



# Pinole **Historical** Society E-News

## PHS BOARD ELECTIONS AT MAY 4 MEETING

**M**embers in good standing (those who have renewed their membership for 2018) will vote for directors of the Pinole Historical Society board at our Friday, May 4 Annual Membership Meeting in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8 PM. Refreshments will be served. Members and guests are welcome.

Several board seats are available — there are three open seats and so far, only one declared candidate (Jeff Rubin). Board terms are two years.

Any member in good standing who has been a member for at least one calendar year may serve.

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by another member in good standing.

Board members attend monthly board and quarterly membership meetings and accept and fulfill assignments.

Please indicate your wish to stand for election by sending a brief statement of your qualifications and desire to serve to the Pinole Historical Society, P. O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564 by April 30. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

**The May 4 program is, “What’s in a Name?” PHS co-founder and historian George Vincent will explore the history of several people whose names adorn our avenues, streets, roads, ways, and courts.**



## We're back at the Pinole Farmers' Market

**T**he Pinole Historical Society is back at the Pinole Farmers' Market.

April 14 will be our first day at our booth in 2018, and we'll be selling books, note cards, postcards, magnets featuring historical Pinole sites, and American flags and flag poles — and sharing the history of Pinole with everyone who stops by — on alternate Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. through December.

Thanks for your many years of support. We'll see you soon.

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## Board of Directors

Jeff Rubin, President  
George Vincent, Vice President  
Mary McMains, Treasurer  
Jo Ann Gannotti, Secretary  
Norma Martínez-Rubin  
Carol White

## Directors Emeritus

Marcia Kalapus  
Jack Meehan



## PINOLE GARDEN CLUB SALE MAY 5

*The Pinole Garden Club will have its annual plant sale at the Pinole Farmers Market on Saturday, May 5. The market is open from 9 AM to 1 PM.*

## LIBRARY BOOK SALE MAY 19-20

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library will hold its spring book sale May 19 and 20 at the library, 2935 Pinole Valley Road.

From 10 AM to 4 PM on May 19, thousands of books will be organized into dozens of categories for easy browsing. Members and new members may enter as early as 9 AM. New memberships will be available at the door, and a 10% discount will be applied to all members' purchases.

On May 20, The Friends will have a stuff-a-sack sale from 10 AM to 2 PM. Buy a double-strength bag for \$5 at the door and fill it to the brim with books!

This fundraising event supports the Pinole Library throughout the year.



'The Bookworm'

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations made  
“In Memory Of” or  
“In Honor Of”  
a special someone  
may be sent to:  
Pinole Historical Society  
P.O. Box 285  
Pinole, CA 94564

## ARTIFACTS DONATIONS

If you have any items of  
historical interest about  
Pinole to donate,  
please contact the  
Pinole Historical Society  
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or (510) 724-9507

## TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit  
corporation, all donations to  
the Pinole Historical Society  
are deductible as per the  
limits of the law.  
Thank you for considering  
donating to the  
Pinole Historical Society.



## WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

## PHS SELLING NEW BOOK ABOUT EAST BAY HILLS

**T**he Pinole Historical Society has a limited number of copies of the new book, *East Bay Hills: A Brief History*, published by Arcadia Publishing.

Author Amelia Sue Marshall lives on Peralta Creek in Oakland.

She developed a passionate interest in the history of the East Bay redwoods while riding her mare there as a trail safety patrol volunteer for the East Bay Regional Park District.

She is a board member of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association

and the Oakland Heritage Alliance.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: You will find this book listed on the book-order form in this newsletter.**



## EAST BAY HILLS

• A BRIEF HISTORY •

AMELIA SUE MARSHALL



***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.***

# JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Support the activities of the PHS by becoming a member in 2018.

Please send your \$30 membership check to PHS, PO Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.

Join — or renew your membership — the Pinole Historical Society and help promote and preserve the history of our city.

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents.

**Please fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it to us today with your check.**

Thank you.

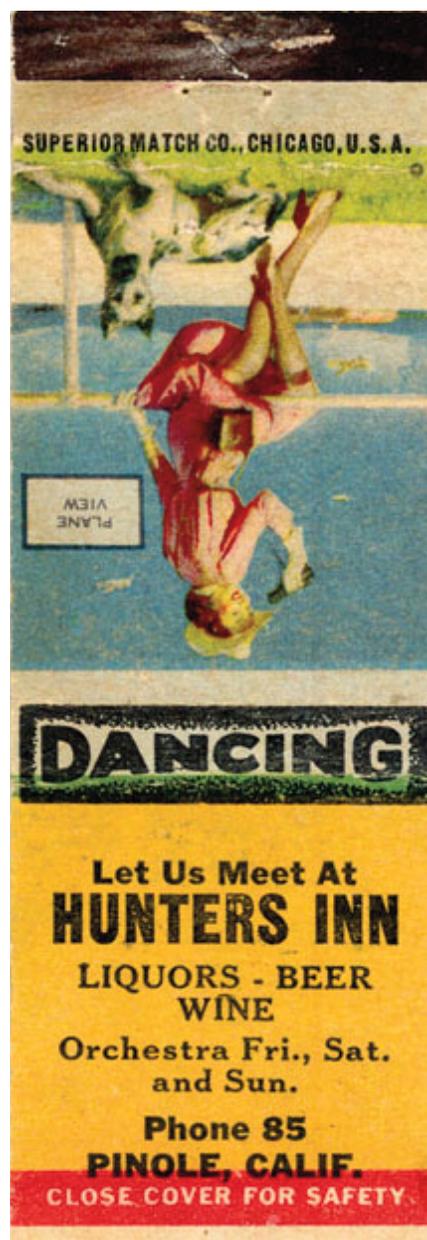
## THE WAGON WHEEL BURNED TO THE GROUND IN 1984

The next issue of *Newsbriefs*, the Pinole Historical Society's newsletter, will feature an article about a 1945 tornado that tore the roof off of Hunters Inn, a popular dancing and entertainment club, later known as the Wagon Wheel.

*Newsbriefs* will be published the last week in April.

In 1984, the Wagon Wheel was burned to the ground during a training exercise that involved 40 firefighters from the Pinole, Richmond, Rodeo, El Cerrito, and Kensington fire departments, to make way for what is now the Del Monte Shopping Center, which houses The Embers and The New Deli, among other businesses.

Our thanks to Carol De Young, who donated these photos of the burning of the Wagon Wheel, and to Fred Hollister, who donated the Hunters Inn matchbook cover.



# PINOLE'S HISTORY IS ON PINOLE COMMUNITY TV

**F**our historical videos have added to the Pinole Community TV website: [www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html)

- Pinole Historical Society – School Bells and Ink Wells (Old Pinole Schools)

- Pinole Historical Society – The Presidential Rosies (Rosie the Riveters in Washington, D.C.)

- Pinole Historical Society – A Flood of Memories (Floods in Pinole)

- Maritime Contra Costa County – A history of the maritime industry in the county.

These additions bring to 35 the number of Pinole-history videos on the city's website. We thank Dave Snell and Stewart McCale of the PCTV staff for their good work in getting these videos online.

And, we thank Bob Kopp, who recorded many of these events for the society.

Miss one of our history programs on PCTV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to Pinole's 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.

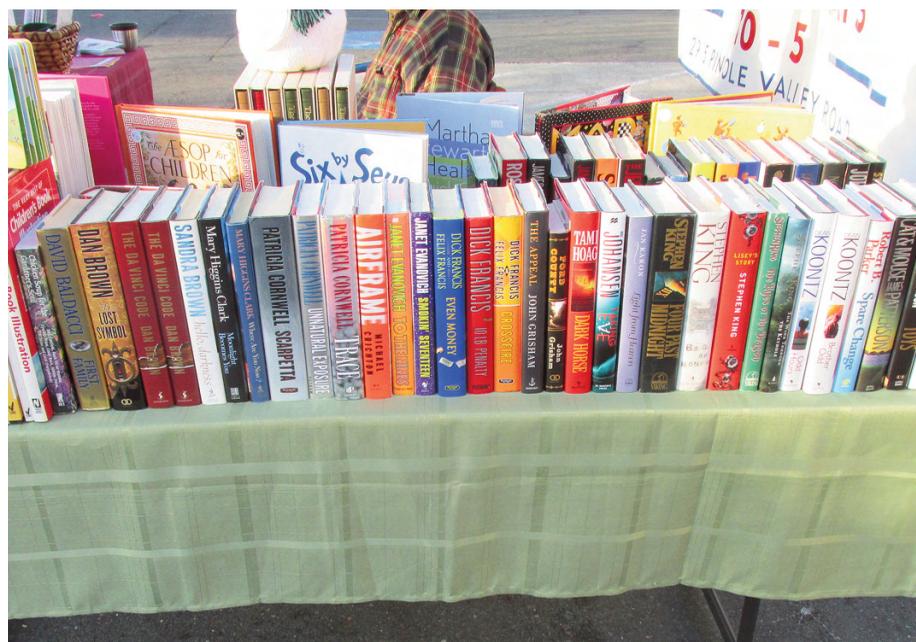
You'll find our quarterly programs, interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours

of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine, PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the society's Historic Walking Tour brochure.

Also there are recorded interviews with several prominent Pinole citizens, including Ed LeFebvre, Charlotte (Fernandez) Shea, former fire chief Alex Clark, and former mayors Jack Meehan and Tom Cutino.



## FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET



**APRIL 7, 21**  
**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.

This popular display offers many different genre of books, accessories, CDs, and DVDs, and varies from week to week.



## SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2018

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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## 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2018 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)

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Cash     Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society

Credit Card: ( Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

**P**inole 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.

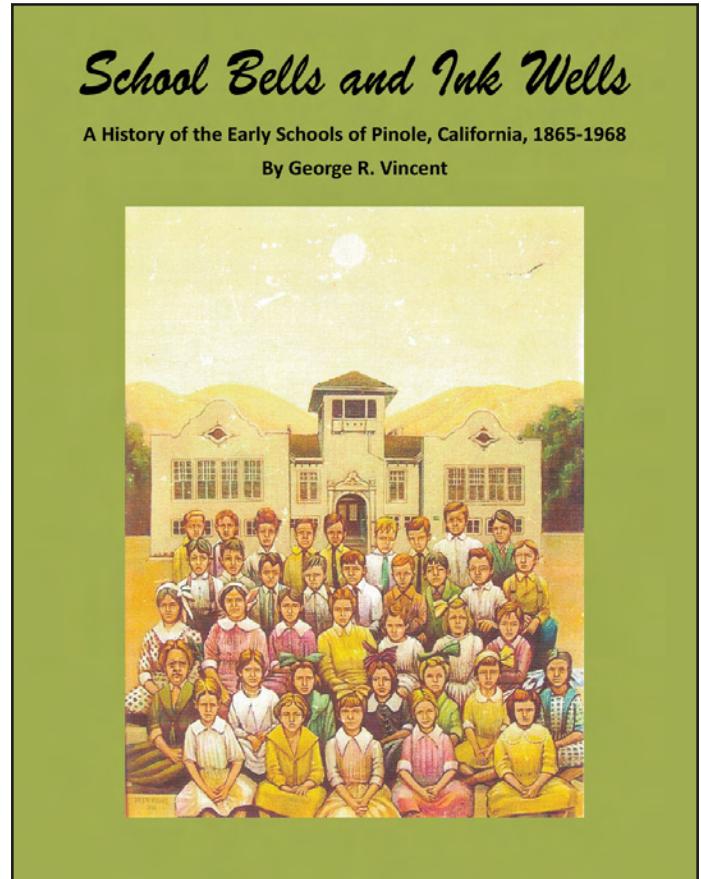
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

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*

MAIL TO: GEORGE VINCENT, 1209 HERCULES AVE., HERCULES, CA 94547

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

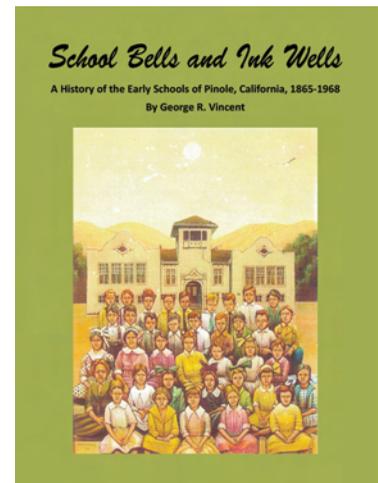
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of books (\$30 per book, includes sales tax and postage) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **George Vincent**



# 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. The library also has copies of our two books: *Images of America: Pinole* (2009), and *Pinole Through Time* (2015).

Visit [www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) for information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole.



## 2018 PHS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Pinole Historical Society meeting dates for 2018 will be:

**Friday, May 4**

**Friday, September 7**

**Friday, November 2**

All of these meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.



The Pinole Historical Society is now on Facebook! Search for us at <https://www.facebook.com/PinoleHistoricalSociety/>

**Like us, Friend us, Follow us,** Tell your friends and family about us.

We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.

# *Pinole's Classic* **CAR SHOW**

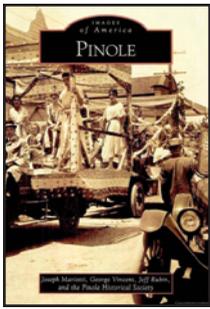


**FERNANDEZ PARK | DOWNTOWN PINOLE**

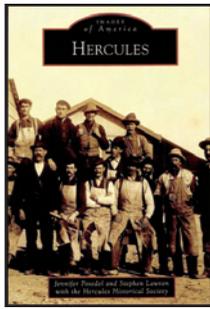
**RAFFLE | CONTESTS | FOOD | AWARDS | MUSIC**

**7AM - 3PM | JUNE 24, 2018**

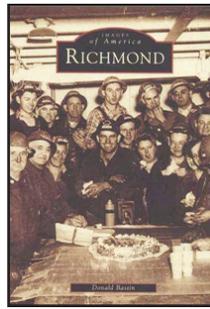
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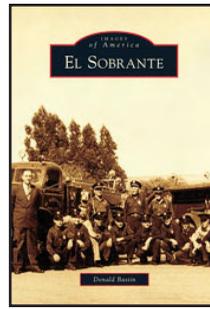
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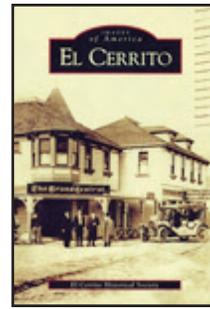
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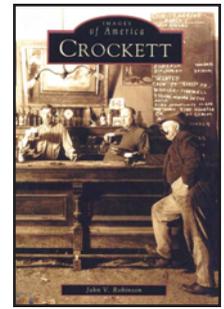
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El Cerrito



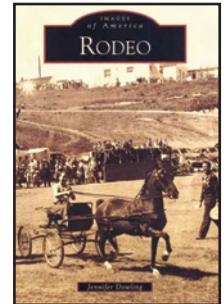
Crockett

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

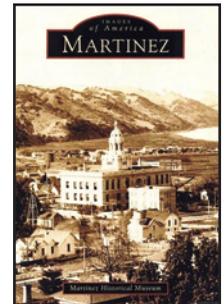
**T**he Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Pinole Through Time, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, Maritime Contra Costa County, and the East Bay Hills at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December. The Pinole, Pinole Through Time,

Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Maritime Contra Costa County, and East Bay Hills books are \$25, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$23, including sales tax.

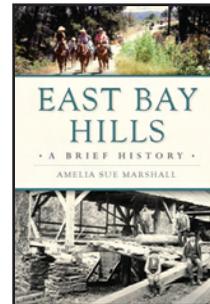
**Mail order prices (below) include shipping.** We accept Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and Discover credit cards.



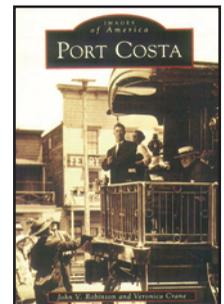
Rodeo



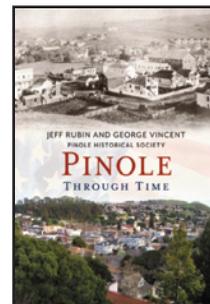
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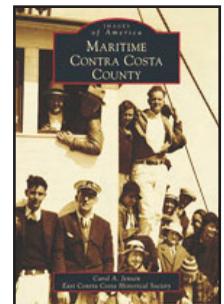
East Bay Hills



Port Costa



Pinole Through Time



Maritime

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check:** Payable to Pinole Historical Society
- Credit card** ( Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Discover)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

- # of Pinole books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Pinole Through Time books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Hercules books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Richmond books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of El Sobrante books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of El Cerrito books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Maritime Contra Costa County books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of East Bay Hills books @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Crockett books @ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Rodeo books @ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Martinez books @ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_
- # of Port Costa books @ \$28 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Flag Holidays

**E**very 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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# 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**

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