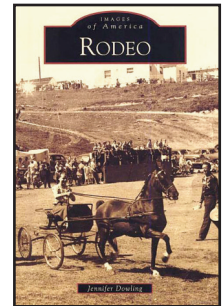
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

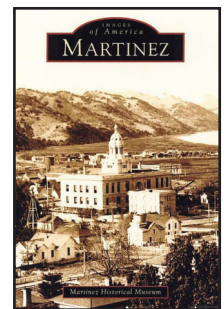
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

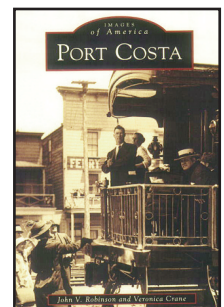
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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**Please mail your check for the total amount due,
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