

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsbriefs

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CITY OF PINOLE Historic Walking Tour



GET HEALTHY AND LEARN ABOUT PINOLE AT THE SAME TIME!

Itching to learn more about the city in which you live?

Wonder about the heritage of those beautiful, turn-of-the-20th-century buildings that dot the landscape downtown? Want to know the history of the people behind names such as Faria, Tennent, Fernandez, Boyd, and Downer?

You can take a healthy stroll through the city's history. The Pinole Historical Society has a limited number of these handsome brochures — City of Pinole Historic Walking Tour — that will guide you through the homes and buildings of our city's history, and quench your thirst for information about the city's founding families.

You can find them at the PHS table near the basketball court during

the Summer Sounds concerts in Fernandez Park, and soon on Saturdays at the Pinole Farmers' Market.

If you prefer a tour guide in an electronic format, please send an e-mail to info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org and we will send you a PDF file.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Your tour will take you through Old Town Pinole, the city's center of life at the turn of the 20th century.

Many of the buildings built at this time remain standing today. You will have an opportunity to see some of these buildings and learn more about the original settlers who lived and worked in Pinole during the early 1900s.

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From front page

Unfortunately, not all of the buildings have survived. To help you imagine what these buildings might have looked like, the tour also includes the many murals that have been commissioned by the city, a number of which incorporate several of Pinole's historic buildings.

Your tour starts at the mural located on the façade of the old Greenfield Department Store building, in the parking lot adjacent to Pinole City Hall and the Public Safety Building.

Take the complete walking tour soon!



Visit the Pinole Historical Society volunteers at the Summer Sounds concerts on Thursday nights in Fernandez Park.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLANNED FOR FALL

Facing necessary operating costs just for insurance, an aggressive membership drive is

planned for this fall. Renewals and new memberships starting in November will apply to year 2009.

Membership categories include Annual (calendar year), currently \$20 for year 2008 (but set to rise to \$30 for 2009); Life Membership at \$150; Sustaining Membership at \$500 or more; and a recent addition, Business Membership at \$50 annually.

Of course, anyone simply wishing to support the operation of the PHS and its goals can make a donation to the society. Such acts are always gratefully acknowledged.

Membership has its advantages. You would receive the quarterly newsletter (like this one), regular meeting announcements, and agendas and minutes

either by e-mail or soon on our new website.

All members may vote on non-board matters at quarterly general membership meetings and the annual general membership meeting in May.

Here's something else that's new: In the past, members needed to be present at a meeting in order to vote. Now, we've instituted a proxy voting system in the new by-laws — sort of like

"absentee" voting — for general membership matters (non-Board of Directors matters). We'll have working procedures in the near future.

All of our regular meetings — board and general membership — are open to all members and interested guests.

Come to our meetings and get involved, and have a hands-on role in the Pinole Historical Society!

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Marcia Kalapus

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Tom Brooks

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UPCOMING PHS MEETINGS

August 21: General membership (see back page)

September 18: Board of Directors

October 16: Board of Directors

November 20: General membership

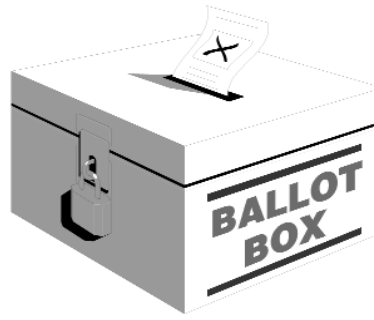
December 18: Board of Directors

All regularly scheduled meetings are open to members and prospective members. Meetings are held in the Alex Clark Room, Pinole Public Safety Building; doors open at 6 p.m., meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

ELECTION DAY IS APPROACHING

No, not that one. The other election. Three PHS Board of Directors seats expire this October. Tom Brooks, Carol White, and Jack Meehan now hold those seats.

Tom and Carol have told Nominating Committee Chairperson Judy Lee they are willing candidates for re-election to the board.



Jack, however, having served as Interim Secretary, wants to retire to non-board activity.

Members willing to serve on the board — preferably as Secretary — are urged to contact Judy Lee via e-mail at shanguo@aol.com. All PHS members vote in the board election; officers are then selected by the board.

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO CONTEST

Do you remember the Town Tavern? OK. Let's see how good your memory really is.

(1) What business previously occupied the Town Tavern, (2) who were the owners, and (3) what's on this site now?



If you are among the first three people to answer *all three* questions

correctly — send an e-mail to info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org — you will win a set of these limited-edition commemorative glasses that were produced for the dedication ceremony when the Bank of Pinole building was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

By the way, do you remember the date of the dedication ceremony?



WHAT THIS SOCIETY NEEDS (BESIDES A MUSEUM TO CALL HOME)

- A clean, dry storage space (free, of course), about 10' x 10'
- A (free) clean, lighted corner office work space, say 10' x 10'
- One, maybe two, four-drawer, legal-size filing cabinets. Free
- A friendly (free?) commercial printer for membership and business cards

- A friendly (free?) local, all-purpose attorney for occasional advice
- A wealthy benefactor — or two, three or more — so we could BUY these things
- More of those friendly, motivated, willing worker-members like those in our growing ranks.

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AUGUST 21 MEETING TO FEATURE HISTORICAL SLIDE SHOW

The August 21 Pinole Historical Society meeting will feature a slide show by PHS Vice President George Vincent on the history of the Martinez Adobes and the excavation of the Pinole Valley site in 1976. This was Pinole's first settlement.

The 30-minute slide show will take place at approximately 7:30 p.m., following the meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Alex Clark Room of the Public Safety Building. Please join us for this interesting presentation.

WHY A PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

Memories fade or corrode with passing years. "I remember when . . ." needs to be recorded on paper, photos, on "tape," and then preserved for later reading, viewing or listening. Much later, personal experiences related orally are frequently lost.

Documentation is the key. Preservation is essential. Our goal is to collect our history, organize it, study it, exhibit it.



Pinole-Hercules School No. 1 opened in 1906. Frances Ellerhorst was the principal until she retired in 1940. The school was torn down in 1968.

That's the purpose of the PHS: to stimulate interest in our past, to satisfy curiosity, to learn the foundations of what we are today, where we've been, and — yes — where we're headed in the future.

Interested? Explore our past, become part of our future, and join the Pinole Historical Society.

Fill out the application below and join today!

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 2008 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each person): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

CIRCLE ONE: Annual (\$20) Life (\$150) Business (\$50) Sustaining \$(500)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: [] Cash \$ _____ [] Check # _____ \$ _____

DATE PAID: _____