

## Pinole**Historica**lSociety **E-News**



The Pinole Garden Club's work on the Faria House rose garden is seen in this photo

taken July 22 by Earl Combs, as the roses are blooming. More photos inside.

### SEPTEMBER 8 PROGRAM INFORMATION INSIDE

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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.pinolehistorical society.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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### PINOLE GARDEN CLUB KEEPS THE CITY IN FULL BLOOM

mall towns are all about community.

From Pinole's early fraternal and religious groups in the first half of the 20th century, to the service organizations that have existed for 75 to 100 or more years, these groups, and the people who carry out the good work that they do, form the identity of our community.

When it comes to beautifying the city, no one can hold a pruning shear next to the Pinole Garden Club.

Its mission is to promote and encourage the knowledge and appreciation of gardening among members and to take an active part in civic beautification and the protection and the conservation of our natural resources.

Since its establishment in 1956, the Pinole Garden Club has more than lived its mission. Its activities include Arbor Day tree planting; decorating the Christmas Tree and setting up the Candy Cane Contest at the Pinole Library; performing a skit, "A Tree Grows in Pinole," for local schools; doing bi-monthly garden therapy at a local nursing home; and fundraisers.

Another project is sprucing up the Jessie Howe Clark Memorial Garden on Tennent Avenue by the Pinole Public Safety Facility and City Hall. Jessie was Pinole's historian and Poet Laureate years ago. Club members will have the tree pruned and clean up the area under the tree, working in conjunction with the City of Pinole.

The club has also weeded, pruned, and periodically replanted the garden area surrounding the City of Pinole Welcome Wall, near the entrance to I-80 on Pinole Valley Road, to keep it looking beautiful.

And, not coincidentally, the Pinole Historical Society is indebted to the garden club for lovingly taking care of the Faria House rose garden (photo above), which will one day be the entrance to the Pinole History Museum.

The members have deadheaded, pruned, and maintained the rose bushes every month since 2013.

The club gives back to the community in other ways, too. Each year the club awards two scholarships to deserving students for their horticultural studies at a local college.

Through its participation in these and other local projects, the Pinole Garden Club contributes to the improvement of our city and our environment. Their members embody the meaning of "community."

More photos on next page

### WE THANK THE PINOLE GARDEN CLUB



Winter pruning at the Faria House rose garden.



Pinole Garden Club members at the Faria House (L-R): Sally Dunham, Amy Tafoya, Margaret Gelhaus, Pat Bennett, Carole Person, Ann Heintz,

Judy Dadisman, Margaret Young, Emmy Swenson, and Marcia Joswick. The garden club keeps the rose garden looking beautiful.

### SEPTEMBER 8 PHS MEETING

### FINDING THE BAY BRIDGE TROLL

he 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



The Bay Bridge Troll.

the original San Francisco Bay 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 black-smith-turned-artist who lived near the Bay Bridge.

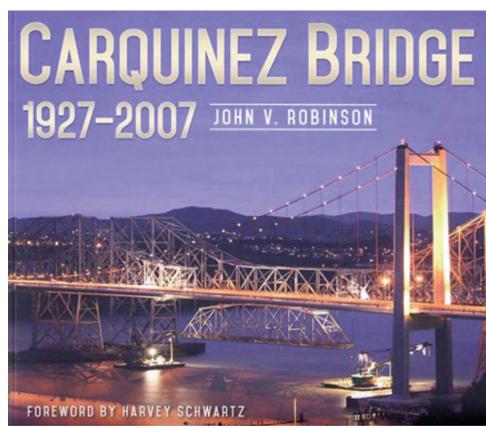
In 1989, a section of the Bay Bridge collapsed during the Loma-Prieta earthquake that rocked the Bay Area. The bridge was closed for several weeks while repairs were made.

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,



John Robinson's book on the Carquinez Bridge

Bridge Troll is an 18-inch steel figure, complete with a spud wrench, that was welded to the Eastern span of where only maintenance workers and ironworkers ever venture.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations made
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a special someone
may be sent to:
Pinole Historical Society
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If you have any items of historical interest about Pinole to donate, please contact the Pinole Historical Society at:

info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org 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.

### FAMILY FREE DAY AT THE RICHMOND MUSEUM

he Richmond Museum of History will host a Back-to-School FAMILY FREE DAY on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Visit the museum, at 400 Nevin Avenue, for free from 1-4 p.m. Enjoy facilitated educational activities. Weave a basket and make a shell bead necklace ... and more.

A lecture about Richmond's first people, the Ohlone Indians will take place at 2:30 p.m.

The museum owns a vast collection of books, periodicals, ephemera, photographs, maps, and artifacts related to Richmond history. The public is invited to conduct research on a range of subjects including genealogy, early Richmond industry, railroads, WWII Home Front, and much more.

The collection includes:

- More than 4,000 photographs of local people and places.
  - More than 200 maps.
- Fore n Aft Magazine, the weekly newsletter of the Kaiser Richmond Shipyard (1941-1946).
- Richmond Daily Independent newspaper collection dates from 1908-1945.
  - Yearbooks from local schools.
- Richmond city directories and phone books (1903-2016).

For more information, call (510) 235-7387 or e-mail *melinda@richmondmuseum.org*.

## FAMILY FREE DAY!



Come learn about Richmond's rich past at the Richmond Museum of History!

All families come in free on September 2, 2017!

With children activities all day and a special lecture on the Ohlone Indians at 2:30pm



Richmond Museum of History 400 Nevin Ave. | Richmond, CA 94801 Wednesday - Sunday | 1 - 4pm RichmondMuseum.org | (510) 235-7387

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 2017

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!

## PinoleHistoricalSociety 2017 Membership Application

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP
MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

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

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CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)
METHOD OF PAYMENT: ☐ Cash ☐ Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society
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TOTAL ENCLOSED:

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

### ORDER School Bells and Ink Wells TODAY!

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.

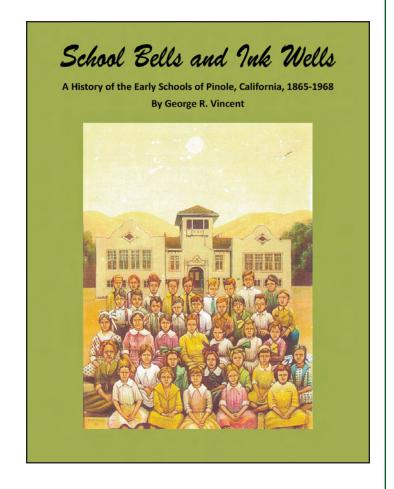
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

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 Tuke Wells MAIL TO: GEORGE VINCENT, 1209 HERCULES AVE., HERCULES, CA 94547 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_ # of books (\$30 per book, includes sales tax and postage) \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make your check payable to George Vincent

### WE'RE BACK AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

The Pinole Historical Society will be at its Pinole Farmers'
Market booth August 5 and 19.
We'll be there every other

weekend through December.

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







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.



## SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK CELEBRATES THE EVOLUTION OF HIGH-TECH ON THE HIGH SEAS

Experience Hyde Street Pier's FREE "Festival of the Sea" Saturday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

he National Park Service invites Festival of the Sea guests to upgrade their maritime culture database with a full day's download of family activities and traditional sea music.

The "High-Tech on the High Seas" theme will explore the past century of shifting maritime technologies, as well as the cultural and sociological implications of its evolution. Admission is free.

### **EVENT ACTIVITIES**

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Make maritime-themed children's crafts. Learn how to weave a rope. Enjoy an art show featuring local artists who have worked on sail and cargo vessels, and who draw inspiration from their work at sea. Learn how to caulk a deck. Help raise and lower a dory from the pier. Meet representatives from local parks, environmental, and history non-profits, and the park's research center.

**10-11 a.m and 1-4 p.m.:** Watch park riggers splice, worm, and parcel line for the historic fleet.

**10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.:** Local and internationally renowned traditional-music acts will perform on three stages.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: "High-Tech on the High

Seas" panel discussion, for visitors seeking a more in-depth examination of the cultural implications of maritime technology of the late 19th and early 20th centuries,

This lively, multidisciplinary discussion about the nature of maritime technology, its sociological consequences, and its enduring relevance will be presented in the perfect setting — aboard the 1895 schooner C.A. Thayer. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please RSVP to *samuel\_hilgartner@nps.gov* by Friday, August 18.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Watch volunteers soften planks using steam, and bend them to create a boat's hull

**11:30 a.m.:** Yawl launch – Help celebrate as a Park-built boat hits the water for the first time.

12:30-3 p.m.: C.A. Thayer open house.

**2-3 p.m.:** Breeches buoy demonstration. Traditional ship-to-shore rescue system.

For a more detailed schedule and performer bios, visit http://go.nps.gov/SeaFestival2017.

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is located at the west end of Fisherman's Wharf. It includes a fleet of historic ships, Visitor Center, Maritime Museum, Maritime Research Center, and the Aquatic Park Historic District.



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

### One Community-One Event-One Location

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

5PM - 8PM

### FERNANDEZ PARK

### THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

K9 Demonstration
DUI/Command Center
Crime Prevention
Traffic/Motor Unit

DJ-Music by Pistello Bounce House Snow Cones/Popcorn Local Vendors

Hot dog, chips, and a drink for \$3.00 All proceeds will go to the K-9 and Explorer Programs.

We encourage everyone to bring your block party to Fernandez Park and join the Pinole Police Department in celebrating National Night Out!

For more information/questions please contact the Crime Prevention Unit:

Sandra Trevino: 510-724-8961 Email: <a href="mailto:strevino@ci.pinole.ca.us">strevino@ci.pinole.ca.us</a>
Natasha Valdepeña: 510-741-3892 Email: <a href="mailto:nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us">nvaldepena@ci.pinole.ca.us</a>

### PINOLE'S HISTORY IS ON PINOLE COMMUNITY TV

Community TV website: 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 Pinolehistory 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 and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

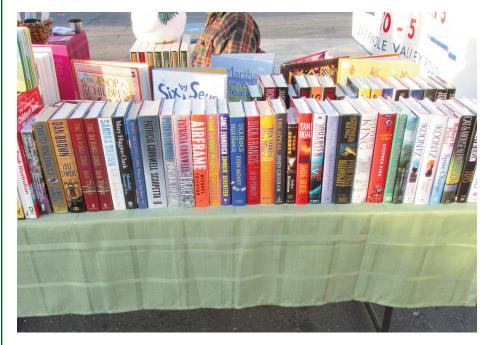
You'll find our quarterly programs, interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours

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



### August 12, 26 Pinole Farmers' Market

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.

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very year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special

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.

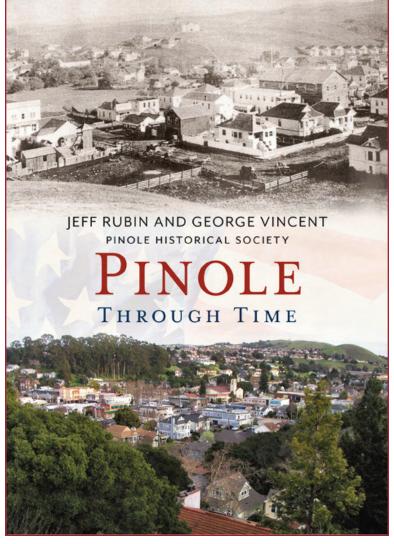
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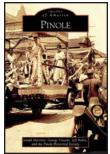


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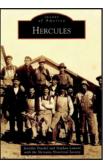
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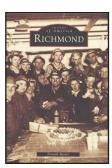
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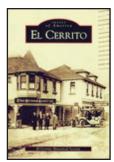




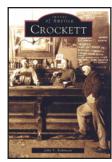
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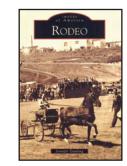
### LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

he 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,

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

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### **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