



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

### SUMMER NEWSBRIEFS AVAILABLE AT MANY AREA BUSINESSES

The summer issue of *Pinole Historical Society Newsbriefs*, our quarterly newsletter, has been distributed.

Articles featured in this issue include the student winners of the annual PHS Essay Contest, George Vincent's second article on the life of Dr. Samuel J. Tennent, and a look back the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad line from Richmond to Stockton, which went through Pinole.

The Pinole Historical Society is grateful to its advertisers for making this 16-page newsletter possible.

*Newsbriefs* may be found at these locations:

A Center for Hearing Health (Dr. Joel Ross), AccuTech Auto Care, A.D. Dern Insurance, All-Bay Locksmith, The Alley Cafe,

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### PINOLE STUDENTS WIN PHS ESSAY-CONTEST AWARDS

Seven Pinole students were grand-prize winners in the third annual Pinole Historical Society Essay Contest.

This year's assignment for students in the seven

Pinole schools (Collins, Ellerhorst, Shannon, and Stewart elementary schools; Pinole Middle School, Pinole Valley High School, and St. Joseph Catholic School) was to prepare an essay

about Pinole's history or their family's history. Students could use resources at the library, at school, on the Internet, or in their homes.

Collins, Shannon, and St. Joseph students

participated. Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Mechanics Bank Edward M. Downer III, and Pinole Historical Society President Marcia

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Collins Elementary School special-education class

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## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PINOLE WALKING TOUR

**P**inole Historical Society co-founder, director emeritus, and historian George Vincent (in blue shirt, pointing) will conduct another walking tour of historic downtown Pinole Saturday, Sept. 24.

We'll announce the time and itinerary soon. If you would like to be on our e-mail list for this and other PHS activities, please contact us at [info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org).

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Antlers Tavern, Bank of the West, Barry Evans Studio, Bay Park Retirement Residence, The Bear Claw, Big O Tires, Blue Sky Sports, Cafe Soleil, China House, Cindy's Shear Cuts, Coldwell Banker (Allen Faria), Coldwell Banker (Joni Vasquez and Dave Vida), Complete Automotive Repair Service (C.A.R.S.), Crocketts Premier Auto Body, Ferial El Ghaoui, D.D.S., Embers, Farmers Insurance (Madeline Crandall), Farmers Insurance (Carol White), Garden of Gems, Douglas Gordon, D.D.S., Grocery Outlet, Happy Sashimi, Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, K&L Automotive (Rodeo), Kendall Financial Services, Ladies Workout Express, Lakeridge Athletic Club, Masala Specialty Gift Store, Mechanics Bank (Pinole

Valley and Pinole Vista), Neto's Pizza, Old Time Realtors, Park Pharmacy, Attorney Donald E. Patterson, Peggy's Perfections Bead and Boutique, Pinole Art Center, Pinole City Hall, Pinole Creek Cafe, Pinole Library, Pinole Paws, Pinole Police Department, Pinole Senior Center, Pinole Valley Community Church, Realty World (Viktor Manrique), Ricky's Corner, Ristorante Due Rose, Sam's Dog House (Pinole and El Sobrante), State Farm Insurance (Mark Bucklew and Rick Chalk), Sunshine Floor Covering, Taqueria Sanchez, Tenax Law Group, 10th Inning Baseball Cards, The New Deli, The Red Onion, The UPS Store, Tina's Place, Top Floor Salon, Albert M. Tsang, D.D.S., Waffle Stop, West Contra Costa Transit Authority, Windermere Rowland Realty, and Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries.

It's also posted on the [PHS website](#).

# PHS SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING TO FEATURE PROGRAM ON ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II PARK

**N**ational Park Ranger and Outreach Specialist Lucien Sonder will present a talk and sideshow about the historical significance of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond at the Pinole Historical Society on Thursday, September 15.

The park preserves and interprets the stories and places of our nation's home front response to World War II.

The meeting will be held in the Alex Clark Community Room of the Pinole Public Safety Facility, 880 Tennent Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Ranger Sonder will review the major themes and land-



marks of the park, including the SS Red Oak Victory Ship, which was built in the Richmond Shipyards in 1944, the

1931 Ford Assembly Building, which was converted to assemble tanks and jeeps during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, dedicated in 2000 as a monument to the women who worked on the home front, and the Maritime Child Development Center, which served the children of shipyard workers.

Ranger Sonder holds a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University.

For information on the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, visit [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori).

## *On Pinole Community TV*

## PHS will sponsor Pinole Valley High School football

**T**he Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors has voted to purchase a \$1,000 full-season advertising package on Pinole Community TV to sponsor Pinole Valley High School football game telecasts.

The season package guarantees PHS several announce-

ments during each game. The board views this as a great opportunity to publicize our events and programs, support the high school, and support Pinole Community TV.

As you may know, Pinole Community TV is now a stand-alone, Enterprise Fund, meaning the station must raise

money for its broadcasts. More advertisers means more programming for people in our community.

Recognizing the importance of the TV station to the community, the PHS looks at this as an investment in the society and in Pinole.

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# PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

**M**iss one of our programs on Pinole Community TV?

Not a problem. The city's website now 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

[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 Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

## VETERANS DAY EVENT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**T**he Pinole Historical Society will sponsor the Fourth Annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony Friday, November 11, beginning at 11 a.m. in Fernandez Park.

If you would like to donate a worn flag for retirement by Boy Scout Troop 86, please bring your flag to the park on November 11. Or, mail your flag to the Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564. There is no fee to retire a flag.

Please be sure to include postage on all items sent to the PHS post office box.



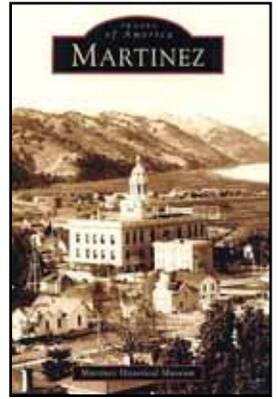
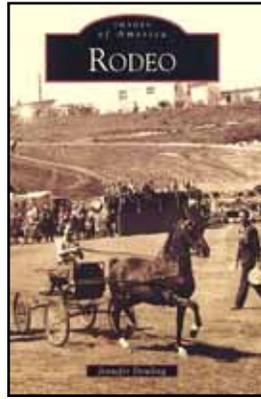
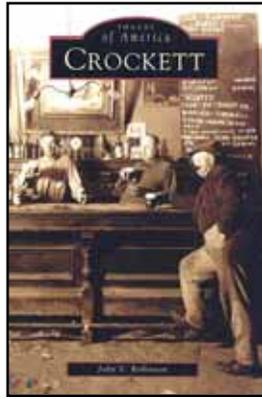
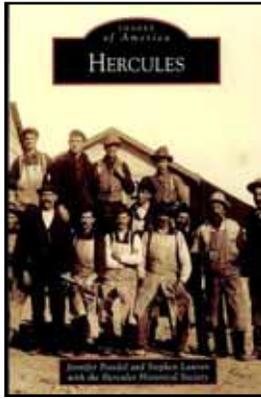
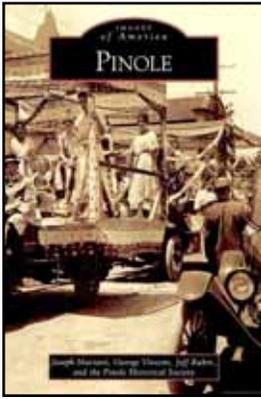
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## Pinole **Historical** Society

**Board of Directors:** Marcia Kalapus, President; Jeff Rubin, Vice President; Sheila Grist, Treasurer; Jo Ann Gannotti, Secretary; Steve Darrow, Dr. Joe Mariotti; Vicki Martinez; Shirley Ramos

**Directors Emeritus:** Jack Meehan, George Vincent

**Newsletter Editor:** Jeff Rubin



## BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**T**he Pinole Historical Society has a limited number of Arcadia Publishing books about our surrounding communities of Hercules, Crockett, Rodeo, and Martinez.

We also have plenty of books about Pinole

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 Hercules and Pinole books retail for \$21.99, plus tax. The other books are \$19.99, plus tax.

The prices, including 8.75% sales tax, are:

**Pinole:** \$23.92

**Hercules:** \$23.92

**Crockett:** \$21.74

**Rodeo:** \$21.74

**Martinez:** \$21.74

Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Please use this form.

The prices, including 8.75% sales tax and postage are:

**Pinole:** \$27.33

**Hercules:** \$27.33

**Crockett:** \$25.15

**Rodeo:** \$25.15

**Martinez:** \$25.15

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# of Pinole books @ \$27.33 (book, tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hercules books @ \$27.33 (book, tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Crockett books @ \$25.15 (book, tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Rodeo books @ \$25.15 (book, tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Martinez books @ \$25.15 (book, tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail your check for the total amount due,**

**payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:**

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



## Pinole **Historical** Society

Help us preserve Pinole's history through:

- Exhibits at the Pinole Library
- Pinole history programs in schools
- Pinole Community TV programs
- Walking tours of downtown Pinole
- Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park
- A proposed municipal museum

**Annual memberships are only \$30**

Please mail the membership application today!

# Pinole **Historical** Society

## 2011 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 2011 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each person): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

CIRCLE ONE: Annual (\$30)    Life (\$150)    Business (\$50)    Sustaining \$(500)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: [  ] Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [  ] Check # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

## RICHMOND DAY

at the Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, August 7, 1915



# RICHMOND MUSEUM CELEBRATES “RICHMOND DAY” AT 1915 PANAMA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

**T**he Richmond Museum of History will premiere a new exhibit commemorating “Richmond Day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, August 7, 1915,” which celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Richmond’s incorporation as a city.

The exhibit premieres Sunday, August 7. Richmond was incorporated on that date in 1905.

The museum, at 400 Nevin

Avenue, will host an opening reception from 1-3 p.m. on August 7. This free event is open to the public. The exhibition will be on display through October 1 in the museum’s Seaver Gallery.

The Panama Pacific international Exposition was built on a 635-acre plot of land along San Francisco’s northern shore (now the Marina District). On August 7, 1915, the exposition held “Richmond Day.” Hundreds of

Richmond residents were ferried to the exposition. There was a parade and special exhibits about Richmond.

Held only nine years after the city had been almost entirely destroyed by the great earthquake and fire of 1906, the exposition not only helped get San Francisco back on its feet, but boosted the morale of the entire Bay Area.

For more information about the exhibit, call (510) 235-7387.



Richmond Museum of History, Seaver Gallery

Exhibition

### RICHMOND DAY

at the Panama Pacific International  
Exposition, San Francisco, August 7, 1915  
*(celebrating Richmond’s 10th anniversary of incorporation)*

August 7 - October 1, 2011

Opening Reception: Sunday, August 7, 1-3 p.m.

**In program:**

Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

Representatives of local business and industry

Music by students from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

The LMP Trio (Marian Sauer, Leona Derheim, Bud Schwartz)

Please join us at the Opening reception: free. Donations: gratefully received.

Museum hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, closed.

Address: 400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801.

Contact: (510) 235-7387 [www.richmondmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.richmondmuseumofhistory.org)

All events supported by a grant from the Clarabelle Hamilton Fund, Members, Friends and Volunteers of the Museum.  
President of Richmond Museums Association: Lois Boyle. Exhibition Curator: Inna Saigne. Assistant: Matt Walker.

On the cover: Richmond residents with Mayor E.J. Gamard and other members of the Richmond City Hall staff and the Richmond Industrial Commission at Richmond Day at the PPIE, San Francisco, August 7, 1915.  
PPIE Bronze Medal presented to the Richmond Industrial Commission, August 7, 1915.

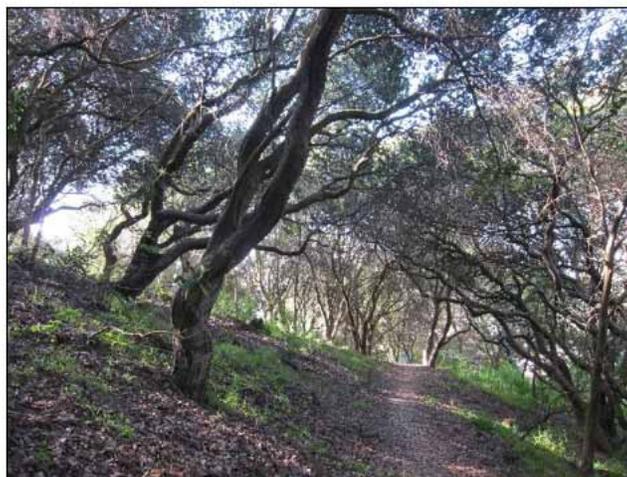
# EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

## *Proposals sought for Recycling Center Historical Film Project*

**T**he city of El Cerrito has issued a Request for Proposals for the Recycling Center Historical Film Project. Proposal are due 4 p.m. on Monday, August 22. Information may be found at: [www.el-cerrito.org/business/bids.html](http://www.el-cerrito.org/business/bids.html)

The City is seeking proposals from production managers to direct and manage the production

of a short film that will tell the story of the El Cerrito Recycling Center from inception in the 1970s through the grand opening of a brand new facility in early 2012, and highlight the recycling center's unique history, programs, and re-construction.



The El Cerrito Historical Society presents

## Historical Hike through the Hillside Nature Area

Saturday, August 20, 2011, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Hillside Nature Area is one of El Cerrito's finest features, wilderness trails in the midst of the city. Join us for a two-hour ***steep and rigorous*** hike. We will learn about historic quarries, visit two Memorial Groves, hear some amusing stories, discover the beautiful stairway to nowhere, and talk about the park's future.

**Tour docents are Dave Weinstein and Paul Grunland**

***Reservations are required-Limit of 40 people***

RSVP today to [davidsweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:davidsweinstein@yahoo.com), 510-524-1737

Bring good shoes and cold water for sure and lunch if you'd like for a post-hike picnic.

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

Meet at the eastern end of Portola Avenue at Navellier Street, across from the former Portola Middle School

# CAMPFIRE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

John Muir National Historic  
Site

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## John Muir National Historic Site News Release

For Immediate Release  
Event Date: August 5 & 6, 2011  
Contact: Daniel Prial  
Phone: 925-228-8860

### National Park Service to Host Summer Campfire Programs at John Muir National Historic Site

“My fire was in all its glory about midnight... I had nothing to do but look and listen and join the trees in their hymns and prayers.” --John Muir, *Travels in Alaska*

Join the National Park Service for two **free campfire programs on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6, 2011** at John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, CA. Both programs will begin shortly before sunset at 7:30 PM and will last 1.5 hours. Rangers will lead the group in songs, skits and stories to celebrate the legacy of John Muir, one of the greatest conservationists the United States has ever known.

Created in 1964, John Muir NHS preserves the home, landscapes, and grave site of conservationist and national park advocate John Muir. Muir, born in Scotland, spent his entire life exploring, studying, and writing about his experiences in the American wilderness. He travelled throughout the world, but most notably in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and he considered Yosemite to be one of the most beautiful places he had ever lived. Before he passed away in 1914, he advocated for the preservation of five American national parks, and set the stage for a conservation movement that would change the face of this country and later earn Muir the title: “Father of the National Parks.”

Meet at the front gate of the John Muir National Historic Site, 4202 Alhambra Ave, in Martinez, CA (at the Alhambra Ave. exit off Highway 4). Bring the whole family, picnic blankets, lawn chairs, and a desire to have a good time. Rangers will direct you from the gate to the fire ring, which will be under a small grove of redwood trees. If it rains heavily, the program will be canceled.

If you have any questions, please call the John Muir National Historic Site at 925-228-8860.