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Three of Pinole's major-leaguers

FEBRUARY 12 PROGRAM

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

BASEBALL IN PINOLE

The Pinole Historical Society will kick off its 2016 series of programs with a sports focus.

Mike LeFebvre, longtime high school and college coach and current Guest Services Representative for the San Francisco Giants, will chronicle the history of base-

ball in Pinole in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," on Friday, February 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Refreshments will be served.

With Major League Spring

Training camps opening in Arizona and Florida the following week, this is a great time to feature our city's participation in our National Pastime.

Four players who attended Pinole Valley High School have played Major League baseball.

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Anne Walsh (left), starred at Pinole Valle-High School and UC Berkeley. Stephanie Tamayo (above), was a great softball player for the Spartans. She's married to Ron Rivera, head coach of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, who were heading to Super Bowl 50 against the Denver Broncos when this newsletter went to press.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

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They are:

- **Dale Sveum**, a coach for the World Champion Kansas City Royals, who enjoyed a 12-year playing career as an infielder with the Milwaukee Brewers, Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago White Sox, Oakland A's, Seattle Mariners, Pittsburgh Pirates, and New York Yankees

- **Chris Singleton**, who played six seasons as a centerfielder for the Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles, Oakland A's, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays

- **Jeff Harris**, a right-handed pitcher for the Seattle Mariners for two seasons

- **Nathan Haynes**, an outfielder for two seasons with the Anaheim Angels and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Major League teams have



Shenandoah baseball team, ca. 1913. (photo courtesy of Marilyn Bennett Ponting. Her father, Frank, is holding the bat.

drafted 17 players from Pinole Valley High School and one Pinole resident, Kenny Burrow,

a catcher who played for De Anza High School before PVHS was

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built. Burrow didn't play Major League baseball, but he played five seasons as a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League.

In addition to these baseball players, Pinole has produced several all-star softball players, including Anne Walsh and Stephanie Tamayo, who will also be profiled during this program.

Many PVHS athletes were coached by Mike LeFebvre, who taught math and physical education at PVHS, where he coached softball (15 years), football (10 years), and basketball (10 years).

He coached softball at Contra Costa College for 10 years and baseball for three years at Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville.

Mike's father, Lawrence "Big Red" LeFebvre, founded and managed the Pinole Merchants, one of the Bay Area's best semi-pro teams, in the late 1930s. He returned to Pinole after serving in World War II and resumed managing the Merchants.

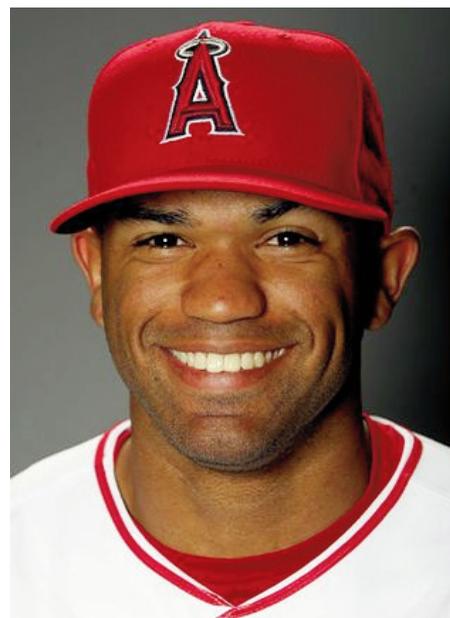
Mike works part-time for the Giants, where "I mostly talk about baseball with the fans," he says. "But I also show you where to get garlic fries, where the bathroom is, and if somebody is in your seat, I'll throw them out for you."



Our presenter, Mike LeFebvre (right) is the son of Big Red LeFebvre (above), founder of the Pinole Merchants.



Augie Galan, who lived in Tara Hills as an adult, played in the majors for 16 seasons, managed the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League and was a scout until his death in 1993. Nathan Haynes (right), was the fourth PVHS athlete to play in the majors.



PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES DRAFTED BY MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS

Seventeen players from Pinole Valley High School have been drafted by Major League teams, quite a feat for a community of Pinole's size. Also, one Pinole resident, Kenny Burrow, a catcher for De Anza High School before PVHS was built, was drafted. He played pro football instead.

The list includes: **Mark Bonini** (OF, 1988, Mets); **George Bradbury** (SS/2B, 1975, Mets); **Coley Crank** (C, 2012, DNS); **Ross Farnsworth** (LHP, 1990, Dodgers); **Travis Feeney** (OF, 2011, DNS, played football at University of Washington); **Nate**

Gercken (2015, Twins); **Jason Green** (RHP/OF, 1993, Cubs); **Jim Greenlee** (LHP, 1988, Astros, DNS); **Lamar Hall** (SS, 1987, Braves); **Jeff Harris**, (RHP, 1995, after attending University of San Francisco, Twins); **Nathan Haynes** (OF, 1997, A's); **Kurt Koehler** (RHP, 2004, Marlins); **Ronnie Mears** (SS, 1978, Twins); **Chris Singleton** (CF, 1993, Giants); **Dale Sveum** (IF, 1982, Brewers); **Corey Thomas** (RHP, 1987, Mariners); **Ray Ray Williams** (OF, 1980, Cardinals); **Kenny Burrow** (C, 1966, Dodgers, DNS, played football at Utah State and San Diego State).

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.

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7 P.M.

The Friends of the Pinole Library presents **Mark Bunnell, the Juggling Tornado** at the Pinole Library! This is a fast paced convey show that is hilarious, interactive, and clever entertainment for the whole family!

Membership drive

The Friends of the Pinole Library membership drive continues at the Pinole Farmers Market (dates below). The organization is in need of volunteers to do some lifting during setup and tear down, as well as help with the biannual sales.

Friends of the Pinole Library news

Visit the Friends of the Pinole Library Facebook page. Search for "Friends of the Pinole Library," you will find us. Mark "like" and you will be linked to us.

We need more volunteers. Our next Biannual book sale will be in May.

Our sale involves the organization of nearly 200 boxes of books that are moved, categorized, and displayed in a smoothly functional room. Please help us with this project. It is a major contributor to donations to the Library.

The Friends donated \$10,000 to the library last March. This is a result of biannual book sales, the farmers' market sales, and the daily sales of books at the library.

Thank you for being a part of this effort. It pays off. 100% of raised funds

go directly to the library and fundraising efforts. Please contact us at the Pinole Library.

In 2104/2015, 1,389 people attended Friends of the Pinole Library-sponsored programs made possible by your support.



Mark Bunnell, the Juggling Tornado



FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

FEBRUARY 13 AND 27
Pinole Farmers' Market

The 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 genres of books, accessories, CDs, and DVDs. The selection varies from week to week.

Upcoming events

Pinole **Historical** Society

February 1-29: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY 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 centu-



ry and recent photos of buildings on those sites today. This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole's history.

For more information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole, visit our website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

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!

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded most of these events for the society.

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PHS ENROLLED IN S.H.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM

The Pinole Historical Society has enrolled in Save Mart's S.H.A.R.E.S (Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports) program, a fund-raising program offered free to more than 8,500 schools, groups, and organizations by Save Mart and its affiliated stores (Lucky Supermarkets, FoodMaxx and S-Mart Foods).

Each year, Save Mart sets aside a reserve of \$4.5 million specifically to benefit those who have enrolled in S.H.A.R.E.S. It's Save Mart's way of



giving back to the communities it calls home.

Using this card on qualified purchases made at the above stores in California and Nevada will earn the Pinole Historical Society up to 3% of qualified purchases annually.

Pinole Historical Society S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are available at the

PHS booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market and at our five yearly membership programs. Or, please request a S.H.A.R.E.S. card via e-mail (info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org) and we will mail one to you. Please remember to include your street address.

PHS PROGRAMS SET FOR MAY, SEPTEMBER

We have several interesting programs lined up this year. Our focus will be not only on Pinole history, but the history of the region. We have scheduled programs for our May 13 and September 9 meetings. We'll announce our November 4 program as we move closer to that date.

Here are our scheduled programs all from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road:

May 13: The Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) operates a major archival collection documenting the history of the county at its Contra Costa History Center at 724 Escobar Street, in Martinez. CCCHS representatives will describe the collection, consisting of letters, diaries, manuscripts of writings, legal records, photographs, maps, newspapers, periodicals, and books.

September 9: Beverly Lane, former mayor of Danville and curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, will speak about the history of the San Ramon Valley, which has many parallels to the history of West Contra Costa County. Beverly is the author of the recently published book, *San Ramon Chinocles: Stories of Bygone Days*.

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>



PHS WILL BE BACK AT FARMERS' MARKET IN APRIL

As we do every year, the Pinole Historical Society is taking off the first quarter at the Pinole

Farmers' Market.

We will resume our booth in April and will be there through the end of December.

We thank you for your many years of support, and look forward to seeing you in the spring. Have a nice winter.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2016

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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2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2016 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!): _____

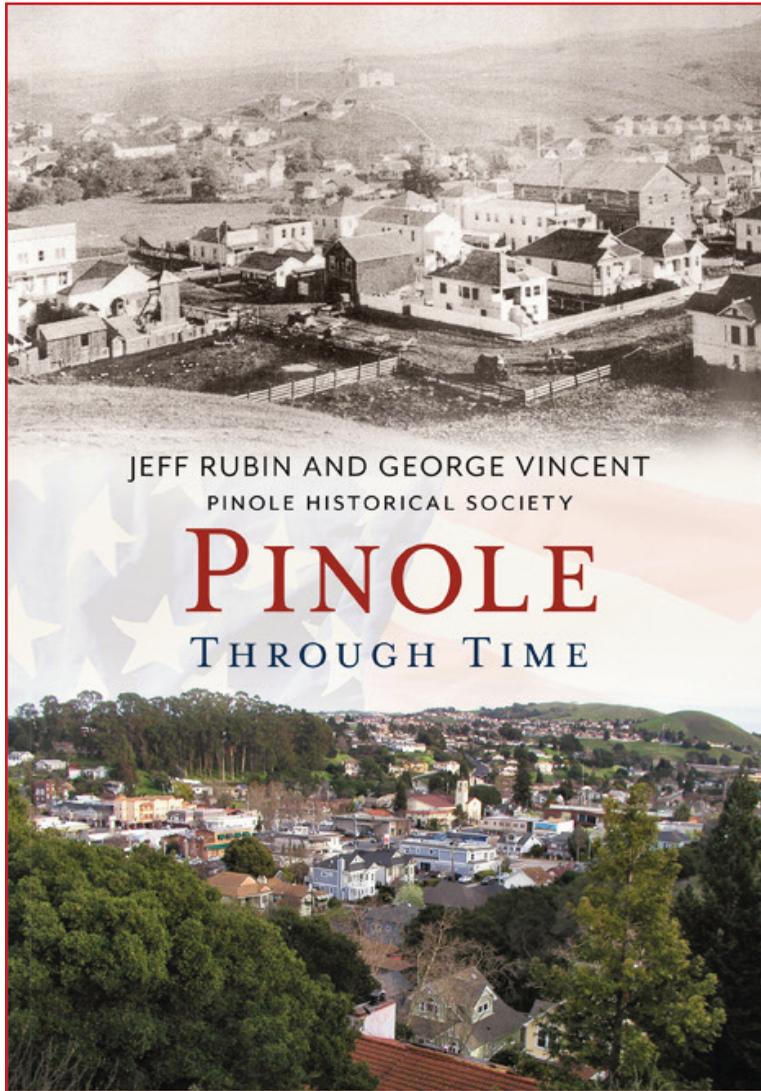
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

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

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TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____



PLENTY OF BOOKS IN STOCK
Order your book(s) today!

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MAIL TO: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564

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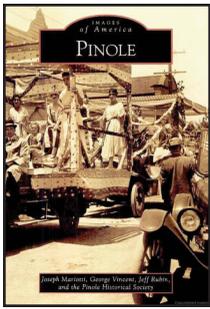
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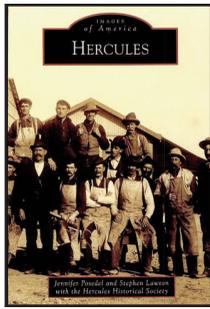
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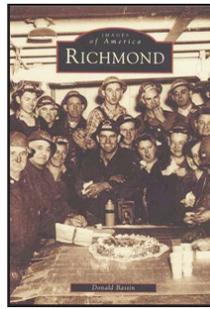
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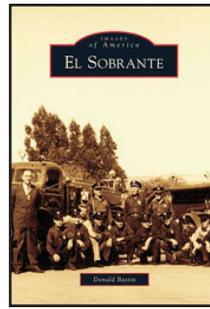
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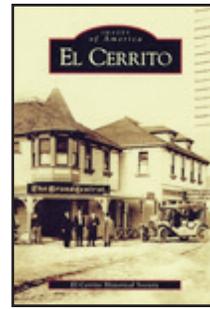
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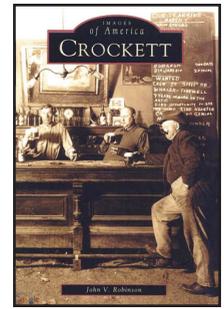
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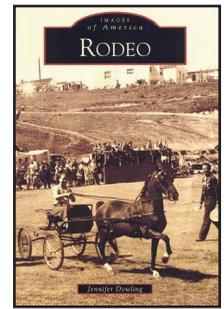
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 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.

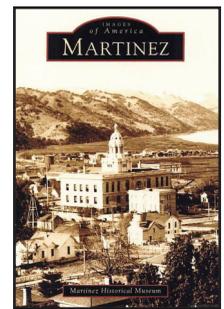
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

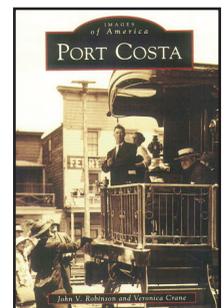
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



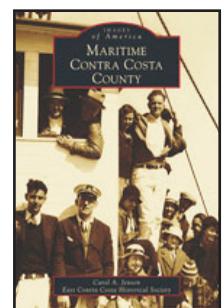
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



Maritime

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WANTED

by the

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**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



PROGRAMS

Tours
&
Events

FEBRUARY 2016

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

Junior Ranger Fun!

2/7 at 2:00PM (30 minutes)

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look

2/14 Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions, and introduce the memorial.

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

2/21 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

MONDAYS:

Rails through Richmond

2/8 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Railroads opened the West, including the City of Richmond, western terminus of the Santa Fe. Join a ranger to explore the railroad's impact on WWII, and vice versa.

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori

Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.
(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

Mondays continued...

What We Wore During the War

2/22 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

Warbling through the War Years

2/29 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

World War II produced popular music from jitterbug to broken hearts, which we'll see and hear through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

TUESDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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

***Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.**

What We Wore During the War

2/2 at 3:30 PM (30 minutes)

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WEDNESDAYS

Richmond Bus Tour with a Park Ranger (Reservations Required)

2/17 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)

Hop aboard the National Park Service bus with a Park Ranger for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

THURSDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)

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Thursdays continued...

Blossoms and Thorns

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

Rationing on the Home Front

2/5, 2/19 at 12:30 PM (45 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Learn about food rationing and share a sweet treat invented by wartime bakers.

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager

2/12 at 3:00 PM (45 minutes)

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a ranger for a 45 minute program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

"Staging Migrations Toward an American West" (Reservations Required)

2/19 at 2:00 PM (1 ½ hours)

Marta Effinger-Crichlow, chair and associate professor in the African American Studies Department at New York City College of Technology-CUNY, will discuss her book, "Staging Migrations" which examines the varied ways black women used migration to survive in the world from the viewpoint of theater and performance theory. Research for her books included oral histories from Richmond, California shipyard workers during WWII.

Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.

SATURDAYS:

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2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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**Henry J. Kaiser: “Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard”
2/27 3:30 PM (45 minutes)**

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45 minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.