



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

BOOK-SIGNING, 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANK OF PINOLE, AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

The Pinole Historical Society celebrated the publication of its new book, *Pinole Through Time*, written by PHS board members Jeff Rubin and George Vincent, and the 100th anniversary of the Bank of Pinole building, on Friday, October 2, inside the Bank of Pinole, with a catered party and book-signing.

The event featured short speeches by Edward M. Downer III, grandson of former mayor of Pinole Edward M. Downer, who built the Bank of Pinole building in 1915, and George Vincent, who gave an impassioned plea for the establishment of a museum in Pinole, preferably

in the Bank of Pinole building.

The JewelTones, an a cappella chorus from Palo Alto, sang songs from the 1930s and 1940s.

Pinole Through Time contains 192 old and new comparative photographs showing how Pinole changed through the 19th and 20th centuries and into the 21st century.

There are detailed and extensive captions packed with historical information accompanying each photograph.

There is an order form in this newsletter.



The JewelTones bedazzled the crowd at the October 2 event, singing a selection of memorable tunes. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

NOVEMBER 6 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THE 1915 PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION...INSIDE

BOOK-SIGNING...Photos by Clyde Maskal



ABOVE: Edward M. Downer III (left) introduced his wife, Yoshimi, to Pinole Councilman Roy Swearingen (center). **RIGHT:** George Vincent spoke about the history of the Bank of Pinole and the need for a museum for the city.



PHS PRESIDENT JEFF RUBIN TO SPEAK ABOUT BOOK



The Contra Costa County Historical Society invites you to an Open House featuring a guest speaker and a tour of the County archives!

EVENT: *Inaugural Author in the Archives series and Open House.*

Join us for an Open House featuring a special guest from Pinole, and a tour of the County archives in celebration of American Archives Month.

Jeff Rubin, President of the Pinole Historical Society, will talk about how he used archives, both local and afar, to produce his new book "Pinole Through Time". You'll enjoy hearing about his journey through the various archives he used and how you can incorporate various archives in your research. Be prepared for some fun stories!

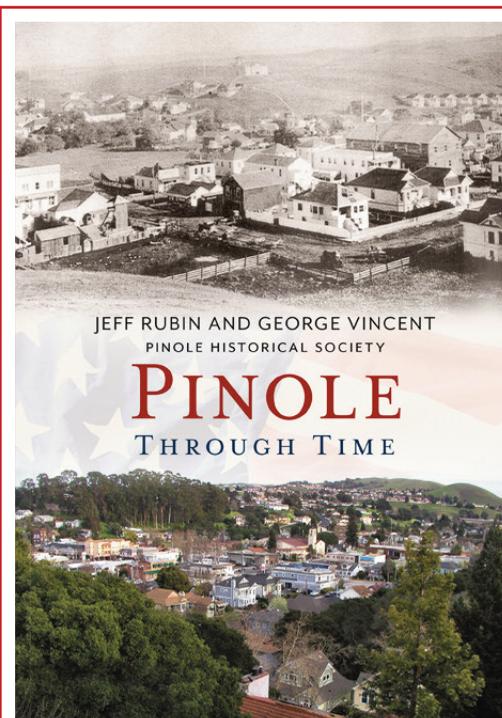
Following Jeff Rubin will be tours of the County archives. Take advantage of this special opportunity to see how CCCHS preserves delicate records and special collections.

WHEN: *Saturday, October 17, 2015 Jeff's talk begins at 12:00pm and 2:00pm*

WHERE: *Contra Costa County History Center
724 Escobar Street, Martinez*

DETAILS: *Admission is free. Parking is free on Saturdays. Refreshments will be served. RSVP is not required.*

Co-author of *Pinole Through Time* Jeff Rubin will speak at the Contra Costa County Historical Society on Saturday, October 17, about using archives to research local-history books. See the flyer at the left.



There is a mail-order form for the book in this newsletter.

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>



FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Pinole Library will host one of its bi-annual book sales on October 17 at the library.

Members and "same-day" new members will be admitted at 9 a.m. The public is welcome at 10 a.m. All members will receive 10% off their total cost for books, CDs, DVDs, games, and all other items for sale.

Pick up books in excellent and like-new condition. Thousands of books will be on display, sorted into more than 25 different categories, with additional author boxes featuring books by Danielle Steele, James Patterson, Patricia Cornwell, and others.

All items for sale have been donated to the Friends of the Pinole Library. The proceeds of the sale will support the purchase of books, needed equipment, and programs for the library.



FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

OCTOBER 10 AND 24
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.



Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony

11:00 a.m.—noon

Fernandez Park

Sponsored by the Pinole Historical Society

Veterans Luncheon

noon—2:00 p.m.

Pinole Senior Center

Open to All. Advance Ticket Purchase Required.

For more information call (510) 724-9802

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SET FOR NOVEMBER 11

The eighth annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, in Fernandez Park.

The event will feature Boy Scout Troop 86, West Contra Costa Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Joseph School students and choir, the Pinole Valley High School Marching Band, Pinole Youth Commissioners, and elected officials.

Songs, speeches, remembrances, tributes, and the retirement of worn U.S. flags by the Boy Scouts will highlight the hour-long ceremony. Please bring your flags to the ceremony, where they will be retired

with proper respect. There is no charge to retire a flag. The PHS will have new, American-made flags for sale (\$25; \$20 for PHS members).

For more information, call (510) 724-9507.

VETERANS LUNCHEON AT THE PINOLE SENIOR CENTER: The Pinole Senior Center will be serving a special Veterans Day meal at noon, immediately following the flag-retirement ceremony. Advance ticket purchase is required. See the flyer in the back of this newsletter for details. Call (510) 724-9802 for more information.

West Contra Costa Unified School District board member Valerie Cuevas attended the Pinole Historical Society's September 11 program, at which PHS Vice President George Vincent spoke about the history of the early schools in Pinole. Pictured are (seated, L-R) PHS board members Marcia Kalapus, Norma Martinez-Rubin, Jo Ann Gannotti, and Mary McMains; and (standing, L-R): Valerie Cuevas and PHS board members George Vincent, Mary Drazba, and Jeff Rubin.



PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY'S WEBSITE

Several PHS programs have been added to the City of Pinole website:

www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html

- 2012 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- 2013 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- 2014 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement.
- Japanese American Internment program (2012).
- Old School bell dedication (2013).

- February 7, 2014, program: "Bars, Barbers, and Characters of Early Pinole."
- September 5, 2014, program: "Presidential Rosies."
- November 7, 2014, program: "Maritime Contra Costa County."

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

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY on the city's website to find all the Pinole history programs.

November 6 program

PHS will present author of new book about the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition

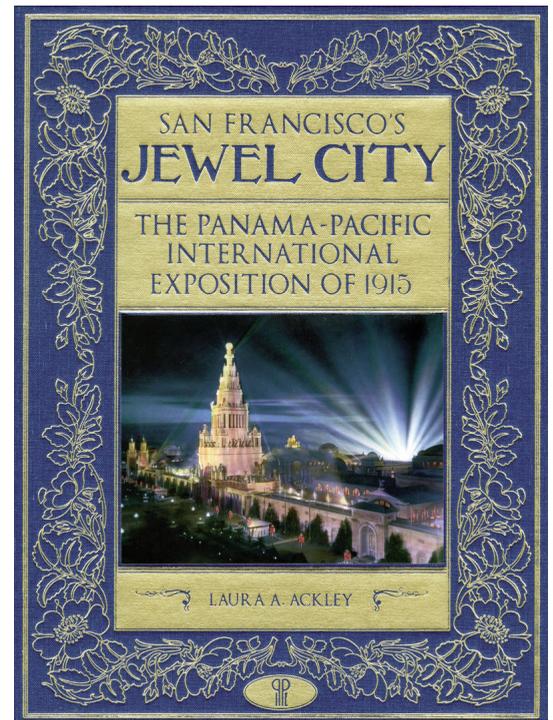
Author Laura Ackley (*San Francisco's Jewel City: The Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915*) will take the November 6 PHS audience on a whirlwind tour of the fair from its original concept in 1904 through its development and all the way to its gala opening in February 1915.

We'll peek inside the gorgeous exhibit palaces for a look at just a few of the wonders therein, and finish with some of the attractions on the Joy Zone, the PPIE's midway.

Laura will show dozens of amazing photos, lantern slides, postcards, souvenirs, and panoramas.

2015 marks the centennial year of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, when host city San Francisco emerged from the ashes of an earthquake and fire as a center of beauty and progress.

As always, the program 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. Refreshments will be served.



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Upcoming events

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October 1-31: 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.

Oct. 17, 31: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS' MARKET SALE

The Pinole Historical Society has 11 area history books, greeting cards, postcards, Fernandez Mansion magnets, Old School magnets, and U.S. flags. One or more of these items will be on sale at today's farmers' market. They are great additions to your history library and make wonderful gifts.

Included in this collection is *Pinole Through Time*,



the new book about Pinole. There is an order form for the new book in this newsletter.

Our booth location at the farmers' market has been changed. We are now in the parking lot with the food vendors — pastries, kettle corn, breads, etc.

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THE WORLD WAR II ENEMY ALIEN PROGRAM AND LESSONS FOR TODAY

A series uncovering the treatment of German, Italian, and Japanese immigrants during World War II

On Saturday, October 24 and November 14 at 11 AM, the Rosie The Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park will host the second and third programs in a three-part series uncovering the treatment of “enemy alien” immigrants in the U.S. and Latin America by the U.S. government during World War II.

The series concludes with these two programs:

October 24: “German, Italian and Japanese Immigrants in the U.S. & the World War II Enemy Alien Program.”

November 14: “U.S. Rendition of Japanese, Germans & Italians from Latin America During World War II.”

Focusing on “The World War II Enemy Alien Program and Lessons for Today,” program speakers include:

- **Lawrence DiStasi**, past president of the American Italian Historical Association/Western Regional Chapter; Project Director of *Una Storia Segreta: When Italian Americans Were “Enemy Aliens”* exhibit; and author of *Una Storia Segreta: Essays on the World War II Internment and Evacuation of Italian Americans* (2001).

- **John Christgau**, author of numerous books, short stories and articles, including *ENEMIES: WWII Alien Internment*, the first book published about the highly secret World War II alien enemy internment program (1985, 2010); and frequent guest lecturer to professional and educational groups.

- **Grace Shimizu**, director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the Campaign For Justice: Redress NOW for Japanese Latin Americans!, and coordinator of the Enemy Alien Files Consortium.

This first program in the series on September 12 explored how wartime fears, anti-immigrant attitudes and racism affected men, women and children against whom no charges of wrong-doing were ever brought.

Throughout the 1930s, as turmoil in Europe and Asia escalated, the U.S. government prepared for the possibility of U.S. involvement in war. Preparations included surveillance of German, Japanese and Ital-

ian immigrants — both in the U.S. and Latin America, compiling lists of “potentially dangerous persons,” alien registration, and planning for internment and deportation.

On the day Pearl Harbor was attacked, FBI and INS agents began arresting aliens, many thousands of whom were interned for up to seven years. The U.S. government also went outside its borders to bring more than 6,000 German, Japanese, and Italian residents of Latin America to internment camps all over the United States. Many of these internees were deported to war-torn countries in hostage exchanges for U.S. citizens trapped abroad.

Many of the actions taken during World War II, including the mass incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans (two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens), were based on presidential Executive Orders, bypassing Congress and the Constitution.

Since the Afghanistan/Iraq War and even before 9/11, Muslims and people of Middle Eastern and South Asian ancestry have struggled against stereotypes based on their national origin or religion. Their civil rights are still at risk as the government attempts to balance legitimate national security concerns with the protection of individual liberties.

This nation has grappled with these issues before. What can we learn from the hidden World War II experiences of “enemy aliens”?

Space is limited and reservations are required for these programs. Please call (510) 232-5050, ext. 0, and leave a message with your name and phone number, and specify the date of the program you would like to attend.

The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, is open seven days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call (510) 232-5050, ext. 0, or visit www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm. Admission is free to the Visitor Center as well as all park sites and programs.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming park events, please visit www.rosietheriveter.org and sign up for an e-mail newsletter.



ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK WELCOMES FOURTH-GRADE STUDENTS THROUGH “EVERY KID IN A PARK” INITIATIVE

PROGRAM ENCOURAGES FAMILIES, CLASSES TO VISIT NATIONAL PARKS

The Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park invites all fourth-grade students to visit the park as part of the White House’s new “Every Kid in a Park” program.

Fourth-grade students can go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual Every Kid in a Park entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

The pass may be used from September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016.

“This is an exciting time as the National Park Service begins its centennial celebration. We’re offering a special invitation to fourth-graders and their families to discover everything that national parks offer, including films, walks along the Bay Trail, meeting with real Rosies, and Junior Ranger activities here at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Site,” said Acting Superintendent Sue Fritzke.

The website also includes fun and engaging learn-



ing activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

In addition to providing every fourth-grader in America a free entry pass for national parks and federal public lands and waters, fourth-grade educators, youth group leaders and their students across the country will also participate in the program through field trips and other

learning experiences.

Educators working with fourth-graders who are interested in visiting Rosie the Riveter/World War II National Historical Park should contact (510) 232-5040, ext. 0, to arrange their visit.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect fourth-graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come.

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.

*The Pinole Historical Society
and the
City of Pinole*

invite you to participate in the
8th annual

**VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL AND
FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

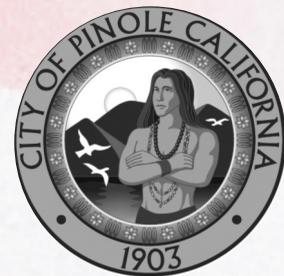
11 a.m.-noon, Fernandez Park, Pinole

Please join us as we honor our veterans,
past and present, living and deceased.

*To donate a flag for the retirement ceremony,
please call (510) 724-9507
or e-mail info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.*

For more information, contact the
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VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

**WED. NOVEMBER 11, 2015
AT 12 NOON**

Doors open at 11am

First 50 Senior Center Member Veterans **FREE**
(must show veteran card AND membership card)

Veterans **\$3.50**
(must show veteran card)

Non-Veterans (regular ticket) **\$7.00**

Advance Ticket Purchase Required

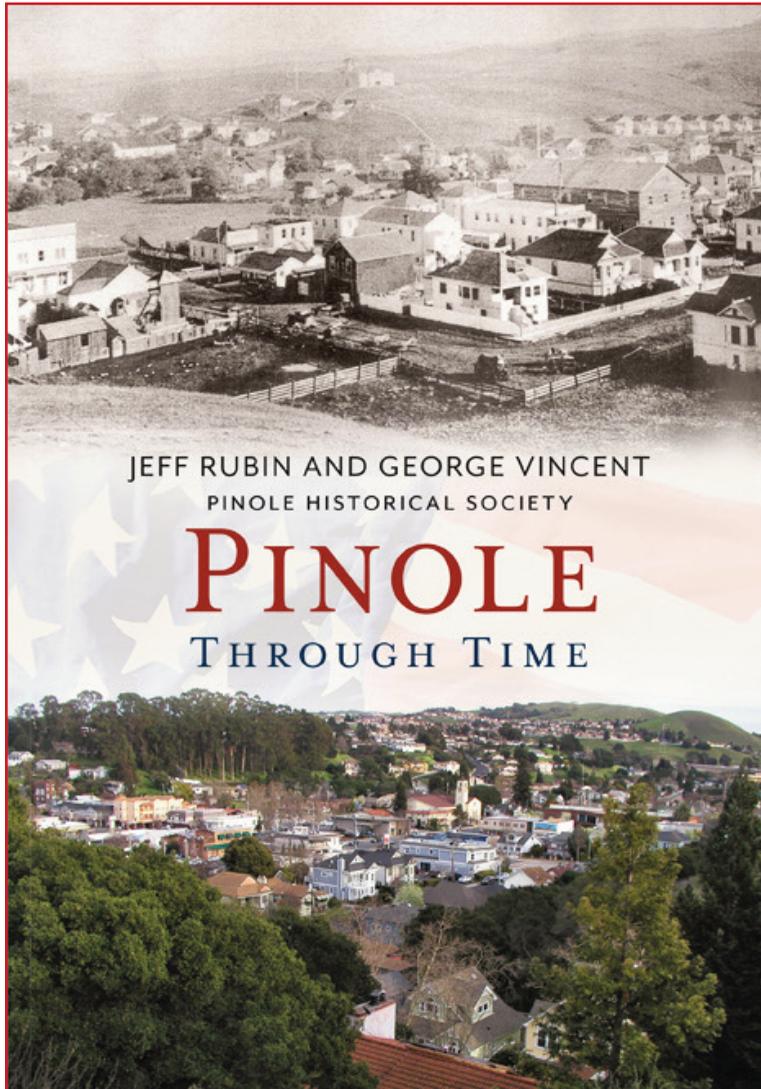
**MENU: BBQ CHICKEN, SALAD, POTATOES,
VEGETABLES, COFFEE & DESSERT**

LIVE MUSIC & RAFFLE

Tickets on Sale September 10, 2015
Tickets can be Purchased at the
Senior Center front desk



Pinole Senior Center 2500 Charles Ave Pinole, CA 94564
(510) 724 9800



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PINOLE THROUGH TIME

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

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

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WANTED

by the
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

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info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org



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): _____

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PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

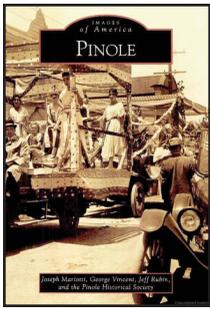
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

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

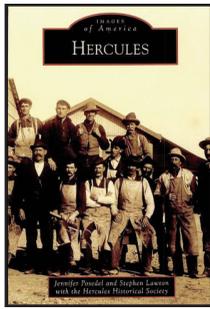
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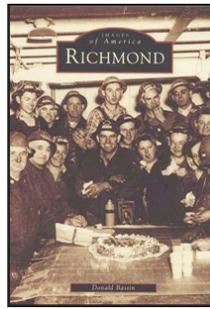
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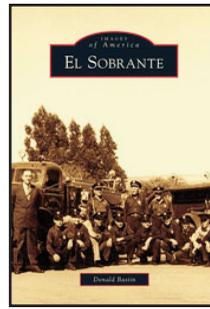
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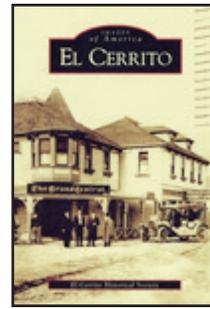
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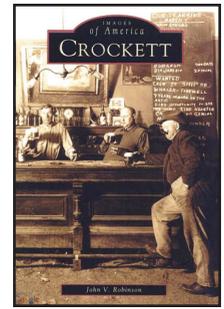
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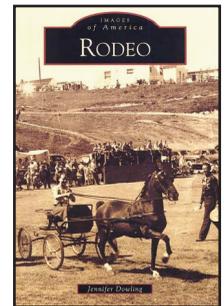
LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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.

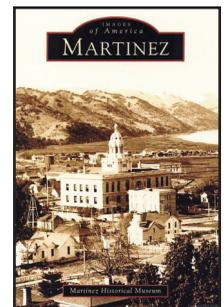
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books are \$24, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including sales tax.

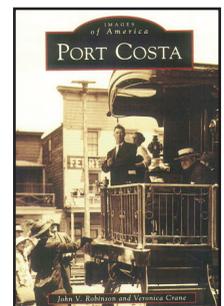
Or, you may order one or more by mail. See the mail-order form below for instructions. We now accept credit cards.



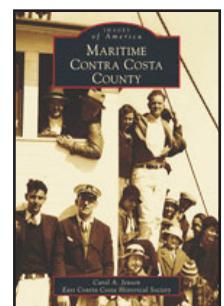
Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa



Maritime

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