



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

### PHS, LIBRARY TO HOST PROGRAM ON WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT CAMPS

**T**he 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 on September 6 at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building in Pinole.

The program, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., will feature a panel of local Japanese-American citizens who experienced the World War II internment camps first-hand, and videos about the three-year incarceration of more than 110,000 citizens in 10 camps throughout the West.

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. Published in 1973, it has been reprinted several times. It was also made into a movie.



This project is part of *Searching for Democracy*, an initiative of the California Council for the Humanities in partnership with the California Center for the Book and the California State Library, and made possible with funding from Bay Tree Foundation, the Seedling Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information visit [www.calhum.org](http://www.calhum.org)

## WEST COUNTY

**The Pinole Historical Society & Pinole Library Present:**  
*Internment Memories:*  
**Japanese-Americans Remember Life During World War II**



Pinole  
**Historical**  
 Society  
[www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org)

Join us for recollections, reflections and a panel discussion with local residents who experienced the Japanese American Internment during World War II first hand.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE KAISER PERMANETE MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING**  
**1301 Pinole Valley Road. Room 2A and 2B**  
 THIS PROGRAM IS FREE

**Pinole Library**  
 2935 Pinole Valley Rd  
 510-758-2741



**Library Hours**  
 Monday 10-6  
 Wednesday 2-8  
 Fri. & Sat. 12-5

## PHS BOARD MEETS WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, AT SENIOR CENTER

**I**n 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, July 11. Please feel free to join us. Items on the agenda include:

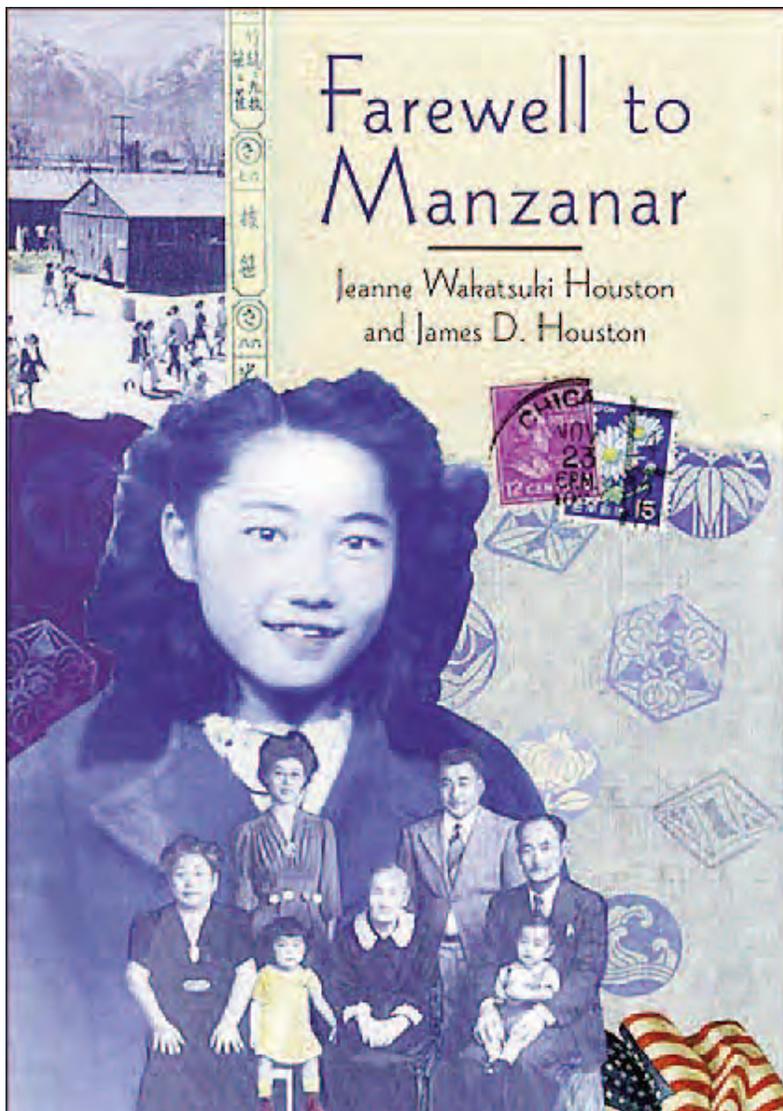
- Fall PHS fundraiser
- Joint program with Hercules Historical Society
- November membership meeting program
- Fall elementary-school contest
- November 11 Veterans Day event.

## WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT CAMPS

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.

Houston will appear at the Hercules Library September 29 at 2 p.m. as part of California Reads, a program of Cal Humanities developed in partner-

ship with the California Center for the Book and the California State Library. It invites Californians from all walks of life to participate in reading and discussion programs and related activities hosted by libraries, schools, colleges, bookstores, and other community institutions. *Farewell to Manzanar* was chosen as a featured book by the California Reads program.



*Jeanne  
Wakatsuki  
Houston*

## USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO FIND PINOLE HISTORY SOCIETY WEBSITE

**F**ind 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.



# PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

**M**iss 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](http://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!

## SPECIAL FILM PREMIERE JULY 14

A powerful new documentary film about the history and World War II experiences of Japanese-American flower growers in Richmond.

**Saturday, July 14**

**1 – 4 p.m.**

**Rosie the Riveter/World War II  
Home Front National Historical Park  
Visitor Center  
1414 Harbour Way South  
Richmond**



Screenings will be at 1, 3, and 3:30 p.m. Panel discussion at 2 p.m. with filmmaker Ken Kokka, cultural historian Donna Graves, and members of several nursery families, moderated by journalist George Kiriya.

Sponsored by the Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League, Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, Rosie the Riveter Trust, and the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission.

For more information call (510) 232-3108 or email [contracostajacl@gmail.com](mailto:contracostajacl@gmail.com)

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# Pinole**Historical**Society

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**(510) 724-9507**

***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**

**G**ot 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](http://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](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org). We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

## **PHS SELLING PINOLE MEMORABILIA AT FARMERS' MARKET**

**W**e're at our booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market on alternate Saturdays through December. Our schedule is: July 21; August 4 and 18; September 1, 15, and 29; October 13 and 27; November 10 and 24; and December 8 and 22.

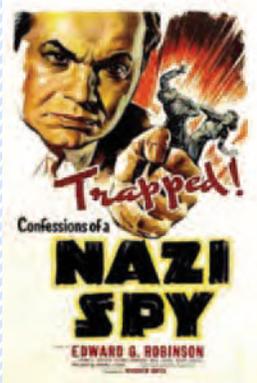
We have all of the area history books, greeting cards, postcards, Fernandez Mansion magnets, Old School magnets, and U.S. flags.

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.





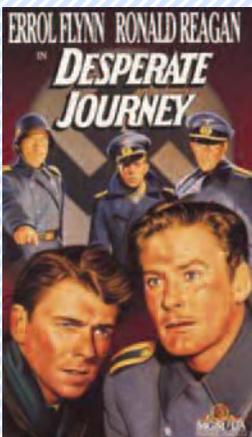
Sponsored by Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park  
& Richmond Museum of History Association



4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Area  
Summer 2012  
**WWII Home Front  
Film Festival**



Aboard the Historic  
SS Red Oak Victory



- June 14 Confessions of a Nazi Spy
- June 28 All Through the Night
- July 12 Desperate Journey
- July 26 Watch on the Rhine
- Aug 9 Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo
- Aug 23 The Clock



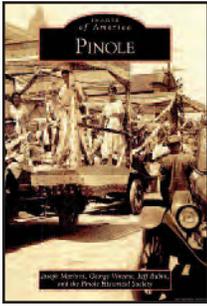
- ★ \$5 donation to board ship
- ★ Introduction by National Park Service park ranger
- ★ Popcorn & refreshments



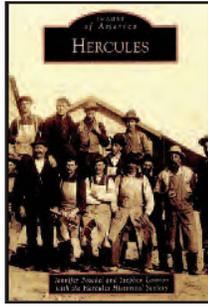
**When:**  
7 pm – 8:30 pm (6:30 pm boarding)  
Thursdays during  
June, July & August 2011

**Where:**  
SS Red Oak Victory, Hold 4  
Shipyard No. 3  
1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A  
Richmond

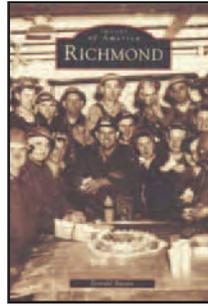
**Info:** 510-232-5050,  
rori\_gen\_info@nps.gov  
**Directions to ship:** Canal Blvd. exit  
off I-580 west. Make left on Canal.  
Drive south to Shipyard No. 3 (Port of  
Richmond) at the foot of Canal Blvd.  
Parking is in front of ship. Gangplank  
entry to ship (40 feet, with railings) and  
14 steep steps to Hold 4. Wear flat,  
comfortable shoes.



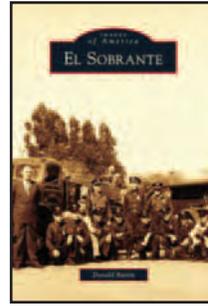
**Pinole**



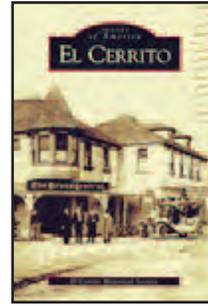
**Hercules**



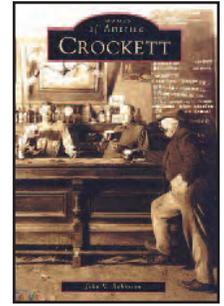
**Richmond**



**El Sobrante**



**El Cerrito**



**Crockett**

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**T**he 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.

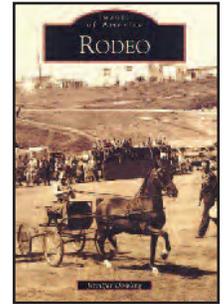
You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

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.

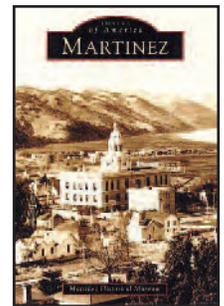
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

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

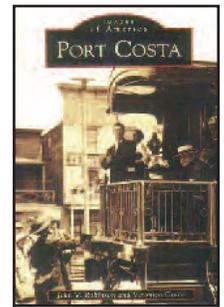
- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- El Cerrito:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



**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) \_\_\_\_

# of Richmond books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) \_\_\_\_

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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 **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: \_\_\_\_\_