



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

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### NEW PINOLE BOOK NEAR COMPLETION

**T**he second book about Pinole to be published by the Pinole Historical Society will be sent to the publisher by March 16.

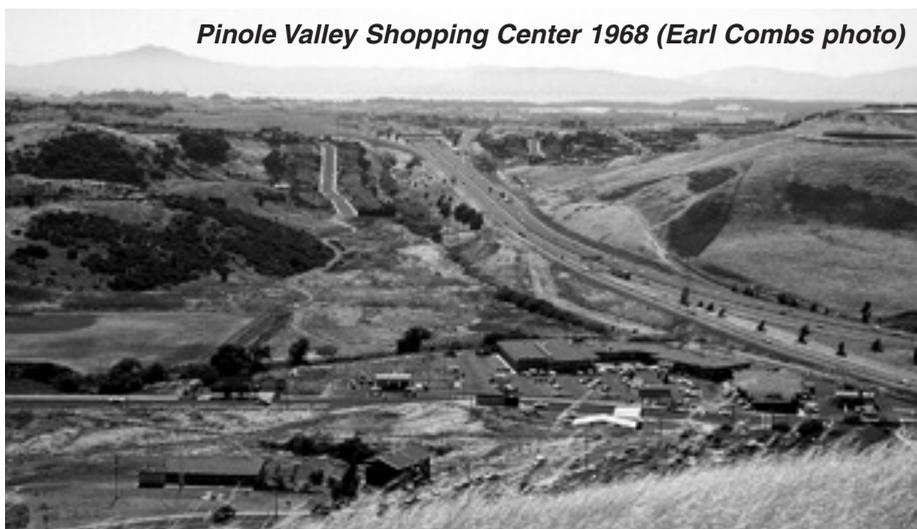
Publisher Fonthill Media ([www.fonthillmedia.com/](http://www.fonthillmedia.com/)), specializes in publishing books on general, local, and regional history.

An addition to Fonthill's "America Through Time" series, "Pinole Through Time" will feature 91 sets of photos of old Pinole buildings and landmarks and current photos of what exists on those sites today. In several cases these will be the same buildings, some restored and others nearly identical.

We expect the book will be delivered in mid to late September. A book signing in the Bank of Pinole building will be scheduled as soon as we get a firm delivery date.

The book signing will be held in a conjunction with a ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the construction of the building, which opened in 1915.

Two photos from the book are at the right: the Pinole Valley Shopping Center in 1968 (photographed by Earl Combs) and today.



## *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](http://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.

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## PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 MEETING DATES

**W**e 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. Our other meeting dates in 2015, all 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, May 8**

**Friday, September 11**

**Friday, November 6**

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# Pinole**Historical**Society

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(510) 724-9507

# Upcoming events

## FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



**MARCH 4**

### Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show

**U**ncle Jer and his wife, Ellen, present the intriguing society of bees in a most entertaining way. This event is on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Bring the whole family to see this honey of a show!



**MARCH 28**

### Garage Sale

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library will host an Upscale Garage Sale, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Pinole Library, 2935 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole, CA.

This sale will feature diverse and unique items from new hand-made crafts to gently used and new objects. This is an important fundraiser for the Pinole Library programs, new books, and other Library events.

**MARCH 7 AND 21**

### Pinole Farmers' Market

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays.

Throughout March and 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.





## WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: [www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov](http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov)

## 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 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](http://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](mailto: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.***

# Upcoming events

## EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The El Cerrito Historical Society presents a:

### Sneak Preview of the Chung Mei Home Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

This event is free, but attendance is limited. RSVPs required!

Steve Chamberlin and Doug Giffin of Education Matters, the owner of the campus, will discuss the historically sensitive restoration of the building and lead a tour.

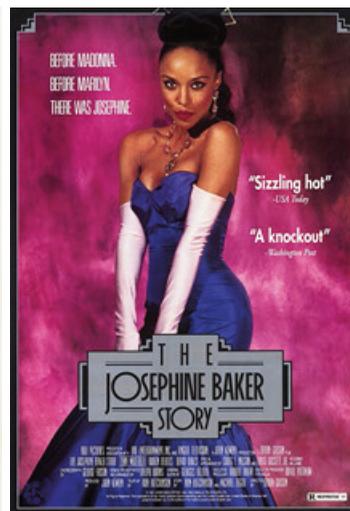
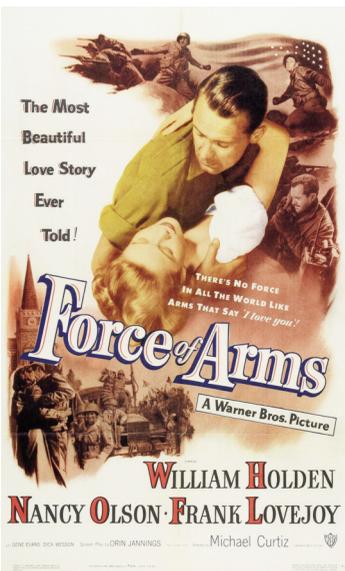
Founded in 1923 and operating in El Cerrito from 1935 to 1954, the Chung Mei Home was the only such home for Chinese boys in the country. The building has been beautifully preserved over the years and has been deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Education Matters leases the campus to Summit Public Schools, which opened last August. We are inviting some of the 'Chung Mei boys' who lived at the home.

1800 Elm Street, El Cerrito

Meet in the Main Building of the historic Home on Elm Street. Three blocks from the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station.

For information, Dave Weinstein, 510-524-1737, [davidsweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:davidsweinstein@yahoo.com).  
RSVP before March 9 – much earlier if you are wise! No one admitted without a reservation.  
Parking is very limited at the site so **please** try to carpool.

Also, Education Matters will celebrate the **Official Opening For The Renovated Main Building** on Monday, March 23. The Historical Society will co-host this event; details will be forthcoming.



## WOMEN PLAY LEADING ROLES IN WWII FILM SERIES

**T**he National Park Service and the Richmond Museum Association announce a new film festival series 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. Admission to the films is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$10 to help preserve and maintain the ship.

Four movies will be screened on Tuesdays as part of the "Women on the Home Front and Beyond Film Series." Boarding begins at 6:30 PM and the films begin at 7 PM.

**Tuesday, March 17:** *Shining Through* (1992). Starring Melanie Griffith and Michael Douglas. Griffith plays a brave woman who goes undercover in Germany for the Allies to discover the secrets of the V2 rocket. This film is rated R; no one under 17 will be admitted without a parent.

**Tuesday, April 14:** *Force of Arms* (1951). William Holden, a soldier, and Nancy Olson, a nurse, find love during war.

**Tuesday, May 12:** *The Josephine Baker Story* (1991). Ingénue and ex-pat Josephine Baker stays in France during WWII and helps Jews escape the Nazis. This film is rated R; no one under 17 will be admitted without a parent.

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](http://www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm).

**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 PM on the day of the screening to find out if the show will go on.





# Volunteer

to be a National Park

# Docent



**Training Unit #1**

**Introduction to the National Park Service and our park:  
Saturday, March 7th, 2015, 9 AM-1 PM**

**Training Unit #2**

**Visitor Center operations and customer service:  
Saturday, March 14th, 2015, 9 AM-1 PM**

**Training Unit #3**

**Introduction to interpretive techniques:  
Saturday, March 21st, 2015, 9 AM-1 PM**

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park seeks volunteer docents to assist with operations at our Visitor Education Center in Richmond, CA. 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 will be required to complete 3 training sessions prior to commencement of responsibilities. Volunteers must be available to attend all training units listed above.

To apply for our training program, or for more information, please contact Lucien Sonder at [Lucien\\_Sonder@nps.gov](mailto:Lucien_Sonder@nps.gov). or 510-232-5050 x. 6622.



ROSIE THE RIVETER

World War II Home Front  
National Historical Park

Visitor Center



# Children

## of the camps

Documentary Film

"Children of the Camps," a documentary film originally made and broadcast on PBS in 1999, portrays the poignant stories of six Japanese Americans who were interned as children in US concentration camps during WWII.



Photo caption: Shizuko Ina with Kiyoshi (left, 4 years old) and Satsuki (right, 2 years old) at Tule Lake Segregation Center in 1945.

**Friday, 3/20 at 2 PM and Saturday, 3/21 at 3 PM**

The film captures a three-day intensive group experience, during which the participants are guided by Dr. Satsuki Ina, a university professor and therapist, through a process that enables them to speak honestly about their experiences and the continuing impact of internment on their lives today.

**Dr. Ina, who herself was born in the Tule Lake camp, will introduce and lead a Q&A at the 3/21 screening at 3 PM. Both screenings are free, however seating is limited, and reservations are required. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 and leave your name and phone number, and specify which date you would like to attend.**

**Rosie the Riveter  
Visitor Education Center  
1414 Harbour Way South,  
suite 3000  
Richmond, CA 94804  
510-232-5050 x0**

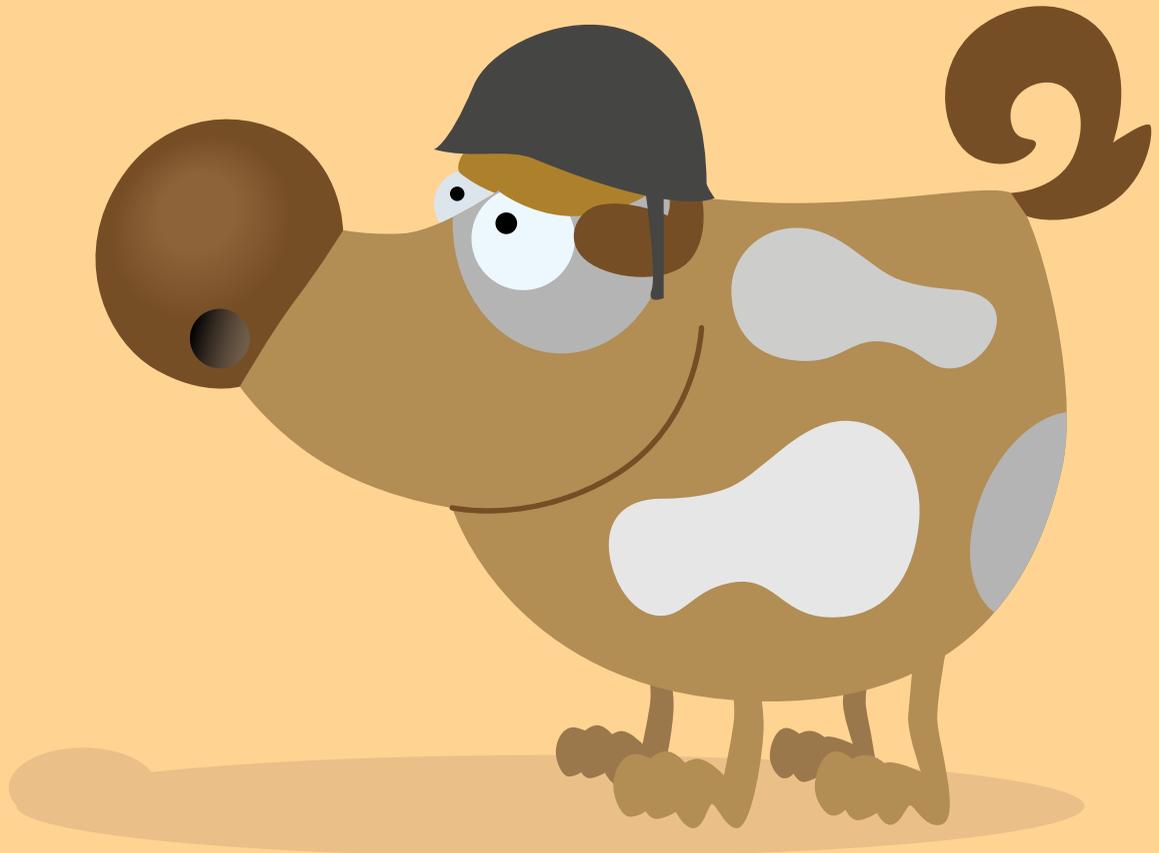
**[www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)**

Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front  
National Historical Park

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



# Wagging Tails and War Tales



**HEALTHY  
PARKS  
HEALTHY  
PEOPLE**  
BAY AREA

[hphpbayarea.org](http://hphpbayarea.org)

## *A Dog-friendly walk-and-talk along Richmond's Bay Trail*

Join a park ranger and bring your furry friend on a leash to learn more about how American family dogs contributed to the defense effort during WWII. The two-mile walk will last approximately 2 hours. We will begin near the Sit and Stay Cafe at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline and will end at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Marina Bay Park.

**Sign up by emailing [lucien\\_sonder@nps.gov](mailto:lucien_sonder@nps.gov).**

**Space limited to 30- Rain cancels.**

Starting Location: Sit and Stay Cafe, Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, 1 Isabel Street, Richmond, CA



# 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.



## 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!**

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

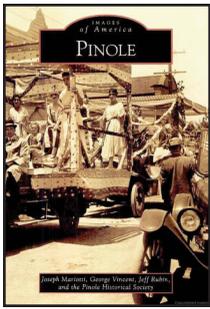
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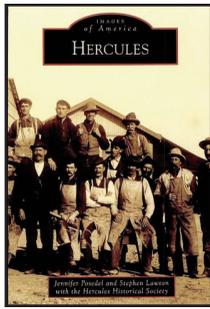
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30)    Annual-renewal (\$30)    Business (\$50)    Life (\$150)

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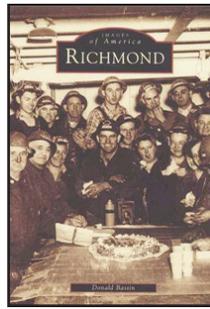
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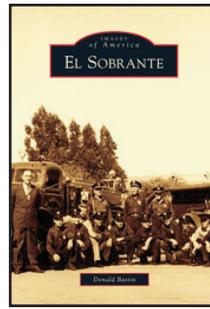
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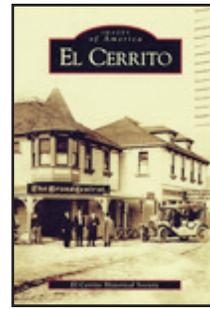
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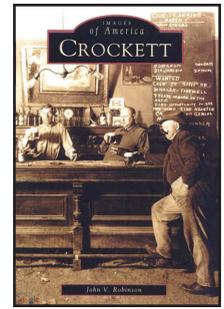
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El Cerrito



Crockett

# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

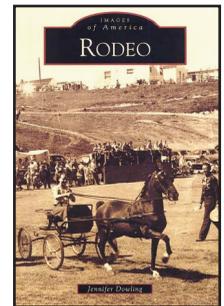
**T**he Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

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.

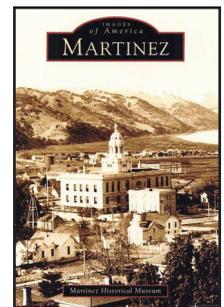
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

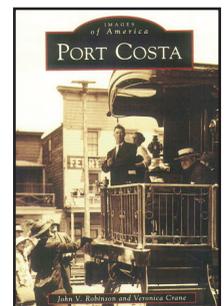
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.



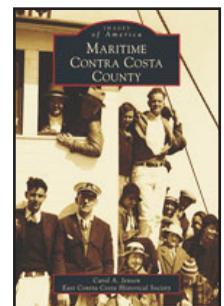
Rodeo



Martinez



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# of Martinez books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) \_\_\_\_\_

# 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**