



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News



WATCH OUT! Pinoleans raced out to play in the snow after a winter storm covered the city in 1913. Will it snow again 100 years later? (Photo courtesy of George Vincent).



WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov

HUNDREDS ATTEND VETERANS DAY EVENT IN FERNANDEZ PARK

Pinole Mayor Debbie Long and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia spoke of the pressing need to provide services for veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Pinole Valley High School Marching Band and A Cappella Choir provided inspirational musical selections, at the 6th annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, November 11, in Fernandez Park.

The event was sponsored by the Pinole Historical Society and City of Pinole. A grant from the Coca Cola Bottling Company, of Benicia, made it possible



for Pinole Community TV to record the event and broadcast it on PCTV channel 28.

Participants included the Pinole Police Explorers Color Guard; West Contra Costa Girl Scouts; Precious Jacques, PVHS Leadership; Pinole Youth Commissioner Jessica Guerra; Carl Petersdorf, past commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2798; PHS Director George Vincent and his wife, Christie; PHS Director Emeritus Jack Meehan; PHS President Marcia Kalapus; PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin; and Pinole Boy Scout Troop 86, which conducted the flag-retirement ceremony.

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.

Upcoming events

WinterFest 2013

Presented by The Pinole Chamber of Commerce
Celebrating the Holiday Season in Pinole

PHS will participate in WinterFest

The Pinole Historical Society will have a booth at the Pinole Chamber of Commerce's WinterFest 2013 on Saturday, December 14, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Bank of Pinole building.

The society will be showing several PowerPoint presentations featuring historical photos from the city's past, in addition to having its full complement of sale items — books from nine different cities (including Pinole), greeting cards, postcards, Fernandez Mansion and Old School magnets, and American flags.

WinterFest will feature photos with Santa, kids crafts, a gingerbread house-making contest, and booths from several local businesses and non-profits. The event will culminate with a holiday tree-lighting on the Community Corner.

Please stop by and visit the Pinole Historical Society booth and enjoy this great community event.

Saturday, Dec 14th
12 noon until 6 o'clock

- * Gingerbread House Contest & Auction
- * Photos with Santa & Kids Crafts
- * Booths & Holiday Shopping Ideas
- * Tree Lighting @ Community Corner
- * Food, Drinks & Lots of Fun for All



Join Us in Old Town Pinole
at the Historic Bank of Pinole Building
2361 San Pablo Avenue, Pinole

OUR SPONSORS * (Platinum) Kaiser Permanente, East Bay *
{Gold} Thomas Properties, Del Monte Shopping Center * {Gold} Pacific Gas & Electric
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Bear Claw Bakery * Bank of the West, Pinole * Crossover Creative

For More Information Gloria Perez | 510.724.4484 | pinolechamber@yahoo.com

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Pinole Library will host a holiday workshop with Grace Taormina at the Pinole Library, Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to create holiday decorations and gifts, etc.

The Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
(510) 758-2741



'The Bookworm'



FRIENDS AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

The Friends of the Pinole Library has a booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market on alternate Saturdays. The Friends will be there on December 14 and December 28 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., and will continue in 2014.

Learn everything about the Friends of the Pinole Library, its fabulous book sales, membership, volunteering, and the group's contributions to the Pinole Library and the Pinole community.

We offer a special selection of art books, hardbacks, paperbacks, bookmarks, pencils, gift-card packages, book bags, unusual gift tags, and much more. Please stop by and say hello.

The Friends of the Pinole Library Board of Directors will meet at the Pinole Library Monday, December 9, at 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and understand the workings of this fund-raising organization. Be a Friend with us!

PHS SELLING BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN FLAGS

We have purchased 25 made-in-the-USA American flags, with beautifully embroidered stars and sewn stripes.

These durable flags, resistant to fading and fraying, are made of Dupont Solarmax nylon fabric. They look great and fly well in low wind.

They have brass grommets attached to heavy canvas pole ends and combine lustrous beauty with superior wearing quality and excellent fly ability.

These flags are made by the Valley Forge Flag Company, and are directly comparable in both



quality and durability to flags sold by leading home improvement and retail stores for up to \$30. This size is suitable for flagpoles from 15 to 20 feet.

These flags are only \$25, including sales tax. We'll deliver if you live in West Contra Costa County. If not, we will ship the flag to you

for an additional \$5. We also have flag poles for \$5. We do not ship the poles.

To order, send a check payable to the Pinole Historical Society to P.O. Box 285, Pinole.

We also sell these flags at our Pinole Farmers' Market booth.



Visit the PHS at the Pinole Farmers' Market. The remainder of our 2013 schedule is December 7 and 21. Please stop by and say hello, and pick up a great holiday gift.



USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO ACCESS PHS WEBSITE

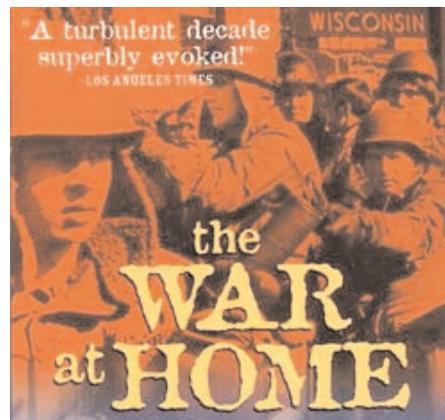
Find out more about Pinole's history by using your smartphone to scan this QR code.

It will take you to the Pinole Historical Society website, where you will find out about our city's history, current historical society events, and much more.

TWO DOCUMENTARIES BEING SHOWN AT ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

A new documentary film called "The War At Home" is being shown daily at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The 25-minute film screens hourly at the park's Visitor Education Center, starting at 11 a.m.. The last screening is at 4 p.m. It's shown seven days a week.

"The War At Home," produced in collaboration between the National Park Service and Signature



Communications, uses oral histories, archival materials, and personal diaries to illustrate the diversity and complexity of the World War II homefront experience, from the perspective of a number of real people who lived in different cities across the United States.

Another 16-minute documentary film, "Home Front Heroes," which outlines the history of defense manufacturing in Richmond, during World War II, is also screened regularly, alternating with "The War At Home."

Pinole**Historical**Society

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www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org

(510) 724-9507

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website 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 the city's

website 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 two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Got film? The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history. We want to establish a permanent, digitized collection of Pinole's history.

Do you have film of past Holy Ghost parades, Pinole Valley High School Homecoming parades, Memorial Day or July 4 parades?

How about important athletic events, such as a high-school football, basketball, baseball, softball, or volleyball games?

Perhaps you have film of an important event that took place in Fernandez Park, or a ribbon cutting or an event that has a place in Pinole's history — such as the 1958 flood?

We're looking for any video or film you have — VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm, Super 8mm,



16mm, 35mm, motion picture.

Nearly everyone has taken home movies. That makes everyone who has taken film a historian.

We want to collect, digitize, catalog, and preserve old movies on DVD (and whatever formats are to come) to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the California Pioneers of Santa Clara

(www.youtube.com/sccpioneers).

Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

Got film? Please contact us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

PHS BOARD MEETS DECEMBER 11 AT SENIOR CENTER

In addition to our quarterly general membership meetings, the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center.

Our members, and the public, are invited to attend these board meetings and speak on any item that is discussed.

Our next meeting is December 13.

2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings

The 2014 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held Friday evenings in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

Attendance on Fridays was good in 2013, so we thought we'd continue on this day in 2014. As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

The 2014 meeting schedule is: February 7 • May 2 • September 5 • November 7

Upcoming events

CITY OF
PINOLE

TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL 2013

Fernandez
Park

- Tree Lighting Ceremony

SENIOR CENTER &
FERNANDEZ PARK

Live Music

Photos with
Santa 6:00 pm

Tree Lighting
Ceremony
8:00 pm

featuring Santa

and
the PVHS Show Choir & A Cappella Performances

Santa's
Village

- Face Painting
- Magician
- Balloons

Featured Sponsors
The Kirelstock Group
The New Deli Cafe
A.D. Dem Insurance Agency, Inc.
Jeff Rubin, Community Member



FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 6
6:00 - 8:30 PM

(510) 724-9062

www.ci.pinole.ca.us

Upcoming events



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front
National Historical Park
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-232-5050
Fax: 510-232-5504

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park News Release

For Immediate Release: October 30, 2013

Contact: Lucien Sonder, 510-232-5050 x. 6622, lucien_sonder@nps.gov

Event Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013

Historic Toys on Display at Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center *National Park Service exhibit explores imagination and reality for 1940s children*

(Richmond, CA) – A temporary exhibit titled “Kids in WWII: Imagination & Reality” has been installed at the Visitor Education Center of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The exhibit opening was delayed from October 12th due to the government shutdown.

The exhibit features objects from the park collection and also on loan from private collectors. Visitors will see vintage children’s toys, uniforms, games, model airplanes, clothes, magazines, and books from the 1940s. The exhibit runs through March 2014.

Children were deeply affected by and involved in the war effort throughout WWII. From saying goodbye to a father in the military to collecting scrap after school, children felt the impact of the war in daily life. Books, games, and toys of the time period reflected the reality kids had to face, and at the same time, provided an escape into a more secure fantasy world.

The exhibit will remind some visitors of their own childhood playtime. Others too young to remember the war years will be able to see what their parents and grandparents played with. Visitors will learn how wartime rationing influenced toy materials and production, and how toys were marketed differently to boys and girls.

The two collectors who have toys on exhibit will also speak at a special program called “Wartime Toys for Girls and Boys” at the visitor center on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 3 PM. They will discuss how they began collecting toys and other items from the Home Front era. The park’s gift shop is stocked with reproduction toys, books and games for visitors to purchase as holiday gifts.

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center is open seven days a week between 10 AM and 5 PM and is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call 510-232-5050 x.0 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>. There is no charge for admission to the Visitor Education Center.

Upcoming events

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EVENTS

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front
National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



TOURS

December 2013

DAILY PROGRAMS

Led by a ranger or docent at 2 PM at the Visitor Education Center.

Tuesdays and Saturdays

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

Thursdays

Docent Flora Ninomiya shows "Blossoms and Thorns", and shares her childhood experiences in a WWII internment camp.

Sundays

Ranger Raphael Allen's program, "Women, Get a War Job!" explores the media campaign that called women to "do their part."

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WINTER CRAFTS, BOOK GIVEAWAY, HOLIDAY MUSIC AND COOKIE EXCHANGE ENSURE FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL AGES



The National Park Service will offer a free holiday program for children and families on Saturday, December 7, from 1-4 PM at the Maritime Center, 1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way, Richmond

This festive event will feature holiday crafts for kids as well as a cookie swap. Everyone is encouraged to bring two dozen homemade holiday cookies to trade with others.

In addition, a small ensemble from the Contra Costa Chorale will sing vintage holiday songs from the World War II era at 1:30 PM.

Young children will also enjoy story time at 3:30 PM, featuring books about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. West County Reads will also give away a gently used children's book to each child who attends.

Special programs

Dogs for Defense

Mondays: December 2, 9, 16 (2 PM)

Learn about how thousands of American families not only lent a hand to the World War II war effort, but lent four paws as well, by donating their family dogs to assist soldiers on the front lines and on the home front.

Pearl Harbor Anniversary Event Saturday, December 7 (9:55 AM)

On December 7, the visitor center will open at 9 AM to participate in the Pearl Harbor Commemoration Ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii. The ceremony will be broadcast at our park, so you can experience it as if you were at the live event! Reservations required. Please call (510) 232-5050 x0.

Holidays on the Home Front Saturday, December 7 (1 PM-4 PM)

Enjoy free snacks, holiday stories, wintery arts and crafts and festive songs by members of the Contra Costa Chorale. Everyone is invited to bring two dozen homemade holiday cookies for a cookie swap. Fun for all ages! This program will take place at the Maritime Center, 1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way

Rosie The Riveter Memorial Sunday, December 8 (11:30 AM)

Meet a ranger at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park for a 45-minute program exploring civilian contributions to the World War II American Home Front.

Bus Tour

**Wednesdays: December 11, 18
(10 AM-12:30 PM)**

On December 11, Ranger Raphael Allen and docent Pat Dornan co-lead a tour, "Richmond: the City That Won The Purple Heart," on a new route through Richmond and Point Richmond, exploring how World War II affected local life and work. Stops include Ferry Point, the old train station, Shipyard 3, and a visit to the Maritime Child Development Center.

On December 18, board the bus with Ranger Betty Soskin to visit key park sites while reflecting on African American home front experiences.

Space is limited on all bus tours. Call (510) 232-5050 x0 for reservations.

Upcoming events

BLOSSOMS & THORNS

A COMMUNITY UPROOTED



A POWERFUL NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM BY KEN KOKKA,
ABOUT THE WWII EXPERIENCES OF JAPANESE AMERICANS
FLOWER GROWERS IN RICHMOND

THURSDAYS

JULY 11TH THROUGH DECEMBER 19TH 2013

Time: 2:00pm

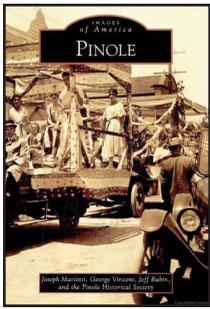
Location: Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center

Duration: 45 minute program: 20 minute movie followed by talk and questions/answers.

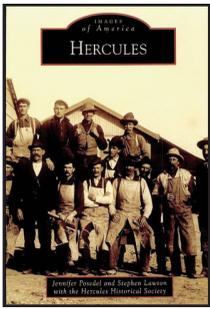
Presenters: Representative from the Japanese American Citizens League and NPS Ranger.

Program: Overview of the experience of Richmond's Japanese American citizens who were incarcerated during the Second World War.

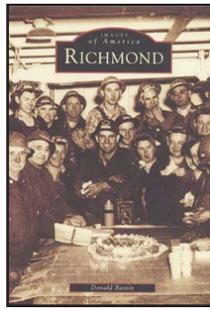
1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA (Harbour Way South Exit off 580) Phone: (510) 232-3108



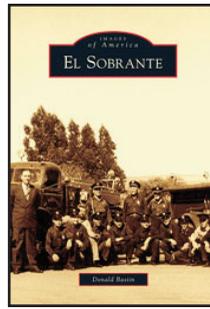
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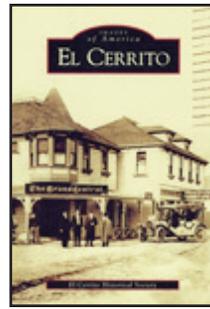
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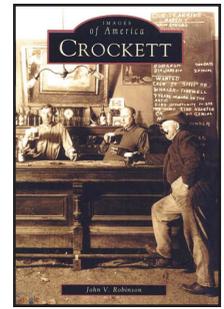
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about our surrounding communities of Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

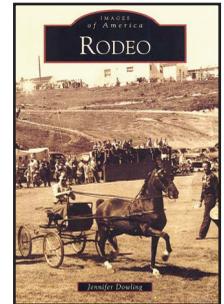
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, and El Cerrito books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

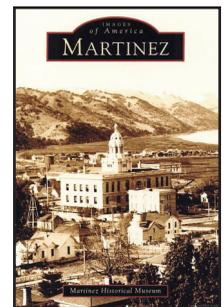
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

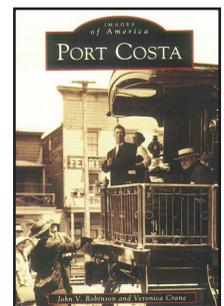
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

of Pinole books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

of Hercules books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

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of Port Costa books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**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

2014 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 2014 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: _____