



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

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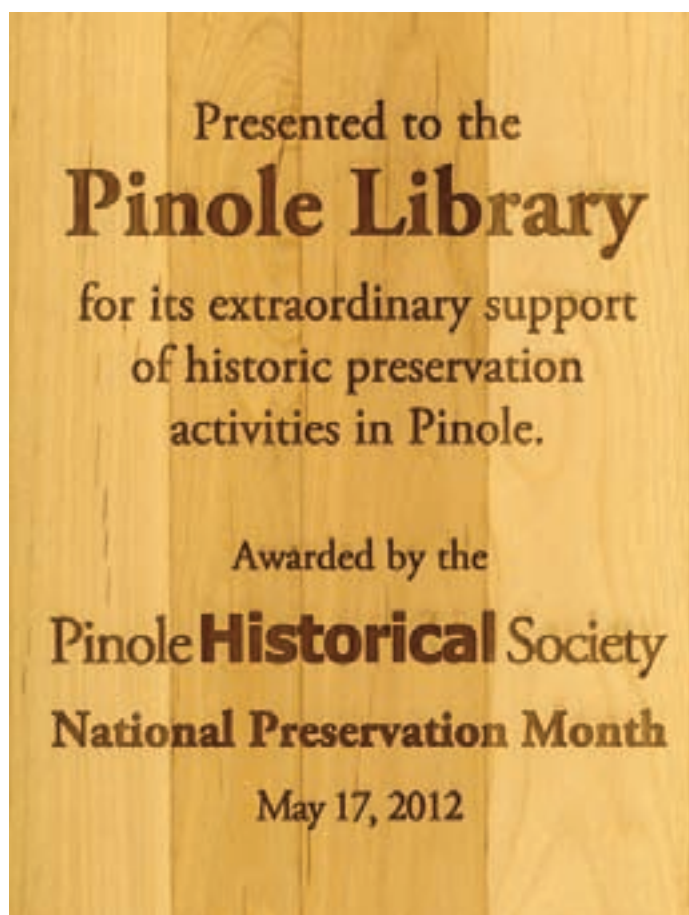


*The Pinole Historical Society's 2012 Historic Preservation award was presented to the Pinole Library at the society's May 17 annual membership meeting. PHS President Marcia Kalapus (second from left) recognized librarians Ian Richards (left), and Tim Madigan (far right), and Friends of the Library board member Elaine Sturtevant (second from right).*

## LIBRARY HONORED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**F**ive changes to the Pinole Historical Society by-laws were ratified, three board members were elected, and the Pinole Library was honored for its contributions to preserving the city's history at the PHS annual membership meeting May 17 at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

Three positions on the PHS Board of Directors were open. Society co-founder George Vincent



*The PHS thanks Gregg Fehr, owner of Blue Sky Sports, who engraved this handsome plaque presented to the Pinole Library.*

re-joined the board after a hiatus of a few years, lifetime member Mary Drazba was newly elected, and existing board member Jeff Rubin was re-elected. All terms are two years.

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# PHS BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED



*Jeff Rubin*



*Mary Drazba*



*George Vincent*

## LIBRARY HONORED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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The Pinole Library — librarians Ian Richards and Tim Madigan, and Friends of the Pinole Library board member Elaine Sturtevant — was presented with the society's 2012 Historic Preservation Award.

The library provides the PHS with two exhibit cases, displays 23 photos of old Pinole on its walls, has done genealogy presentations with the society, and promotes PHS activities through the Friends of the Library quarterly newsletter.

The society's activities for the last year were summarized by Secretary

Jo Ann Gannotti. They included:

- PHS volunteers introduced Pinole history to fourth-graders in five elementary schools with a one-hour program about the history and experiences of children in early Pinole schools at the turn of the 20th century.

- The PHS conducted its yearly history-essay contest in Pinole schools. All participants received certificates. Grand-prize winners received \$50 savings bonds and other prizes.

- Membership programs were held quarterly. One honored our "Rosies," women who

worked at the Kaiser Shipyards as Rosie the Riveters during World War II. A National Park Service Ranger presented a short program on the historical significance of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Park, in Richmond. As a bonus, we met three "Rosies" who spoke about their experiences during that time.

- George Vincent regaled us with a second Old Town Walking Tour. It started at the Square Deal Garage and ended with a barbecue, compliments of Geoff Torretta at the Antlers Tavern. Inside, George and Geoff

spoke about the history of the tavern. The walking tour was televised on Pinole Community TV and is archived on the city's website.

- The fourth annual PHS-sponsored Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony was held.

- PHS *Newsbriefs*, our printed newsletter, expanded to 16 pages with support from more than 50 advertisers. Additionally, a monthly electronic newsletter, premiered; it's sent to hundreds of people in the PHS database.

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## PHS BOARD MEETS MONTHLY AT PINOLE SENIOR CENTER

**I**n 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, June 13. Please feel free to join us.

## PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

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

## LIBRARY HONORED

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- The PHS organized the dedication of a bronze plaque to the Faria family, located at southeast corner of Henry Avenue and Pinole Valley Road, where the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building is located. This was the site of the Faria home, which was relocated to San Pablo Avenue in 2005.

- The PHS website — [www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) — kept people abreast of current activities and provided links to the city's history and walking tour, complete with a tour map.

## BY-LAWS CHANGES RATIFIED

**Article III, Section 2f:** Membership dues for the ensuing year may be adjusted as recommended by the Board and ratified by the Members at the Annual Meeting to take effect January 1 of the next calendar year.

**Article IV, Section 1:** Reduce the number of Directors from nine to seven effective immediately; establishes requirement of one year of Society membership for any candidate for election or appointment to the Board.

**Article IV, Section 3:** Reduce the terms of Directors from three years to two years effective immediately. Present elections and continuing incumbents' terms are all adjusted.

**Article IV, Section 7:** Establish a limit of three unexcused absences from Board meetings in a calendar year subject to removal/replacement on the Board.

**Article VI, Sections 2 and 3:** The method of notifying members of regular and special meetings will be by E-mail and will also be posted on the Society's website and published in the Society's on-line and printed newsletters.

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[www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) [info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org)

(510) 724-9507

Pinole Boy Scouts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct their 14th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Picnic Monday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Fernandez Park.

The ceremony begins at 11 o'clock at the veterans monument on Tennent Avenue.

Please attend this important annual event honoring our veterans.

For more information, contact Boy Scout Troop 86 Scoutmaster Bob Marieiro (510-724-4068).



Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

# ROSIE THE RIVETER

★ Visitor Education Center ★

1414 HARBOUR WAY SOUTH

Richmond, California

**Grand Opening SATURDAY 10AM TO 5PM MAY 26TH, 2012**

**10am Ribbon Cutting**

- 10 AM-11:30: Opening ceremony
- 11:30 AM: VC opens to the public!
- 12 PM-5 PM: Family activities
- 1:00-1:30: Shipyard 3 Ribbon Cutting
- 2 PM: Walk with A Park Ranger
- 3 PM: Meet Ranger Betty Soskin

For more information: 510-232-5050 X0 or [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)

## ROSIE THE RIVETER EDUCATION CENTER OPENING SATURDAY IN RICHMOND

The Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond will celebrate the grand opening of its Visitor Education Center at 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, on Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Events will include:

- Opening ceremony (10 a.m.)
- Kaiser Shipyard 3 Ribbon Cutting (1 p.m.)
- National Park Service Ranger walk (2 p.m.)
- Get-together with Rosie the Riveter Betty Soskin, a longtime NPS volunteer (3 p.m.)
- Family activities (all day).

For more information, call (510) 232-5050, ext. 0.

***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**

**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 game?

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.

## **PHS SELLING PINOLE MEMORABILIA AT FARMERS' MARKET**

**W**e're at our booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market on alternate Saturdays through December. Our schedule is: May 26; June 9 and 23; July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18; September 1, 15, and 29; October 13 and 27; November 10 and 24; and December 8 and 22.

We have all of the area history books, greeting cards, postcards, Fernandez Mansion magnets, Old School magnets, and U.S. flags.

One or more of these items will be on sale at each farmers' market. They are great additions to your history library and make wonderful gifts.





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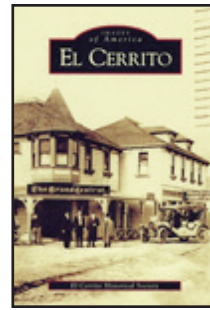
**Hercules**



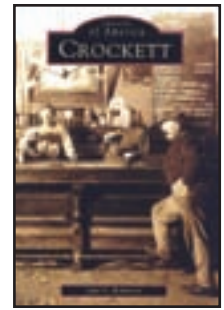
**Richmond**



**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.

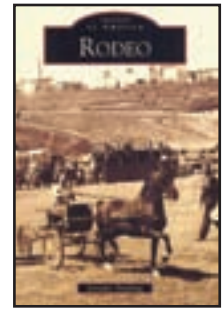
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

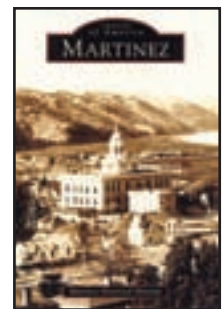
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

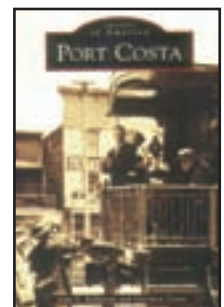
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



**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 Rodeo books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 Community Service Day

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012  
Fernandez Park**

## Make a difference in Pinole!

Volunteer on a variety of half-day community projects throughout the City including landscape work at parks, visiting with seniors and helping at schools. Sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission. Pre-register for your choice of volunteer project or register the morning of the event. Every volunteer receives a free breakfast, tote bag and BBQ at Fernandez Park. Registration starts at 8am

To register, please fill out the form on the next page and mail it to the Pinole Recreation Department, 635 Tennent Avenue, Pinole, CA 94564. Or, you can fax it to 724-1528.

[Click here](#) for an on-line registration form. Click on VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, fill out the fields, and hit the SUBMIT BY EMAIL button.

Registration and breakfast for volunteers begins at 8 a.m. at the Pinole Youth Center, projects are from 9 a.m. to noon, and lunch begins around 12:15 p.m. in Fernandez Park.



**Info and applications:**

(510) 724-9062

recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us

www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation







## 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!

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## 2012 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 2012 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: \_\_\_\_\_