



Pinole **Historical** Society E-News



Mrs. Chainey's 5th-grade class at Shannon Elementary School.

PHS PRESENTS ESSAY AWARDS TO PINOLE STUDENTS

The first Tuesday of June is a special day every year for the Pinole Historical Society. It's the last week of the school year and the day we visit Pinole schools to honor the students who participated in our annual essay contest.

This year, the question students were asked was: "If you could meet with



Mrs. Holley's 6th-grade class at Collins School.

an historic person, who would it be and what would you talk about?"

The responses were extraordinary, from Martin Luther King to Neil

Armstrong, from Harriet Tubman to Frida Kahlo, from Stephen Curry to Abraham Lincoln.

All students who participated received certificates of achievement, and seven Grand Prize winners received \$25 Target gift cards.

Pinole Vice-Mayor Peter Murray presented the awards.

MORE PHOTOS INSIDE

PHS ESSAY AWARDS



Mrs. Egan's 3rd-grade class at Ellerhorst School.



Mrs. Abersold's 4th/5th-grade class at Ellerhorst School.



Ms. Grottke's 2nd-grade class at Ellerhorst School.



Grade winners at St. Joseph Catholic School.



Miss Seuss's kindergarten class at Collins School.



Mrs. Gray's kindergarten class at Collins School.

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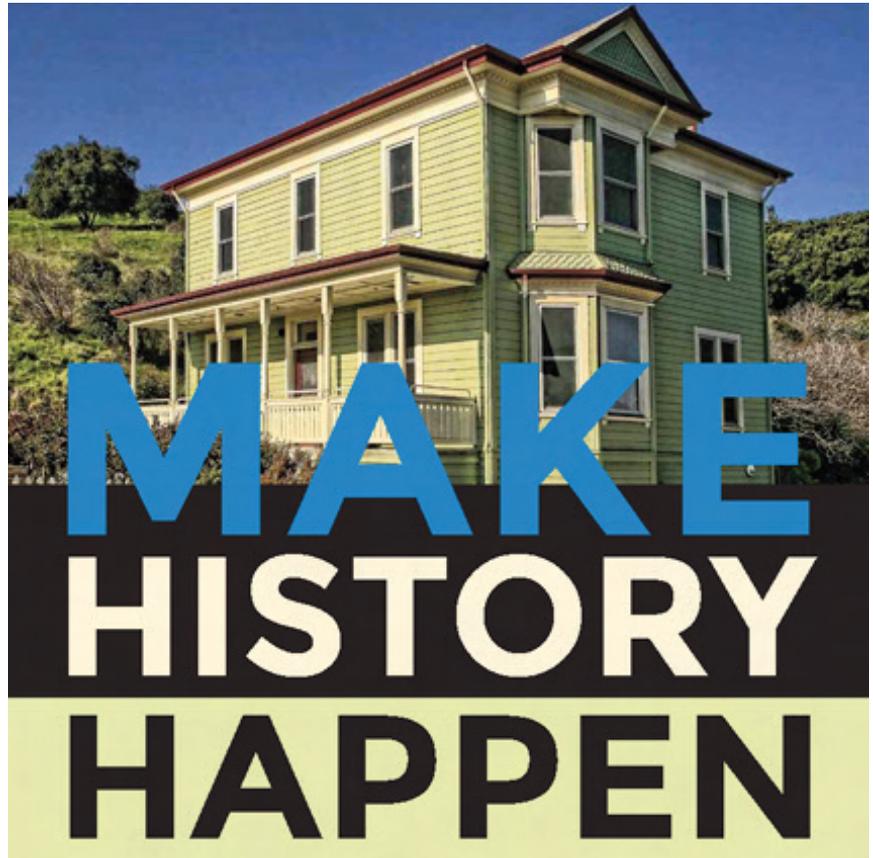
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PINOLE HISTORY MUSEUM TO HAVE BOOTH AT CAR SHOW

Lots of progress has been made on the rehabilitation of the Faria House into the Pinole History Museum.

Visit our booth at the June 24 Pinole Classic Car Show (flyer in this newsletter) to see the floor plans for the museum and pick up some fun handouts and giveaways.

AND: We'll be selling raffle tickets for a home-cooked enchilada dinner for four, which will be cooked by former Pinole City Manager Belinda Espinosa.

Museum artwork designed by Melissa Lawton



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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM JUNE 16

The Contra Costa County Historical Society will present “Highway 21: The Farm Road That Became An Interstate,” Saturday, June 16, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the historic Campbell Theater, 636 Ward Street, in downtown Martinez.

Local historians John Mercurio and Steve Minnear will present an illustrated talk about the fascinating events that characterized life along former CA State Hwy 21, from Martinez to Sunol. Please note that the Contra Costa County portion of the presentation will cover the route from Alamo south to the Alameda County border.

This key route in the East Bay followed the path of what is now “the Boulevards” — from Pacheco Boulevard in Martinez, snaking its way down along today’s North and South Main Street in Walnut Creek, through the Alamo orchards on Danville Boulevard, then continuing on through the small hamlet of Danville.

South of Danville it became San Ramon Valley Boulevard running through San Ramon to Dublin and terminating in Sunol as Foothill Road.

Highway 21 was the major transportation route during the Depression, WWII, and the Korean War. By 1964, Interstate 680 replaced Highway 21 tossing it into the dustbin of history.

Admission and parking are free. A \$10 donation is suggested at the door. All proceeds benefit the preservation work of the Contra Costa County archives.

There will be an intermission. The theater bar will be open before the talk and during intermission.

RSVP is requested. e-mail mkting@cocohistory.org or call (925) 229-1042.

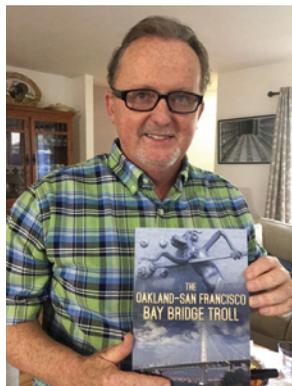
Tours of the Contra Costa History Center archives at 724 Escobar Street will be available from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.cocohistory.com.



New book for sale

Author John Robinson just celebrated the publication of his new book, *The Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge Troll*.



Friends of the Pinole Historical Society will remember John’s great program on the Bay Bridge Troll at our

September 2017 meeting.

E-mail John at jvrobins@aol.com to order a copy.

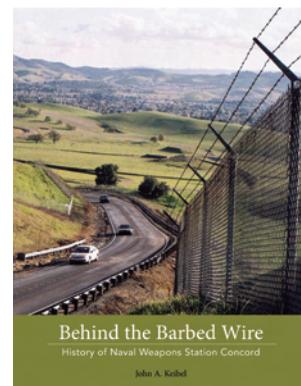
PREVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 7 PHS MEETING

Ever wonder what went on behind the barbed wire fence at Naval Weapons Station Concord?

Learn about the station’s devastating 1944 explosion, high science, flora and fauna, and much more, when Author John Keibel presents **Behind the Barbed Wire: History of Naval Weapons Station Concord**, at our September 7 quarterly 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 and is free to members and guests. Refreshments will be served.

For much of its 63-year life, this naval base was the nation’s largest West Coast ammunition transshipment port — and more.

John Keibel, author of *Behind the Barbed Wire: History of Naval Weapons Station Concord*, fleshes out the statistical history of the military facility with stories from individuals whose lives were affected by this naval base.



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Visit us at the Pinole Farmers' Market



The Pinole Historical Society is back at the Pinole Farmers' Market.

This month, please visit us on June 9 and 23 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.

We'll be at the farmers' market on alternate Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. through December.

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

Pinole's Classic **CAR SHOW**



FERNANDEZ PARK | DOWNTOWN PINOLE

RAFFLE | CONTESTS | FOOD | AWARDS | MUSIC

7AM - 3PM | JUNE 24, 2018

For more information please call Megan at 510.283.5757

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.



SUPPORT THE PHS BY SHOPPING AT AMAZONSMILE

There's a simple and automatic way for you to support the Pinole Historical Society when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

You'll find the exact same prices, selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PHS.

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Please support the PHS every time you shop at AmazonSmile.

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 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!

Pinole 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.

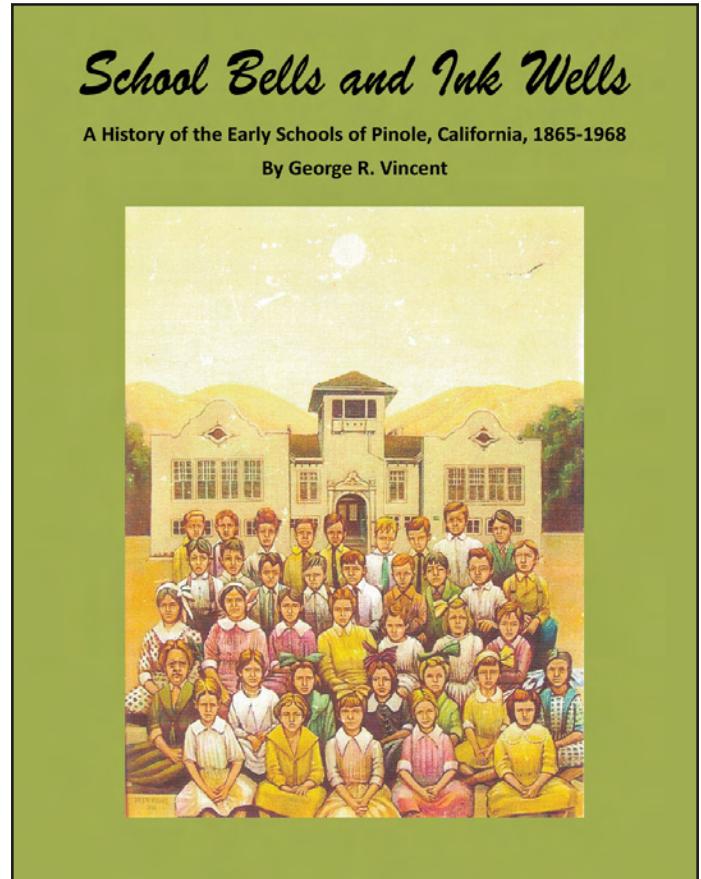
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

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

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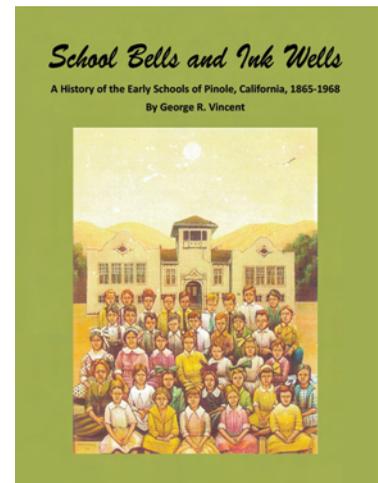
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of books (\$30 per book, includes sales tax and postage) _____

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 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, September 7

Friday, November 2

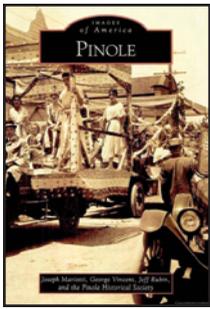
All of these meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.



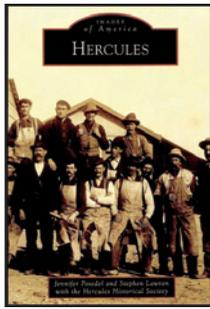
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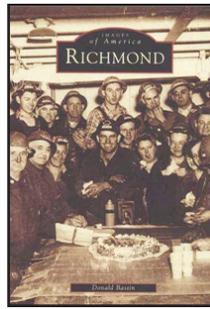
We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.



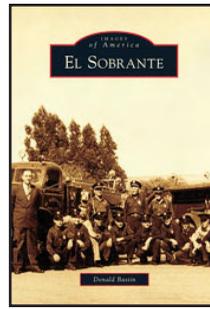
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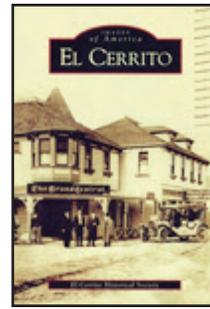
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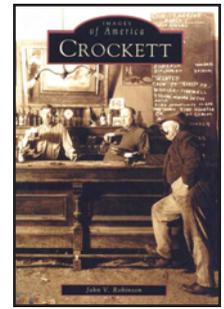
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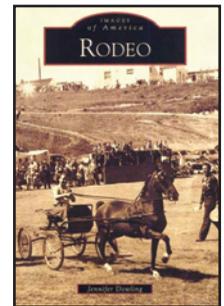
Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

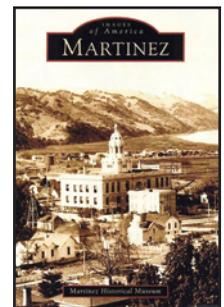
The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Pinole Through Time, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, Maritime Contra Costa County, and the East Bay Hills at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December. The Pinole, 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.

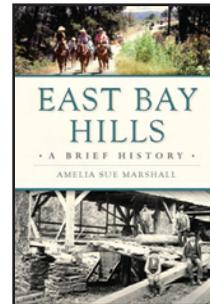
Mail order prices (below) include shipping. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and Discover credit cards.



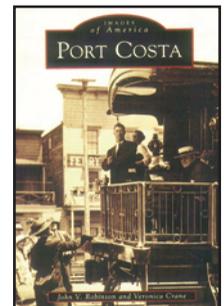
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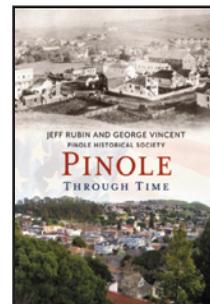
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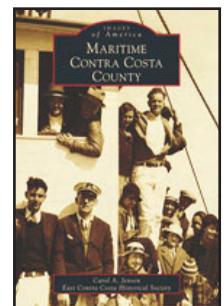
East Bay Hills



Port Costa



Pinole Through Time



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

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Flag Holidays

Every 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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