



Happy New Year



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

BOB KOPP RECEIVES SOCIETY'S PRESERVATION AWARD

Pinole's premier volunteer, Bob Kopp, received the Pinole Historical Society's 2013 Preservation Award for his work in video recording PHS events for our archives.

The award was presented at the December 3 Pinole City Council meeting.

This was only the third time the PHS has presented this award; previous winners were Lynda and Don Bartels, and Ian Richards, Senior Library Manager at the Pinole Library.

Bob has recorded several Veterans Day Memorial and Flag

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Bob Kopp and PHS board (L-R): President Marcia Kalapus, Secretary Jo Ann Gannotti, Mary McMains, and Norma Martinez-Rubin.

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WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

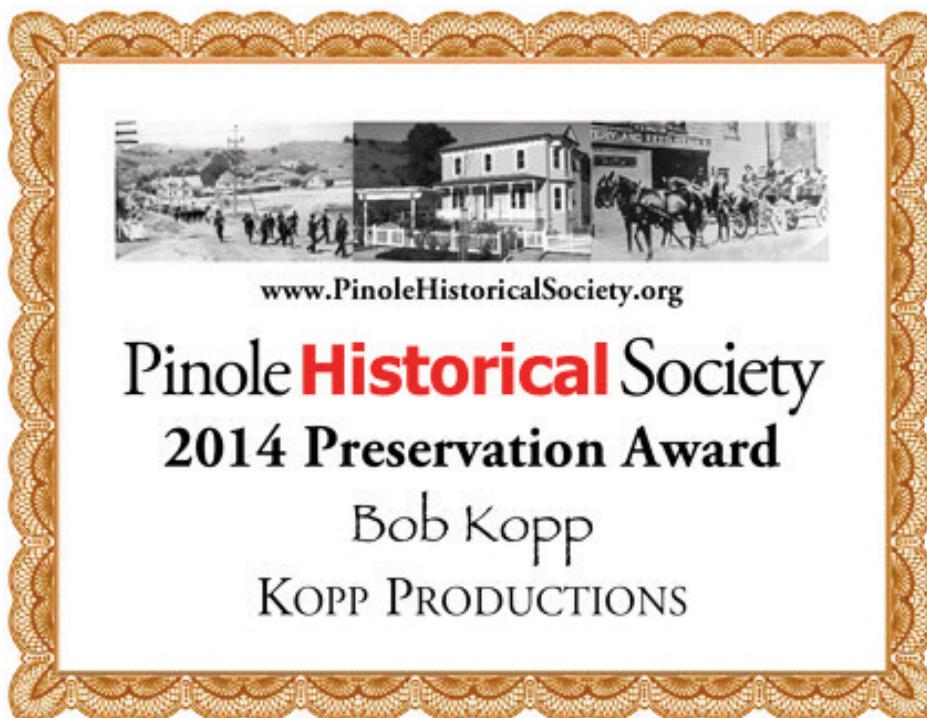
BOB KOPP AWARD

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Retirement Ceremonies, both as a member of the Pinole Community TV crew and on his own when the TV crew was not available. He has also recorded other PHS programs, including the Japanese-American Internment program in 2012, and the unveiling of the Pinole Mural at Wells Fargo Bank in 2013.

As a volunteer cameraman for PCTV, he has recorded PVHS football, basketball, and baseball games, all of which are part of our city's athletic history, and PVHS graduations, which are part of our city's academic history.

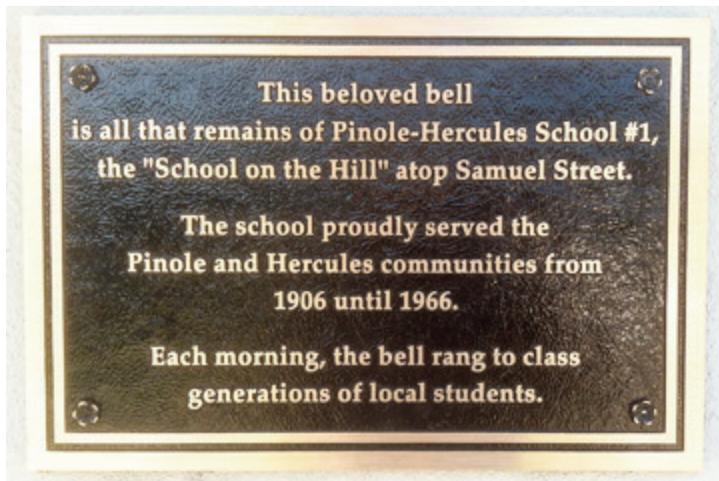
This is in addition to all the other volunteer hours Bob gives to the city, including his Community Services Commission work, running fundraisers for various city groups, and participating in



the Pinole Spring and Fall Festivals and the annual Northern California Cruisers car show, which he records. On April 6, 2014, he's

putting on a BBQ for the Troops to recognize area military families. There is a BBQ flyer and ticket-order form in this E-News.

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

Ceremony for installation of Old School bell and plaque Saturday, January 25

A ceremony formally dedicating the 100+-year-old Pinole-Hercules School #1 school bell adjacent to the multi-purpose room at Collins Elementary School will be held Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m., celebrating the restoration of the last remnant of the school that served generations of Pinole and Hercules students from 1906 to 1966. The school was demolished in 1968. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

The school bell that rang several generations of Pinole and Hercules students to class was installed next to the Collins Elementary School multi-purpose room by a crew of expert West Contra Costa Unified School District maintenance workers on June 26, 2013. The district later installed a bronze plaque on the wall behind the "Old School" bell.

The installation of the bell concluded a five-year effort by the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors to have the bell refurbished and placed on display in a public setting for all Pinoleans to enjoy.

The West Contra Costa Unified School District rescued the bell from its outdoor location at Pinole Middle School, where it had been subject to the elements for several decades. The bell, rusted and pock-marked, was placed in storage in several locations until recently, when the WCCUSD sent the bell for restoration. The bell was sandblasted, power-coated with a satin black finish, and sealed.



The PHS is grateful that the school district recognized the value of the bell to the Pinole community and went to great lengths to have it preserved, restored, and placed on display. Thanks to Charles Ramsey, Dr. Bruce Harter, Wendell Greer, Bill Fay, Luis Freese, and Jim Edward for making this happen.

February 7 PHS program

"Bars, Barbers, and Characters of Early Pinole" is the subject of the PHS quarterly program on Friday, February 7, in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

PHS co-founder George Vincent will take us through the early, bawdy days of Pinole's history. Great photos and great stories. The public is invited to this **FREE** event. Refreshments will be served.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2014

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, Pinole history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction of helping promote and preserve 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!

Pinole **Historical** Society

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: _____

PHS PARTICIPATES IN CHAMBER'S WINTERFEST 2013

The Pinole Chamber of Commerce celebrated the holiday season in classic style on December 14, hosting its first WinterFest in one of Pinole's classic buildings, the historic Bank of Pinole.

Gaily decorated and featuring holiday music, several vendors (including the PHS), complimentary food and drinks — and an appearance by Santa Claus — the event attracted visitors all afternoon, culminating with the lighting of a Christmas tree on the Community Corner.

PHS co-founder and board member George Vincent spent time at the society's WinterFest booth.



PHS TAKING PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET HIATUS

As we do every year, the Pinole Historical Society will be taking a break from its Pinole Farmers' Market booth in the first quarter of 2014.

We'll be back for a sixth season beginning Saturday, April 5, and we'll be exhibiting our books,

postcards, greeting cards, magnets, American flags, and newsletters every other week through the end of the year.

If you want one of our books before we're back, there's an order form in this E-News. We'd be happy to ship the books to you.

PHS 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.

PHS VIDEOS 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.

PHS BOARD MEETS JANUARY 8 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 January 8.

2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings

The 2014 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held Friday evenings in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building.

Attendance on Fridays was good in 2013, so we thought we'd continue on this day in 2014. As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

The 2014 meeting schedule is: February 7 • May 2 • September 5 • November 7



PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2014

Tours
&
Events

SUNDAYS

“Women, Get a War Job!”

January 5, 12, 19, 26 – 2 p.m.

Ranger Raphael Allen’s program explores the media campaign that called women to “do their part.”

Rosie the Riveter Memorial

January 12, 19, 26 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

The Port Chicago Disaster and Its Aftermath

January 12, 26 – 3 p.m.

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after one million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord?

MONDAYS

Dogs for Defense

January 6, 13, 27 – 2 p.m.

Learn about how thousands of American families donated their family dogs to assist soldiers on the front lines and on the home front.

TUESDAYS

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

January 7, 14, 21, 28 – 2 p.m.

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during World War II.

WEDNESDAYS

January 8, 22 – 2 p.m.

Learn about how American children played their way through the war, often with kid-sized uniforms, toy guns, and model airplanes and ships. After the talk, view examples of historic toys on display in our visitor center.

THURSDAYS

Blossoms and Thorns

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 2 p.m.

Docent Flora Ninomiya screens the film “Blossoms and Thorns,” and shares her childhood experiences in a World War II internment camp.

FRIDAYS

Rosie Meet and Greet!

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A perfect opportunity for the public to meet a group of actual “Rosies” who worked in the Kaiser shipyards during World War II.

SATURDAYS

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

January 4, 11, 18, 25 – 2 p.m.

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during World War II.

Presentation by Professor Mark Brilliant

January 18 – 3 p.m.

Cal-Berkeley professor Mark Brilliant will discuss his 2010 book, *The Color of America Has Changed: How Racial Diversity Shaped Civil Rights Reform in California, 1941–1978*.

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, unless otherwise noted. For directions and information, call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori.

The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate.

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(510) 724-9507



Volunteer

to be a National Park

Docent

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, a unit of the National Park Service in Richmond, CA, seeks volunteer docents to assist with operations at our Visitor Education Center.

We are looking for people 18 years old or older, with a passion for history, education, and public service, who can make an ongoing minimum commitment to volunteer at least 8 hours per month.

Each volunteer docent will be required to complete a series of training sessions prior to commencement of responsibilities. Volunteers must be available to attend each training unit listed below:



Training Unit #1

**Introduction to the National Park Service and our park:
Saturday, February 8th, 2014, 9 AM-1 PM**

Training Unit #2

**Visitor Center operations and customer service:
Saturday, February 22nd, 2014, 9 AM-1 PM**

To reserve your spot in our training program, or for more information, please contact Lucien Sonder at Lucien_Sonder@nps.gov, or 510 232 5050 x. 6622. If you cannot attend any of the above dates, but are interested in future training opportunities, please let us know.



ROSIE THE RIVETER

World War II Home Front
National Historical Park

Visitor Center



BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS

KOPP PRODUCTIONS AND THE CITY OF PINOLE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THIS EVENT HONORING OUR TROOPS

With every ticket purchased you will provide AND enjoy a barbecue with 50 soldiers, their spouses, and children. We believe so many soldiers have sacrificed so much for our country, and we want to thank them for their service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

FERNANDEZ PARK, PINOLE

(RAIN DAYS: APRIL 12 AND APRIL 19)

TICKETS: \$20 (ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)

Menu: Appetizers, NY steak or chicken for adults, hamburgers and hot dogs for children under 10, drinks and desserts, bouncers and activities for children, and live entertainment.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS: Continental Electric, Kopp Productions, Pinole Police Employees Association, West Coast Drilling, W.R. Forde Construction, McGuire Harley-Davidson, Crocketts Premier Auto Body

ORDER BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS TICKETS

Mail coupon and check payable to KOPP PRODUCTIONS to 2320 Doidge Ave., Pinole, CA 94564.
Tickets will be mailed to you. For more information, contact Bob Kopp at (510) 772-0016
or koppproductions@comcast.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

tickets @\$20 _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

The Book Nook

NEW TITLE BY
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AUTHOR

San Francisco's "opposite shore" is showcased for its maritime role in securing the city's financial preeminence.

Located minutes from San Francisco by ferry or automobile, Contra Costa County provided deepwater ports for shipping agricultural, mineral, and manufactured goods around the world. Pacific commodity traders made use of these ports to ship products, ensuring California's unique global economic role.

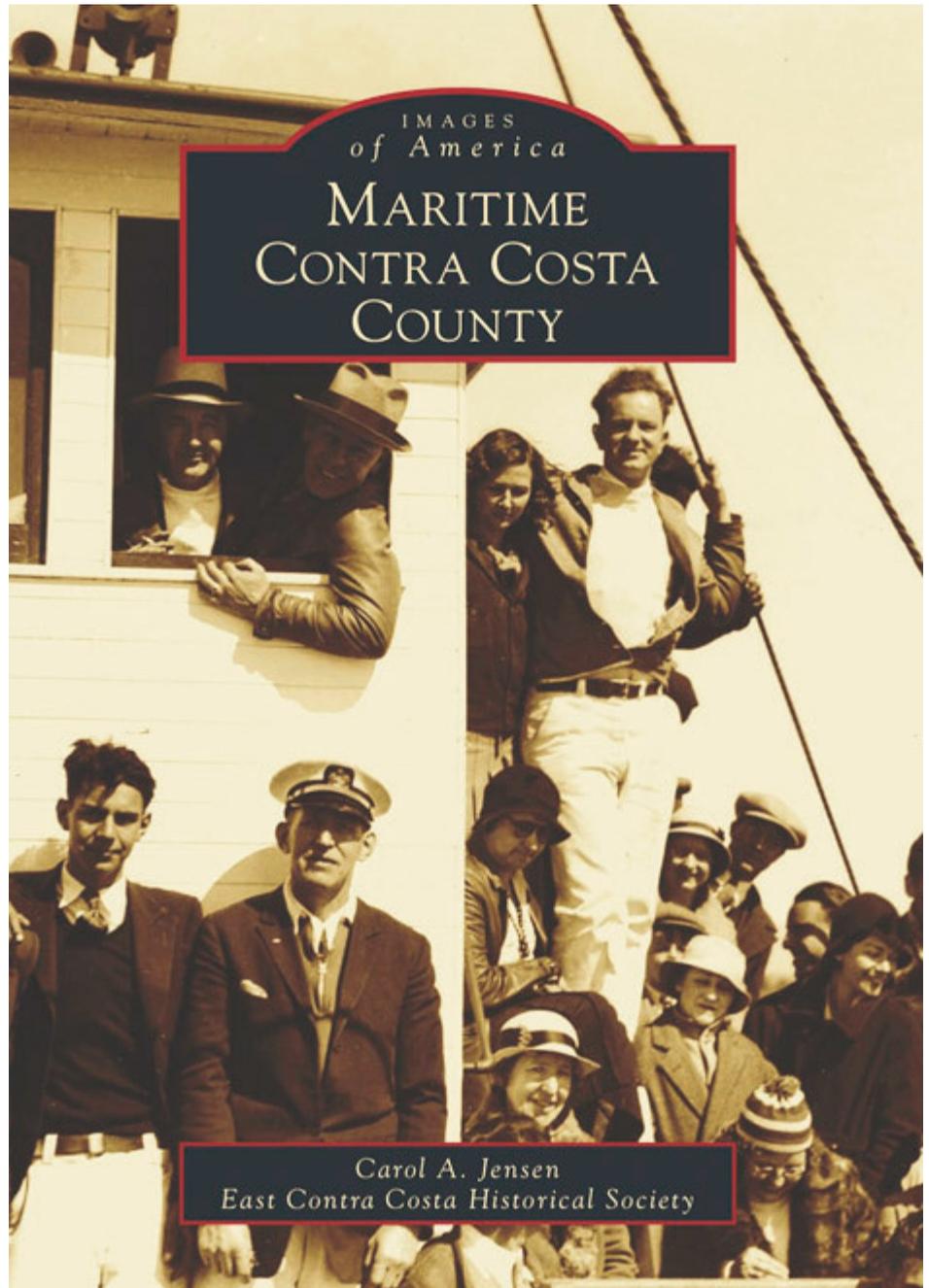
Immense wealth was created from goods shipped from maritime Contra Costa County, securing a vibrant economy from the Gaslight era to the days of Haight-Ashbury.

In these pages, Carol A. Jensen, a member of the East Contra Costa Historical Society, presents the county's vibrant maritime history. She presents images drawn from the Library of Congress, California State Library, San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection, Contra Costa County archives, and important local historical society collections.

Herein we experience in vintage photographs this region's impact on significant California events. Wines to challenge French viticultural supremacy were shipped, grains destined to make Guinness beer great set sail, and soldiers embarked for the World War II Pacific theater from these piers.

Maritime Contra Costa County provides a fresh perspective on the intertwined histories of San Francisco and its "other coast."

The book is available at www.arcadiapublishing.com, bookstores throughout the East Bay, and from Carol Jensen at

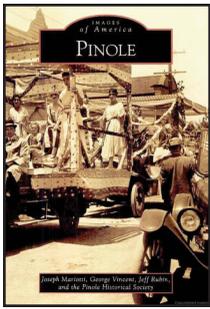


historian@byronhotsprings.com.
The retail price is \$21.99, plus sales tax.

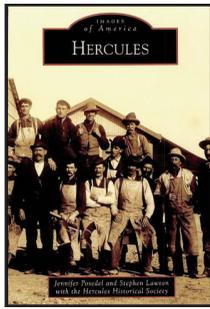
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About the author: Carol A. Jensen is a native daughter of the Delta and East Contra Costa County. She is a history graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara. She delights in discovering Delta ephemera and

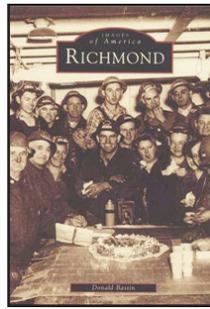
documenting the cultural history of the area from those who lived, visited, or farmed. Jensen is a member of the California Historical Society, Contra Costa County Historical Society, East Contra Costa Historical Society, and John Marsh Historic Trust. She also serves as vice president of The Contra Costa Historic Landmark Advisory Committee.



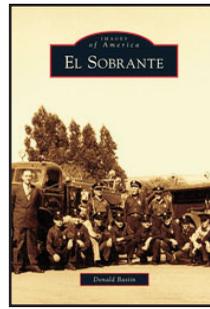
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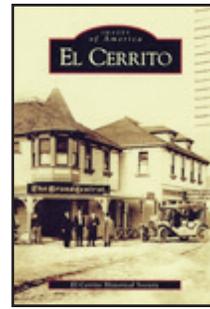
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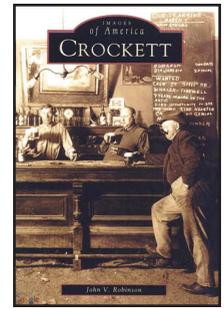
Richmond



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.

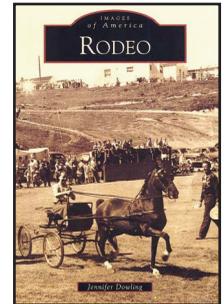
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

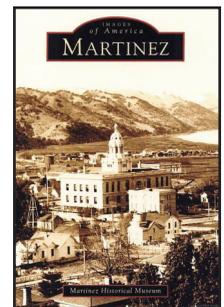
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

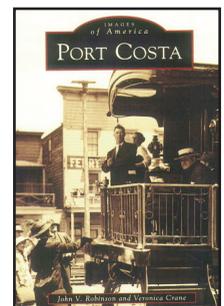
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Rodeo



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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