



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

### *September 11 program*

## SCHOOL DAYS IN VERY OLD PINOLE

**T**he alumni of Pinole-Hercules “Old School on the Hill” will gather at the Elks Lodge in El Sobrante on September 12 for their ninth reunion.

To Pinole newcomers, it may seem odd that folks would want to come together to celebrate a grammar school. Don't tell that to Pinoleans who graduated from Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1968), as did many of their parents and grandparents.

Alumni are fiercely loyal to their green school that stood atop Samuel Street in Pinole until 1968. There is a shared pride of camaraderie understood only by those who bore the trials of the daily uphill climb to the creaking stairs and dark halls haunted by the strict stares of lurking teachers.

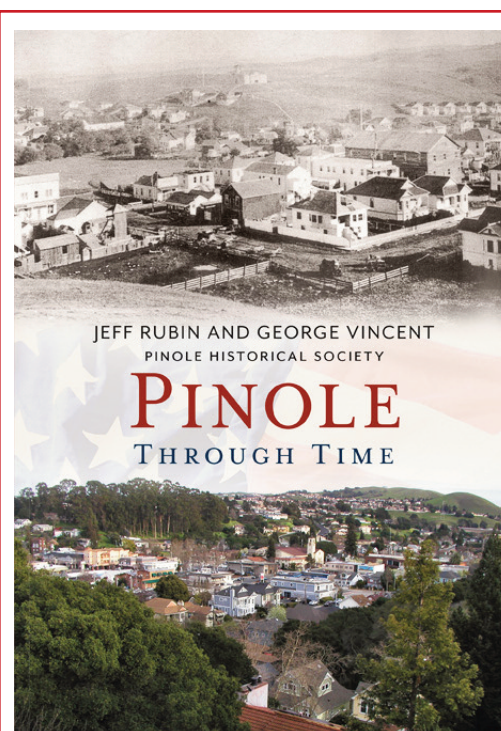
**On Friday, September 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building,** the Pinole Historical Society will trace the history of Pinole's three oldest schools — Fitzgerald Ranch School, Pinole Plaza School, and Pinole-Hercules School #1 — from 1865-1968.

Our presenter, Pinole Historical Society co-founder, Old School alumnus, and longtime educator George Vincent, has spent a decade researching Pinole's early schools.

His soon-to-be-published book, “School Bells and Ink Wells,” brings to light the workings and people that made the Pinole-Hercules Union School District the envy of surrounding townships.



*George Vincent*



***We expect delivery of PINOLE THROUGH TIME by Labor Day. We might have it at our farmers' market booth on September 5, and we'll definitely have it for sale at our September 11 program.***

***There is a mail-order form in this newsletter.***

***ALSO: Please see the flyer inside for our book-launch party on October 2, which will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Bank of Pinole building. We hope you will attend.***

## *Pinole featured on KGO Radio*

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

Listen to the segment here:

<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



## *November 6 program*

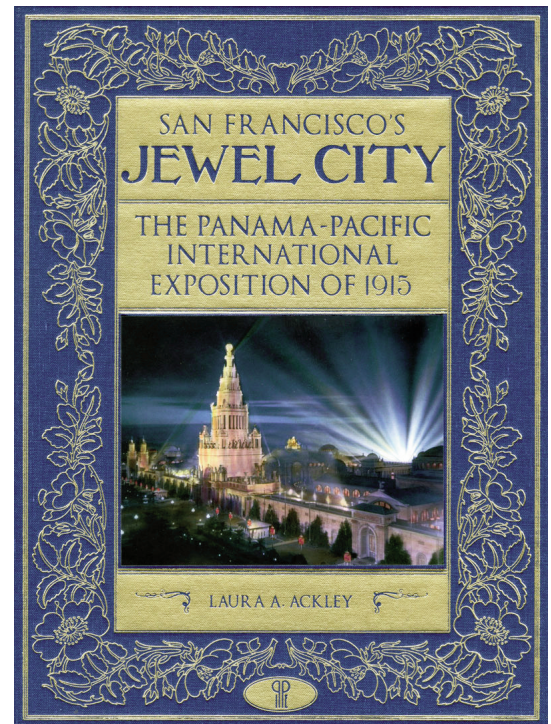
### PHS will present author of new book about the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition

**A**uthor Laura Ackley (“San Francisco’s Jewel City: The Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915”) will take the November 6 PHS audience on a whirlwind tour of the fair from its original concept in 1904 through its development and all the way to its gala opening in February 1915.

We’ll peek inside the gorgeous exhibit palaces for a look at just a few of the wonders therein, and finish with some of the attractions on the Joy Zone, the PPIE’s midway.

Laura will show dozens of amazing photos, lantern slides, post-cards, souvenirs, and panoramas.

2015 marks the centennial year of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, when host city San Francisco emerged from the ashes of earthquake and fire as a center of beauty and progress.



## FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 12 AND 26  
Pinole Farmers’ Market

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers’ Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays.



## PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY'S WEBSITE

Several PHS programs have been added to the City of Pinole 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.
- 2014 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- Japanese American Internment program (2012).
- Old School bell dedication (2013).

- February 7, 2014, program: "Bars, Barbers, and Characters of Early Pinole."
- September 5, 2014, program: "Presidential Rosies."
- November 7, 2014, program: "Maritime Contra Costa County."

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

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

## In memoriam

### MICHAEL REI

April 28, 1934 — July 17, 2015

Michael Rei, a well-known civil engineer, partner in the firm of Kister Savio & Rei, Inc., and lifetime member of the Pinole Historical Society, died on July 17. He was 81.

Mike was a member and past president of the Pinole Jaycees and the Pinole Rotary Club, and was a member of the Exhausted Roosters, PIGS, Pinole Chamber of Commerce, and the Pinole Historical Society.

"Most of the young movers and shakers in Pinole were in the Jaycees," says Pinole City Councilman Roy Swearingen. "Mike, Jack Meehan, and I were three of the original 20+ members that formed the Pinole Jaycees in 1964-65."

Mike served as president of the Jaycees in 1969-70 and during his leadership that year Pinole won the Hy Geisenbier award for the #1 Jaycees organization

in its population division statewide. Mike received the award for outstanding local president also.

Mike presided over a 100+ member club.

"Mike also worked with the Richmond Unified School District to resurface the football field and add lights for night games," Swearingen said. "The Spartan sign on the side of the gymnasium and bleachers in the gym were also projects completed under Mike's leadership. Mike continued using his leadership skills by joining newly formed Pinole Rotary club around 1972 as a charter member and served a year as president of that club."

"I first met Mike in the early '60s," said Jack Meehan. "Mike was a trustworthy and loyal friend."

"When I found myself in a true get-it-done position with a reputable development/construction company, my obvious choice for the project's civil engineer was Mike."

"I held him in the highest professional and personal regard. He was a man to be emulated."

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## PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 11 AT KAISER PERMANENTE  
Program: School Days in Very Old Pinole

NOVEMBER 6 AT KAISER PERMANENTE  
Program: Panama Pacific International Exposition

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# PinoleHistoricalSociety

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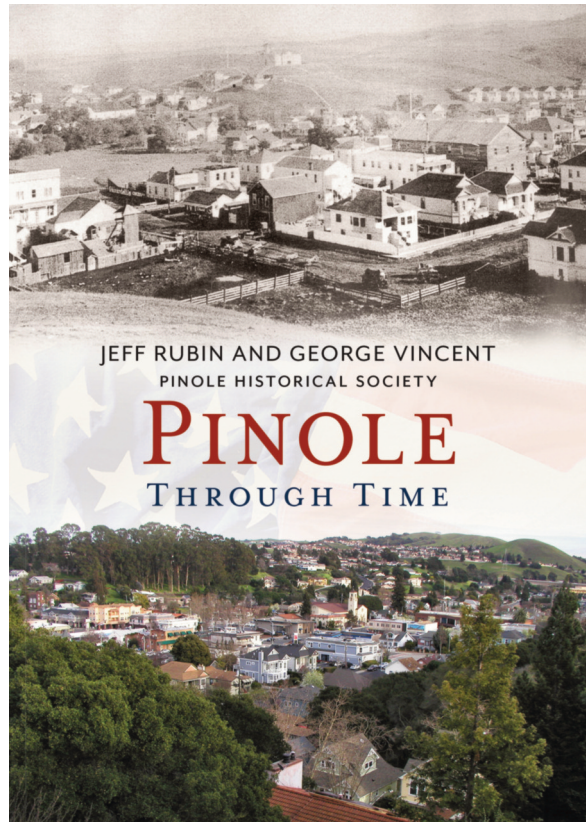
[www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) [info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org)

(510) 724-9507



**Bank of Pinole**

**Photographed by Larry Neptune**



Please join the Pinole **Historical** Society  
to celebrate publication of its new book  
— *Pinole Through Time* —  
and the 100th anniversary of the historic  
*Bank of Pinole building*

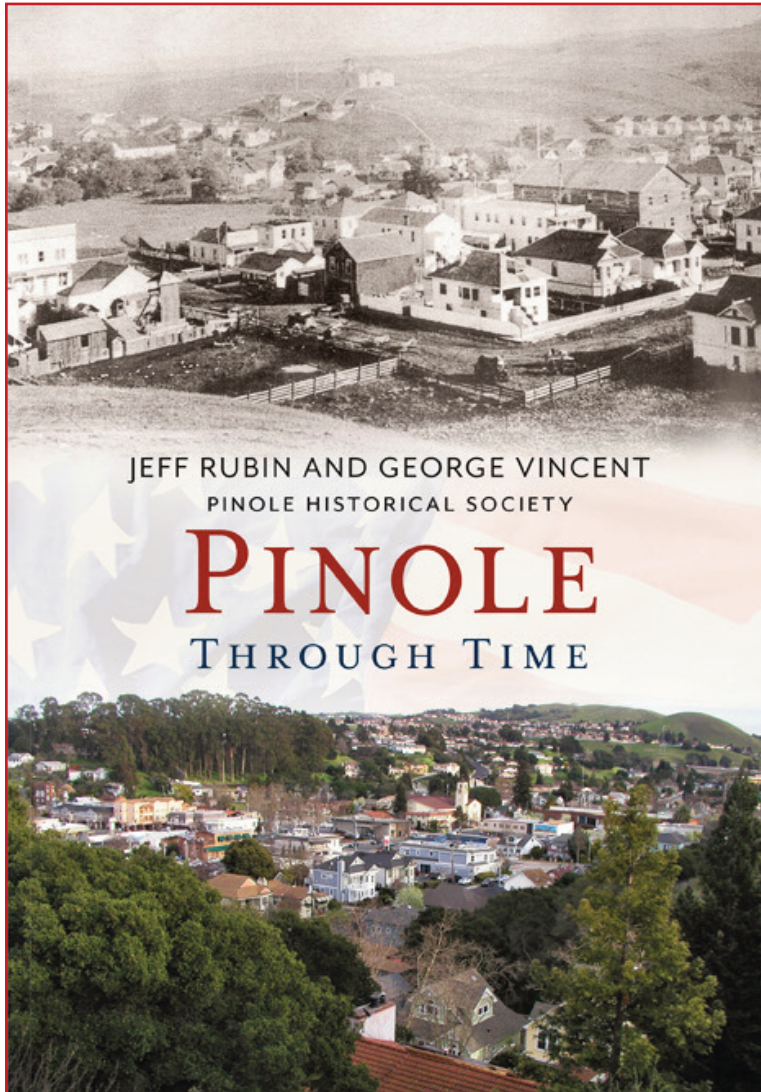
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015**

**5-8 P.M.**

**BANK OF PINOLE, 2361 SAN PABLO AVENUE**

• *Food* • *Music* • *Meet the authors*





**NOW IN STOCK**  
**Order your book(s) today!**

## **PINOLE THROUGH TIME**

**MAIL TO: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**# of books (\$28 per book, includes sales tax and postage) \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Check: Payable to Pinole Historical Society       Cash

Credit card: ( Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover)

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

# Upcoming events

## Pinole **Historical** Society

### September 1-30: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY EXHIBITS

The Pinole Historical Society has two exhibits at the Pinole Library. "Pinole ... Then and Now" features photos from the society's archives of buildings that existed at the turn of the 20th centu-



ry and recent photos of buildings on those sites today. This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole's history.

For more information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole, visit our website at [www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org).

### Sept. 5, 19: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS' MARKET SALE

The Pinole Historical Society has 11 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 today's farmers' market. They are great additions to your history library and make wonderful gifts.

Included in this collection is *Pinole Through Time*,



the new book about Pinole. There is an order form for the new book in this newsletter.

Our booth location at the farmers' market has been changed. We are now in the parking lot with the food vendors — pastries, kettle corn, breads, etc.

For more information on Pinole Historical

Society activities and the history of Pinole, please visit the PHS website at [www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org)



# WANTED

by the  
Pinole **Historical** Society

**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE  
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

**PHOTOS:** People, family, events, buildings  
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

**MOVIES:** VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,  
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades  
and events, floods, fires, etc.

**ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.**

**MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS:** Documents, programs,  
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,  
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving  
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

**Contact the Pinole Historical Society**

**(510) 724-9507**

**[info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org)**



## WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

## PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Friday, Aug. 28	MIRAMONTE	PVHS
Friday, Sept. 4	at American Canyon	American Canyon HS
Friday, Sept. 11	COLLEGE PARK	PVHS
Friday, Sept. 18	at Hayward	Hayward High School
Friday, Sept. 25	ANTIOCH	PVHS
Friday, Oct. 9	HERCULES # *	PVHS
Saturday, Oct. 17	at Salesian #	Salesian High School
Saturday, Oct. 24	at St. Mary's #	St. Mary's High School
Friday, Oct. 30	EL CERRITO # @	PVHS
Friday, Nov. 6	at St. Patrick/St. Vincent #	St. Patrick/St. Vincent HS

All varsity games start at 7 p.m.. JV games start at 4:30 / Saturday games: JV 11:30 a.m., Varsity 2 p.m.

\* Homecoming

# TCAL game

@ Senior Night

## 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

*September through November*

## 27TH ANNUAL SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

**S**ing along with the driving rhythms of sailors' work chants and enjoy the beauty of seafaring ballads and instrumentals from the wooden decks of the historic sailing ship Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier during San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's Sea Music Concert Series. on Saturdays September 19, October 24, and November 21. All concerts begin at 8 PM.

The National Park Service is celebrating its 27th year of presenting some of sea music's most outstanding performers – a rare chance to “Find Your Park” while discovering America's rich maritime heritage. This event is wheelchair accessible.

The performers will be:

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**Felicia Dale and William Pint** bring an energetic and contemporary spirit.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**Jeff Warner**, who accompanies himself on banjo, guitar, and concertina.

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**Canciones Del Mar** with songs from the traditions of Latin America and the Caribbean.



*Jeff Warner*



*Felicia Dale and William Pint*

*Canciones Del Mar*



***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.***



## SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2016

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, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving 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

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO  
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

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

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

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (please!): \_\_\_\_\_

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

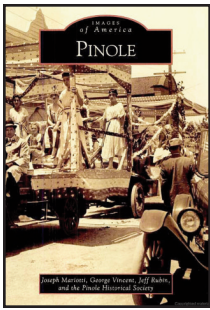
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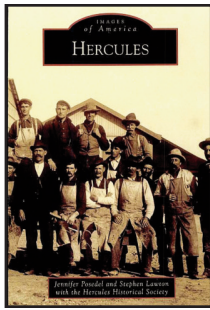
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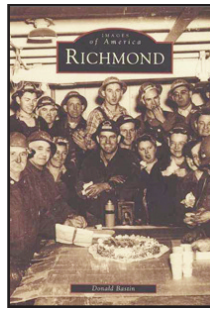




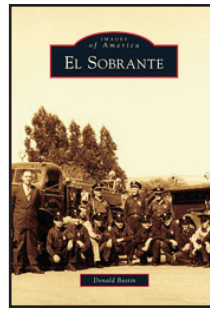
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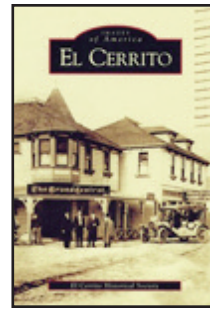
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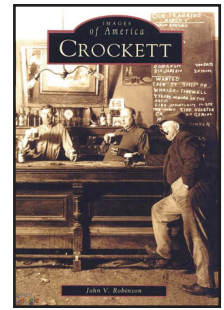
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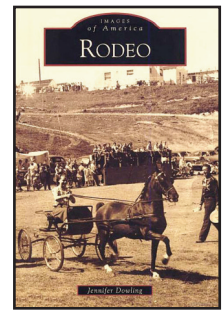
# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

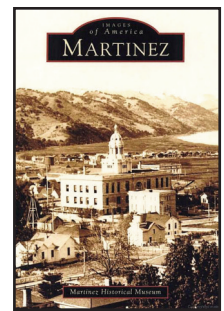
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books are \$24, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including sales tax.

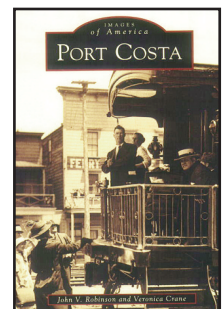
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



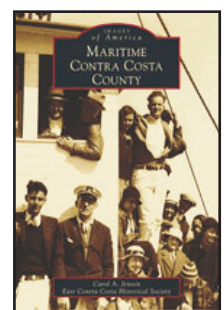
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



Maritime

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check: Payable to Pinole Historical Society  Cash

Credit card ( Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Discover)

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

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

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

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

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# of Maritime Contra Costa County books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Crockett books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 order to  
PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564



PRESENTS A FREE EVENT FOR PINOLE RESIDENTS

# Dumpster Day!

Saturday, September 12, 2015

7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

→ (Note: *will finish earlier if Dumpsters are FULL*) ←

Southwest corner of Henry Avenue & Pinole Valley Road  
(across from Kaiser)

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ONLY.**

**This is NOT a curbside collection.**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Household items, glass, clothing, metal chairs, tables, couches, small appliances, broken toys, box springs, mattresses, rugs/padding, wood, dishwashers, washers & dryers, refrigerators, ovens/stoves, computer monitors & components, CPUs, laptops & peripherals, microwaves, TVs, servers, UPS back-up batteries, fax machines, copiers, Internet devices, cell phones & telephones, batteries, fluorescent tubes, toner & ink cartridges.

• **NO GREENWASTE. NO TIRES. NO CONCRETE.**

• **NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** — Paint, oil, bug spray, oven cleaner, propane tanks, vehicle batteries, prescription medicine, sharps (needles, syringes, lancets).

• **FOR PINOLE RESIDENTS ONLY** •

## ONE LOAD PER HOUSEHOLD

Bring a current photo ID or current utility bill showing Pinole address.

Standard-size pickup trucks OK. No U-Haul-size trucks or trailers.

For information about where to take your Household Hazardous Waste, visit [www.recyclemore.com](http://www.recyclemore.com).

**NO ILLEGAL DUMPING & NO SCAVENGING — VIOLATORS WILL BE CITED!**

→ The City of Pinole Police Department Explorers will be on-hand to help unload waste. ←  
Donations made to the Explorers support their law enforcement training.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PINOLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT (510) 724-9010.







# **BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS**

**PINOLE COMMUNITY & MILITARY SUPPORT CORPORATION  
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 or more soldiers, their spouses, and children. Proceeds from the ticket sales will cover the cost of the meals. All funds raised over the total cost of the event will be donated to Civic Assets, a local program that assists soldiers with PTSD. We believe so many soldiers have sacrificed so much for our country, and we want to thank some of our local soldiers for their service.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015      11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
FERNANDEZ PARK, PINOLE**

**TICKETS: \$20 (ONLY 350 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)**

**Menu:** Appetizers, NY steak or chicken for adults, hamburgers and hot dogs for children 8 and under, drinks and desserts. Bouncer and activities for children, and live entertainment.

**SPONSORS:** Continental Electric, Outdoor Sportsmen Coalition, Crocketts Premier Auto Body, W.R. Forde Construction, McGuire's Harley-Davidson, Grade Tech, Inc., Al Caruso Insurance.

## **ORDER BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS TICKETS**

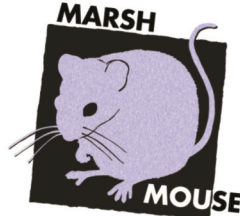
Mail coupon and check payable to KOPP PRODUCTIONS to 2320 Doidge Ave., Pinole, CA 94564.  
For questions, contact Bob Kopp at (510) 772-0016 or e-mail [koppproductions@comcast.net](mailto:koppproductions@comcast.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

# tickets @\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # steak (    ) # chicken (    ) # kids 8 and under (    )



C A L I F O R N I A  
**Coastal Cleanup**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

• Bayfront Park •  
End of Tennent Avenue, Pinole

**Work Hours:** 8:30 AM to Noon

**Bring:** Gloves, Proper Clothing, and Snacks

**Info./Reg.:** **Register on-site on the day of the event.**

**For more information please call (510) 724-9837**



**Co-sponsors:** BIOTA Corporation \* Conoco Phillips \* Environmental Care & Share, Inc  
ERM (Environmental Resources Management) \* Shell Oil \* Republic Services  
Union Pacific Railroad \* Waste Management \* Richmond Sanitary





# PROGRAMS

Tours  
&  
Events

## SEPTEMBER 2015

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

### SUNDAYS:

#### **Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look**

**9/6, 9/20 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions, and introduce the memorial.

#### **The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath**

**9/13 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)**

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

#### **Bay Trail Walk**

**9/27 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)**

Take a one hour leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history with a park ranger.

### MONDAYS:

#### **What We Wore During the War**

**9/21 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)**

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

#### **Warbling through the War Years**

**9/28 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

World War II produced popular music from jitterbug to broken hearts, which we'll see and hear through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)

**Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.**

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).



## TUESDAYS:

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**9/1, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)**

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

\*Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.

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## WEDNESDAYS

### **Richmond Bus Tour with Armand Johnson (RESERVATION ONLY)**

**9/2, 9/16 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)**

Hop aboard with Ranger Armand Johnson for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

## THURSDAYS:

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)**

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### **Blossoms and Thorns**

**9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

## FRIDAYS:

### **Rosie Meet and Greet**

**9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM**

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.





*Fridays continued...*

## **Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager**

**9/4 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a ranger for a 45 minute program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

## **SATURDAYS:**

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

\*Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.

### **Emmy Lou Packard: Drawing New Conclusions in the Kaiser Shipyards Exhibit Opening and Talk at the Visitor Center!**

**9/5 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)**

Lincoln Cushing, Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources archivist and historian, will present a slideshow about Emmy Lou Packard's unique illustrations in the Kaiser Richmond employee magazine, "Fore 'n' Aft". Cushing will be joined by Packard's son Donald Cairns, who was present when his mother created this body of work. Packard's artwork will be on display at the Visitor Center until January 2016. *Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.*

### **The WWII Enemy Alien Program & Lessons For Today**

**9/12 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)**

Over 70 years ago, thousands of German, Italian and Japanese immigrants in the US and Latin America experienced arrest, forced relocation, internment, and even deportation to war zones because of their nationality. What can we learn from our past as the US government continues attempts to balance national security concerns with protection of individual liberties? *Space is limited and reservations are required for this program. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.*

### **Junior Ranger Fun!**

**9/19 at 3:30PM (1 hour)**

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

### **Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"**

**9/26 3:30 PM (45 minutes)**

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45 minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.



## EMMY LOU PACKARD: DRAWING NEW CONCLUSIONS IN THE KAISER SHIPYARDS EXHIBIT OPENING AND LECTURE AT THE VISITOR CENTER

**O**n Saturday, September 5, at 11 AM, Lincoln Cushing from Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources will host an opening for an exhibition about the graphic art of Emmy Lou Packard who was employed by the Kaiser Shipyards during World War II in Richmond.

The World War II Home Front was truly a setting where “ordinary people did extraordinary things.” One of the best records of that dynamic period was the weekly Kaiser Richmond shipyard magazine *Fore ‘n’ Aft*, with news and stories of a war industry in which new workers were doing new jobs in new ways.

California artist Emmy Lou Packard (1914-1998) was on the *Fore ‘n’ Aft* staff and contributed approximately 100 illustrations. Packard’s work was patriotic without resorting to racist jabs or stereotypes; she portrayed workers with dignity and character. She drew women’s experiences from a woman’s point of view – numerous vignettes are of children (one of her regular subjects later in life), home life, and the challenges of survival and adjustment in a tempestuous time.

This exhibition features large reproductions of exemplary graphic art Packard made between 1944 and 1945, filling in a significant void in Home Front history, art history, and even of Packard’s own documented career.

The exhibition is curated by Kaiser Permanente historian and archivist Lincoln Cushing, and is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente in partnership with the National Park Service. Some of the images are from the Richmond Museum of History.

The exhibition is displayed in the lower level of the Visitor Center and will be available to the public through January of 2016.

Space is limited and reservations are required for this program. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 and leave a message with your name and phone number, and specify the date of the program you would like to attend.

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.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming park events, visit [www.rosietheriveter.org](http://www.rosietheriveter.org) and sign up for the email 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  
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Visitor Education Center – 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA  
Event is free to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required for this slideshow and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.



# Upcoming events

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE KOREMATSU MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA & ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## PORTOLA JR HIGH

### History Celebration

➔ **Saturday**  
**September 26**  
**7 - 10 pm**



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Dancing

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