



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

PHS BOARD MEETS MONTHLY AT PINOLE 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, May 9. Please feel free to join us.

BACK AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

We're back at our booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market, and we'll be there on alternate Saturdays through December. Our schedule is: April 28; May 12 and 26; June 9 and 23; July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18; September 1, 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.



PHS MEETINGS MOVED TO KAISER MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

We had very positive comments from people who attended our February 16 meeting in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building's conference room on Pinole Valley Road. It's a beautiful facility.

Our remaining three meetings this year will be held at Kaiser: May 17 (our annual meeting with election of board members and ratification of by-laws changes), September 6, and November 1.

We hope to see you there.



Susie Fernandez, great-granddaughter of Bernardo Fernandez and granddaughter of Dr. Manuel Fernandez, donated several family photos, including some of her late father, Carroll. The society did not have any photos of him. Also in this collection are several photos of Bernardo Fernandez III, Susie's uncle, who was killed during World War II in a military training accident, and a wonderful photo (at left) of (L-R) Bernardo III, Manuel, and Carroll, taken in 1938.

Sheila Grist, PHS treasurer, donated several VHS tapes and DVDs from her late mother's (Suzette Shaw) collection. Included are copies of *Growing Up Pinole*, a Betty Boyle interview with prominent Pinole families; the 2005 Bay Park Retirement Residence Pearl Harbor Day remembrance; and the Pinole Senior Center groundbreaking and grand-opening ceremonies.

PHS NOW HAS *IMAGES OF AMERICA: EL CERRITO*

The Pinole Historical Society has added *Images of America: El Cerrito* to its catalog of area books published by Arcadia Publishing for sale. This joins Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa.

All of these books are available for sale at our booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market, or at any of our general membership meetings at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building. They are also available by mail order. An order form is in this newsletter.

PHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

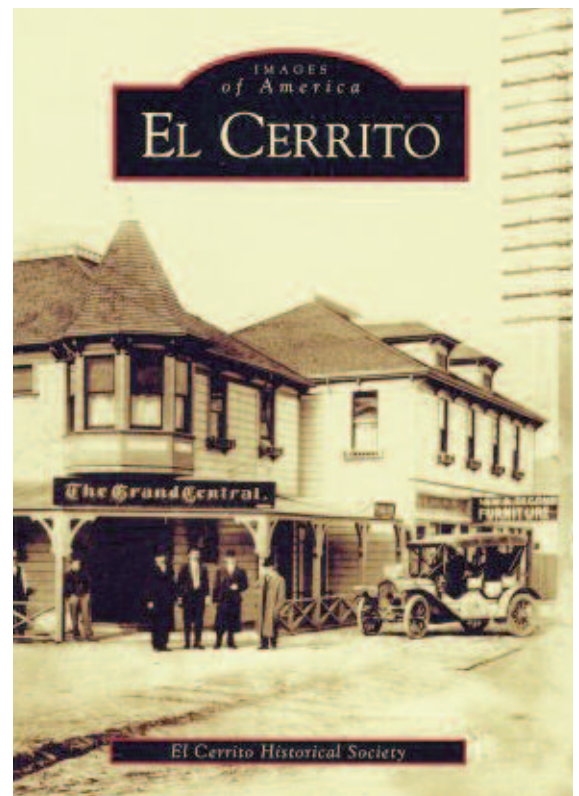
Can you assist the society with any of the following? Helping with any of these will be a much-appreciated contribution to the story of our city.

- Gathering oral histories on video and/ or audio
 - Writing articles for *PHS Newsbriefs*, our quarterly printed newsletter
 - Volunteering at our quarterly membership programs.
- Please be an *active* member of the society.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR 2012 PHS MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals have been trickling in over the last few months. If you haven't already renewed (new members are also welcome!), please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and send us a check.

Dues remain only \$30 per person, are a very inexpensive way to support all the PHS activities and programs — and are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.



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!



NATIONAL TRUST
for HISTORIC PRESERVATION®

MAY 17 PHS ANNUAL MEETING TO HONOR PINOLE LIBRARY

May is National Preservation Month, as designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

At the May 17 Pinole Historical Society annual membership meeting, at which directors of the society will be elected and by-laws changes recommended by the PHS Board of Directors will be considered for ratification by the membership, the PHS will present awards to Ian Richards and

Tim Madigan of the Pinole Library for their extraordinary support of historic preservation activities in Pinole.

Please join us Thursday, May 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

And please visit the PHS exhibits at the Pinole Library.

THE EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: A HISTORY AND TOUR OF BLAKE GARDEN

This event is free. Attendance is limited. Please RSVP!

Blake Garden took shape in the mid 1920s, when Kensington saw its first real development, as a 22-acre estate owned by brothers Anson and Edwin Blake, quarry owners and contractors.

Anson's mansion, Casa Adelante, is today the Blake House, owned by the University of California. The garden is used by landscape-architecture students



and features more than 1,000 types of plants. We will tour the 10.5 acre garden, view the mansion from outside, and enjoy light refreshments in the garden.

**Meet at Blake Garden,
70 Rincon Road, Kensington.
2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.
RSVP to Dave Weinstein,
524-1737 or via e-mail at
davidsweinstein@yahoo.com.**

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/scppioneers).

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.

SERVE ON THE PHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we approach our Annual Membership Meeting on May 17, several Board of Directors seats are available and need to be filled by election of new directors and re-election of current directors. Board terms are two years.

Any member in good standing may serve and may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by another member in good standing. Duties include atten-

dance at board and regular membership meetings and a willingness to accept and fulfill assignments.

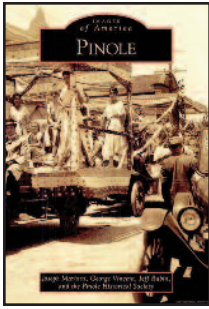
Please send a brief statement of your qualifications and desire to serve to the Pinole Historical Society, P. O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564, by April 30. Nominations will also be accepted at the annual meeting.

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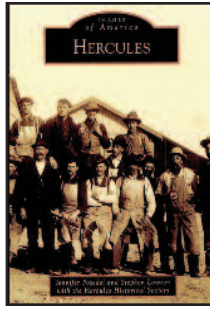
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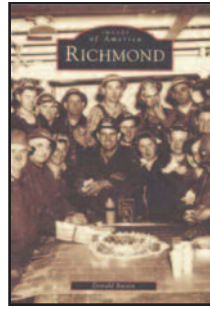
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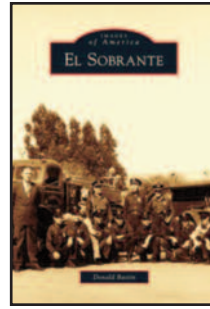
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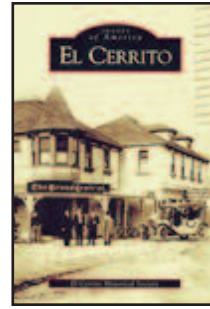
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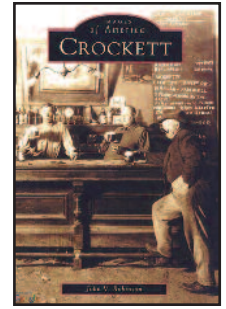
Richmond



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.

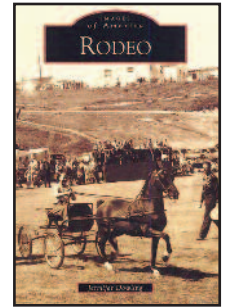
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

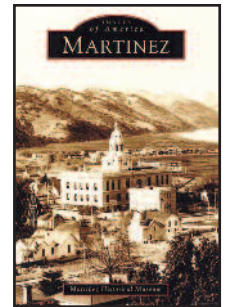
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.**

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

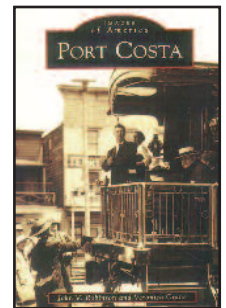
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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of Port Costa books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) _____

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 Community Service Day

Saturday, June 2nd 2012
Fernandez Park

Make a difference in Pinole!

Volunteer on a variety of half-day community projects throughout the City including landscape work at parks, visiting with seniors and helping at schools. Sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission. Pre-register for your choice of volunteer project or register the morning of the event. Every volunteer receives a free breakfast, tote bag and BBQ at Fernandez Park. Registration starts at 8am

And we are looking for projects! Any organization with a project idea is encouraged to submit it to Recreation Director Amy Wooldridge at recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us by March 16, 2012.



Info and applications:

(510) 724-9062

recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us

www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation



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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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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: _____