



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

PHS installs third library exhibit

THE EARLY RANCHES OF PINOLE

PHS board members George Vincent, Jo Ann Gannotti, Shirley Ramos, and Jeff Rubin installed the society's third exhibit at the Pinole Library on April 24.

The Early Ranches of Pinole (photo, right) traces the geography of rolling hills and fertile soil that produced a ranching and farming culture that drove Pinole's economy before and after the town's incorporation in 1903, beginning with the establishment of the Martinez Adobe in the 1830s and ending with the development of homes in Pinole Valley in the late 1950s.

The exhibit profiles prominent Pinole pioneers, including Martinez, Tennent, Faria, Ellerhorst, Simas, Rose, Pfister, Cousins, Scanlan, Buckley, Silva, and Mohring.



May 17 annual meeting

The PHS annual meeting, at which members vote for their board of directors, will be held Friday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

The Early Ranches of Pinole will be the featured program.

PHS INTERVIEWS 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.

UPCOMING PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The 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:

• **May 17**

• **September 6**

• **November 15**

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

Pinole**Historical**Society

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THIRD ANNUAL PINOLE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY JUNE 1

The third annual **Pinole Community Service Day** will be held Saturday, June 1, with individuals and teams representing local businesses celebrating volunteerism in an annual rite of giving back to their city.

Between 100 and 150 volunteers will fan out across Pinole to do landscaping in parks and at Pinole Library and tennis courts, visiting with seniors, light handyman-type projects at the Pinole Senior Center, trash pick-up along San Pablo Avenue, and gardening at Shannon Elementary School.

The event, sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission, will begin at 8 a.m. at the

Pinole Senior Center with a free continental breakfast. Volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to noon, and then return to the senior center for a thank-you lunch. All volunteers will receive an imprinted tote bag. The event is not funded by the City of Pinole.

You may pre-register by filling out the volunteer application on the last page of this newsletter, or you may register the morning of the event, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Pinole Senior Center.

For more information, contact Pinole Senior Center Coordinator Jonathan Torres at (510) 724-9802, or e-mail recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us.



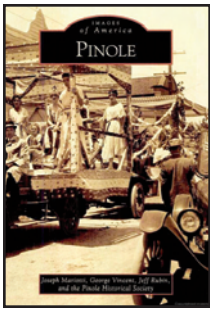
The PHS is back at the Pinole Farmers' Market. Our 2013 schedule is May 11 and 25; June 8 and 22; July 6 and 20; August 3, 17, and 31; September 14 and 28; October 12 and 26; November 9 and 23, December 7 and 21. Please stop by and say hello.



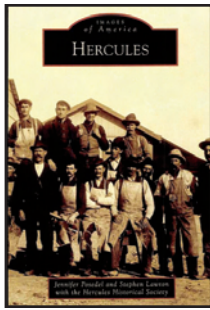
USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO FIND PHS WEBSITE

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.

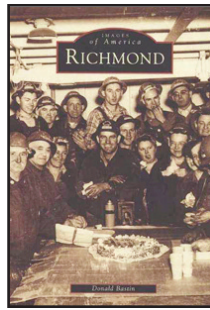
The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.



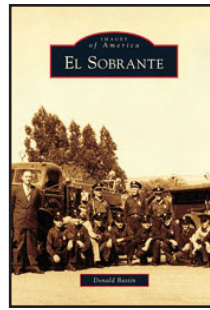
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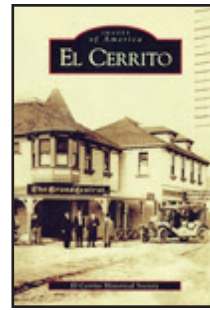
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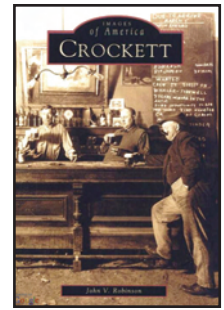
Richmond



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.

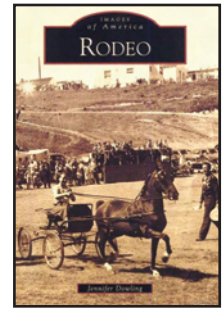
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

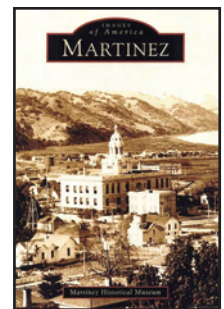
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

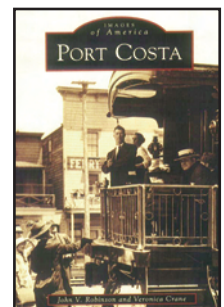
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

of Hercules 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!

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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: _____



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

Program explores legacy of American WWII homefront

The National Park Service is hosting a May 18 program exploring the legacy of the American World War II homefront on Saturday afternoons this spring.

Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

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

Program: “Caring for Rosie’s 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: Women’s Activism and the Politics of Welfare, 1940-1971.”

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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 this website: www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm.

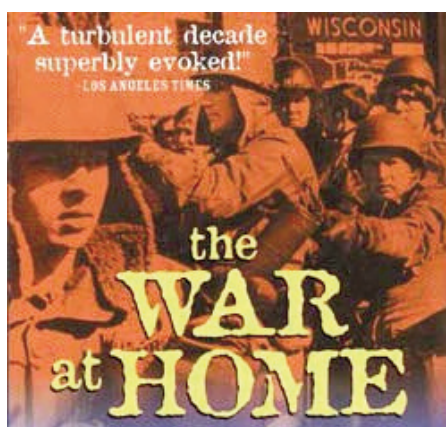
There is no charge for admission to the Visitor Center. The Maritime Center exhibit is open by appointment only. Public tours of the exhibit are planned periodically. They will be listed at www.nps.gov/rori under “Free Ranger Tours.”

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.

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.”



ROSIE THE RIVETER

WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

May and June 2013

FREE TOURS AND PROGRAMS

Daily Program @ Visitor Center

Everyday: 2:00pm–2:45pm

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. Natalie 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/rori.
Open everyday from 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804.
(Vistor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building - through the Security Gate).**



PINOLE SPRING FESTIVAL 2013

**Presented by: Pinole Community Television
in partnership with
Pinole Youth Foundation & Senior Foundation**

**Sunday, May 19th
10am-6pm
Fernandez Park, Pinole**

- **Live Music**

**Tom Rigney & Flambeau (1pm-3pm)
Jun Simundo Band (4pm-6pm)**

- **Dance Performances**

Anjee's Dance Etc. (12pm & 3pm)

- **Pancake Breakfast**

Pinole Senior Center (8:30am-10:45am)

- **Food & Business Vendors**

- **Beer & Wine Patio**

**All you can eat Pasta Feed by:
Bob Kopp of The Redneck Cooking Show**

**Proceeds to benefit PCTV*

Admission to the Park is Free
For more information, contact Dave Snell
(510)741-3862 dsnell@ci.pinole.ca.us

PCTV
Pinole Community Television





Pinole Community Service Day

Saturday, June 1, 2013
Pinole Senior Center

Volunteer for a variety of three-hour community projects, including landscaping at parks, visiting with seniors, light handyman-type projects at the Pinole Senior Center, trash pick-up along San Pablo Avenue, and gardening at Shannon Elementary School. Volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pinole Community Service Day is sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission. Pre-register for a volunteer project by filling out the attached application and either mail it or bring it to the address below. There is also a volunteer application on the city's website at www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation (click on Community Services Commission on the left). You may also register the morning of the event, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Pinole Senior Center.



Every volunteer will receive a free breakfast and post-event barbecue lunch at the Pinole Senior Center, and a tote bag.

And, we are looking for additional projects! Any organization with a project idea is encouraged to submit it to recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us by May 3, 2013.



For more information call 724-9802 or e-mail recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us

