



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

SEPTEMBER 8 PHS MEETING

FINDING THE BAY BRIDGE TROLL

The historic bridges of the Bay Area and popular folklore surrounding those bridges — with an emphasis on the Bay Bridge Troll — will be the subject of noted author John Robinson's presentation at the September 8 Pinole Historical Society meeting.

The program, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, is FREE to PHS members and the public. Refreshments will be served.

Robinson's fascination with bridges has led him to write eight books, including "*Spanning the Strait: Building the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge,*" "*Building the Benicia-Martinez Bridge,*" and "*Bridging the Tacoma Narrows.*" His latest book, "*Bay Bridge Troll,*" will be published in November.

The Bay Bridge Troll is an 18-inch steel figure, complete with a spud wrench, that was welded to the Eastern span of the original San Francisco Bay



The Bay Bridge Troll.

Bridge. It was replaced by a newer version in 2013 once the construction of the new Bay Bridge was completed.

The creator of the original troll, Bill Roan, is a blacksmith-turned-artist who lived near the Bay Bridge.

In 1989, a section of the Bay Bridge collapsed during the Loma-Prieta earthquake that rocked the Bay Area. The bridge was closed for several weeks while repairs were made.

When the repairs to the bridge were nearly complete, ironworkers smuggled the small metal troll onto the bridge and welded it permanently to a steel beam on the

north side of the bridge.

This unusual topping out ceremony became the subject of much curiosity and rumor around the Bay Area.

The troll was placed where motorists on the bridge would never see it. It was on the north side of the outside rail, where only maintenance workers and ironworkers ever venture.

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2017 PHS meeting dates

Put these dates on your calendar and attend all of our interesting and thought-provoking history programs. Here are the dates and our programs:

SEPTEMBER 8

Author John Robinson
“*Finding the Bay Bridge Troll*”

NOVEMBER 3

The National Park Service presents
“*Traversing the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail*”

All meetings are held from 6:30-8 PM in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

For more information, call (510) 724-9507, e-mail info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org, or visit www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org.

PINOLE LIBRARY'S HISTORY 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 century and recent photos of buildings on those sites today.



This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole’s history.

Visit www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org for information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE CERRITO THEATER, THE EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND RIALTO CINEMAS PRESENT:

CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL BY FACING ‘THE AWFUL TRUTH’

Thursday, September 14
Rialto Cinemas Cerrito
10070 San Pablo Avenue

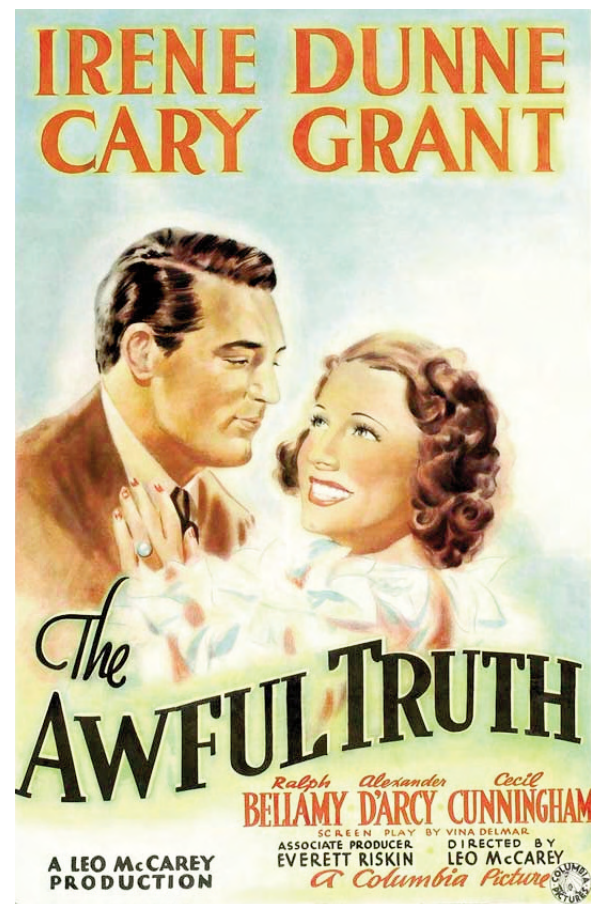
The Cerrito Theater, today Rialto Cinemas Cerrito, became a community institution when it opened during the Depression. It did so again when it re-opened due to community pressure in 2006, after being shuttered for decades.

Kick off the grand El Cerrito Centennial Weekend on September 14 by enjoying the jazzy “Leftover Dreams,” playing standards of the Great American Songbook. View vintage cars. Feel free to come in vintage clothing. Admire the Art Deco architecture.

Our movie will be the hilarious screwball comedy, “The Awful Truth,” with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. It’s from 1937 – the year the Cerrito Theater opened.

6 p.m. music; 7 p.m. brief history program followed by “The Awful Truth.”

For tickets, go to: www.rialtocinemas.com.



***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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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!

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GEORGE VINCENT'S BOOK ABOUT THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF PINOLE HAS ARRIVED

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

Pinole Historical Society co-founder and historian George Vincent's long-awaited book, "*School Bells and Ink Wells: a History of the Early Schools of Pinole, 1865-1968*," has been published and is for sale.

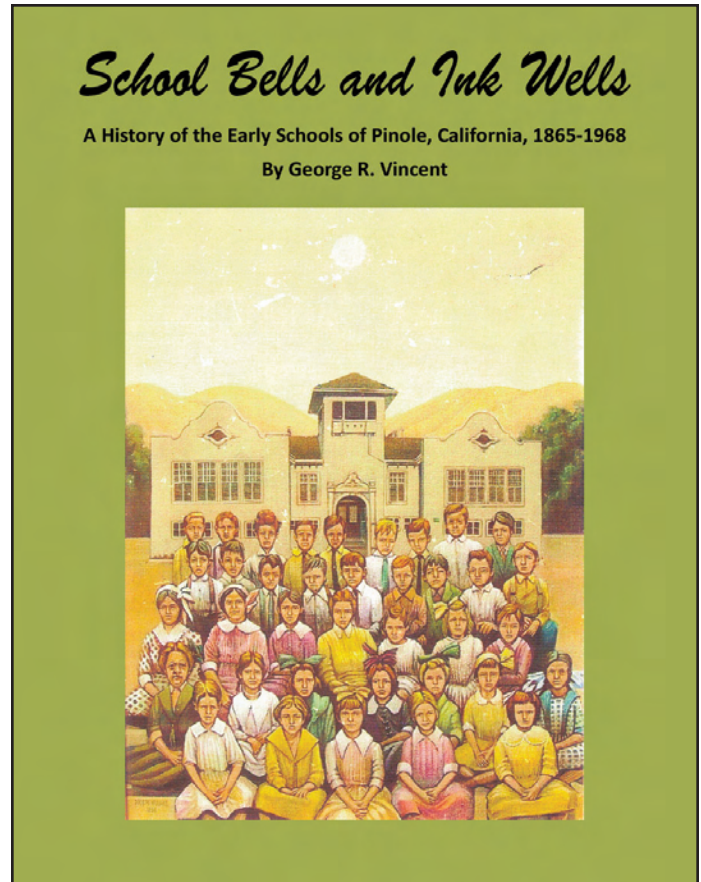
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

The book is filled with stories and amusing anecdotes, and anyone who went to school in Pinole will treasure this fond memory of their early education.

The book brings to light the workings and people that made the Pinole-Hercules Union School District the envy of surrounding townships.

Hill School 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.

If you are interested in purchasing the book (\$30, including sales tax and postage), please fill out the order form below and mail it to George Vincent. He will mail the book to you.



School Bells and Ink Wells

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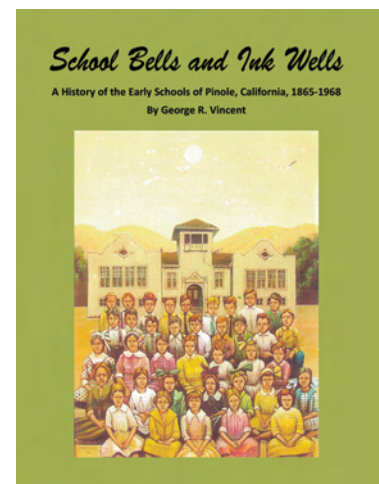
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The Pinole Historical Society will be at its Pinole Farmers' Market booth September 2, 16, and 30.

Thanks for your many years of support. Please stop by our booth and say hello and chat about the history of our city.

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:
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Flag Holidays

Every year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

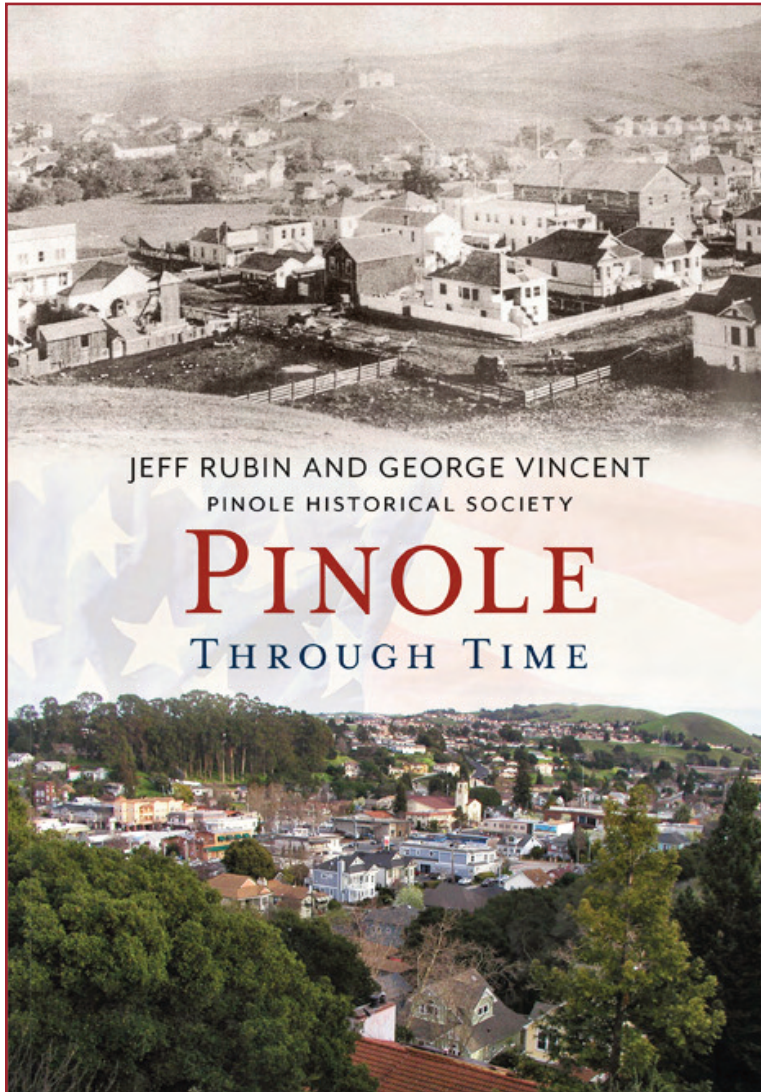
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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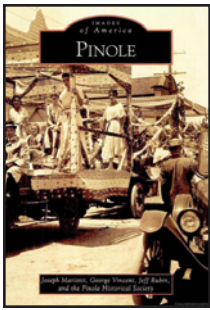
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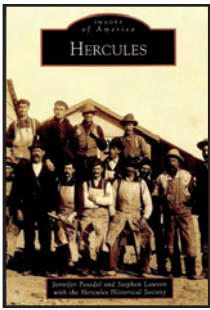
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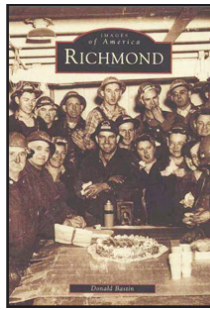
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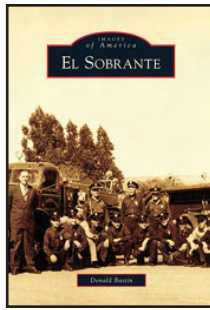
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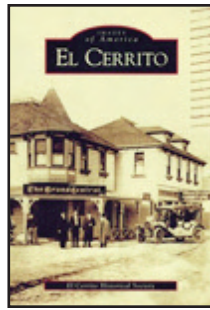
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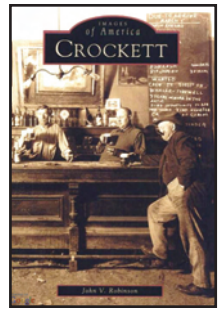
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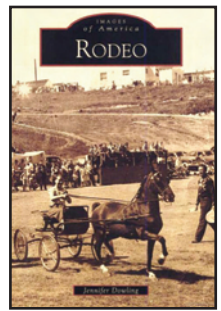
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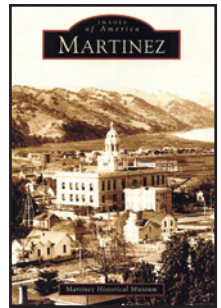
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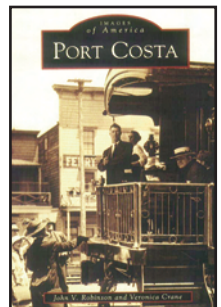
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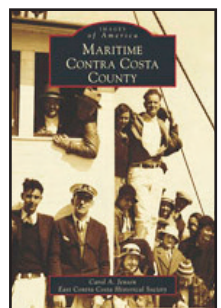
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and events, floods, fires, etc.

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We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving
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