Established in 1995 – Preserving the history of Fremont, Newark and Union City

Fall Newsletter September – December 2018

President's Message

Happy fall and THANK YOU for picking up a copy of our most recent newsletter. The museum has been busy working on quite a few behind the scenes projects as of late. Most notably, we have been working hard in collaboration with the California State Library on major projects involving the Robert Fisher 8x10 Photo Collection. We recently completed work funded by the Library for 240 work hours. We spent that time assembling metadata for the thousands of photos in this collection. Additionally, we have just nominated over 350 of these photos, and a few newspapers, to be cataloged, scanned and made available online (all for free) in spring 2019. All of this work with the Library is important, though not glamorous!

We hope you will join us in the next few months for some of our staple events, like the Niles Festival of Lights Parade and Las Posadas. Additionally, stop by the Candle Lighters Ghost House between October 13th and 30th to see our brand new display on Candle Lighters. This year they celebrate 50 years of work in the community.

As always, we are here on our open days and waiting for a visit from you (and your friends and family). Come in and see our display on Newark or the brand new display on local artists from the past. Remember, anytime is a good time to keep history alive!

Thanks for reading,

Kelsey Camello

President

Candle Lighters 50th Anniversary



This year, Candle Lighters is celebrating 50 years of service in the community. We are working hard on a display on Candle Lighters History that will be unveiled on October 13th and will remain on display at the Ghost House through

October 30th. We're so excited, we want to scream! Join the fun as Candle Lighters opens

their 50th Ghost House with a festive celebration of their Golden AnniverScary! There will be music, and special guest speakers will share some Ghost House memories to mark this incredible local history milestone. It all leads up to a one-of-a-kind ribbon cutting you definitely will not want to miss. In addition, you will be among the first to venture inside this year's Ghost House, if you dare!

Board Members

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Recent Additions to Collections

Broadway West Theater Co. donated scans of all of their large theater posters / collages from their 21-year history.

Shirley Buschke donated items related to Newark.

Fremont Art Association donated scans of their 18 scrapbooks.

Mission Peak Heritage Foundation donated files related to Shinn House.

Lynn Volp donated a booklet entitled, Memories of Gloria Ellen Rose Herschkorn.

The Sisters of the Holy Family donated a hat made by materials gathered around the gardens at Palmdale, sometime between 1970 and 1987. Collected and assembled by gardener, Hilario Dawal.



Volunteer Opportunities: Can you or someone you know help? We are currently in need of the following:

- tour guides and docents for adult and student tours (museum and adobe)
- researchers for various projects
- collections and archiving help
- technical help / IT specialists
- a membership chairperson

150th Anniversary of the Great Quake of 1868

Math Science Nucleus and the City of Fremont have been working together on commemorative events for the 150th anniversary of the 1868 earthquake. This earthquake devastated the town of Hayward. It also destroyed the original

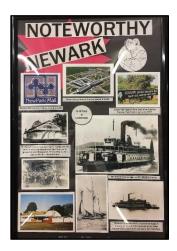


Mission San Jose adobe church and many nearby buildings. The west wing, which housed the convent, remained standing. It contains the present Mission San Jose Museum.

If you have an interest in geology or plate tectonics, especially concerning our local area, you may wish to be a participant in the upcoming fault awareness event on 10/21/18 at Central Park. The event will run from 11am - 4pm.

The focus for the event is SCIENCE – HISTORY – PREPAREDNESS.

Find more information at https://www.msnucleus. org/haywardfault/ shake.html



Noteworthy Newark

Our exhibit on Newark history will remain in the museum at least until November 1st. Stop in sometime to learn more about Newark's long and varied history!

Thank you to **The Discovery Shop in Fremont** for a brand new, in the box Teddy
Ruxpin from 1985. He will go in the permanent display case at the museum.



Ways to Donate



Wondering how you can donate to the museum?

1 Donations can be made with money, by becoming a member, increasing your membership contribution, gifting a membership

to friends or family members, by giving a general donation, or by donating to a specific project.

2 Donations can also be made in-kind, by giving items to the museum. These items can be either historical, or useful for the day to day operation of the museum.

Interested in donating to or establishing a fund in memory of a loved one? Contact the museum today!

Currently established memorial funds:

Randy Power Fund Lionel Goularte Fund Eilif Andersen Fund Regena Dennie Fund

- 3 A third way of donating is by giving time, energy, and skills volunteering! We can always use another helping hand.
- 4 Finally, the newest way that you can give to the museum is by donating appreciated securities. If you already use Vanguard for your investments, Vanguard offers a form to accomplish this. If you use someone else, a letter of authorization should be sent to your broker with a request to send a specific number of shares (must exceed \$1,000 in value) to: Museum of Local History Guild, EIN 94-3230552, Account # 51670697 Vanguard Group, PO Box 1103, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1103.

Save your taxes and money by donating appreciated stock to the Washington Township Museum of Local History!

You can now give appreciated stock to the WTMLH which you have held for more than one year and you may take a charitable tax deduction for the market value of the stock. Neither you nor the WTMLH have to pay capital gains taxes when the tax is sold!

- The combination can result in a bigger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a bigger gift for the museum.
- This is a tax planning tool derived from the IRS general rule that the deduction for a donation of "property" is equal to the fair market value of the donated "property". What the stocks have gained in value, the donor does not have to recognize the gain.
- This allows you to double up on your donation to the WTMLH by a charitable deduction and avoid tax on the appreciation in value of the stock.
- Your tax advisor is your best source for information on how you, personally, may benefit from this gift of appreciated stock to the museum.

If you are interested in receiving an easy to use form to be taken to donate your appreciated stock, contact the museum at info@museumoflocalhistory.org. Questions? Call the museum at 510-623-7907.

Spotlight on the Adobe - News from the Rancho

This year, in October, we will open the Rancho to Ohlone College students. Many students are from Mexico and are eager to learn about the Rancho period of California history. In the Spring, the Ohlone Puente students come back for a major cleanup when we get ready for Family Day at the Rancho. Besides Ohlone College, we will welcome sixteen 4th grade classes from Fremont and Newark. We look forward to a very full year up at the park.









Walking Tours

We've wrapped up our walking tours for the year. Thank you to everyone who came out to learn about local history with us!



At our Newark Walking Tour in July, 50 people joined us to learn about the long and varied history of Old Town Newark. Thank you to Anthony Guzman for leading that tour.



Then, in August, Tim Swenson led a bike tour of Decoto. There were 10 attendees.

Finally, at our Centerville Walking Tour in September, Tim Swenson hosted 30 people who came out to learn about this central part of Fremont.

Fremont 4th of July Parade

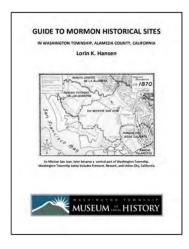




We had a great group of volunteers from the museum who marched in this year's 4th of July Parade down Central Fremont. This was our second year walking in the parade. Last year, we showed off some oversized photos from Washington Township's past. This year, we added more photos, one to represent each of the original 8 towns, and towed behind us one of our old fashioned auto buggies. The buggy was a hit with the crowd, and our volunteers had a blast showing off some local history to new and old alike. Everyone is looking forward to participating again next year.



T-shirts for sale
- \$10 each. Call
the museum if
interested!



Book launch and discussion of local Mormon historic sites

On Monday, July 23rd, 75 people gathered at Fremont Main Library to discuss and learn about a new, well-documented publication authored by Lorin Hansen entitled, *Guide to Mormon Historical Sites in Washington Township*. The story of the Mormon settlement of the Tri-city Area (Washington Township) begins with the arrival of the ship Brooklyn at Yerba Buena. In his booklet, Lorin Hansen identifies specific local landmarks, gives the history of individual families, and includes then-and-now photographs of many sites. The event was co-sponsored by the museum and the Washington Township Historical Society. Unfortunately, Lorin passed away during the planning of this event. Thankfully, many of the people who attended the event were close family and friends of his. For them, this event was a sort of memorial for Lorin. We are happy that so many people were able to attend, to learn about what Lorin had been doing and studying lately.

Niles Festival of Lights Parade

We are looking forward to again participating in this year's holiday parade in Niles, which takes places annually on the day after Thanksgiving. This year the event takes place on November 23rd. This will be our second year in the parade. If you are interested in being a part of our group for this event, please contact the museum at 510-623-7907 or email info@museumoflocalhistory.org. We hope to see you there!





Alvarado Fall Fest

We will also be participating in this year's Alvarado Fall Fest. The Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association is proud to announce its 4th Annual Alvarado Fall Fest located in the Historic Alvarado District of Union City at the Old Alvarado/Cesar Chavez Parks! This free public event is open to all ages and will be held on Saturday, October 13th. There will be live music from popular Bay Area bands: Pacific Soul Band and a Flock of Sea Girls, local dance performances, crafters and food vendors! We hope to see you there!

Las Posadas at the Museum

Las Posadas, a ceremonial celebration of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, has been co-sponsored by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council and the Old Mission San Jose annually since 1982. Join us in December as we celebrate the advent season and 36 years of this fine tradition.

During the week before Christmas, there will be a procession each night from the front porch of the Old Mission San Jose Museum, located at 43300 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. We plan to participate again this year, but have not



yet learned of the date that we will be visiting our museum. Stay informed of this by visiting our Facebook page closer to the event or by keeping a close eye on the Tri-City Voice.

Refreshments, music and holiday cheer will be provided at our museum on our evening. Please dress warmly and bring a light to help you read the song sheets. We hope you can join us! If you would like to help with refreshments or decorating the museum, please contact us at 510-623-7907 or email info@museumoflocalhistory.org.



Newark Days Info Faire

The museum once again had a booth set up at the Newark Days Community Info Faire, which is a part of the annual birthday celebration in Newark. Big thanks to the Newark Days Parade Committee for allowing us to be a part of this event every year, as we spread knowledge about our museum and the history of Washington Township.

Mission San Jose Olive Festival

Plans for the Olive Festival are underway and we plan to be a part of it once again this year.

The annual Olive Festival will be held both Saturday and Sunday October 6-7, 10am – 5pm, and this year's event will be one to remember! Food – Live Music – Entertainment – Arts & Crafts – Kids Games – Beer & Wine – Drawings – Prizes. Check out all the vendors, featuring everything from olive oil to olive wood carvings. Bring your families!

The festival opens Saturday with live music, followed by great food, more music, and activities for young and old through Sunday! More information is available at: http://msjchamber.org/events/olive-festival/.

The Festival is located on the grounds of the Dominican Sisters behind Historic Old Mission San Jose at the intersection of Mission Blvd. and Washington Blvd. in the Mission San Jose district of Fremont at 43326 Mission Blvd.



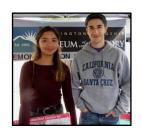


Spotlight on School Tours

This year, we have more museum tours booked than we have ever had before. St. Francis Extended Senior Care is coming from Hayward with clients of a certain age, and we will host Aegis Living Center later in 2019. Also joining us one evening will be a Cub Scout group, along with their families. Added to those special guests, we will open our doors to 20 elementary schools and their teachers and parents. Marjory Begley has been working on enhancing the Irvington fossils display to give students a better idea how big those prehistoric animals really were. This is part of our mission to help the learning make better sense to children. We want them to understand our history and continue to explore it as they go through school and become adults.

54th Annual Niles Antique Faire & Flea Market

We had some items left over from last year's flea market sale, so we took to Niles for the second year in a row. A few volunteers worked hard and had fun selling our wares to make money for the museum. Thank you to all who helped with this!



Spotlight on the Museum

Marjory Begley has put together a new, permanent display inside the museum. It is called *Fremont Artists of the Past* and highlights various artists and subjects that were and are an important part of Tri-City history.

The oldest artist represented is Elda Durham Cutler, 1864-944. When she was alive she taught at Curtner Seminary for Young Ladies. This was in the 1890s. We have two of her paintings on display - one dating back to 1895 and the other to 1911. These two painting were recently donated to the museum by a Durham family relative.



The other paintings on display are of areas around Fremont. The "saloon" mosaic is part of a wonderful collection of old buildings from around Fremont, created by Alice Ebright. The museum owns quite a few focusing on the area of Mission San Jose, many of which are already on display in the main workroom/office of the museum building. Some of the buildings depicted are still around, while others have been lost to time. Ebright had done many other mosaics, but sadly, many were lost in the International Kitchen Restaurant fire.

These are just a few of the artworks on display. Stop by the museum sometime soon and see these and other amazing works by local artists!

New Members and Renewals

Thank you to all of our members who are paid up through December 31st, 2018! If you do not see your name here, please pay your dues as soon as you can.

Membership is one of the best ways to support the museum. Members make it possible for curious people throughout Fremont, Newark and Union City to explore their shared history. They help provide hands-on educational programs for schoolchildren and lifelong learners, purchase necessary supplies, produce new displays, and preserve our archives. Members give the whole community a gift that connects people to history and culture. Thank you for considering investing in the historic hub of the Tri-City Area.

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Joan & John Ashton

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John & Rose Barr

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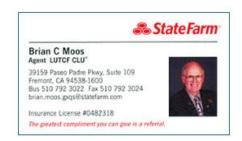
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September 2018

- TUES 9/04: WTMLH Board Meeting 6pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- SAT 9/15: Centerville Walking Tour 11am Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd. Tim Swenson to lead.
- MON 9/17: Bunkmates Meeting 7pm -190 Anza St in Fremont.
- SUN 9/23: Newark Days Info Faire 12 4pm Outside the Newark Community Center on Cedar Blvd in Newark.
- MON 9/24: WTHS Meeting 715pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.

October 2018

- TUES 10/02: WTMLH Board Meeting 6pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- SAT&SUN 10/6-7: Olive Festival 10am 5pm 43326 Mission Blvd in Fremont.
- SAT 10/13: Alvarado Fall Fest: 10am 5pm 3871 Smith St, Union City
- DISPLAY 10/13 30th on Candle Lighters History (50 Years) at the Candle Lighters Ghost House, 39169
 Fremont Blvd in Fremont.
- SUN 10/21-150th Anniversary of the Great Quake of 1868 11am 4pm Central Park in Fremont.

November 2018

- TUES 11/06: WTMLH Board Meeting 6pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- FRI 11/23: Niles Festival of Lights Parade 6:30pm Downtown Niles in Fremont.
- MON 11/26: WTHS Meeting 715pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.

December 2018

- TUES 12/04: WTMLH Board Meeting 6pm 190 Anza Street in Fremont.
- DATE TBD: LAS POSADAS WEEK 12/13 12/21/18 stay tuned for more information
- MUSEUM CLOSED DURING REGULAR HOURS FROM 12/19/18 -01/02/19 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

If you have something you would like to run in our next newsletter, please note the deadline for submissions is 11/22.

The next newsletter will run in December and will cover the months of December 2018 – March 2019.

Send submissions to <u>membership</u>
@museumoflocalhistory.org.

Selection from the Collection

Collection: Rose Family of Newark, donated by Gloria Herschkorn – photograph: Manuel Silvia Nunez and his meat business, Newark Market Rose Bros - 3x4" b/w.



190 Anza Street, Fremont, CA 94539

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Detach and return to the museum:

Name:	Yes, I want to renew or become a member!	
Phone:	Senior/Student	□ \$10
Address:	Senior Couple	□ \$20
	Regular	□ \$35
	Family	□ \$40
Email:	Trailblazer	□ \$50
	Pathfinder	□ \$100
	Business Membership	□ \$300
	Pioneer Patron	□ \$500
	Lifetime	□ \$1,000
	Yes, I would also like to donate	
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