



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

DR. JOE'S MEMORIAL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Pinole community is invited to attend a memorial for Dr. Joseph Mariotti at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, on the front lawn of his home, the former Fernandez Mansion, 100 Tennent Avenue, Pinole. Dr. Joe died October 5. He was 82.

The Mariotti family requests donations in Dr. Joe's memory be made to the Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564, or the Pinole Garden Club, P.O. Box 25, Pinole, CA 94564.





WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL, PHS MEETING, IN NOVEMBER

On Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m., the Pinole Historical Society will conduct its sixth annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park. The event will feature Boy Scout Troop 86, West Contra Costa Girl

Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, several local schools, the Pinole Valley High School Marching Band, Pinole Valley High School a Capella Choir, and elected officials — plus a few surprises.

Songs, speeches, remembrances, and tributes will decorate the hour-long ceremony, which concludes with the retirement of worn U.S. flags by the Boy Scouts. Please bring your flags to the ceremony, where they will be retired with proper respect. There is no charge to have a flag retired.



USS GAMBIER BAY (CVE 73)

Later that week, on Friday, November 15, Herman Privette Sr., a Pinole resident who survived the October 25, 1944, sinking of the the USS Gambier Bay, a U.S. Navy Casablanca-class escort carrier, in the Battle off Samar in the Philippines, will

be the guest speaker at the Pinole Historical Society's membership meeting and program in Conference Rooms 1A and 1B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The program will include the viewing of a 30-minute DVD on the sinking of the Gambier Bay.

Pinole Historical Society meetings are free and open to members, their guests, and the public. Please join us.

PHS BOARD MEETS NOVEMBER 13 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 November 13.



Visit the PHS at the Pinole Farmers' Market. The remainder of our 2013 schedule is November 9 and 23, December 7 and 21. Please stop by and say hello.



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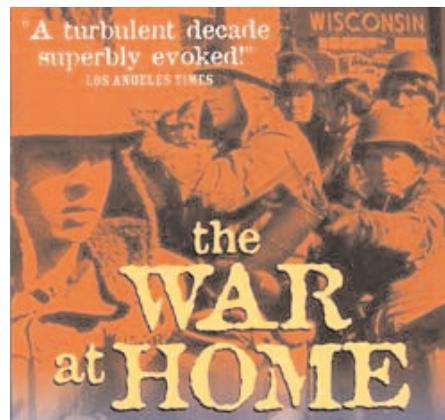
Find out more about Pinole's history by using your smartphone to scan this QR code.

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."

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PHS INTERVIEWS 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.

UPCOMING PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The 2013 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society are being held

on Friday evenings at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building on Pinole Valley Road.

The last 2013 meeting is:

• November 15

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting. Tell your friends!

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

THE EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

El Cerrito Goes Modern

Sunday, November 3, 2 p.m. Free.

You may not know it, but El Cerrito is one of the most mid-century modern cities in the Bay Area, judging by the number of glass-walled, open-planned, and often quite beautiful homes that were built here from the 1940s through the 1970s.

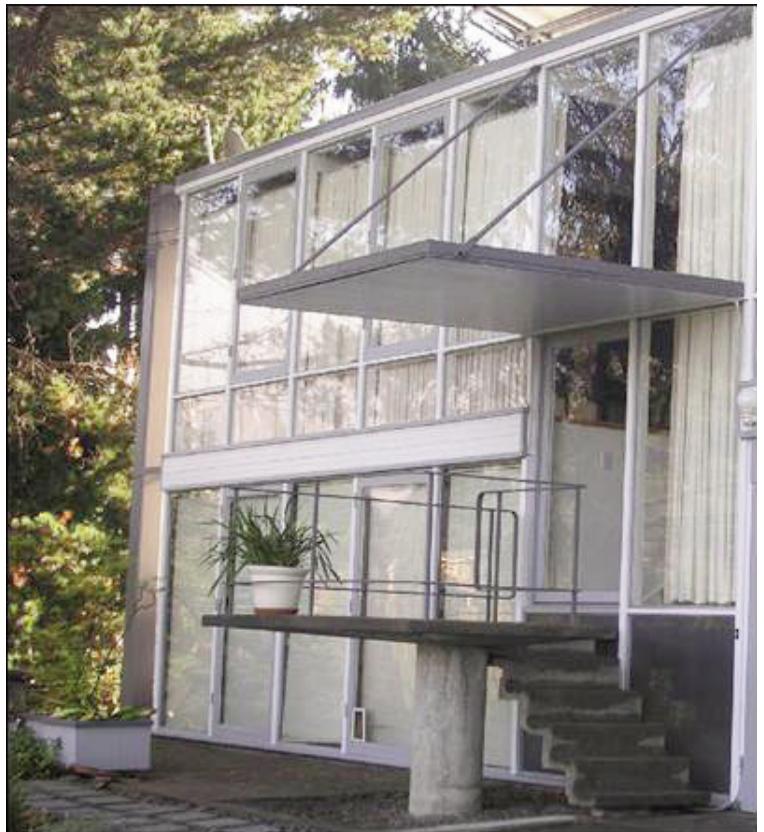
Many of these homes remain intact or nearly so, and are one of the city's important cultural resources. "Mid-century modern" refers to a style, indebted to Frank Lloyd Wright, that emphasized simple designs and indoor-outdoor spaces.

Visit the Taves House, at 1366 Brewster Street, designed in 1953 by Berkeley architect Don Olsen, and once home to singer Lou Gottlieb of the Limelighters. Tour the house, hear author Dave Weinstein discuss Olsen's career and El Cerrito's modernist legacy, and meet two other great East Bay modern architects, Henrik Bull and Jack Robbins.

Please RSVP to Dave Weinstein
(510) 524-1737

davidsweinstein@yahoo.com

This event is not wheelchair accessible.



WE'RE 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.

Upcoming events

Rosie the Riveter/MWII Home Front
National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



TOURS

November 2013

DAILY TOURS

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."

Special Programs (More On Other Side)

■ Dogs for Defense

Mondays: November 4, 11, 18 (2 PM)

Learn about how thousands of American families not only lent a hand to the WWII 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.

■ Celebrate Veteran's Day at the SS Red Oak Victory

Monday: 11/11 (10 AM)

Arrive at 10 AM for coffee, and watch the ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated Riggers Loft at 10:30. A Veteran's Day celebration program will follow. Ranger tours of Shipyard no. 3 and live music will wrap up the event. The ship is located at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond, CA. Call 510-237-2933 for directions.

All tours and programs take place at the visitor center unless otherwise noted.

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 94804.
(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building - through the Security Gate).

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■ **Vintage Arts and Crafts with a Ranger**

Saturday 11/16 (10 AM-1 PM)

Bring your kids to the Maritime Center for vintage art projects with a ranger, using recycled or household materials, like children used to make during the WWII years. The Maritime Center is located at 1014 Florida Avenue, at the corner of Harbour Way. RSVP to: lucien_sonder@nps.gov

■ **Rosie the Riveter Memorial**

Sunday 11/17 (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 WWII American Home Front.

■ **Bus Tour**

Wed 11/6 and 11/20 (10 AM-12:30 PM)

Take a city bus tour 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 x. 0 for reservations.

■ **Wartime Toys for Girls and Boys**

Saturday 11/16 (3 PM)

Join us for a discussion about WWII-era toys, presented by two toy collectors. This program coincides with the exhibit, "Kids in WWII: Imagination & Reality," which will run in the Visitor Center from November 2013-March 2014.

■ **"It's A Wonderful Life" (and Park)**

Friday 11/29 (2 PM)

The director of this beloved film, Frank Capra, was commissioned to direct the "Why We Fight" propaganda films for the military during WWII.

Put off your holiday shopping and come see Capra's post-war holiday classic starring Jimmy Stewart as the troubled George Bailey, who is visited by an angel who shows him the significance of his life and the difference he made in his community.

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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

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

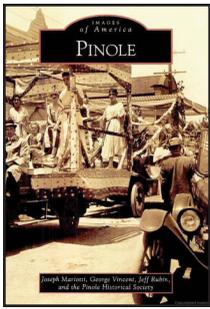
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Duration: 45 minute program: 20 minute movie followed by talk and questions/answers.

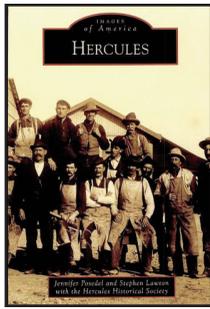
Presenters: Representative from the Japanese American Citizens League and NPS Ranger.

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

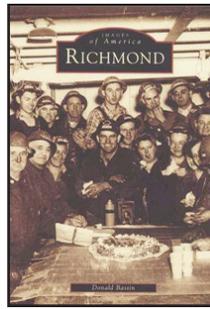
1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA (Harbour Way South Exit off 580) Phone: (510) 232-3108



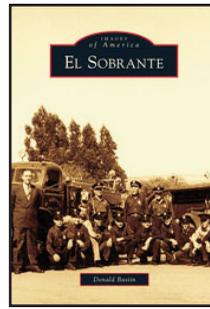
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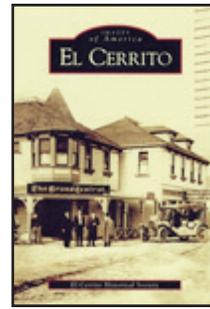
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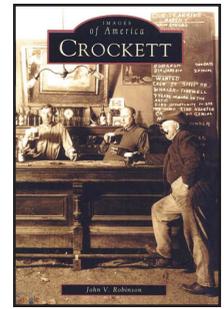
Richmond



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.

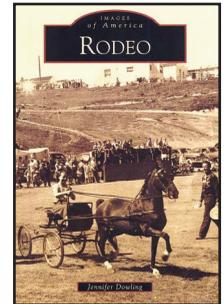
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

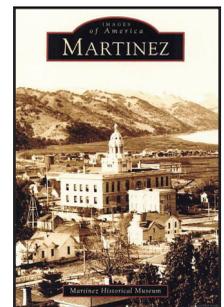
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

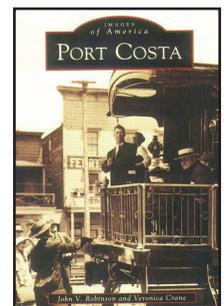
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
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- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

**Please mail your check for the total amount due,
payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:
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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!

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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: _____