

Museum of Local History Guild

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Summer 2015 Newsletter

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Alameda County Fair 2015

This year we have a small educational display in the mineral and gem / hobby building at the county fair. Please visit our display and help spread the word about our Museum and all that we do!



President's Message

Dear Members,

One of the things that is so gratifying in being part of the Museum is seeing the faces of 3rd and 4th graders as the docents tell of life in this area from not all that long ago. The combination of wonder, curiosity and the way hands fly up with questions, as well as the offering of youthful incite on a topic is something that can't help but bolster an appreciation for history. The Museum is helping our young future historians have a great place to start developing their interest in history, and we in turn benefit from the pleasure of seeing this interest play out. It gives me great hope for the future.

There is a lot on the calendar coming up, so please take a look and mark your calendars now so that you don't miss any important events. The Festival of the Arts was a lot of fun last year. It was my first time volunteering and I am excited to participate again this year.

The passing of Alberta Nunes George and Randy Power are really significant losses for us. Their personalities and stories are unique and irreplaceable. This is all the more reason that I take some comfort in the young historians who are in early development and come through the Museum regularly.

Thanks for being with us!

Gil Garza,
President

Rancho Higuera Historical Park

Come on by the park on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will have a short walk around the property, a talk in the shade of the walnut tree, and a video about the Adobe. Cold drinks and snacks will be available to purchase, and there will be games for kids.

The Adobe is only open to the general public three times a year. Please join us for a summer visit!

Call the Museum or e-mail collections@museumoflocalhistory.org for more information.



Randy and Anne Power - Key Contributors to the Establishment of the Museum of Local History



As part of the work to bring the several historical organizations together, Gil Garza has done some informal interviews in order to get a feel for the time when the Museum of Local History was formed and opened. During this pursuit he was fortunate enough to be able to interview Anne and Randy Power at the beginning of this year.

As many of you know, William R. Power (Randy, to us) passed away on May 10th of this year. The interview between Randy, Anne and Gil was recorded on Jan 29th of this year. During the interview Anne and Randy were gracious hosts and were generous with both time and information.

They told the story of how they came to California in 1943. They bought their first Fremont home in Kimber Park. One of their connections with local history came through Anne's meeting Phil Holmes at Gomes Elementary School. Randy and Anne told how Dr. Fisher and Phil Holmes taught classes at Ohlone using a wonderful series of slideshows. Randy and Anne attended these classes, and the lessons drew them into the history of the area. They both shared a strong interest in history and helped in the many activities that have helped develop the Museum from scratch.

At different periods, Randy served as board member for both the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation and the Ardenwood Regional Historic Preserve. Randy and Anne both contributed large amounts of their time and talent to the historical community, and Randy's loss has a huge impact on it.

The Power family's generosity continues into the present, as they have asked for contributions in memory of Randy to go to the Museum of Local History. We can't thank them enough for all their gifts to the community. The MLHG gives our deepest condolences and best wishes to the entire Power family. Randy will be sorely missed.

Remembering Alberta Nunes George (1923 - 2015)



Alberta Nunes George was born in 1923 in the family home on Roberts Avenue in Irvington. She lived in that home for 40+ years, before she moved to Mission San Jose and eventually Centerville, where she lived for another almost 40 years. We are sorry to announce that Alberta recently passed away on Thursday, June 11th at the age of 92. She was surrounded by her family. She will be missed for her enthusiasm, warmth, life energy, and care for others. Everyone at the Museum wants to thank Alberta for the memories she shared. The family plans to have a private celebration of her life.

In 2013, Alberta gave a talk about her life in Irvington, and in 2014 she was interviewed for additional information. A compilation of these talks is now posted on our new YouTube channel - "Historical Society of Fremont Newark and Union City".



John Landers: One Citizen's Contribution to Fremont

John Landers was recently honored at our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. John has volunteered as part of the Tri-City Ecology Center in the Museum garden since its construction in 1997. His wife, Joanne has written something about this extraordinary man. Below is just a part of the story. Please refer to our website for the whole story.

John Landers, born in 1930, and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, was stationed at Treasure Island for a few months when he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He loved San Francisco and the wonderful California weather, so when he was discharged in 1956, he moved to California.

John decided to begin his new life in California by earning his Master's Degree in Engineering at the University of California in Berkeley.

While a student there, he met Joanne Carlsen. They were both choir members for the Newman Club, which was a catholic student organization. In 1960, Joanne and John were married.

John was working as an engineer for Varian Associates when his and Joanne's first child, Paula, was born. At that time they lived in Richmond. In 1962, the Landers' moved to Fremont because it was closer to where John worked in Palo Alto. Their three other children -- Frederick, Russell and Wayne were born at Washington Hospital in Fremont.

In 1962, John changed jobs and soon after that decided that he also wanted to change professions. He was able to get into an internship program at the University of California. He worked as a physical science teacher in the Castro Valley School District, where he taught for 24 years, until his retirement in 1989.

John is a man of many talents and passions. He began singing in the Oakland Symphony Chorus in 1969, and continued until they disbanded. He played clarinet for the Ohlone College Band and sang in the Ohlone Community Chorus with Joanne for a number of years. In the 1970s he played guitar with the Folk Music Group at Santa Paula church, and since 1995 he has been studying doumbek, frame drum, tambourine, and playing Persian and Arabic music.

John and Joanne have been members of Tri-City Ecology Center since it began in 1971. The first goal of the Ecology group was to set up a recycling center, which it did. The recycling center was run by members and families of the Ecology Center for 18 years. John and Joanne's family worked one Saturday each month for many years. Additionally, since the Landers' family lived very close to the center, they were often the ones who cleaned the site up when unwanted trash was left there.

The Tri-City Ecology Center has been an important organization in Fremont for many years. Members have reviewed the Environmental Impact Studies of many projects, written letters to council members, and have even testified when the Board felt that the project should be improved or denied altogether. When it seemed that building on the hills in Fremont was a bad idea, they campaigned to "Save The Hills".

The Center has donated close to \$40,000 worth of Environmental and Ecological Books to the Public Library, and for the past few years, the Center has been giving small grants to individuals, clubs and schools that need funding for environmental projects. John has been on the Tri-City Ecology Board, serving as Treasurer since 2002.

...read on by visiting www.museumoflocalhistory.org/historicalpapers/biographies



A Review of the annual Volunteer BBQ

The day began cloudy, but by the time of the barbecue the sun had broken through, making it a lovely day at the Museum. John Landers was recognized for his tireless devotion over the last 18 years to the Museum garden's sprinkler system.

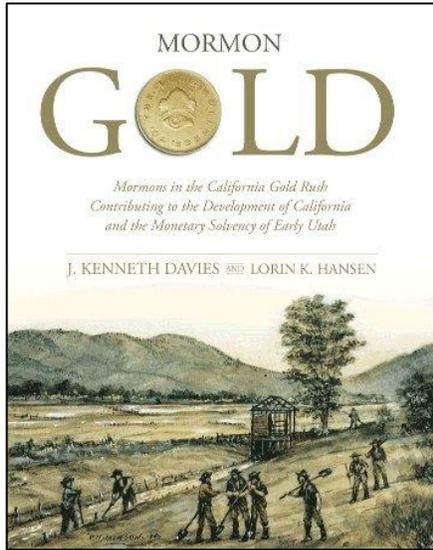
Donna Olsen was also recognized for her longtime effort and work on the garden.

Gus Morrison spoke on the work of Tri-City Ecology and its contribution to the Museum as well as the City of Fremont.

Gil Garza thanked all of the volunteers who contribute their time and energy to keeping the Museum a vital part of the Tri-City area. We look forward to YOU coming out soon to volunteer your time in this worthwhile endeavor. Just call Dianne at 510-673-4813 and tell her when and how you want to volunteer!



Mormon Gold



Former board member of the Museum of Local History, Lorin Hansen, has spent several years researching and writing the second edition of *Mormon Gold*. Anyone who has traveled through Gold Country knows that many geographic sites are named after the Mormon Pioneers who arrived in California in 1846 and 1847, long before the “world rushed in”.

Hansen was honored on May 30th of this year with a Scholastic Award by the Conference of California Historical Societies. This award is presented to a school or individual that has completed a significant research project in California history. J. Kenneth Davies wrote the first edition of *Mormon Gold* in 1984. At the request of Davies, Granite Mountain Publishing Company asked Hansen to write the second edition. The book is available in the Museum of Local History gift shop or online from Granite Mountain Publishing Company.

Hansen, who holds a Ph.D. in physics from UCLA in a combination of nuclear and plasma physics, says, “The illustrations and captions make it a good book for casual reading. The main body of text tells the story, and the appendices is a great resource for all the basic data of the story, that is, trail rosters, gold accounts, census records, etc... The name index contains over 1600 names, so it is a good resource for genealogical research. It makes it easy to discover if, when and where one’s Mormon ancestor was involved in the gold rush.”

Hansen has already researched and is now writing the history of John Horner, a Mormon pioneer who came to California on the ship *Brooklyn* with Samuel Brannan in 1846 and settled near Mission San Jose the following year.



Website, Facebook, and YouTube

Please continue to watch our website for updates, as things are constantly happening. We are currently in the process of adding videos to the site.

Remember that we are also on Facebook. You can find us at <http://www.facebook.com/museumoflocalhistory>. We hope that you will remember to “like” our page and suggest us to your friends and family!

Please also visit our new YouTube page! You can find us by visiting www.YouTube.com and searching “Historical Society of Fremont Newark and Union City”. We have already posted a few videos, and will be posting more as we go along.

A Review of the May 16th Walking Tour of Irvington



The second annual Irvington walking tour was well attended by museum members and non-members alike.

Starting at Irvington Plaza Park, the tour discussed how the important intersection has evolved from a walking trail to the busiest intersection in Fremont. Many of

the current buildings seen from the Park were constructed 100 or more years ago, including the brick Clark Hall and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

The tour pointed to the El Camino Real bell, which indicates that the five corners was once on the Mission Trail, which linked all the Missions along the Coastal edge of California. Walking along Bay Street, the tour discussed the Rix House and the Griffin House, and how they came to be in Irvington, as evidence of how settlers established themselves in the early days. Touring the Pioneer Cemetery, the graves of families that have had a significant influence on Fremont's history were viewed.

In closing, tour-goers were welcomed inside the Odd Fellows Lodge, where 150 years of local history is documented in handwritten meeting minutes, dues ledgers, regalia and photos, as well as a ceremonial U.S. Flag, which was taken into the Civil War Battles in Virginia.

If you missed the tour we sincerely hope that you will be able to attend next year!

A Review of Family Day at the Adobe

May 3rd was Family Day at Rancho Higuera Historical Park, and it was a lovely time enjoyed by all who came. We entertained about 25 guests who enjoyed tacos, guacamole, and fruit under the warm May sun. Highlighting our day was 7 year old Amaya Cabrellas-Estrada, who danced her way into our hearts with authentic Mexican folkloric dancing.

Children enjoyed candle-making and corn husk dolls and some even ventured into the mud to make Adobe bricks. Guests had an opportunity to tour the Adobe and see a short video about its history and reconstruction. All who came had a wonderful time, and we look forward to next year's event!



A Review of the April 18th Walking Tour of Alvarado

The Alvarado Walking Tour hosted about 12 people who come out to hear about the history of the older buildings in the area. The weather was great and everyone seemed to enjoy the tour. We look forward to the next installment in 2016!

An Update on Historic Consolidation

Last fall a committee was formed to work on the consolidation of the three historic groups in Fremont. Al Minard and Bruce Hevelin represent the Washington Township Historical Society; Sandra Woehl and Michi Yee represent the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation, and James Griffin and Ed Pentaleri represent the Museum of Local History Guild. Other members of the committee are Timothy Swenson, Gil Garza, Joan Serafino, David Kiehn and Lila Bringhurst.

The committee has chosen a name for the new organization (Historical Society of Fremont, Newark and Union City) and analyzed the potential membership and consolidated funds, including funds which were raised for specific purposes and will be identified as such. Al Minard and Bruce Hevelin have spent many hours creating new bylaws, and the committee is now involved in a prolonged process of evaluating the text. The committee hopes to finalize everything soon and call a meeting to present their recommendations to members of the three groups. One of the benefits of consolidation will be a concerted effort to get a larger museum for Fremont, Newark and Union City. The Museum of Local History is “bulging at the seams” because the representatives of pioneer families continue to donate wonderful historic items.

“Our leadership is getting a little thin,” commented Gil Garza, President of the Museum of Local History Guild. “We know there will more energy and enthused volunteers when everyone comes together, hopefully this fall.”

Student Tours

The Museum ended the school year having completed 20 tours -- 10 third-grade tours of the Museum and 10 fourth-grade tours of Rancho Higuera Historical Park. According to the feedback from the teachers, our tours are successfully supporting their social studies curriculum and they plan to come back for another year. This summer the Museum educational tours team plans to spend time improving marketing so that tours can be increased by 50% next year. The docents work very hard readying materials for each tour and providing a fun learning experience for students. If any members want to be part of the tours and work with students, please contact Dianne Holmes at 510-673-4813. The Museum welcomes anyone who wants to help have a great time working with the youth of the Tri-City area.



Visitors

We are happy to report to all of our members the visitor log for the Museum and Adobe (including tour attendance). In March we had 217 visitors. In April we hosted 138, and in May there were 197. Not all visitors sign the log book, though we do encourage everyone to do so.

100 Year Celebration of the Panama Pacific International Exhibition



In 2015 we celebrate 100 years since the famous 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, which was held in San Francisco. Here in the Tri-City area there are quite a few groups who are working on our local connection to the exhibition.

You can check the calendar by visiting the PPIE Fremont website at <https://sites.google.com/site/ppiecentennialfremont/>.

On July 25th, the Math Science Nucleus is hosting a gala at the California Nursery Historical Park to commemorate the California Nursery Company and George C. Roeding Senior's involvement in the PPIE. Tickets are \$125.00. Additional information can be found by visiting <http://msnucleus.org/calnursery/events/ppie03.html>.

Furthermore, the Patterson House is continuing to display its PPIE exhibit "Clara Goes to the Fair". The exhibit will be displayed on the grounds through September. Additional information can be found by visiting Facebook and searching "Fremont Patterson House".

Women of Saint Joseph Honor Regena Dennie's Memory with Rose Bush



On Saturday, May 30th the Women of Saint Joseph honored Regena Dennie's memory with the dedication of a historic rose bush in the patio garden at Mission San Jose. 40-50 friends and family joined in the celebration.

The ceremony included short talks about Regena's dedication as a Mission Docent, leading tours for 4th graders in California schools, Regena's history with the Committee for Restoration of the Mission San Jose, and a brief history about the connection between roses and the Mission system. The talks were followed by the blessing of the rose bush and the placing of the plaque by Msgr. Manual Simas, pastor of the parish.

Regena was a stalwart supporter of the Mission and its many facets, the Local History Museum, and other civic/historical organizations in the Tri-City area. She continues to be missed by all.



Philip Holmes

Phil Holmes is doing well and continues to publish articles about local history in the Tri-City Voice.

We invite you to check out his most recent articles: *Centerville Circus*, pub. 3/10/15; *Horace Bushnell visits Mission San Jose*, pub. 3/31/15; *Residents of Centerville – Alvarado Road*, pub. 4/14/15; and *How Many Fremonts?*, pub. 5/19/15. You can find all of these articles and more by visiting www.tricityvoice.com and clicking "archives".

The Centerville Library Horse Hitch



Joseph and Maria Rodrigues were married in the Azores Islands. They had two daughters -- Dulinda (1905) and Mary (1908).

In 1908, Joseph came to the United States and was offered a position as a "land staker" in California. Two attorneys arranged that Joseph would live on land that they had claimed, so that they could get free title after five years. Joseph took the last name of the attorneys (his sponsors), changing his name from Rodrigues to Nunes. Joseph lived on the ranch in Longvale in Mendocino County and this is where the attorneys taught him to read and write English.

By 1911 he had earned enough money to send for Maria and their daughters. Eventually, Joseph and Maria moved to Washington Township to Centerville. Four more children were born in Centerville, Joseph (1913), John (1915), Rose (1917) and Francis (1918).

Joseph Nunes opened a shoe repair shop in Centerville where he also repaired harnesses and saddles. The family lived in a house that had been a former library, so Dulinda and Mary teased that their brothers and sisters were "born on the library shelves."

Near the building there was a hitching post made of iron. It was ornate with the head of a horse and a ring for attaching the reins. The sisters remembered swinging from the ring on the horse hitch for fun. In 1921, the family moved to Irvington where Joseph opened another shoe repair shop. Two years later, 1923, Alberta Nunes was born.

Fast forward almost thirty years when Alberta's husband, Walter George obtained the horse hitch. That hitch has been in front of every house Alberta has lived in since then.

Recently, Alberta and her friend Jacquee moved and they have donated the priceless horse hitch to the Museum. It decorates our Museum entrance. Come and view the horse hitch with the rich story and share a memory of Alberta.

Photo Scanning at Newark Days – Set Sail for Newark – 60th Annual Celebration

The Museum and the City of Newark are working together to gather old photographs of Newark, donated by Newark residents.

During the Newark Days event, Sunday, Sept. 20th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, volunteers from the Museum will be scanning old photographs brought in by local residents.

If the participants want digital copies of their scanned photographs, they just need to bring a USB thumb drive with them.

Participants can also give a short oral video on any subject that deals with Newark. They can talk about their favorite memory of Newark, their earliest memories of Newark, so on and so forth.

All of the photographs and videos will be archived at the Museum. Participants will be asked to sign a rights form so that the Museum can use the material for future purposes.



Collections

Recent acquisitions include the following:

Bruce MacGregor, Newark historian, visited the Museum in April and donated Newark memorabilia to the museum. The items he donated include: a teachers lectern, a school bell, a Newark elementary school plaque, and various registers and papers associated with early Newark schools.

Stuart Guedon donated various reports about historic buildings in the city of Fremont.

Alberta George donated various items, including a horse hitch, a bow saw, and leather vice used by her father as a saddler and shoemaker.

Patricia Schaffarczyk and Lila Bringhurst donated a carpet sweeper, a Perfection oil heater from around 1910, an electric heater from around 1920, and a turn of the century dome-glass framed picture of St. Joseph Parish band.

Recent items catalogued into the library include the following:

Roadside Stand in Fremont, written by Frances Jensen

Our First Hundred Years: A comprehensive history of the Alameda County Water District, written by Paul Piraino

A Water District of Our Own: A celebration of Alameda County Water District's first 100 years, written by Penny Hill

Rotary Club of MSJ – “Adobe Gate Project” at Rancho Higuera Historical Park

The Rotary Club of Mission San Jose has been a wonderful partner that has worked with the Museum of Local History on a number of projects in the past. Recently, the MSJ Rotary has completed an important project for the Museum of Local History and the community in general. This project has been to replace a gate for the Galindo-Higuera Adobe in the Mission San Jose hills. The gate was in a very poor condition, had become a safety issue, and had become difficult to open and close. The fence and gate function to keep large livestock out of the Adobe area. Along with all the work that Dianne Holmes and Gerry Curry have done in making the Adobe look hospitable and inviting, the restored gate now looks great and helps with the appearance as well.

Larry Anderson, Herald Westendorf and Carol and Bob Tavares have made this one of the most hassle-free projects ever! The MSJ Rotary planned the project, purchased the material, and in short-order had the gate up and in good working order. It was very impressive how quickly the project was completed, and it is a real point of pride to see the Galindo-Higuera Adobe looking so good.

THANK YOU Rotary Club of Mission San Jose for all your hard work!



BEFORE (ABOVE) & AFTER (BELOW)



Fremont Festival of the Arts 2015

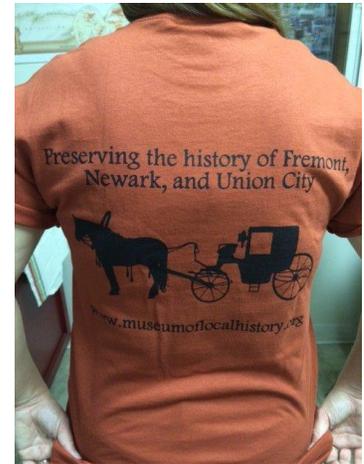
We will be volunteering again at this year's Festival by selling concessions. In volunteering for the Festival the Museum receives a percentage of the profits from every sale. This year we will need a total of 40 helpers! If you can help us by manning a cart for one two-hour time slot please let us know! E-mail volunteers@museumoflocalhistory.org or call the museum at 510-623-7907. The job is very simple, but fun! Grab a friend and come help us this year!

New Members & Renewals

As we approach the middle of the year we encourage you to mail in your membership dues. Keep in mind that dues are collected annually. Please use the attached form, which has been included at the bottom of the newsletter for your convenience.

This year we are happy to offer t-shirts to all of our members! If you are interested in obtaining a t-shirt please notate what size on your membership form and include an extra \$15 on top of your dues (\$10 for the t-shirt and \$5 for shipping). The t-shirt will be shipped to the address that you provide in your membership form. T-shirts are rust colored.

A big THANK YOU to all of our new and recently renewed members for 2015!



Steve & Beth Armstrong	Ruthe Gomez	Betty McCoy
Joan & John Ashton	Lionel Goularte	Brian Moos
Harry Avila	Doris Green	Dan Mosier
John & Rose Barr	Bob Greene	G. Barton Mowry
Janet Barton & Barry Balk	James Griffin	Al & Connie Nagy
Donald Barsi	Stuart & Gilda Guedon	Randy & Anne Power
Marjory Begley	Caroline Harris	Kevin and Carol Quinn
Tom & Gail Blalock	Philip Henry	Roeding Family
Dorothy Bradley	Bruce Hevelin	Dolores Rose
Lila Bringhurst	Mark Hirsch	Jonathan & Kristine Sandoe
B.J. Bunting	Dianne Holmes & Gerry Curry	Patricia Schaffarczyk
Steve Burton	Philip Holmes	Paul & Berenice Sethy
Kelsey Camello	Louise Indig	Mollie Sinclair
John & Linda Croft	Glenn Jones	Elinor Smith
Janet Cronbach c/o Alameda County Library	David Kiehn	Garth & Robin Smith
Robert E. and Margaret A. Davenport	Patricia Lacy & Robert Allan	Phil Stob
Nelda Erlwein	Bernie & Marlene Leal	Tim Swenson
Lynette Fraga-Weems	Nancy Lorigan	Marilyn Wall
Gilbert Garza	Gordon and Anne MacLeod	John Weed
Tim Gavin	Nancy & Robert Margherita	Jim & Ginger Westfall
		Michi Yee



Calendar of Events

June

- 6/25 – Tour of Niles, specifically the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, downtown Niles, California Nursery Historical Park, and the Vallejo Adobe (with lunch). Cost for the entire day is \$25; Cost for just Lunch at the Vallejo Adobe is \$15; Cost for just Niles Essanay Tour and short Niles walking tour is \$10. Contact Al Minard (510) 552-4839 for tickets. Sponsored by the Alameda County Historical Society.
- 6/27 – Walking tour of Niles, sponsored by the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum. Meet at the Essanay Museum at 11:30 am. Suggested donation is \$5.

July

- 7/1 – Shinn House open to the public – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- 7/4 - Join the Model A Car Club and Mission Peak Heritage for the Fremont 4th of July Parade. Meet at the intersection of Liberty and Capital Streets at 9:00 am. Contact Joan Serafino at 510-795-0891 for more information.
- 7/8 – Museum of Local History Board Meeting – 7:00 pm at the Museum.
- 7/16 – Mission Peak Heritage Board Meeting – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Archive room of the Shinn House.
- 7/19 – Victorian Ice Cream Social at the Shinn House – 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
- 7/25 – California Nursery Historical Park Gala – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, sponsored by the Math Science Nucleus. See <http://msnucleus.org/calnursery/events/ppie03.html>.
- 7/27 – Washington Township Historical Society Meeting – 7:15 pm at the Museum – Frank Borghi will be this month's speaker. Mr. Borghi was one of the early presidents of the Alameda County Water District.

August

- 8/1 – 8/2 – Fremont Festival of the Arts – volunteers to man concession carts – all day.
- 8/5 – Shinn House open to the public – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- 8/12 – Museum of Local History Board Meeting – 7:00 pm at the Museum.
- 8/16 – Shinn House open to the public – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- 8/20 - Mission Peak Heritage Board Meeting – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Archive room of the Shinn House.

September

- 9/2 – Shinn House open to the public – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- 9/9 – Museum of Local History Board Meeting – 7:00 pm at the Museum.
- 9/19 - Galindo-Higuera Adobe open to the public – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

9/20 – Photo scanning at Newark Days – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Community Center Room.

9/20 – Arts & Crafts in Shinn Park – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

9/24 - Mission Peak Heritage Board Meeting – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Archive room of the Shinn House.

9/26 – Memory Lane – *details forthcoming* - SAVE THE DATE.

9/28 – Washington Township Historical Society Meeting – 7:00 pm at Fremont Main branch of the Alameda County Library. This month's speaker will be Anthony Gualco, who transcribed Washington Township census data for various years.

Our Heritage History Project

**Everyone has a story... and a history.
Please help us to collect and share these stories!**

The purpose of Our Heritage History Project is to collect and archive the stories of the people who have lived in this place - Fremont, Newark and Union City. This can be achieved in many ways; we can video tape, audio tape or write about a person or family. Members of the museum and the historical community have continued to do this. Now, we would like to ask you to contribute. You, your family, and your friends are a part of this history. Please help us to tell these stories!

1. Volunteer to help with taping interviews

If you are interested in being a part of the project to help with **video and/or audio taping**, please call Patricia Schaffarczyk at 510-677-8461, or email her at collections@museumoflocalhistory.org.

2. Volunteer to write your story

Write a 2-6 page story about you and/or your family. Please answer the following questions and explain with stories and details. Add memories in these categories.

Tell about when you were born.

Tell about how your family came to this area.

Tell about your work life, including changes in work as well as retirement.

Tell about your family. Marriage? Children? How many generations have lived here?

What organizations have you / do you belong to? (details encouraged)

Highlight experiences and memories of your history in the area.

Add any other information, such as: schools, sports, clubs, talents, memories, etc...

Please bring kin or attach photos that show your history.

Sign a permission form (found on our website) so that your pictures and stories can be shared.

Please submit your story to Patricia Schaffarczyk at the Museum of Local History by

e-mailing it to collections@museumoflocalhistory.org

WANTED!

Old or historical photographs of Newark. Help preserve Newark's history by bringing your photographs to be scanned. The images will be archived becoming a permanent part of Newark history.

The Museum of Local History Guild will be at the Newark Days Celebration - Community Center room on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 10am—4pm to scan your old pictures.

Pictures will be returned along with your own digital images (bring a memory stick).

Participate in a Video interview 3-5 minutes

You can be recorded for posterity. Short, videotaped interview on any of the following subjects:

- my favorite memory of Newark
- my favorite thing in Newark that is now gone
- my earliest memories of Newark
- Newark's most unforgettable character or event



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Museum of Local History Guild -- Membership Form

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____ Cell phone _____

City/Zip _____ Email _____

Lifetime: \$1000	Pioneer Patron: \$500	Pathfinder: \$100
Trailblazer: \$50	Settler(family): \$40	Goldminer (single): \$35
Senior couple: \$20	Fremonteer (senior/student): \$10	Added donation: \$____

T-shirt size (circle one, if applicable): M / L / XL

We are a non-profit organization, established for public benefit. Monetary gifts and membership fees are tax deductible. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the Museum of Local History Guild. Please mail this form along with your payment to 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539.