



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News



Mr. Berry'S 4th grade students at Shannon Elementary School celebrate their writing achievements.

PHS PRESENTS ESSAY-CONTEST WINNERS WITH CERTIFICATES

The Pinole Historical Society presented awards for its annual essay-writing contest the first week in June at five schools: Collins, Ellerhorst, Shannon, and Stewart elementary schools, and St. Joseph School.

The society received a large number of entries this year that answered the question: "How would you describe an American?"

Joining PHS board members in presenting awards was Pinole Mayor Peter Murray, who spoke to students in each of the classroom visited about the importance of learning how to express their thoughts in writing and learning about the history of the

community in which they live. Students in one class asked the mayor to stay and explain how the city's government works, and he gladly complied.

There were nine grand prize winners this year, each of whom received Target gift cards. They were:

Collins: Madalina Morquecho.

Ellerhorst: Kayla Skallerud, Taylor Davis.

Shannon: Vianna Melendez, Emily Horn.

Stewart: Amelie Garcia.

St. Joseph: Elia Kudemus, Ryan Verdote, Jerrick Pahati.

More photos of contest participants are on the following pages.

PHS ESSAY-CONTEST PHOTOS

COLLINS



Grand Prize winner Madalina Morquecho.



Kindergarten.

Miss Willis's special-education class.



Sixth-grade winner Matthias Gabel.

PHS ESSAY-CONTEST PHOTOS

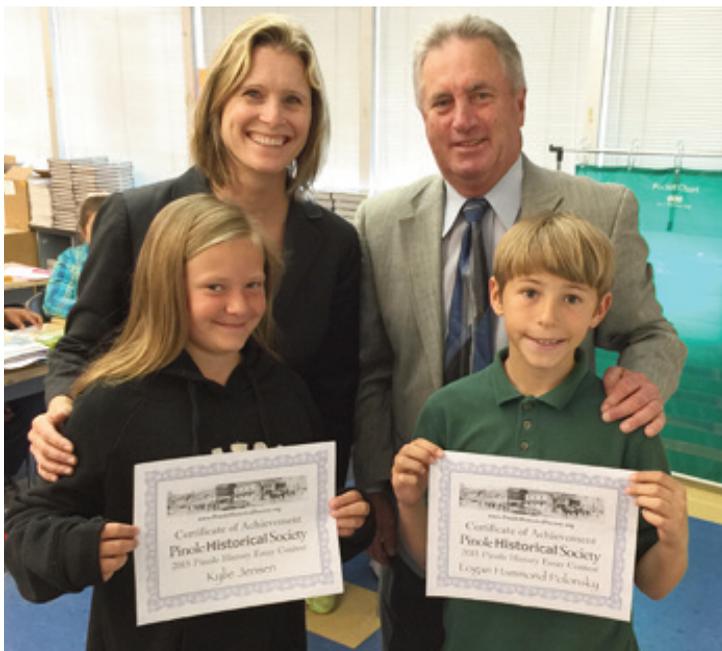
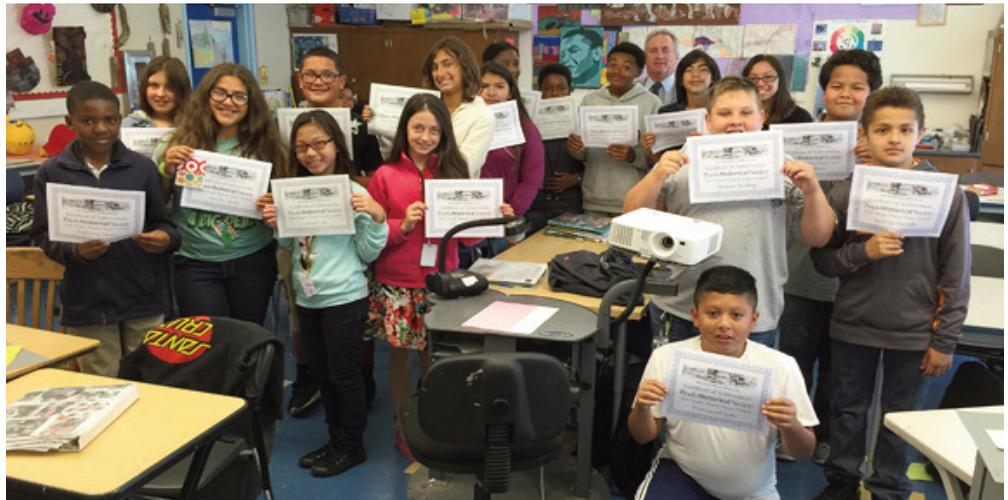
ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph School had participants in every grade from transitional kindergarten through eighth.

STEWART

Ms. Faber's sixth-grade English class. Grand Prize winner Amelie Garcia is second from left.



Ms. Hoopaugh's fifth-grade winners Kylie Jensen and Logan Hammond Polonsky.

PHS ESSAY-CONTEST PHOTOS

ELLERHORST



Mrs. Soo Hoo's third-grade class.



Mrs. Egan's third-grade class.

Ms. Albersold's fifth-grade winners Trisha Macagba and Milan Horta.



First-grade winner Lalo E. Horta.

PHS ESSAY-CONTEST PHOTOS

SHANNON



Ms. Piezas's sixth-grade winners Gabriel Manalansan, Vivian Ramirez, and Joseph Nwosibe

Ms. Priya's fifth-grade winners (L-R): Jenna Berja, Leonardo Tran, Scion Arana, Albert Cruz, and Ethan Pho Thai.



Ms. Amith's fifth-grade winners Isaac Castaneda, Emily Horn (Grand Prize), and Ana Hernandez.

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here:
<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



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.

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEETING DATES

We have a great lineup of programs for our members and guests in 2015. Our first program, "*A Flood of Memories*," held on Friday, February 6, drew more than 30 attendees on an appropriately cold, rainy night. More than 80 people attended our second program on May 8, "*KABOOM: Secret Stories of the Hercules Powder Works, the World's Largest Explosives Factory*."

Our other meeting dates in 2015, both from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road, are:

Friday, September 11: LIST PROGRAM TITLE

Friday, November 6: LIST PROGRAM TITLE

Pinole**Historical**Society

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www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org

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HELP US IDENTIFY THE ORIGIN OF THESE TOKENS: The trading tokens above, dating to the 1920s, were made of aluminum and about the size of a nickel. When money was scarce during the Great Depression, many grocery stores and other businesses issued their own trade tokens to stimulate their business and the local economy. The Pinole Historical Society is looking for information about these tokens. Research indicates the name "airdome" was frequently applied to drive-in movie theatres, though Pinole did not have a drive-in theatre. A 1916 publication called "Moving Picture World" said "The Star Theater [in Pinole] being erected by David Herracher is rapidly nearing completion." We are wondering if these tokens had something to do with this theatre. Please e-mail us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org if you have any information.

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



JUNE 6 AND 20

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.

In April, the Friends will focus on a New Member/Volunteer Drive where interested parties can join the Friends of the Pinole Library group, volunteer for Friends' fund-raising events and activities, and support the Pinole Library.

Please bring your talents, energy, and enthusiasm to the Friends of the Pinole Library.

Upcoming events

Pinole **Historical** Society

June 1-30: 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 century 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, please visit the PHS website at www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org.

June 13, 27: PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS' MARKET SALE

The Pinole Historical Society has nine 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.

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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WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

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/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.

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.



7th annual Home Front Film Festival summer schedule

The National Park Service and the Richmond Museum Association will present its 7th Annual Home Front Film Festival on Thursday evenings in June, July, and August. The film festival will feature six popular, full-length movies that were shown on the American Home Front during WWII.

The film screenings will be presented aboard the SS Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored cargo ship built in Richmond during World War II. The ship is owned and operated by the Richmond Museum Association and is also part of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

The SS Red Oak Victory is located in historic Shipyard #3 at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, in Richmond. For directions to the shipyard, visit the Red Oak Victory at www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm.

Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10 to help preserve and maintain the ship. Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. and the films begins at 7 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase aboard the ship during each screening.

Please note: The ship is not ADA accessible. Visitors must be able to climb the gangplank (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard.

Remember to wear warm clothing, as it can be chilly aboard the ship! Inclement weather may force the ship staff to cancel this program for safety reasons. If it rains, please call the ship at (510) 237-2933 by 5:30 p.m. on the day of the screening to find out if the show will go on.

• **June 11:** *The Fighting 69th* (1940) with James Cagney. In 1940, as the United States prepared for the war that seemed inevitable, filmmakers looked for ways to prepare a reluctant population. *The Fighting 69th* is based upon the actual exploits of New York City's 69th Infantry Regiment during

World War I, and centers on misfit Jerry Plunkett (James Cagney), who displays a mixture of bravado, cowardice, and eventually service to the greater good.

• **June 25:** *Invisible Agent* (1942), with Peter Lorre. The film was a wartime propaganda production that was part of a Hollywood effort to boost morale on the Home Front. The screenplay was written by Curt Siodmak, a refugee from Nazi Germany.

• **July 9:** *Casablanca* (1942), with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. *Casablanca* became the most popular film of the Home Front era and its popularity continues today. Join us for the film and fun, as we recreate Rick's Café Américain aboard the ship. Feel free to dress as your favorite *Casablanca* character.

• **July 23:** *Northern Pursuit* (1943), with Errol Flynn. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Corporal Steve Wagner (Errol Flynn) tries to uncover a Nazi plot against the Allied war effort. The film was set in Canada during the early years of WWII.

• **August 13:** *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (1943), with Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman. This film is about an American fighting in the Spanish Civil War on the side of the Republicans, who finds romance during a desperate mission to blow up a strategically important bridge.

• **August 27:** *Dragon Seed* (1944), with Katherine Hepburn. The film portrays a peaceful village in China that has been invaded by the Imperial Japanese Army during the Second Sino-Japanese war. The men in the village choose to adopt a peaceful attitude toward their conquerors, but Jade (Katherine Hepburn), a headstrong woman, stands up to the Japanese. This film is not without controversy, as almost the entire cast of Asian characters is played by Western actors.



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

JANUARY 8TH THROUGH JUNE 25, 2015

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.

Co-sponsored by the Pinole **Historical** Society

Pinole **Community** service day

Helping is easy as 1-2-3:

1

Register

Use the back of this form or visit
www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation (click on "Community
Services Commission" on the left bar)

2

Volunteer

for a variety of three-hour
community projects, including weeding at the creek,
and the native plant garden at the library, visiting with
seniors, gardening at the Faria House rose garden and
MORE! Visit www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation for a current
list. Volunteers will work from 9 am to noon.

3

Meet & Work

meet at the Pinole Youth
Center at 635 Tennent Avenue for a FREE breakfast and FREE
post-event lunch! Head out to your project, meet your neighbors,
make a friend and make a difference for Pinole. You will also get the
satisfaction of knowing that you made Pinole a better place to be.

Saturday, June 13

8 am breakfast; 9 am -12 pm service work; 12 pm lunch

Meet at Pinole Youth Center

635 Tennent Avenue, Pinole



*Pinole Community Service Day is sponsored by the Pinole Community Services Commission.
You may also register the morning of the event, beginning at 8 am, at the Pinole Youth Center.*

For more information call 724-9062 or e-mail recreation@ci.pinole.ca.us



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2015

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!

Pinole **Historical** Society

2015 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 2015 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

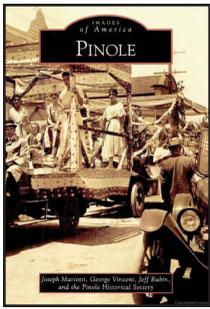
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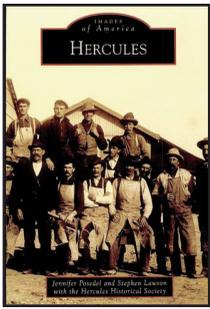
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

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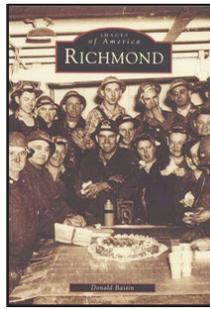
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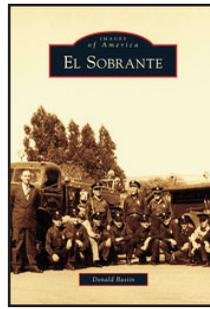
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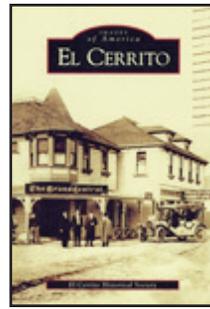
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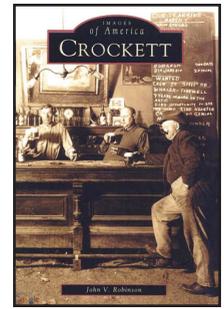
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

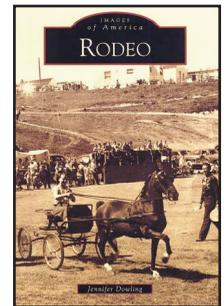
The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

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.

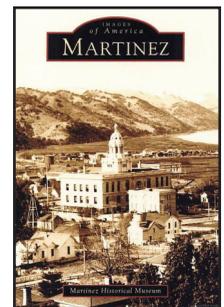
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

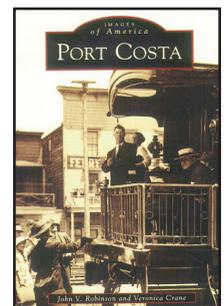
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.**



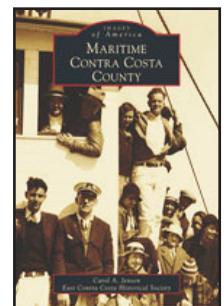
Rodeo



Martinez



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Name _____ Phone () _____

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