



Pinole **Historical** Society E-News

Genealogy program May 11 at Pinole Senior Center

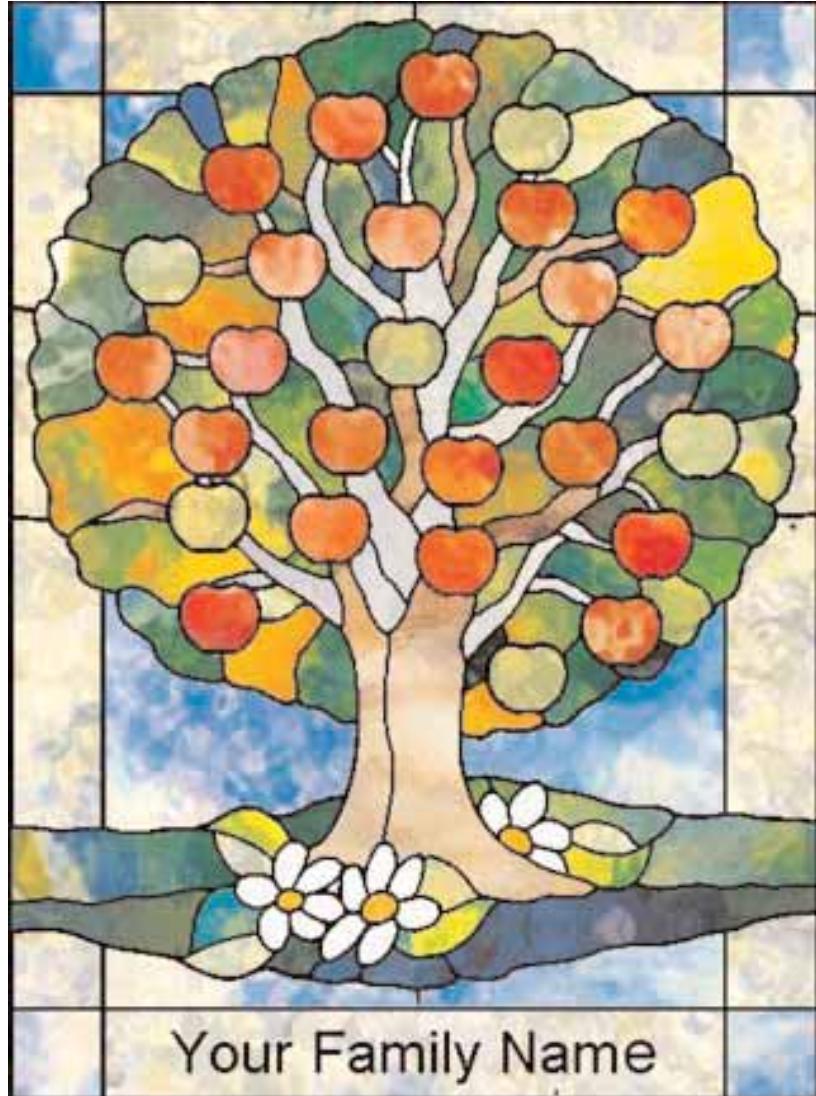
Popular presentation given for second time

The Pinole Historical Society's well-received genealogy program—*Create Your Family Tree*—will be offered to the public Wednesday, May 11, at 2 p.m., at the Pinole Senior Center.

It was previously presented at the society's February membership meeting.

PHS President Marcia Kalapus and board member Shirley Ramos will repeat the program they did in February. They will be joined by either Ian Richards or Tim Madigan, Pinole librarians, who will speak about genealogy research resources available at the library.

This event is free to the public. Membership in the senior center is not required to attend this program.



Hercules book launch will include program at May 19 PHS membership meeting

The book *Images of America: Hercules*, part of Arcadia Publishing's series on city histories will be released May 2.

The result of the tremendous efforts by authors Jennifer Posedel and Stephen Lawton with the Hercules Historical Society (HHS), the book promises to provide comprehensive information about this former company town and its inhabitants.

At the May 19 Pinole Historical Society annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Alex Clark Room of the Pinole Public Safety Building, 880 Tennent Avenue, author Jennifer Posedel will share stories from Hercules's past and photos

from long ago—many not previously seen by the public—in a PowerPoint presentation.

The PHS will also host a book signing for the Hercules book that night.

The book's primary launching event will be Saturday, **May 7**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hercules Public Library, 109 Civic Drive, Hercules. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Jennifer and Stephen, plus many of the Hercules Historical Society members, will be present. Copies of the book will be available for sale and can be signed by the authors.

You can order the book via the HHS web site at www.herculeshistory.org. For information about the book, click on the Book Information tab at the top of the home page.

On May 14 and 15, in conjunction with the used book sale conducted by the Friends of the

Hercules Library, the book will be sold inside the library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday), and noon to 4 p.m. (Sunday).

**Hercules Historical Society
Book Launch and Author Signing
Sat. May 7th, 2011
2 p.m.**

The newest book by Arcadia Publishing in its "Images of America" series is about Hercules!

Be one of the first people to buy a copy of the book that was created in conjunction with the Hercules Historical Society. Author Jennifer Posedel will be on hand for autographs.

HERCULES LIBRARY
109 Civic Drive ~ 510-245-2420
Monday & Tuesday 1—9
Weds., Thurs. & Saturday 10—6
Sunday 12—5

ccclib.org
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY
Brings People and Ideas Together

Spring issue of Newsbriefs at locations throughout area

The spring issue of PHS *Newsbriefs* is available for pickup at more than 50 locations in the area.

This issue features the first of a two-part series on the Tennents, one of the founding families of Pinole, written by PHS historian and director emeritus George Vincent.

Pinole librarian Ian Richards contributed an article about the many advantages of holding a Contra Costa County Library card, not the least of which is

utilizing the array of research services available in Pinole and throughout the county system.

And, there's an article about a recent bequest to the society by Ken Swenson, grandson of a prominent Pinole businessman 100 years ago, and a descendant of General Mariano Vallejo, Mexico's Comandante in Northern California in the 1830s.

PHS *Newsbriefs* is also available on-line at www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/newsletter.htm

Pinole Historical Society **Newsbriefs**

P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564
www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org



Spring 2011

PHS, PINOLE LIBRARY PRESERVE CITY'S HISTORY

The Pinole Historical Society and the Pinole Library are united in their efforts to preserve the city's history—and presented it to the public.

For the last year and a half, the library has offered the PHS the use of two large display cases, in which the society rotates historical exhibits.

The current exhibits celebrate National Preservation Month (May) and Pinole winners of National Women's History Month (March) awards.

The next exhibit, in June, will feature winners of our annual essay contest in Pinole schools.

For a historical society without a museum, the library's generosity gives us an opportunity to present the city's history to the public.

Recently, librarians Ian Richards and Tim

Madigan asked the PHS to provide photos for the library's previously bare brick walls. We were happy to oblige; now, 23 photos of Pinole's past

are hanging on the library's walls.

Included among these are several school class photos between 1889 and the 1930s, which

may be found in the children's section.

Tim and Ian have worked with the PHS to provide more on-line resources for our popular genealogy program—*How to Create a Family Tree*.

The library is a great place for people to do research on family histories (see page 14). And, there's no fee to use the library's computers.

The genealogy program, featuring PHS experts Marcia Kalpus and Shirley Ramos, will be offered Wednesday, May 11, at 2 p.m., at the Pinole Senior Center. The program is free, and no reservations are necessary. Either Ian or Tim will join us to review the library's resources.

We're also working with the library to present a history program for children this summer. We'll announce the details soon.



Librarian Tim Madigan in the children's section, near a 1913-1914 Pinole-Hercules School class photo.

Published quarterly by the Pinole Historical Society

Police on the lookout for old patches

Pinole Police Detective Sergeant Matt Messier, a history enthusiast who has taken on the task of preserving and displaying the police department's history, is seeking information about what year the department changed its patches and uniforms from tan to blue.

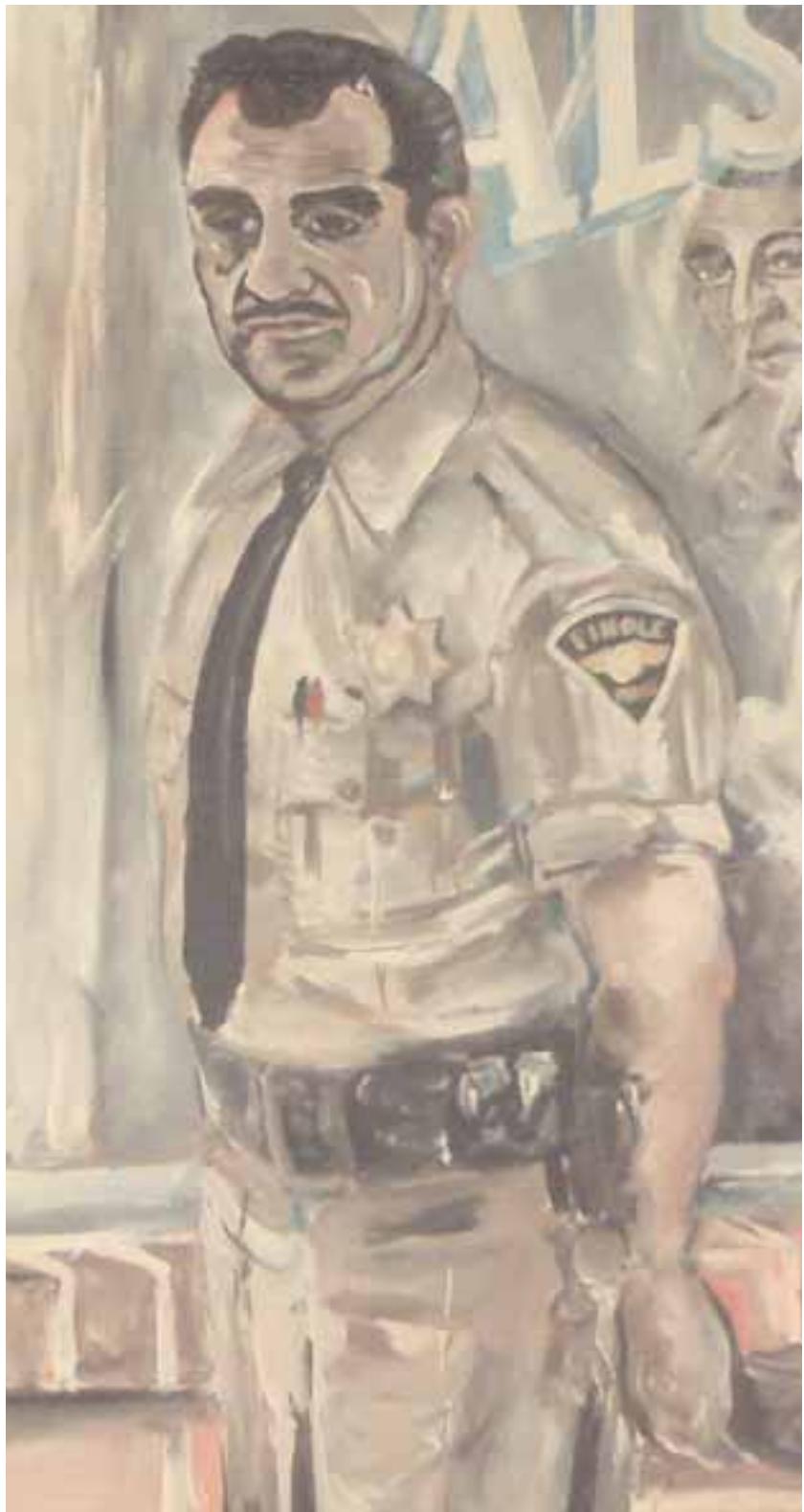
The original patch was a motorcycle-type patch. The department does not have any of these patches, and says Detective Sergeant Messier, "We are desperately looking for one for our display."

Detective Sergeant Messier has put together an impressive display of police photos and artifacts in the Pinole Public Safety Facility.

If anyone reading this newsletter can help Detective Sergeant Messier, please contact him at (510) 741-2077.



Sgt. Lowell Boyle (with patch on sleeve) and Chief Hugh Young, 1960.



Painting on the wall of the Alley Cafe, featuring a policeman with the triangular patch. (photos courtesy of Detective Sergeant Matt Messier.)

In case you missed one of our TV interviews . . .

All of our interviews with notable Pinole residents that appeared on Pinole Community TV may be found on the city's website—www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html.

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY. You'll

find our interviews, Veterans' Day programs, George Vincent's Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!



**Saturday, June 4th 2011
Fernandez Park**

PHS will participate in Community Service Day

Several Pinole Historical Society members will be volunteering their time at the city's first Pinole Community Service Day on Saturday, June 4.

Volunteers will spend three hours on community projects—from painting and landscaping at the Pinole Senior Center to providing companionship for residents of senior care facilities, from removing tires from San Pablo Bay to painting the Pinole Youth Center, from helping to beautify the southwest corner of Tennent and San Pablo avenues, to helping Pinole Middle School teachers pack in preparation for their move into the new school.

Volunteers will meet at Fernandez Park for a FREE breakfast and a FREE T-shirt from 8-9 a.m., work at a project site from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and return to the park for a FREE barbecue lunch and to visit booths of local service organizations. The Pinole Historical Society will have a booth.

Volunteers may sign up for a project by filling out and mailing the volunteer application on the next page of this e-zine.

For more information about Pinole Community Service Day, contact Pinole Community Services Commissioner Julie Oshiro at (510) 541-8036 or PinoleCSD@gmail.com.



PINOLE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
Hosted by the
Pinole Community Services Commission



Sponsored by
Richmond Sanitary Service and
Kaiser Permanente

Please complete the form below to volunteer for a project. You may submit it for yourself or for a group of people.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

How many volunteers do you have? _____

Name of organization (if applicable) _____

T-shirt size (One per person. Please mark the number needed for each size. Adult sizes only)

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Please mark your top three choices of a volunteer project by writing 1, 2 and 3 next to your highest choices.

Cleaning Tires from the Bay
 Senior Center Parking Lot Landscaping
 Senior Center Parking Curb Painting
 Tara Hills Care Home – Caring for Seniors
 Bay Park Retirement – Activities with Seniors

Pinole Youth Center Interior Painting (must be 18+)
 Vacant Lot Beautification at Tennent & San Pablo Ave.
 Pinole Middle School – Packing Up with Teachers
 Landscape Work at Bayfront Park

**For work projects like painting and clean up, please be sure to wear appropriate clothing.
It is helpful to bring your own work gloves.**

Photo Consent: By signing this registration form, you authorize the City of Pinole to use your name (or child's/ward's name) and/or photograph in any future educational and/or community informational purposes, either printed or otherwise (including, but not limited to, use on the city's website and on its public television station) produced by the City of Pinole. Further, there is no monetary compensation for this consent. Check here only if you do not give photographic consent.

Liability Waiver:

- 1) I understand that my (or my child's) participation in City of Pinole activities may involve the risk of harm.
- 2) With knowledge of the potential risks involved, I hereby release and discharge the City of Pinole or City of Pinole officials, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or appointees, including, without limitation, appointees sitting as Youth Commission Members, Community Services Commission Members, Pinole Area Senior Foundation Board Members or Pinole Youth Foundation Board Members ("Indemnitees"), from any and all claims arising from my participation in City of Pinole Recreation Department activities, except when such claims arise from the gross negligence or willful acts of the Indemnitees.
- 3) I hereby certify that I (or my child) is physically and mentally capable of participating in Pinole Recreation activities at or sponsored by the City of Pinole.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

To submit your volunteer application:

Mail or drop off at Pinole Recreation – 635 Tennent Ave. Pinole, CA 94564

You may also send via Fax: (510) 724-1528 or Email: pinolecsd@gmail.com

With any questions, please call Community Services Commissioner Julie Oshiro at (510) 541-8036

Jameson's restaurant donating to Pinole youth/seniors

Jameson's Restaurant, Hilltop's new location for classic American comfort food, will be donating a percentage of its proceeds on Mondays and Thursdays to the Pinole Youth Center and Pinole Senior Center.

Jameson's, which features ample portions, quality ingredients, and exceptional service, will donate 50% of one item — appetizer, dessert, or drink, whichever costs more — to the Pinole Youth Center and Pinole Senior Center for the entire month of May.

Bring the flyer at right to Jameson's on a Monday and Thursday and you can help these two vital city agencies raise needed funds.

Jameson's is located at 3190 Klose Way, Richmond (Hilltop), just below the Century Theatres, in a building formerly occupied by the Red Lobster restaurant.

JAMESON'S

Hilltop's new home of
Good Honest American Food
invites you to
help raise funds for the
Pinole Youth Center
and Pinole Senior Center

Every **Monday** and **Thursday** in May, order an
Appetizer
Drink or
Dessert

and Jameson's will donate 50%
of the proceeds of one item to the
Pinole Youth Center and Pinole Senior Center.

Bring this flyer to Jameson's
3190 Klose Way, Richmond
(just below the Century Theatres)
and enjoy

Classic American Comfort Food

in beautiful surroundings — and help the
Pinole Youth Center and Pinole Senior Center.

Jameson's is open every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Pinole **Historical** Society

P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org
(510) 724-9507



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!

Pinole**Historical** Society 2011 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 2011 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: _____