



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

### TWO MAJOR PHS EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

**O**ur Friday, November 7, membership program featuring Contra Costa County's maritime history, and our 7th Annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11, will highlight a busy month for the Pinole Historical Society.

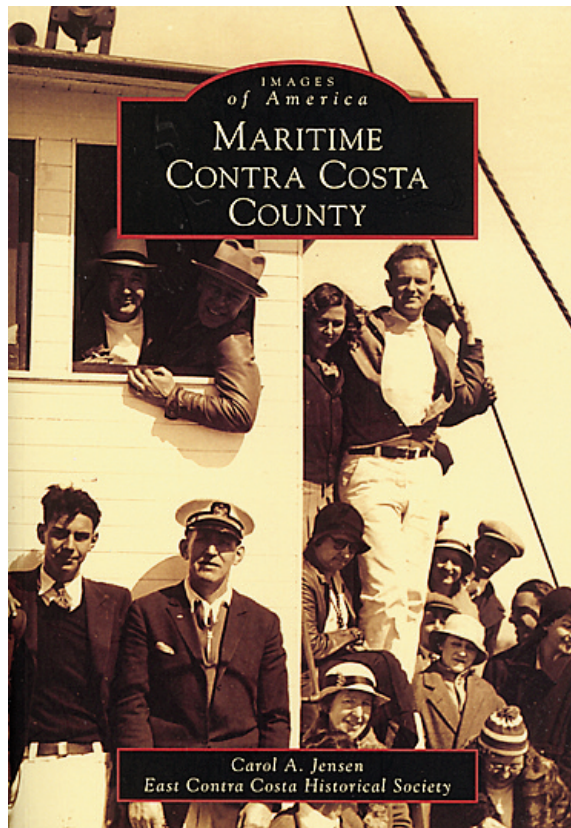
We will also be at the Pinole Farmers' Market on three Saturdays — November 1, 15, and 29 — always a busy time as shoppers purchase history books as holiday gifts.

#### **Maritime Contra Costa**

Carol A. Jensen, author of *Maritime Contra Costa County*, will be the speaker at our Friday, November 7, meeting in conference rooms 1A and 1B of the the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Carol is the vice president of the Contra Costa Historic Landmark Advisory Committee, and a member of the California Historical Society, Contra Costa County Historical Society, East Contra Costa Historical Society, and John Marsh Historic Trust.



San Francisco's "opposite shore" played a significant maritime role in securing the city's financial preeminence. Contra Costa County provided deep-water 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.

#### **Veterans Day**

The sixth annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. 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.

Songs, speeches, remembrances, and tributes will highlight the hour-long ceremony, which concludes

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# 'PRESIDENTIAL ROSIES' WOW AUDIENCE AT PHS MEETING

## RICHMOND ROSIES REGALE LARGE CROWD WITH STORIES OF WORLD WAR II HEROICS AND SACRIFICES

**F**our of the six Rosies who went to Washington, D.C., this spring at the invitation of Vice President Joe Biden were guests of the Pinole Historical Society for a rousing program on September 5. We thank Priscilla Elder, Marian Sousa, Marian Wynn, and Phyllis Gould for honoring us with their stories of courage as they built the ships that helped win World War II.

The Rosies volunteer every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitors Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond. They will be happy to share their experiences with you.



*(L-R) Rosies Priscilla Elder, Phyllis Gould, Marian Wynn, and Marian Sousa at the September 5 PHS meeting.*



*View the slide show of the Rosies' visit to Washington, D.C., prepared by PHS board member Norma Martinez-Rubin, and set to the music of Major Glenn Miller:*  
<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/Rosieslideshow.m4v>



*Good Morning America sent correspondent Lara Spencer to cover the Rosies' meeting with Vice President Biden — and a surprise visitor. View the YouTube video:*  
<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/working-women-obama-biden-honor-ww-ii-women-23140153>

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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.

Hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany that ended World War I went into effect at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918 —

the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Veterans Day in the United States is commemorated at 11 a.m. on November 11 every year.



## *Pinole featured on KGO Radio*

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here:  
<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



## PHS WILL PUBLISH NEW BOOK IN FALL 2015

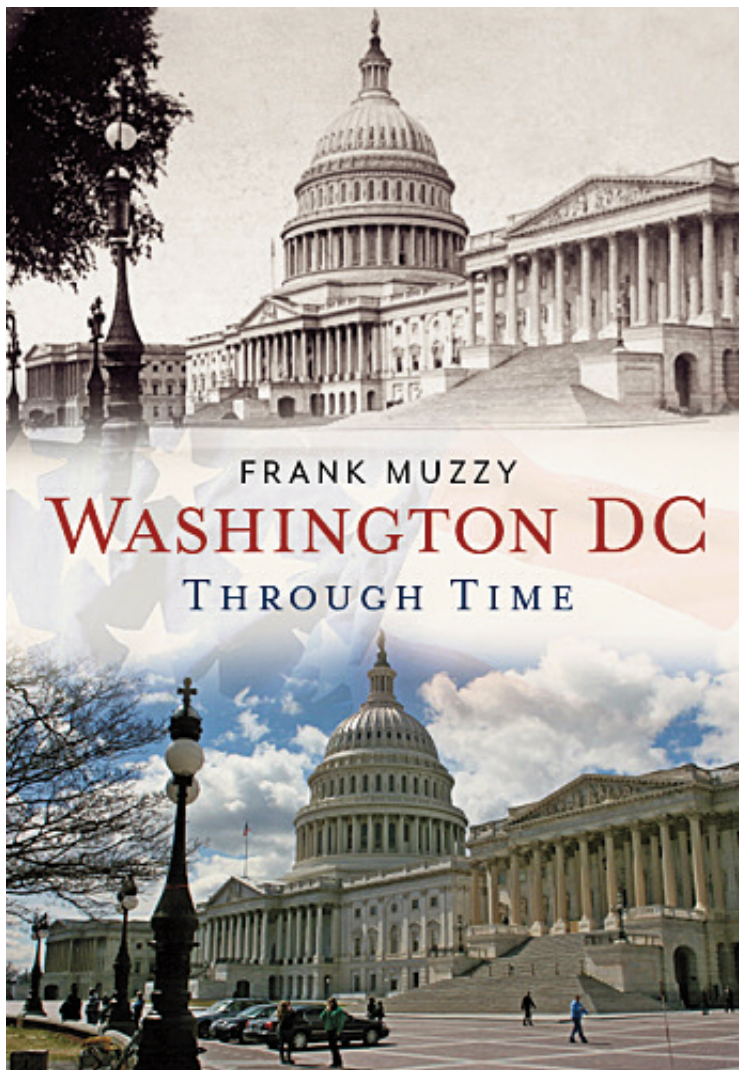
**T**he Pinole Historical Society will see its second book on the history of Pinole published in the fall of 2015.

The society has signed a contract with Fonthill Media ([www.fonthillmedia.com/](http://www.fonthillmedia.com/)), a specialist book-publishing company in the areas of general history, local and regional history, military history, transport history, and biography.

The society will be producing *Pinole Through Time*, a title in Fonthill's *America Through Time* series. The book will feature photos of old Pinole buildings and landmarks and current photos of what exists on those sites today. In several cases it will be the same building, some restored and others nearly identical.

Visit the Pinole Library for our exhibit "Pinole...Then and Now" to get an idea of the content of the book. The book's cover will be similar to the Washington D.C. book on this page.

The PHS would love to see old photos that residents might have of their homes, their family's homes, and buildings that once existed or currently exist in Pinole, for possible inclusion in the book. Please contact us at (510) 724-9507 or via e-mail at [info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org).



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# Pinole**Historical**Society

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(510) 724-9507

## PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY'S WEBSITE

Five PHS programs have been added to the city's website: [www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html)

- 2012 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- 2013 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- Japanese American Internment (2012)
- Old School bell dedication (2013)

- February 7, 2014, program: Bars, Barbers and Characters of Early Pinole.

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded all of these events for the society.

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY on the city's website to find all the Pinole history programs

## ACCESS THE PHS WEBSITE ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

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 learn about our city's history, current historical society events, and much more.



## 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 (510) 724-9507, or e-mail [info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org), to volunteer.



## PHS AT PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

The Pinole Historical Society is at the Pinole Farmers' Market for a seventh consecutive year.

We will be there two Saturdays in October, on the 4th and 18th.

We'll be selling our books, postcards, greeting cards, magnets, and American flags every other Saturday through the end of the year.

Please stop by and say hello — and take home a free newsletter.

## PHS BOARD MEETS OCTOBER 8 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 8.





## WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: [www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov](http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov)

## 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 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/scppioneers](http://www.youtube.com/scppioneers)).

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.

***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 VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

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

## Upcoming events

### FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AND 12**

**Book sale and Stuff-A-Sack sale**

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library will sponsor its bi-annual book sale on Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pinole Library. Members will be allowed in one hour earlier at 9 a.m. New memberships will also be sold at that time.

Thousands of books will be available, carefully divided into more than 30 different genres, while nearly 30 best-selling authors will each have their own box for easier selection.

Also available will be games, CDs, DVDs, teen books, children's books, art books, and various coffee-table books. You will be happy you came.

On Sunday, October 12, the day after the book sale, the Friends of the Pinole Library will sponsor a Stuff-A-Sack Sale at the library from 1 to 5 p.m. This incredible sale provides you with a large bag for \$5, which you may fill with as many books as it will hold. Need another bag? For \$5, another bag will be yours.

Parking won't be a problem, since the church parking lot next door has been established for overflow. Be sure to make this sale!



### *2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings*

**T**he 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: November 7**





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## "Who will care for the Children?"

Tour a wartime preschool classroom exhibit in the historic Maritime Child Development Center, built in 1943. Learn about the vital role of federally funded childcare in bringing women into the WWII work force and hear how Henry J. Kaiser solved the dilemma of childcare with innovative programming, in the midst of lingering societal opposition to working mothers.



### When and Where?

**Thursday 10/9/2014  
at 11 a.m.**

Tour begins at 1014 Florida Avenue,  
between S.11th and Harbour Way,  
Richmond, CA.

RSVP to Lucien Sonder:  
lucien\_sonder@nps.gov or  
510-232-5050 x. 6622



*National Park Service hosts*

## “Get Active on the Bay Trail: A Victory for Health”

FITNESS EVENT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO GET OUTSIDE,  
LEARN HISTORY, AND EXERCISE IN A NATIONAL PARK

**V**isitors of all ages and fitness levels are invited to join National Park Service rangers for outdoor fitness and fun on Saturday, October 1, at 12:30 PM at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park, Richmond, at the intersection of Marina Bay Parkway and Melville Square.

The Memorial is part of the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

**Please note:** There is a detour on Marina Bay Parkway. For directions to the Memorial, visit [www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm), scroll halfway down the page, and follow directions to The Rosie the Riveter Memorial.

This free 30-minute program, called “Get Active on the Bay Trail: A Victory for Health,” will include stretches, outdoor exercises, and games, and participants will learn about healthy initiatives that began during WWII in the Richmond Shipyards. Rangers will also lead exercises and activities at Lucretia Edwards Park, at the end of Marina Way South, Richmond, from 2-3 PM.

Reservations are not required for this program. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All visitors are advised to wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes, and bring water. Sunscreen and snacks are not provided, so please bring your own.

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, is open seven days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit

[www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm). Admission to the Visitor Center and all park sites and programs is free.

For information about upcoming park events, visit [www.rosietheriveter.org](http://www.rosietheriveter.org) and sign up for the newsletter. The Rosie the Riveter Trust is the nonprofit association that is building a community of support for this national park.

Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front  
National Historical Park

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# Get Active on the BAY TRAIL

## A Victory for Health!

*Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park rangers will lead family-friendly outdoor fitness and fun. Learn about Home Front history and stay active as we take a look back and discover healthy initiatives that began here in the Richmond Shipyards. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Group will meet up outside at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park.*

**Saturday, October 11th — 12:30 PM (1.5 hours)**

**Healthy Parks  
Healthy  
People**

For more information, or directions to the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, visit our park website at [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori) or call: 510-232-5050 Ext. 0





Preserving the diverse heritage of the Greater Richmond Community



**Third Thursday**  
**FILM SERIES**  
*presents*  
**Turning Points**

The four films in this series represent four crucial turning points during WWII that led to Allied victory. Films will be shown aboard the historic SS Red Oak Victory on the dates below.

■ **The Battle of Britain (1969)**

*September 18 at 7pm*

This is the story of England's "finest hour" when a vastly outnumbered Royal Air Force desperately fends off the vaunted German Luftwaffe. Starring Sir Lawrence Olivier and a great ensemble cast of British actors.

■ **Enigma (2001)**

*October 16 at 7pm*

Against a back drop of espionage and mystery, Kate Winslet and Dougray Scott struggle to break the German code that will give the Allies a critical edge during WWII. ***This film is rated R; no one under 17 will be admitted without a parent.***

■ **The Heroes of Telemark (1965)**

*November 20 at 7pm*

Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris lead a team of Norwegian saboteurs who prevent the Germans from obtaining a supply of heavy water needed for the development of an atomic bomb.

■ **Fat Man and Little Boy (1989)**

*December 18 at 7pm*

Paul Newman leads the team of Manhattan Project scientists in the development of the first atomic bombs.

**Shipyard No.3, 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond, CA**

For Info: 510-237-2933 • Boarding at 6:30 pm

**Directions**

Canal Blvd. exit off I-580 West. Left on Canal Blvd. Drive south to Shipyard No. 3 (Port of Richmond). Parking is in front of ship.

*Gangplank entry to ship (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard.*

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# ARTS AND CRAFTS

*With A Ranger*

October 18th Noon-3:00 PM

Join the National Park Service for a free and frighteningly fun family day at the historic Maritime Center. From 12-2:30pm, bring your kids for Halloween arts and crafts using recycled or everyday household materials, like children used to make during the WWII years.

From 2:30-3, families are invited for a kid-friendly tour of the wartime preschool classroom exhibit in the same building, to learn about the types of art projects that kids made in school during the war.

Event and tour location: 1014 Florida Ave, at the corner of Harbour Way, Richmond, CA.

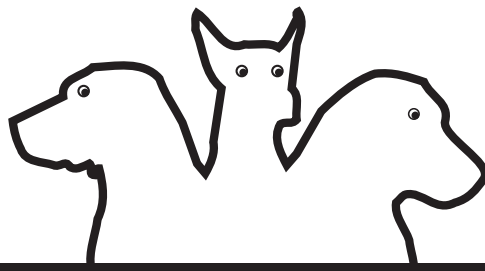




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# DOGS FOR DEFENSE



Learn about how thousands of American families not only lent a hand to the WWII 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.



**(45 Minutes)**

**Monday 9/8 at 11 AM**

**Monday 9/15 at 11 AM**

**Monday 9/29 at 11 AM**

**Monday 10/20 at 2 PM**

**Monday 10/27 at 2 PM**



Photos: National Archives

**Location:**  
Visitor Education Center,  
1414 Harbour Way South,  
suite 3000, Richmond, CA  
510-232-5050. Ext. 0



**The Friends of the Hercules Library** has received a generous donation of excess books from the *Ethnic Studies Library at the University of California, Berkeley*. We are pleased to announce that we will offer this material to the public in a special sale. All proceeds will go to support our library programs and collections.

Students, teachers, historians, members of ethnic communities and anyone with an interest in Ethnic Studies – come shop with us! All items will sell for a mere **\$2.00 each**. Here is a rare opportunity to add to your personal libraries at truly bargain prices.

Description: Textbooks, academic books, novels, fiction, poetry, history, community histories, and journals pertaining to the Asian-American, Chicano, African-American and, to a smaller extent, Native-American communities.

Condition: very good to nearly new. Quantity: contents of 28 fully packed bankers boxes.

**Date:** Saturday • October 25, 2014

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Hercules Library • Homework Center  
109 Civic Drive at Sycamore, Hercules, CA 94547

Map: [Google Map](#)

For detailed directions and parking info, please see page 2 of this notice.

Contact: If you require more info, please e-mail your *specific* questions to:

Brian Miller (President of the *Friends of the Hercules Library*)  
bmiller@spre.com

This material has not been cataloged, but we'll do our best to find the answers to your questions. Be aware that this is a *Friends event*. Regular library staff has no knowledge of the collection and will not be able to help you.

**Two book sales in one day!**

After you've found those ES gems, step into our conference room and indulge in more bargain hunting. The *Friends of the Hercules Library* will be holding its semiannual Giant Book Sale on the same day till 5:30 pm! Pricing: 25¢-\$1.00. On Sunday, \$1.00 per bag – you choose from all remaining stock.



## SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2015

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

## 2015 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 2015 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each member): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

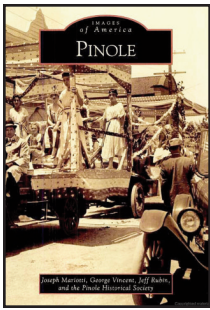
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CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30)    Annual-renewal (\$30)    Business (\$50)    Life (\$150)

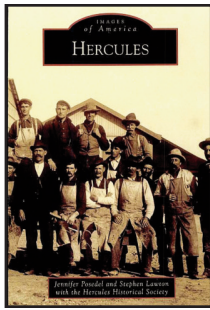
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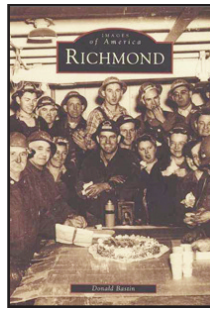




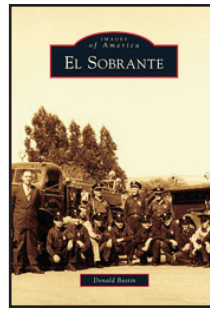
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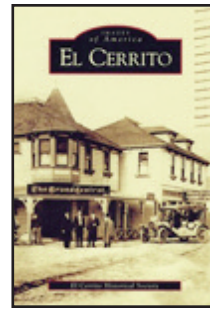
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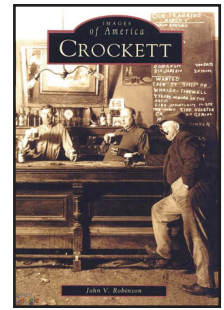
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El Cerrito



Crockett

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

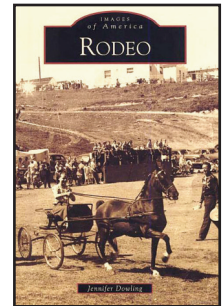
**T**he Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

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.

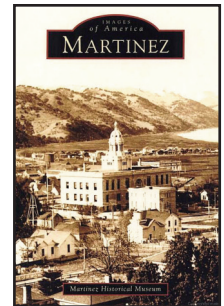
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

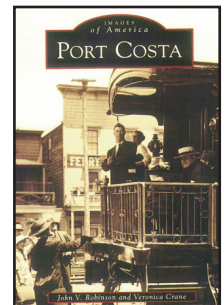
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.



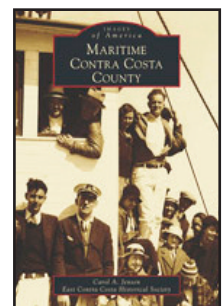
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



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

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# 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:**

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