



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

Spring 2019
(March – June 2019)

President's Message

This spring we bring you three walking tours, a huge event at the Rancho property, an open park day for Plein Air painters (also at the Rancho), and our annual volunteer, donor, and member recognition luncheon!

We sincerely hope that you will find the time to join us for at least one of these great events.

April 13th will be our Niles Walking Tour. Our friends at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum will be hosting and conducting the tour. That's some local non-profit collaboration at its best! May 18th will be our Centerville Walking Tour, where Tim Swenson will lead you through what's left of Centerville's old downtown. June 15th will be our lone bike tour around the Decoto neighborhood of Union City. Tim Swenson will also be leading this tour, which begins at Dry Creek Regional Park.

Our two biggest events of the year will also take place this spring. First up is Family Day at the Rancho on April 27th. If you come out for this event you won't be sorry! Beautiful dancing by local students, delicious food, an amazing view of the Bay Area, and so much more await you at Rancho Higuera Historical Park. Then, on June 2nd we'll get together at Swiss Park for a day of thankfulness (and lots of food!). If you're a member, donor (financial or in kind), or a volunteer, please join us on this day.

If you aren't able to attend Family Day, you have a second chance to visit the Rancho on April 8th as we open the property for Plein Air painters. Not a painter? No problem! Come on out with a picnic lunch and simply enjoy the park and all it has to offer.

It's been a long, rainy winter and early spring, but we're all set for a busy, and hopefully sunny, late spring and summer. We hope you'll help us make it great!

Happy reading, and thanks for keeping local history alive!

Kelsey Camello, President



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An electric typewriter
Do you have one?
Contact us at collections
@museumoflocalhistory.org

Board Members

President: Kelsey Camello
Vice President: Patty Lacy
Secretary: Timothy Swenson
Treasurer: Gerry Curry
Board: Alan Nagy
Board: Tom Heater
Board: Stuart Guedon
Alternate: Marjory Begley
Alternate: Libby Macris

Congratulations to Philip Henry who won our membership raffle!

Thanks to all of you who paid your membership EARLY this year and were entered into the raffle. Let's do it again next year!



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Recent Additions to Collections

Donald Barsi donated a postcard advertising Hidden Valley Ranch (Warm Springs) and a token advertising the Charlie Chaplin film *A Jitney Elopement* (1915).

Sally Neves donated a memorial poster for Joe Cardoza who died in WWII.

Larry Martinelli donated a steel worker outfit and union cards from Pacific State Steel (Union City).

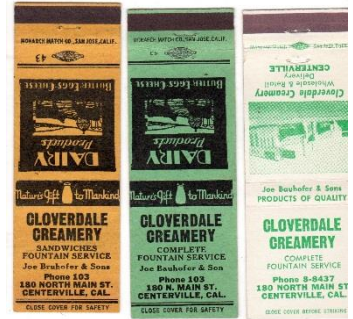
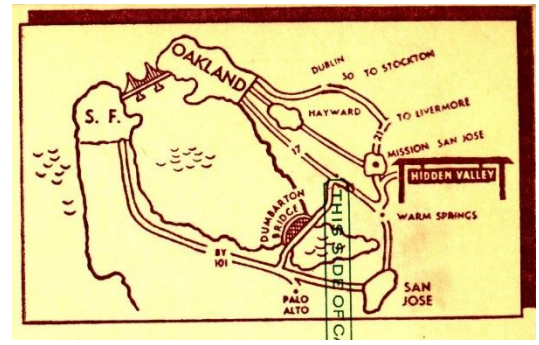
Casey Howard via the Mollie Sinclair Trust donated various historical photos and newspapers from Mollie Sinclair, including a photo of the Howard Overacker home.

Alaina Stewart donated Word files and an Excel index of her mother's local history articles (Lila Bringham).

Marjory Begley donated a collection of wine glasses from Mission Days (Mission San Jose).

JoAnne Matsumura donated 43 matchbooks and one business card related to Fremont and Newark.

Leonard Champion donated a map of Fremont (1960).



Election Results

A big thank you to everyone who mailed in a completed ballot for our last board election. The results are in, and Elizabeth Macris is now a member of the museum board. Gerry Curry and Stuart Guedon were also voted back onto the board. After tallying the votes, the current board voted on positions for the new/returning members. Curry is to remain as Treasurer, Guedon has been moved up from an alternate position to an open board position, and Macris is serving as an alternate.

Fremont Sounds Like...

Have you taken the opportunity to check out this amazing local podcast? Fremont Sounds Like... is an oral history and field-recording podcast from the largest suburb in the San Francisco Bay Area – Fremont! It is independently produced by Andrew Cavette with support from the museum. Each episode is less than a few minutes in length. Check it out by visiting <https://radiopublic.com/fremont-sounds-like-WJ9Xb1>.

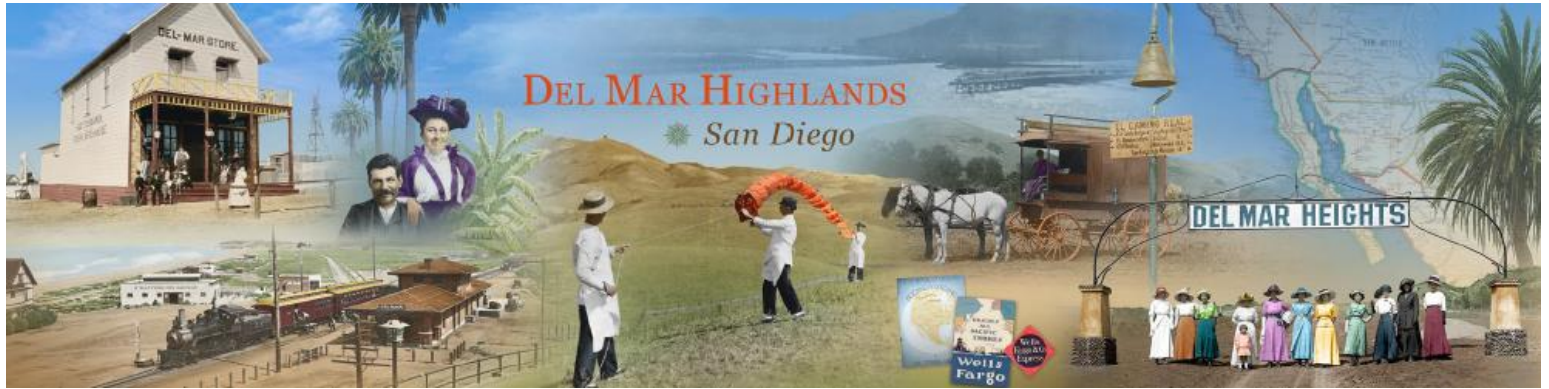


New Signage for the Museum

We're actively working with an Eagle Scout from Troop 111 in the Mission Area who will be creating updated signage at the museum. Eagle Scout Advait Prasad is an artist who is working on creating a statement piece / large format sign on the north facing wall of our museum. He'll also be updating our existing street level signage. We're in the planning stages now, but we are very excited about the changes that will be coming. Stay tuned!

Wells Fargo Murals Display Tri-City History

Wells Fargo recently contacted the museum to obtain a few historical photographs from our collection for use in new murals being installed in two locations – one in San Diego and one in Union City. Copies of these murals are pictured below. If you'd like to see the Union City mural in person, visit the branch located at 34356 Alvarado Niles Road.



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; a membership chairperson; mowing and weed abatement at the rancho; newsletter editor.

Women of Washington Township – A wine and cheese (and history!) event

We enjoyed a great break in the rain. It was a beautifully sunny day in the yard of the museum on March 16th for our special talk for Women's History Month. Patty Lacy, Dianne Holmes and Kelsey Camello spoke to a crowd of over 50 men and women about three notable women from our past: Milicent Washburn Shinn of Fremont, Frances (Kelly) Robie of Union City, and Viola (Freeman) Blythe of Newark. The wine was abundant, the food was plentiful, and everyone had a great time. Please join us next year to learn about three more women from our past!



Milicent Washburn Shinn 1858-1940

- 1898: The Department of Pedagogy (the study of the method and practice of teaching) grants its first Ph.D. to Shinn. Hers is the first doctoral degree earned by a woman at the University of California (Berkeley), and the 11th in the University overall.
- Editor for 11 years, and regular contributor to the *Overland Monthly*, a popular California magazine/journal, beginning at age 25.
- Her highly acclaimed study *Notes on the Development of a Child*, published in installments from 1893-99, is still available in print today.



Frances (Kelly) Robie 1867-1957

- School board trustee for the Alvarado School District, starting in 1912. Became the recognized public voice of the school board.
- Longest serving female school board trustee in Alameda County (1942) and longest serving trustee in the County overall (1943). Resigned in 1944, after serving a total of 32 years.
- The only female school trustee in Alameda County on the honor roll during her time.



Viola (Freeman) Blythe 1916 - 2002

- Defender of the helpless - spent her life caring for men, women and children in need of food, shelter, and support.
- Preferred to be in the background, rather than awarded and recognized for her work.
- Hers is the only dedicated food bank in the City of Newark. The Center serves approximately 9 - 10,000 people annually.
- City of Newark *Volunteer of the Year* Award named for her since 1990.



SAVE THE DATE

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**Sunday, June 2nd, 2019**  
**Join us for our annual**  
**Volunteer/Donor/Member Luncheon**  
 at Swiss Park Hall  
 5911 Mowry Avenue in Newark  
 Doors open at 12 noon  
 Open to all interested parties!

*[More info to follow in our next newsletter]*



## Plein Air Day at Rancho Higuera Historical Park

Saturday, June 8th, artists will converge at Rancho Higuera Historical Park to paint visions from the park, located in the Mission San Jose area of Fremont. We are pleased to host this plein air painting event for the public. This "paint out" will feature plein air painters from throughout the Bay Area. Plein air is derived from the French term for painting outside, and Rancho Higuera Park is the perfect setting for doing so. Join in and have fun as you paint in the open air of the beautiful East Bay hills above Fremont. The grounds will be open from 9am - 2pm the day of the event. No need to register; simply show up ready to paint. Not a painter? No problem! Come on out with a picnic lunch and simply enjoy the park and all it has to offer. Admission is free, but \$5 per painter is a suggestion donation. The park is located at 47300 Rancho Higuera Rd. in Fremont. Please park at street level.

## Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #336

is having



## A Tea Party

Place: Mission Peak Odd Fellows Hall  
40955 Fremont Blvd. (Irvington)

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 2:00 PM

**\$15.00 or Donation**

Join us for Tea and "crumpets" - and fun.  
Decorate your own table - round or oblong.

Wear your favorite hat and bring your favorite tea cup.  
(Hats and teacups can be provided.)



We will have a speaker on the  
History of Washington Township.



RSVP to Pat McLean 510-673-7211

Please state if you will decorate your own table,  
and what size you would like.



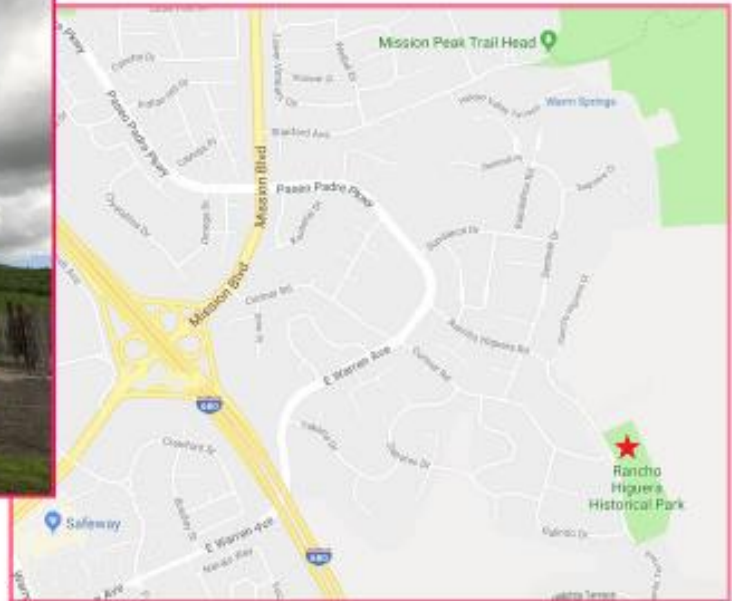
# 4th Annual Family Day at the Rancho

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm at Rancho Higuera Historical Park

**FREE**



47300 Rancho Higuera Road, Fremont



- Music & Folklorico Dancing
- Rancho Games & Activities
- Food for Purchase
- Adobe Tours
- Piñata for Children
- Rattlesnake Roger & His Western Collection

Suggested donation:  
\$5/person or \$10/family  
Museum members &  
children under 5-FREE



More info? Email [programs@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:programs@museumoflocalhistory.org)



*Fremont, Newark, & Union City*  
**Historic District  
Walking Tours**

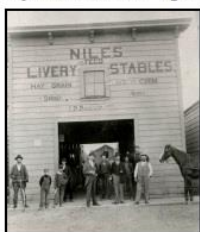
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
**MUSEUM of LOCAL HISTORY**

**APRIL - SAT 4/13: Niles**

Meet @ 11am at Essanay Film Museum – David Kiehn of NESFM to lead -- followed by Laurel and Hardy talkies at 4pm



**MAY - SAT 5/18: Centerville**

Meet @ 11am in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd.  
– Tim Swenson to lead



**JUNE - SAT 6/15: Decoto**

Bike Tour Meet @ 11 am in the parking lot of Dry Creek/Pioneer

Regional Park, located at the end of May Road (near Whipple and Mission Blvd). – Tim Swenson to lead



**JULY - SAT 7/20: Irvington**

Meet @ 11am at the Irvington Monument at Five Corners  
–Caroline Harris to lead



**AUGUST—SAT 8/10: Newark**

Meet @ 11am at the corner of Thornton and Ash Streets in front of Watkins Hall – Al Nagy to lead



**SEPT - SAT 9/14: Alvarado**

Meet @ 11am at Alvarado Elementary School, 31100 Fredi St. in Union City – Tim Swenson to lead



**OCT - SAT 10/12: Mission SJ**

Meet @ 11am at 190 Anza  
- Kelsey Camello to lead



**NOV - SAT 11/02: Cemetery** – evening program with time and cemetery TBD. Stay tuned.

*All tours are FREE, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.*

*For more information call 510-623-7907 or email [walkingtours@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:walkingtours@museumoflocalhistory.org)*



## **Museum Calendar**



### **March 2019**

EVENT — SAT & SUN 3/02 – 3/03: SF History Days at the Old Mint

MEETING — TUES 3/12: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

EVENT — SAT 3/16: Women's History Month – Women in Washington Township — wine and cheese event (with a little history too!) – 2-4 pm at 190 Anza St in Fremont

MEETING – MON 3/18: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St

MEETING — MON 3/25: WTHS Meeting – 715pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

DISPLAY 12/20/2018 – open ended – Remembering Philip Holmes

DISPLAY 1/12/19 – 3/10/19: Chinese Roots – Sketches of Life in the Washington Township, at Fremont Main Library Maurice Marks display area on the second floor and in the main floor exhibit case

### **April 2019**

TUES 4/09: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

SAT 4/13 - Niles Walking Tour - 11am - Meet at Essanay Film Museum – Essanay (David Kiehn) to lead

MEETING – MON 4/15: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St

SAT 4/21: Puente Cleanup Day – 10am – 2pm – Rancho Higuera Historical Park, 47300 Rancho Higuera Road in Fremont. {Collaboration with Ohlone College – Puente Group}

SAT 4/27: Family Day at the Rancho – 11am – 3pm - Rancho Higuera Historical Park, 47300 Rancho Higuera Road in Fremont

### **May 2019**

SAT 5/11: Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #336 Tea Party & History Talk – 2pm – IOOF Hall – 40955 Fremont Blvd

TUES 5/14: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

SAT 5/18: Centerville Walking Tour – 11am – Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd. – Tim Swenson to lead

MEETING – MON 5/20: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St

MON 5/27: WTHS Meeting - 715pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

### **June 2019**

SUN 6/02: Annual Volunteer/Donor/Member Luncheon – open to all - Doors open at 12 noon – Swiss Park Hall, 5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark

SAT 6/08: Plein Air at the Rancho – open to all – \$5/person donation to enter park. 9am – 2pm

TUES 6/11: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont

SAT 6/15: Decoto Bike Tour – 11am – Meet in the parking lot of Dry Creek/Pioneer Regional Park, located at the end of May Road (near Whipple and Mission Blvd). – Tim Swenson to lead

MEETING – MON 6/17: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St



Business & Corporate Members



## New Members and Renewals

Thank you to all of our members who are paid up through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019!

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.

Steve & Beth Armstrong  
Joan & John Ashton  
Vinnie Bacon & Jenny Kassan  
Eldwood & Floy Ballard  
Brian Barlow  
Donald Barsi  
Bill & Marilyn Bauhofer  
Barbara Baxter  
Ralph and Carole Bell  
Sarah & Daniel Bentley  
Dorothy Bradley  
B.J. Bunting  
Joan Butler  
Chris & Alice Cavette  
Jim Chambers  
Allen Chan  
Yvonne Chow  
Deanna Cope  
John & Antoinette Cordeniz  
Paul Davis and Knuti Vanhoven  
John P Dunford  
Nelda Erlwein  
Pauline Ferrito  
Roberta & Patrick Fisher  
Lena Fong & Stan Lukezic  
Jill Fong-Au  
Lynette Fraga-Weems

Tim Gavin  
Janice Gonzalves  
Lionel Goularte  
Doug & Doris Green  
Bob Greene  
Caroline Harris & Greg Mau  
Philip Henry  
Bruce Hevelin  
Mark Hirsch  
Joanne Hoemberg  
Philip Holmes  
Jean Holmes  
Cheryl Holmes  
Katie Janssen  
Michael Kania & Family  
Art & Joan Kimber  
Patty Lacy  
Shirley Lancaster  
John and Joanne Landers  
Edward & Donna Leal  
Diane Gomes Leys  
Gordon & Anne MacLeod  
Elizabeth Macris  
Siv S. Mahanty  
Nancy Margherita  
Rita McBride  
Dr. Marguerite M McInnes

G. Barton Mowry  
Al Nagy  
Kathleen & Brian O'Connor  
Donna Olsen  
Larry Orozco  
Mrs. Sandi & Dick Pantages  
Mary Betchart Platten  
Anne Power  
Kevin & Carol Quinn  
Roeding Family  
Jerry & Carmie Rudy  
Patricia Schaffarczyk  
Doretta Schuyler  
Paul & Berenice Sethy  
Sushil Shukla  
Mollie Sinclair  
Garth & Robin Smith  
Adrienne Stephens  
Tim Swenson  
Joyce Tanaka  
Jeannie Thomson  
Walter & Lois Ulrich  
Ellen Woods  
Roland Zoller & Madeline  
Williams-Zoller

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History* and mail to 190 Anza Street,  
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*Yes, I want to renew or become a member!*

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Senior/Student      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10    |
| Senior Couple       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20    |
| Regular             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35    |
| Family              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40    |
| Trailblazer         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50    |
| Pathfinder          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100   |
| Business Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300   |
| Pioneer Patron      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500   |
| Lifetime            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 |

*Yes, I would also like to donate*

*to a special fund:* \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of fund)

Donation amount ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Contribution ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_