



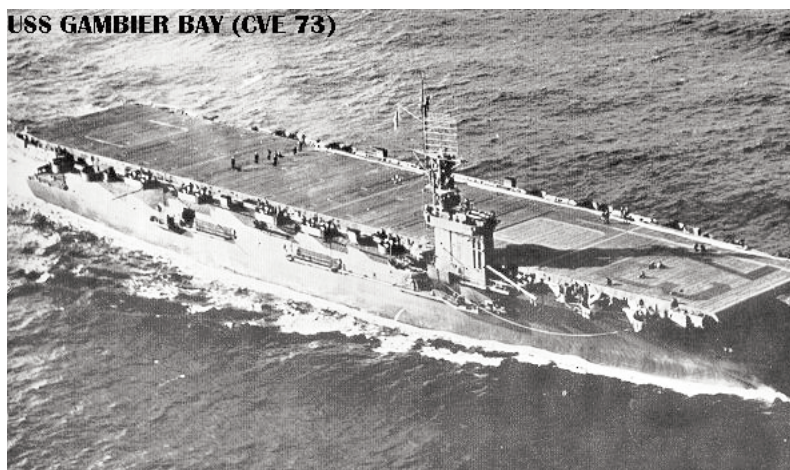
Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL, PHS MEETING, IN NOVEMBER

On Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m., the Pinole Historical Society will conduct its sixth annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park. The event will feature Boy Scout Troop 86, West Contra Costa Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, several local schools, the Pinole Valley High School Marching Band, Pinole youth commissioners, and elected officials — plus a few surprises.

Songs, speeches, remembrances, and tributes will decorate the hour-long ceremony, which concludes with the retirement of worn U.S. flags by the Boy Scouts. Please bring your flags to the ceremony, where they will be retired with proper respect. There is no charge to have a flag retired.



Later that week, on Friday, November 15, Herman Privette Sr., a Pinole resident who survived the October 25, 1944, sinking of the USS Gambier Bay, a U.S. Navy Casablanca-class escort carrier, in the Battle off Samar in the Philippines, will be the

guest speaker at the Pinole Historical Society's membership meeting and program in Conference Rooms 1A and 1B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The program will include the viewing of a 30-minute DVD on the sinking of the Gambier Bay.

Pinole Historical Society meetings are free and open to members, their guests, and the public. Please join us.

USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO ACCESS THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 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, where you will find out about our city's history, current historicalsociety events, and much more.





WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link:

<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov>



Visit the PHS at the Pinole Farmers' Market. The remainder of our 2013 schedule is September 14 and 28; October 12 and 26; November 9 and 23, December 7 and 21. Please stop by and say hello.

PHS WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS FOR MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.

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. Call us at (510) 724-9507, or e-mail us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org, to volunteer.

PHS BOARD MEETS OCTOBER 9 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 October 9.

HERCULES VILLAGE SELECTED AMONG TOP 50 PRESERVATION SITES

When the Hercules Village homes were rescued, restored and preserved in the late 1980s, the architectural and development team received a coveted award from the California Preservation Foundation.

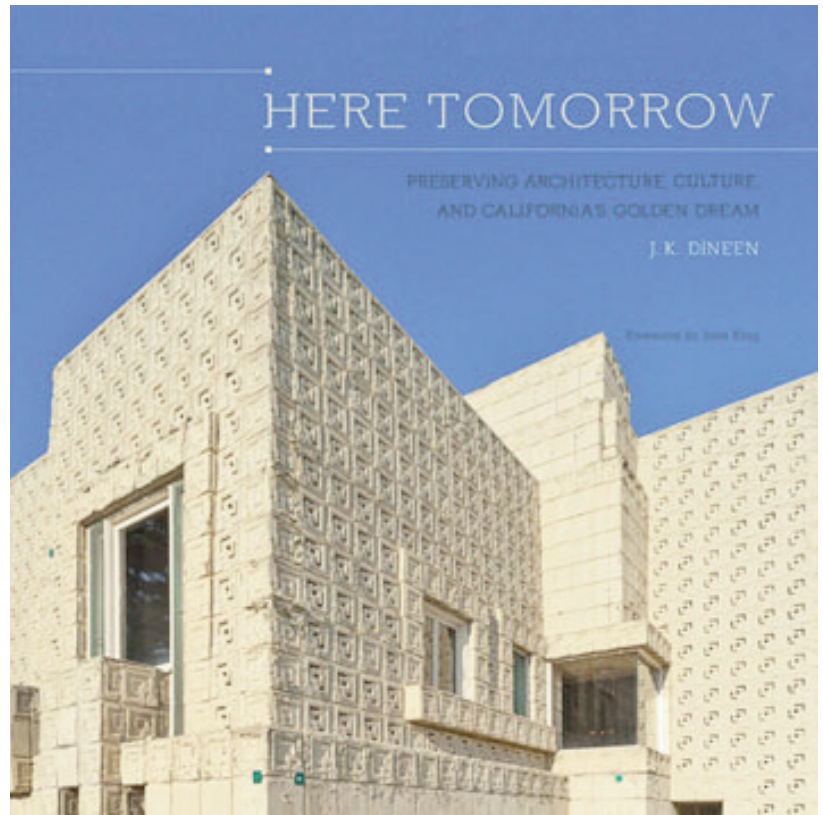
Now, in a new book, the Hercules Village restoration project has been selected as one of 50 sites across California that best represent the multifaceted and complex art of restoration.

The book is entitled *Here Tomorrow: Preserving Architecture, Culture and California's Golden Dream*. Published by Heyday Books, it was written by J.K. Dineen, a noted business reporter, and includes a foreword by John King, architecture critic of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The restoration of Hercules Village preserved the only remaining example of a company town of the explosives industry in the United States. Accordingly, the village and several other buildings were recognized as a historical resource of national significance, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the Interior.

The author ranks the Hercules Village alongside such other California landmarks as the Palace Hotel, the LAX Theme Building, Griffith Observatory, the Hearst Mining Building, the Stanford Mansion, and the Ford Assembly Building.

Members of the Hercules Historical Society are organizing a book signing event with the author. Copies can be purchased from Heyday Books, online, or at bookstores.



Want to be published?

The Pinole Historical Society depends on contributors for articles for both of its newsletters, *Newsbriefs* and *E-News*.

Do you have stories about Pinole's history that you'd like to share? We'd love to hear from you.

Please send your submissions to info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

Newsbriefs is published quarterly (January, April, July, October). *E-News* is published around the first of every month.

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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

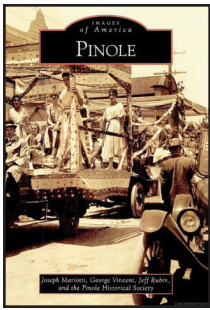
on Friday evenings at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building on Pinole Valley Road.

The last 2013 meeting is:

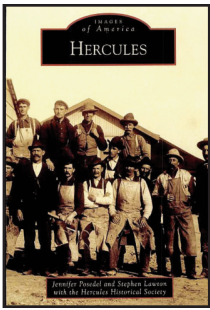
• November 15

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

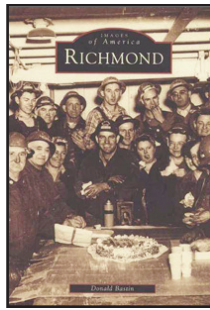
The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.



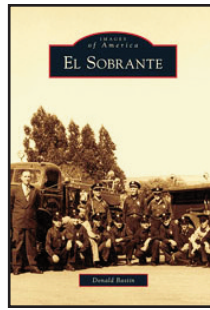
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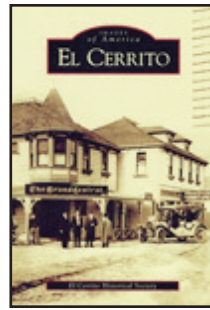
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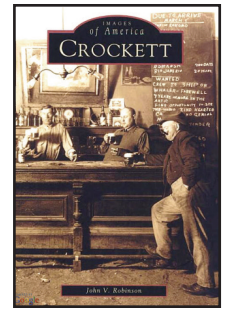
Richmond



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.

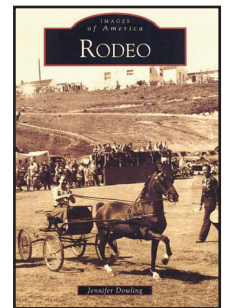
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

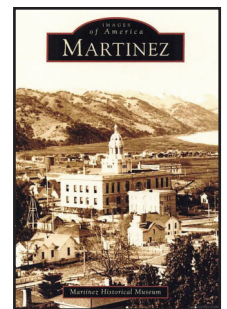
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

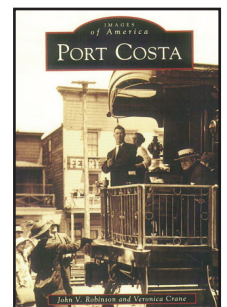
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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

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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**



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

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: _____

Upcoming events



Richmond Home Front Festival will feature kids' activities

The 7th Annual Home Front Festival on Saturday, October 12, will feature interactive activities for family members of all ages.

Piggy-backing on Rosie the Riveters' motto, "We Can Do It," the festival will present "Kids Can Do It," and focus on engaging youth in their Richmond history.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Craneway Pavilion, located in the historic Ford Point Building.

The event will again sponsor the Historic Duck, an amphibious vehicle from the WWII era, to take families on water tours, with an oral history of the nearby ship-yards of Richmond, other historic landmarks. Historic WWII buses will shuttle festival-goers from the main festival site to the SS Red Oak Victory Ship.

The festival includes the YMCA's Rosie the Riveter Family Run/Walk.

For more information, go to <http://rcoc.com/current-events/home-front-festival-2013/>.

WE'RE SELLING BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN FLAGS

We have purchased 25 made-in-the-USA American flags, with beautifully embroidered stars and sewn stripes.

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.

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



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front
National Historical Park
440 Civic Center Plaza, 3rd floor
Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-232-5050
Fax: 510-232-5504

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park News Release

For Immediate Release: Friday, September 20, 2013

Contact: Lucien Sonder, Outreach Specialist, 510-232-5050 x. 6622, lucien_sonder@nps.gov

Historic Toys on Display During Home Front Festival *National Park Service exhibit explores imagination and reality for 1940s children*

(Richmond, CA) – A temporary exhibit titled *Kids in WWII: Imagination & Reality* will debut on Saturday, October 12th at the Visitor Education Center of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The exhibit will launch in conjunction with the Home Front Festival, which will take place in the adjacent Craneway Pavilion.

The exhibit will feature objects from the park collection and also on loan from private collectors. Visitors will see vintage children's toys, uniforms, games, model airplanes, clothes, magazines, books, and films from the 1940s. The exhibit will run through March 2014.

Children were deeply affected by and involved in the war effort throughout WWII. From saying goodbye to a father in the military to collecting scrap after school, children felt the impact of the war in daily life. Books, games, and toys of the time period reflected the reality kids had to face, and at the same time, provided an escape into a more secure fantasy world.

The exhibit will remind some visitors of their own childhood playtime. Others too young to remember the war years will be able to see what their parents and grandparents played with. Visitors will learn how wartime rationing influenced toy materials and production, and how toys were marketed differently to boys and girls.

The Visitor Education Center's gift shop will stock reproduction toys, books and games, just in time for the holiday shopping season.

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center is open 7 days a week between 10 AM and 5 PM, and is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information and [directions to the Visitor Education Center](http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm), please call 510-232-5050 x.0 or go to <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>. There is no charge for admission to the Visitor Education Center.

For more information about the other activities you can enjoy at the Home Front Festival on October 12th, visit <http://rcoc.com/events/home-front-festival-2013-2>

Upcoming events

FREE MOVIE PREMIER

Sundar Shadi's Gifts



A movie about Sundar Shadi's life and the story of his Christmas Display and community works.

Dear Shadi Supporter,

You are invited to the FREE premier screening of

Sundar Shadi's Gifts

Sunday, October 20, 2013

from 11:00 am to Noon

at the Rialto Cinemas Cerrito

10070 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito, CA 94530

We hope to see you there so we may thank you personally for your support.

The Shadi Display Committee

www.shadiholidaydisplay.com

510-524-9468

Send donations to:

El Cerrito Community Foundation, Inc.,

P.O. Box 324, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Produced by the City of El Cerrito and KCRT Channel 28

Design by Denise Horn-Berry

THE EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS El Cerrito Plaza: Birth of a Shopper's Paradise

Regional shopping centers were rare and malls almost unheard of in 1956 when Bob Fraser, a retailing visionary, decided to build the Fairmount Regional Shopping Center.

By 1958 it was open, the largest such center in the East Bay, with the largest store in Contra Costa, Capwell. El Cerrito was never the same.

Let's reminisce about the birth of El Cerrito Plaza and its early days. We'll hear from Paul Grunland, Capwell's longtime manager and a well-known local historian, who was at the store from its opening. We'll look at historic pictures and hear stories about



Bob Fraser, Kirby's, Foley and Bonny, and more.

Bring along pictures, mementos — and memories — if you have them!

**Thursday, October 10
7 p.m.**

Free

**Open House
Senior Center**

6500 Stockton Avenue (behind the library)

El Cerrito

Wheelchair accessible

Information:

Dave Weinstein

510-524-1737

davidsweinstein@yahoo.com

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

Presents

The Best Book Sale Yet!

Saturday, October 19, 2013

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This huge used-book sale opens at 9 a.m. for Friends members and 10 a.m. for the general public. Membership applications are available at the door. Friends members receive a 10% discount throughout the day.

Thousands of donated books in excellent condition will be available. The sale features:

- More than 30 categories
- More than 32 popular-author collections in individual boxes
- Easy-to-find favorites, including audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, and games.

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



'The Bookworm'

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."

BLOSSOMS & THORNS

A COMMUNITY UPROOTED



A POWERFUL NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM BY KEN KOKKA,
ABOUT THE WWII EXPERIENCES OF JAPANESE AMERICANS
FLOWER GROWERS IN RICHMOND

THURSDAYS

JULY 11TH THROUGH DECEMBER 19TH 2013

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center

Duration: 45 minute program: 20 minute movie followed by talk and questions/answers.

Presenters: Representative from the Japanese American Citizens League and NPS Ranger.

Program: Overview of the experience of Richmond's Japanese American citizens who were incarcerated during the Second World War.

1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA (Harbour Way South Exit off 580) Phone: (510) 232-3108