



Pinole **Historical** Society E-News

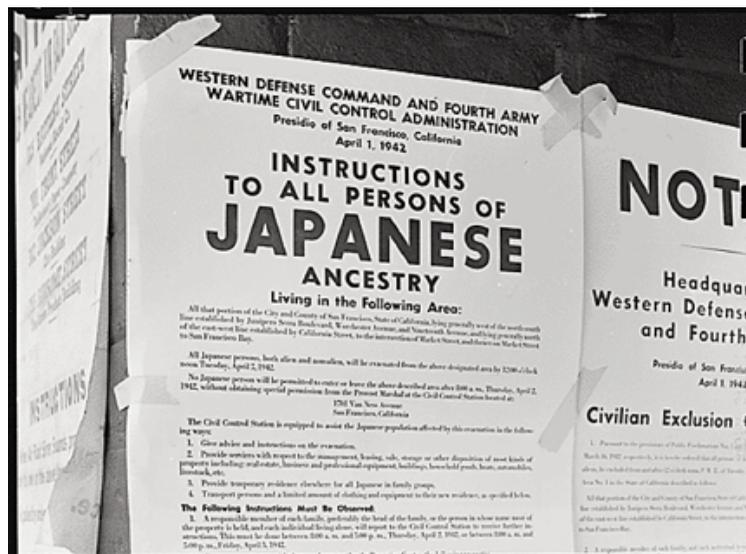
September 6 PHS program

VIDEOS AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN U.S. CITIZENS

The internment of Japanese-American citizens during World War II will be the subject of a joint program between the Pinole Historical Society and Pinole Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. this Thursday, September 6, at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building in Pinole.

“Internment Memories: Japanese-Americans remember life during World War II”

will feature a panel of local Japanese-American citizens who were interned, and videos about the three-year incarceration of more than 110,000



citizens in 10 camps throughout the West.

The PHS and Pinole Library thank Barbara Saito, of the Contra Costa chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and Tom Panas, of the El Cerrito Historical Society, for their help in putting together this program.

This program will be a prelude to a September 29 appearance at the Hercules

Library by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, co-author of *Farewell to Manzanar*, the acclaimed book about her life in California’s Manzanar internment camp.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAM ON INTERNMENT CAMPS

A program focusing on the Japanese-American internment is held every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, in Richmond.

A flyer about this program is in this newsletter. The movie “Blossoms and Thorns” is viewed, followed by a Q&A with community members who were at the internment camps. For more information, call (510) 232-5050, ext. 6624.

PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our programs on Pinole Community TV?

Not a problem. The city's website now 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!

DR. JOE TO BE HONORED AT NOVEMBER 11 DINNER

The Pinole Historical Society is having two events on Sunday, November 11, that are of considerable interest to Pinole residents.

November 11 is Veterans Day. This year the PHS will conduct its 5th Annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony at 11 a.m. in Fernandez Park.

And, later that afternoon, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center, the society will honor Dr. Joseph Mariotti, co-founder of the Pinole Historical Society, with a lifetime achievement award. We're calling this event "Joe's Party."

Dr. Joe's civic achievements are numerous. As an orthopaedic surgeon, he was the team physician for Pinole Valley High School for 32 years.

He is a longtime environmentalist and conserva-



tionist who has served on the Save Contra Costa Shoreline Committee, Hercules Environmental Resources Committee, Urban Creek Council, East Bay Regional Parks Advisory Committee, Contra Costa County Plastic Recycling Advisory Committee, Coastal Clean-Up, West Contra Costa Environmental Education Committee, and the Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed.

And, he was a member of the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee from 2003-2010 and is a member of the Pinole Garden Club, which honored him with a ceremony on March 22, 2011, by planting a Crape

Myrtle tree in his honor at Bayfront Park.

Tickets for Joe's Party will be on sale soon. Please circle November 11 on your calendars as a day to celebrate Pinole.

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PHS BOARD MEETS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, 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 Wednesday, September 12. Please feel free to join us. Items on the agenda include:

- Fall PHS fundraiser
- November membership meeting program
- November 11 Veterans Day event
- Plans for Joe's Party.

PINOLE COMMUNITY TV FUNDRAISING DINNER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Community members who value the contributions of Pinole Community Television to the city are invited to support the TV station at a fundraising on Thursday, September 27, at the Pinole Senior Center.

Help keep Pinole Community TV intact and televising community events. This event includes a giant pasta feed, raffle, and entertainment provided by the Jun Simundo Band.

Tickets are only \$20.

See the flyer (at right) for information on ordering tickets.

HISTORICAL VIDEO ON EL SOBRANTE

Thanks to Richard Oliver for alerting us to a marvelous YouTube video about El Sobrante shot in 1958.

You'll find it at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzLuCIThM0&feature=youtu.be>



2012 Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, September 27

6-9 p.m.

**Pinole Senior Center
2500 Charles Avenue**



- **NO-HOST BAR**
- **GIANT PASTA FEED**
- **RAFFLE: INCLUDING FLAT-SCREEN TV**
- **ENTERTAINMENT: Jun Simundo Band**

Tickets only \$20

ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

**MAIL CHECKS TO PINOLE COMMUNITY TV, 635 TENNENT AVENUE,
PINOLE, CA 94564. TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR.**

**For more information, contact Pinole Community TV
Cable Access Coordinator Dave Snell at
(510) 741-3862 (dsnell@ci.pinole.ca.us)
or dinner chairman Bob Kopp at (510) 772-0016.**



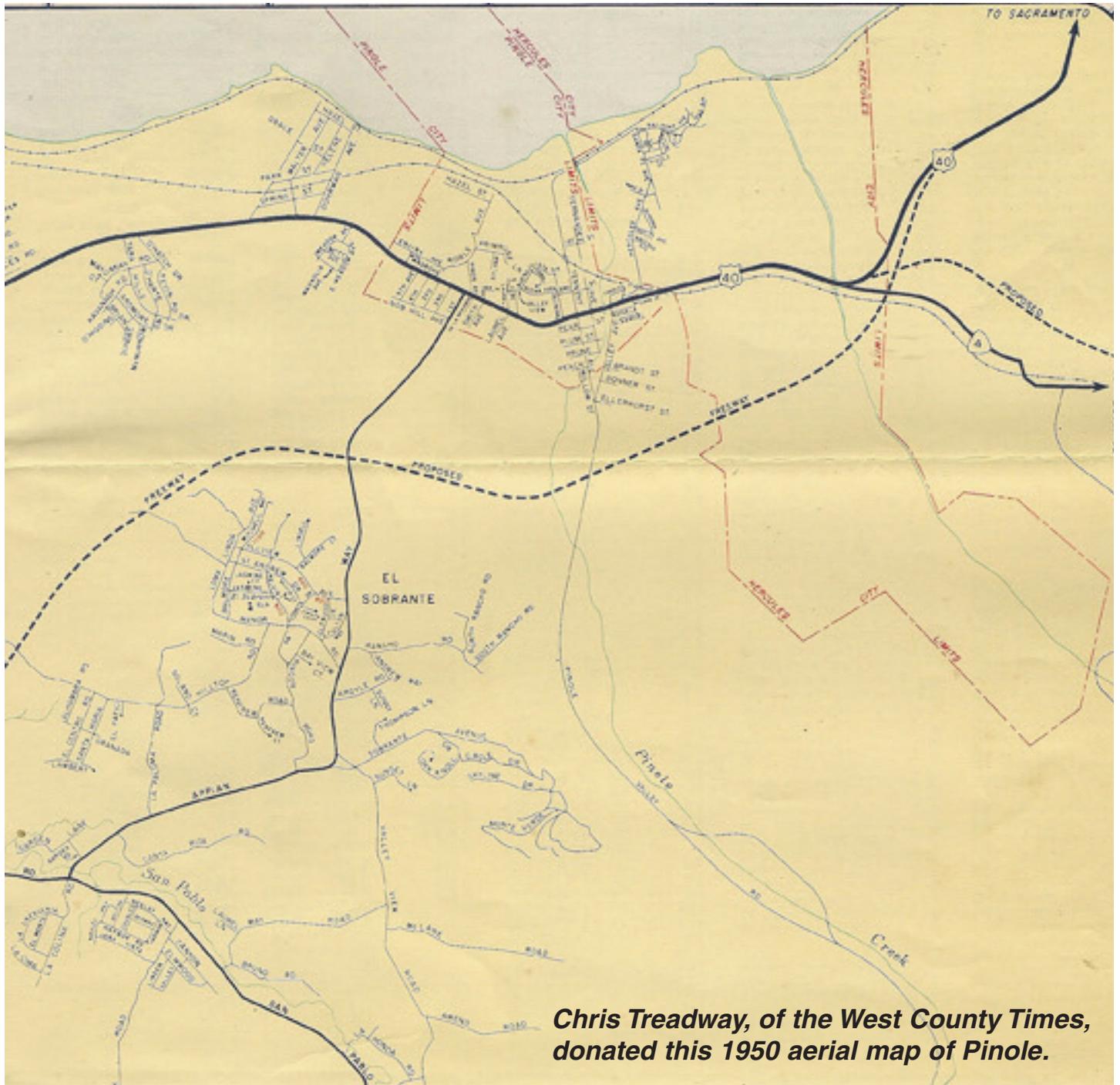
For your generosity

Mike LeFebvre (right) donated this pre-1960s Pinole Babe Ruth League wool jersey to the PHS. It may have been worn by batboy Louis Milhollin, as it does not have a number on the back.



Chris Treadway, of the West County Times, donated this photo of the Fernandez Mansion, one of Pinole's iconic buildings.





Chris Treadway, of the West County Times, donated this 1950 aerial map of Pinole.

PHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Can you assist the society with any of the following? Helping with any of these will be a much-appreciated contribution to the story of our city.

- Gathering oral histories on video and/ or audio
- Writing articles for PHS *Newsbriefs*, our quarterly printed newsletter
- Being a greeter at our quarterly membership programs.

Please be an *active* member of the society.

USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO FIND 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.



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.

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 game?

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 SELLING PINOLE MEMORABILIA AT FARMERS' MARKET

We're at our booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market on alternate Saturdays through December. Our schedule is: September 15, and 29; October 13 and 27; November 10 and 24; and December 8 and 22.

We have all of the 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 each farmers' market. They are great additions to your history library and make wonderful gifts.



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

THROUGH DECEMBER 20TH, 2012

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.



ROSIE THE RIVETER

WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

September and October, 2012 FREE TOURS AND PROGRAMS

Daily Program @ Visitor Center Every Day: 2:00pm–2:45pm

Meet a ranger or volunteer for a 45 minute program (topics vary). Come early to see the exhibits in the Visitor Center. Ranger Betty Soskin speaks on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

EVERY DAY

Thursdays: Film and Q&A on Japanese American Experience.

Maritime Child Dev. Center Wednesday: 11:00am–12:00pm

Tour a wartime preschool classroom exhibit, and learn the vital role of child care in the war effort. Tour begins in the lobby. Address: 1014 Florida Avenue (corner of Harbour Way), Richmond. Call 510-232-5050 x0. to RSVP.

Available Dates

10/3, 10/17
Reservations Required

Bus Tour Friday: 10:00am–12:30pm

Take a city bus tour with park ranger Betty Soskin to visit key park sites while reflecting on African American home front experiences. Call 510-232-5050 x0. to RSVP.

Reservations Required

10/19

Rosie's Girls Tuesday and Wednesday

Learn about a very important outreach program that the NPS and partners conduct every summer to benefit middle school girls from Richmond.

Available Dates

9/11, 10/30: 11 AM
9/19: 2 PM

USO Dance/Home Front Festival Friday (7-10pm) and Saturday (11-5pm)

Join the 6th annual celebration of Richmond's Home Front history. Music, food, vendors, ranger-guided bay tours and family fun. Learn more about Richmond's special role in the history of America.

Available Dates

10/12 Fri - Dance
10/13 Sat - Festival

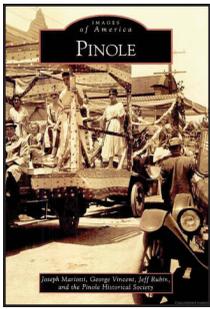
Volunteering with the NPS

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lucien Sonder, at 510-232-5050 X6622 if you would like to be considered for future volunteer opportunities. Annual training will be held in Spring 2013.

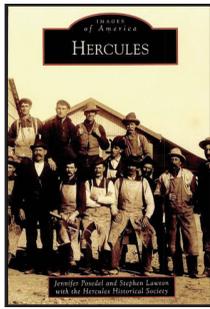
Enrollment Required

Training dates will be announced shortly.

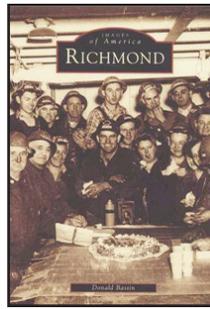
Visitor Center is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond, CA. Call 510-232-3108 for directions or visit: www.nps.gov/rori. Open 10am–5pm daily.



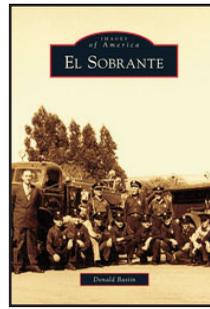
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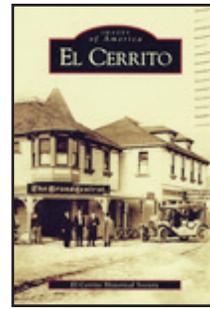
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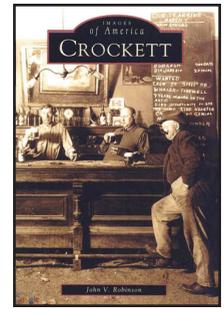
Richmond



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.

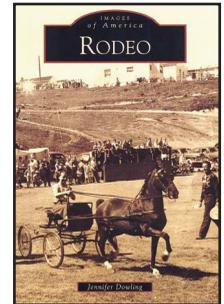
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

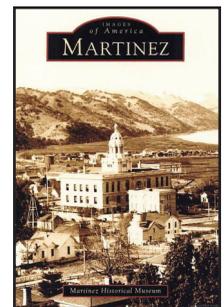
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

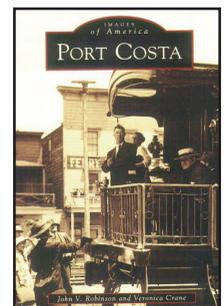
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



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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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!

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2012 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 2012 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: _____