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PHS PROGRAM FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020 • 7 PM VIA ZOOM

MIKE WOLDEMAR: THE MAN WHO BUILT PINOLE



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- *The Pinole Youth Center*
- *The Del Monte shopping center*
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- *Crocketts Premier Auto Body and animal shelter*
- *The Pear Street Bistro*
- *Heritage Park, including site improvements and the rose garden for the Faria House.*



Email info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org by 5 PM on July 17 and we'll send you a Zoom link to Mike Woldemar's presentation.

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PHS at Pinole Farmers' Market

The Pinole Historical Society has suspended its booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market until it is safe to be engaging with the public. This will likely be through the end of 2020.

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President's Message

Jeff Rubin, President, Pinole Historical Society

PHS LANDMARKS WALKING HISTORY PROJECT

With the PHS in-person quarterly programs at Kaiser sidelined indefinitely, the Pinole Historical Society is bringing the city's history to the public in innovative ways.

Our third Zoom program, **"The Man Who Built Pinole,"** at 7 Pm, Friday, July 17, will be presented by architect Mike Woldemar, who designed many of the most well-known buildings in Pinole — the Pinole Youth Center, Pinole Office Center, Crocketts Premier Auto Body, the Contra Costa

County Animal Shelter, and Del Monte Center, among others.

In addition to being a creative architect, Mike's also a vivid storyteller.

Send us an email at info@pinolehistoricalociety.org if you want to attend, and we'll send you a Zoom link.

OLD TOWN WALK

Our latest effort is the **"Landmarks Walking History Project."**

Historic Pinole photos have been placed on light poles throughout Old Town, each depicting a scene from the past from that exact location.

Antlers Tavern (left), around 1910



We hope you enjoy this brief history lesson as you walk throughout the city.

We thank graphic designer Melissa Lawton for the idea for this

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Jeff Rubin

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Having the right connections in the community makes all the difference. I grew up in the Pinole-Hercules area, where my ancestors settled more than 150 years ago, some farming the fertile soils from Pinole to Rodeo, while others helped build the communities we now call home. The benefits of my longstanding connection to and detailed knowledge of the community are the foundation for the outstanding service I deliver to my clients.



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LANDMARKS WALKING HISTORY PROJECT

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project and for creating the template for the photos. She also created the museum's logo.

We look forward to resuming our Kaiser programs; in the meantime, please enjoy Pinole's history on our website, Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Pinole History Museum board member Alec Jason finished formatting the best Pinole Historical Society quarterly programs over the last decade, including George Vincent's two Historic Downtown Pinole Walking Tours.

They're all uploaded to the Pinole Historical Society YouTube channel. See page 7 for our program list.



Tessie Curran Baldwin home, now House Of Lilith Hair Designers.

DINNER CANCELLED

The annual Pinole History Museum fundraising dinner on October 17 has been cancelled. We are considering a virtual silent auction for spring 2021.

The Pinole History Museum will be sending its semi-annual fundraising appeal in the fall and, as always, your support is appreciated. Please consider a gift to the museum — just click the donor button on the museum website (www.pinolehistorymuseum.org) or mail a check payable to PINOLE HISTORY MUSEUM to PO Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564. We will be very grateful, especially in this current environment.

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The Pinole History Museum will enhance the preservation and collection of artifacts that represent Pinole history and culture. Museum exhibits and research opportunities will educate and inspire Pinole residents' community affiliation and civic pride.

You can help us preserve the history of Pinole

Always seeking to improve and add to the society's collection, the PHS welcomes inquiries from individuals owning objects which are significant to the history of Pinole.

Though we do not have a museum, we have three exhibit spaces at the Pinole Library and conduct history programs for service organizations, retirement residences, and schools.

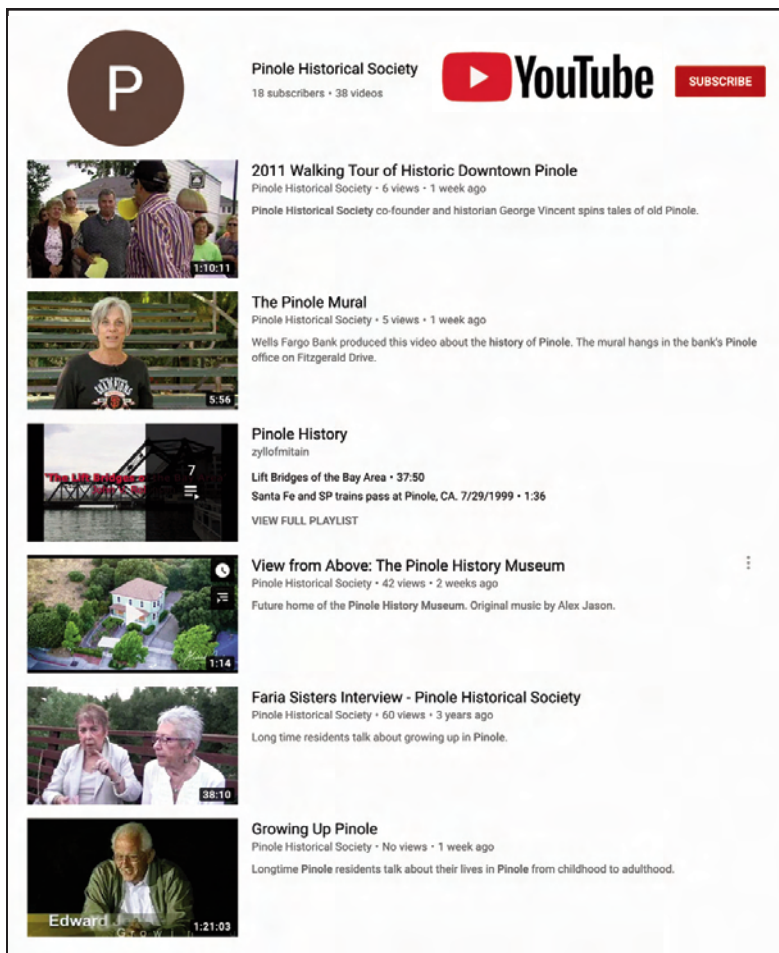
Artifacts are an important part of these programs.

Please contact us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org or call (510) 724-9507 if you have an object you'd like to donate.

Also, you can view the numerous PHS programs archived on the city's website:

https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/pinole_tv/archived_meeting_events and click PINOLE MUSEUM SOCIETY-HISTORY.

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Pinole Historical Society co-founder and historian George Vincent spins tales of old Pinole.

The Pinole Mural
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Wells Fargo Bank produced this video about the history of Pinole. The mural hangs in the bank's Pinole office on Fitzgerald Drive.

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Santa Fe and SP trains pass at Pinole, CA. 7/29/1999 • 1:36
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Long time residents talk about growing up in Pinole.

Growing Up Pinole
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Looking for a good local history program to watch? Look no further than the Pinole Historical Society's YouTube channel, created by Pinole History Museum board member Alec Jason.

Alex reformatted a decade's worth of PHS programs and uploaded them to our YouTube channel. Among the 30-plus videos include:

- **George Vincent's** two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole.
- **The Pinole Mural:** Wells Fargo Bank produced this video about the history of Pinole. The mural hangs in the bank's Pinole office on Fitzgerald Drive.
- **1963, 1963, and 1964 Fiesta del Pinole parades,** courtesy of PHS member Jim Payne.
- **An Interview With Two Mayors:** Former mayors Jack Meehan and Tom Cutino spin political tales and how they saved Fitzgerald Drive — and the sales-tax dollars its shopping centers produce — for Pinole.
- **What's in a Name?:** How Pinole streets got their names, and the characters behind those names.

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Southern Pacific railroad depot in a horse-and-buggy and delivering them to their destinations. The livery also supplied carriages for funerals.

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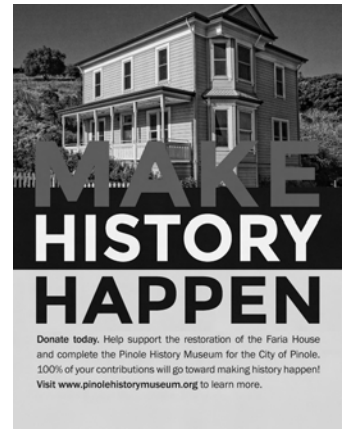
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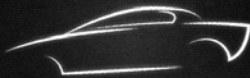
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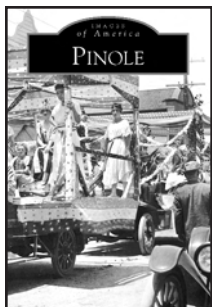


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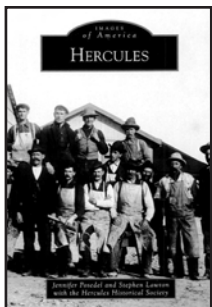
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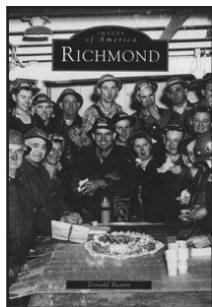
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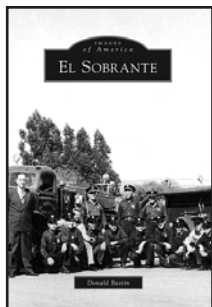
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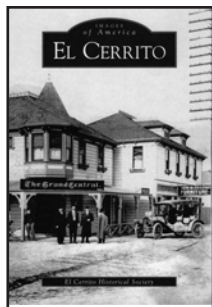
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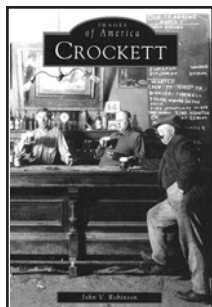
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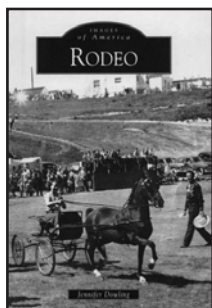
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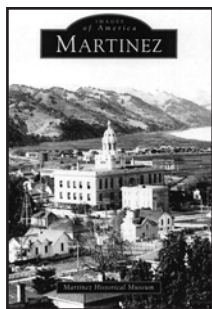
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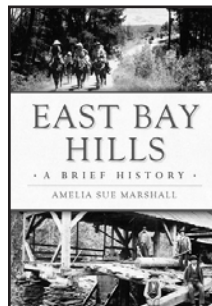
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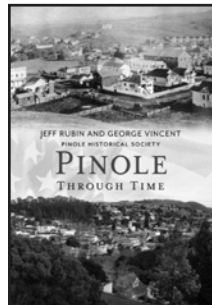
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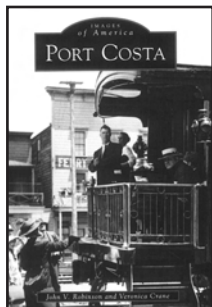
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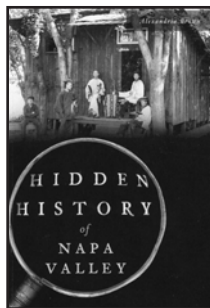
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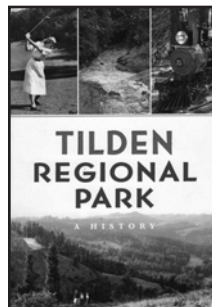
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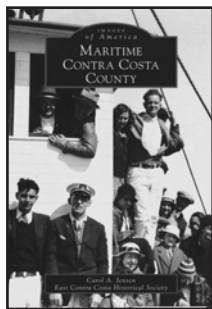
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