



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

Summer 2019
(June – September 2019)

President's Message

This spring and summer we are working hard as always -- First, on June 2nd we celebrate our donors, volunteers, and members with our annual appreciation lunch. This event is a great opportunity to bring a friend who knows nothing about the museum. We always make it a point to go over the past year's events and accomplishments. If you aren't able to make it this year, please join us in 2020. It's a lot of fun and there's always more than enough great food and conversation.

The next weekend, on June 8th we will open the rancho property for a plein air event. Painters and non-painters are welcome! We encourage people to come up and experience the property – take a walk, read a book, bring a picnic lunch. Rancho Higuera is only open to the public once or twice a year, so please take advantage of these special open days, and tell your friends about them.

We have a Decoto biking tour on June 15th, an Irvington walking tour on July 20th, a Newark walking tour on August 10th, and an Alvarado walking tour on September 14th. Bring a friend and a hat and join us for these great walks. All tours start at 11am and run about 1.5 hours and 1.5 miles, give or take.

You'll also find us at Fremont's 4th of July Parade. Want to join in on the fun? Just call or email us at the museum. All are welcome. Then, on July 11th we will have a special field trip at the Society of California Pioneers in San Francisco. This event has a max attendance of 25 people. If you want to come, let us know early. Rounding out the month, we will co-host with the WTHS a talk and display by Pete Neumiller of the Rock Poster Society on 1960s and 70s rock and roll posters from the Tri-City.

August and September will be filled with events related to the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, Ducks for Bucks, and Newark Days. Save the date also for the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll – Sunday September, 22nd from 7am – 2pm. The Canyon will be closed to vehicular traffic and you will get a chance to hike and bike in the canyon!



We're busy bees around here -- always prepping for an event, working on our ever-expanding archives, and hosting walk in guests and school tours. If you're reading this newsletter and wondering, "How are they doing it all?" The answer is that we have some volunteers who are really special people who truly make miracles happen. Want to become a part of our team? Call or email us today!

Here's to a drier end of spring and a busy and sunny summer ahead. Thanks for reading,

Kelsey Camello, President

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**SUNDAY
JUNE 2ND**
@ SWISS PARK HALL
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Program: 1pm Raffle: 1:30pm



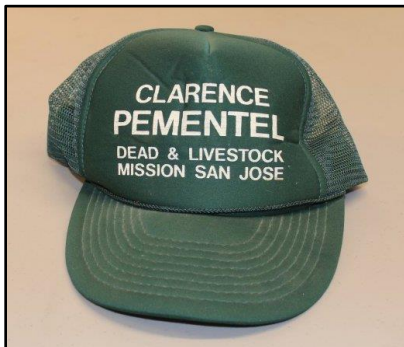
**190 Anza Street,
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Join us for lunch, a short presentation, games and a raffle, **PLUS** heaps of gratitude for all of our faithful volunteers, donors, & members.

Come and meet other like-minded folks who love to talk local history!

Please RSVP to
info@museumoflocalhistory.org
or 510-623-7907
by May 26th.

Recent Additions to Collections



Laura Comstock donated a cap, having belonged to Clarence Pementel. Clarence, born in 1924, was a livestock man who carried away dead animals for ranchers and dairymen. He had a business on Mission Blvd (41100 in the 1970s). He raised a family here and is listed in the 1930 census as living in Mission San Jose with his parents.

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.

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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>.



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Remembering Sister Loretta Marie Marbach

Sister Loretta Marie Marbach, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family for 59 years, died Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the age of 79 at the Sisters' Motherhouse in Fremont. Sister Loretta Marie was born Lucile Marie Marbach on January 7, 1940, in Waitsburg, Washington. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Family from St. Patrick's Parish in Walla Walla on January 6, 1960.

Sister Loretta Marie's earlier ministry experiences as religious education teacher and coordinator took her to parishes in California, Hawaii, Nevada, Texas and Utah. In the mid-1980s, she began taking courses toward a Special Education degree, and in 1990 earned a credential in Special Education for mild, moderate and severely handicapped children. From 1993 to 2007 she was special educator in west Wendover Elementary School in NV.



After returning to the Motherhouse in Mission San Jose in 2007 for a sabbatical, Sister Loretta Marie began volunteer service in the Sisters of the Holy Family Archives, while serving on the Board of Directors of St. Elizabeth's Day Home in San Jose. In addition to her volunteer service, she enjoyed doing wildly-shaped jigsaw puzzles and playing rummikub with the Sisters. She was also a longtime volunteer at the Washington Township Museum of Local History.

Remembering Bernice Rehfeld Voorhees



Born February 19, 1918 in Mission San Jose, Bernice was the daughter of Harry and Mary Louise Weber.

She attended school in Washington Township and graduated from Washington Union High School in 1936 and graduated again from Munson's Private Secretarial College in San Francisco two years later. Her business career has been varied and interesting. Her initial position in the business world was as a secretary accountant with P.C. Hansen Lumber Co. of the Centerville District Office. A succession of jobs took her to a law office, an accounting position with the Alameda County Water District, and with the Cardoza-Bickard Insurance Co.

She was the first secretary of the group working toward the incorporation of the City of Fremont. In 1961 her husband, Karl Nordvik passed away leaving her the mother of three sons, Mike, Bill and Kurt Nordvik. In 1966 she married Raymond Rehfeld and acquired a step-daughter and son, Judith and David. Bernice leaves six living grandsons and one deceased. She is the great grandmother of 13 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

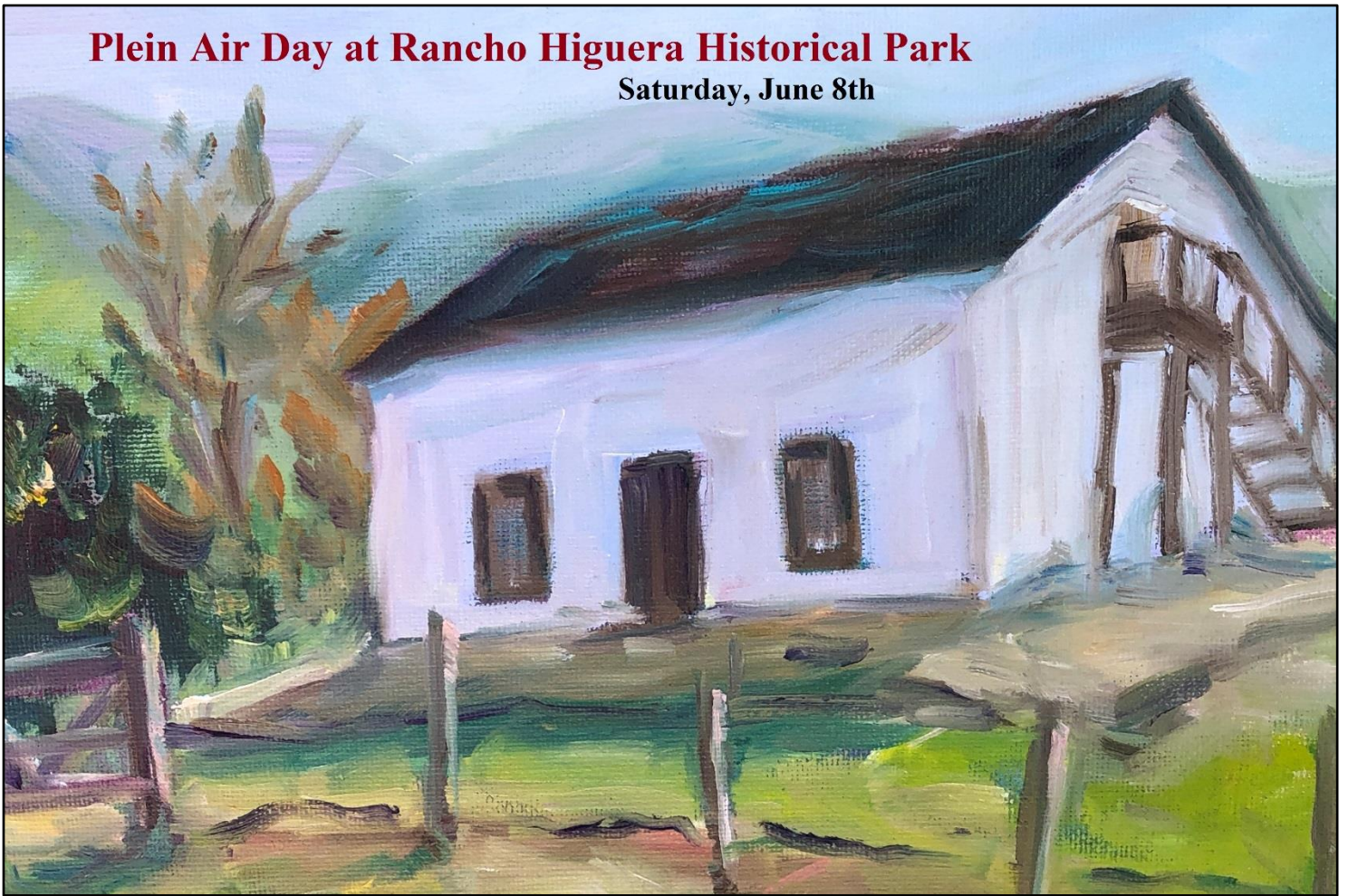
She was a member of the Washington Township Business and Professional Womens Club and served as President of that organization 1942-43. Bernice has also served as Chairman of many committees including Scholarship, Legislation, World Affairs and Constitution & By Law Committees. In 1970 she was named the First Woman of the Year for the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was the Chairperson of a three-day Regional Conference of the National Association of Accountants' women activities in San Francisco.

During her lifetime she maintained a keen interest in local affairs, especially those that were focused on the betterment of the Fremont Community. Serving for five years on the Advisory Board of a "Boundary Committee" for the Fremont Unified School District; a long-time member of the Country Club of Washington Township serving as a Director and Treasurer; a Charter Member of the Hobby Section of that club which began in 1944; a member of the Holy Spirit Church and Italian Club, member of the Child Welfare Club and the Snail Pace Club. Her husband of thirty-one years, Ray Rehfeld, died in 1997.

In 2001 Bernice re-married. This time to her lifelong friend, Clyde Voorhees who passed in 2010. She has led a full and active life traveling world-wide, playing bridge with friends, gardening, making flower arrangements, and preparing sumptuous meals for family and friends. Her constant attention to the needs of her many friends and family has given her joy and earned her the love and affection of all who knew her. She will be sorely missed by this community where she lived all of her 101 years. She expressed her love of family constantly and including Clyde three children Jill, Kris, and Jeff. One step-son Fray and Carolyn Heath.

Plein Air Day at Rancho Higuera Historical Park

Saturday, June 8th

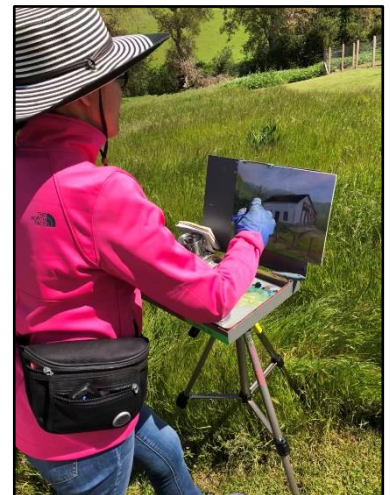


On Saturday, June 8th, artists will converge at Rancho Higuera Historical Park to paint visions from the park, a special place with spectacular hillside views and only open to the public once or twice a year. We are pleased to host this plein air painting event for the public. This “paint out” is open to new and experienced 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.

Not a painter? No problem! Come on out with a camera and snap some photos, or simply bring a picnic lunch and a book. All are welcome to visit the park and enjoy all it has to offer. The 19th century adobe building will also be open to visitors.

The grounds will be open from 9am - 2pm the day of the event. No need to register; simply show up ready to paint. 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.



IOOF Tea Party & History Talk by Patricia Schaffarczyk

On Saturday, May 11th about 35 people enjoyed a talk and tea at the Irvington IOOF Hall. Our own Patricia Schaffarczyk talked about the rural-urban Irvington hike that the museum sponsored in 2016. She gave a presentation, sharing photos and information about the historic buildings and areas along the hiking route. Thank you to Silver Star Rebekah Lodge #336 for sharing this fun event with us!

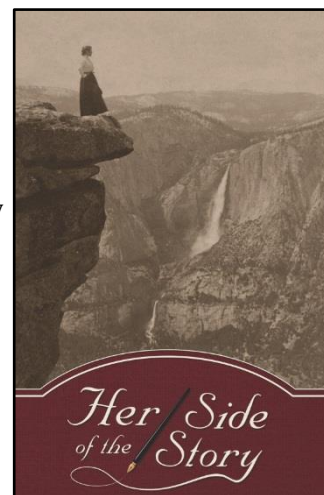
Special Field Trip at the Society of California Pioneers – July 11th

Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women

- on exhibition through September 1st, 2019

View this special exhibit as well as the rest of what the Society has to offer on Thursday, July 11th. The museum will be open for only our group on this morning. We will plan to take a private tour of the stacks with museum director Patricia Keats, and possibly enjoy a picnic lunch on the Presidio grounds. Pioneer Hall is located at 101 Montgomery, Suite 150, Presidio of San Francisco 94129.

Interested in joining us? Max attendance for this field trip will be 25 people. Please RSVP to info@museumoflocalhistory.org early to reserve your spot.



Historic Niles & Centerville Walking Tours Kick Off the Season



Thanks go out to Essanay for once again hosting the Niles Walking Tour on our behalf. David Kiehn, assisted by Rena Kiehn led the tour back on April 13th. This year they had 35 attendees who thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Niles and Essanay Film history.

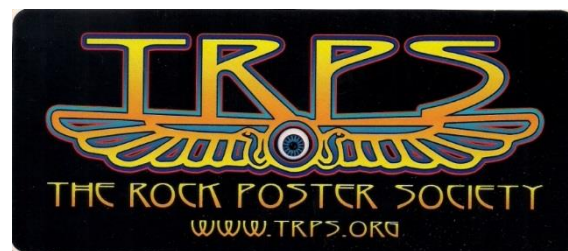
Next up was our Centerville Walking Tour on May 18th. Many people showed up



and stayed through the rain to learn about the Centerville, with an early history comprising a large Portuguese population. Attendees learned how building uses have changed over the years, how some buildings burned and were rebuilt, and how over time multiple ethnic influences brought in various businesses. Thanks to Tim Swenson for leading this tour!

Rock & Roll History in the Tri-City

On Monday, July 22nd, our museum, along with the Washington Township Historical Society and the Rock Poster Society bring you a nostalgic look at the East Bay music scene in the 60s and 70s, through stories and original art. Join us at Fremont Main Library (2400 Stevenson Blvd.) for this fun discussion. Our speaker, Paul Neumiller will also have some local posters and flyers on display! We hope you will come out for this informative presentation.



Ethnic Origins of Union City

15 people showed up on Sunday, April 28th to hear Tim Swenson talk about the diverse, ethnic origins of Union City. In a fun twist of fate, Tim's elementary school teacher was one of the attendees! It was a blast from the past, for sure. The Union City branch is looking to have us help provide regularly scheduled talks for their patrons, so these discussions may become a staple there very soon.

4th Annual Family Day a Success!

Family Day on April 27th was widely attended by over 120 interested people, including many parents who brought their young children up to the rancho for a day of hands on activities, dancing, food and a beautiful view. 15 college students from Ohlone's Puente Project helped facilitate games for the kids. Another 15 came up the weekend prior to get the adobe building ready for visitors. Big thanks to Mike De Unamuno and Adela Kimball and their Puente kids for all the help each year for this event. We enjoyed yummy food, served up by Al Nagy and Elizabeth Macris, a pinata for the kids, Rattlesnake Roger and his collection of spurs and leggings, and about 20 kids from Schilling Elementary who danced the afternoon away for us. Our amazing Dianne Holmes and Gerry Curry spearhead this event and ensure that it all comes together. Thank you to everyone who made this year a true success. Until next time!



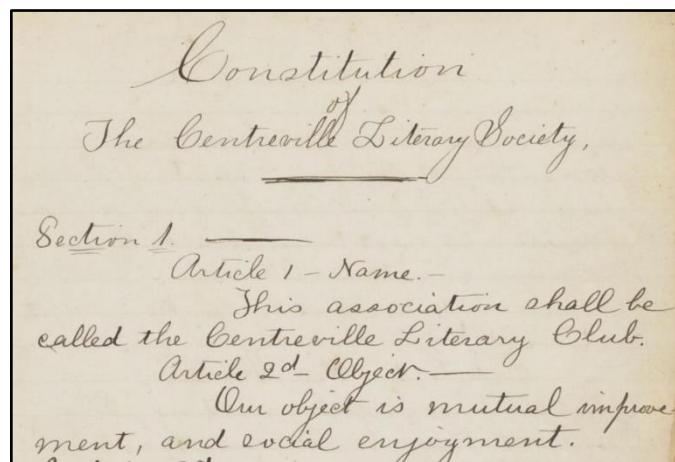
Ducks 4 Bucks

Look for information on Ducks 4 Bucks in our next newsletter and in your email and postal mailbox. We will be selling Ducks from late July through late September, leading up to race day on September 28th. Stay tuned!

Peek into the Archives

Record Book: *The First Meeting of the Centerville Literary Society*, via www.archive.org

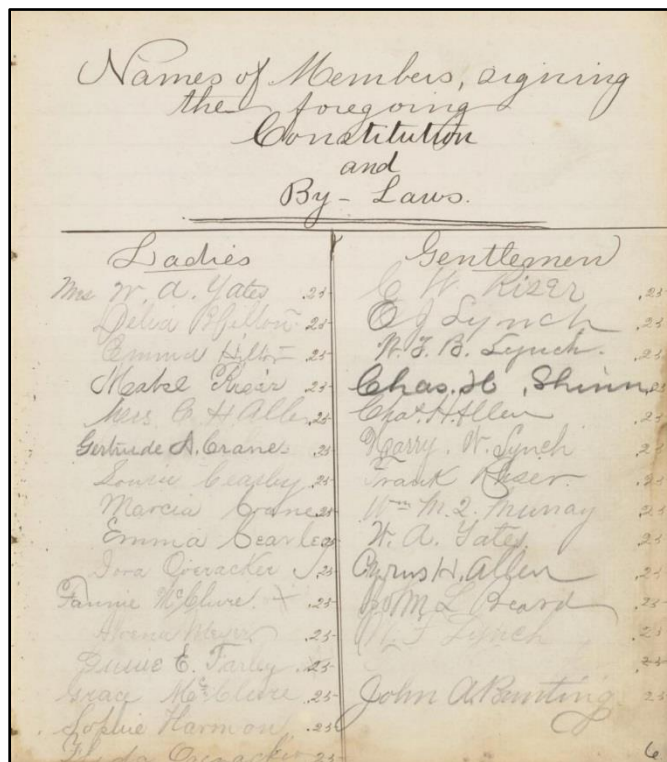
A description of this item, as written by Janet Barton: The Society met at the house of W.T.B Lynch on July 3, 1877 and proceeded to organize. Their object was "Mutual Improvement" and "Social Enjoyment". Dues were 25 cents a month for the men and 10 cents a month for the women. They voted 25-year-old Charles H. Shinn in as President and Miss Gertrude Crane as Vice President. Shinn had at least two published articles in the Overland Monthly under his belt, so perhaps he was a shoe-in for president. He was later voted in for two additional terms. Some member names are familiar to us and some are not -- Ladies: Yates, Hilton, Riser, Allen, Crane, Ceasley, Overacker, McClure, Meyer, Farley, Harmon. Gentlemen: Riser, Lynch, Shinn, Allen, Lynch, Murray, Yates, Allen, Beard, Bunting. The group agreed to meet on the first Saturday preceding the full moon. What books did they read? At the second meeting, they voted on Longfellow. At the Third



meeting Shinn gave a short sketch of the life of

Longfellow and Mrs. Yates read two selections of his poems.

This charmingly named group gives you an idea of how people spent their free time. The book was scanned as part of the California Revealed project that gives everyone online access to original materials from our archives. If you are so inclined, pick a page and let us know what else they were reading. Visit the entire record at: https://archive.org/details/cafrwtm_000117.



Lila Bringhurst Legacy Project & Elementary School



for their soon-to-be new elementary school in Warm Springs. Lila's name was put on the table and was later voted for by the board of directors. Construction of Lila Bringhurst Elementary will soon be complete, but enrollment is too low to justify opening the school on time (projected opening was August 2019). As a result, the school will now be opening for its first year in August 2020. Here at the museum we are working on a compilation, likely a book or booklet, of her local history research writings. This compilation will be released in conjunction with the school opening. Look for more information on this over the next year.

We've finally begun working on the long awaited project to honor our late President and local history figurehead, Lila Bringhurst. When she passed away in May 2016 we began raising money for a project to honor her and her contributions to our local history. Later that year, Fremont Unified School District started looking for a name



Renaming of Rix School

The former home of Timothy Rix Elementary School (43100 Isle Royale Street) will be reopening in 2019 as a second location for Glankler Early Learning Center. Glankler is a Fremont Unified School that provides early learning services to children who require special education resources. They have outgrown their current site and will be expanding into two campuses. A renaming task force committee was formed in October 2018, with three meetings held to determine ideal candidates for a name. Committee members voted and finalized three recommendations which were presented to the Board on May 8th. The Board voted and it was determined that the new school will be named Rix-Glankler Early Learning Center. Our own Jim Griffin is a direct descendant of Timothy Rix, pioneer of Washington Township. Jim and his family have been here for seven generations. To honor all that their family has contributed to our community, a building within the campus will be named in honor of the Griffin Family. Congratulations to all!



From FUSD Newsroom – Spanish Dual-Immersion School to be Named for Carmen R. Melendez

Scheduled to open its doors in August 2019, the Fremont Unified School District's new Spanish Dual-Immersion elementary school has found the perfect name to place on its marquee.



After re-acquiring the former site of Marshall Elementary School in 2016, the FUSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve staff's recommendation to repurpose the facility to host the District's Spanish Dual-Immersion program currently split among Blacow, Grimmer and Vallejo Mill Elementary Schools. After a presentation from the Spanish Immersion New School Task Force, the Board elected to name the school after longtime FUSD teacher and administrator, Carmen Melendez, at its February 13, 2019, meeting.

Carmen R. Melendez was born and raised in Puerto Rico where she received her B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico and taught junior high in her hometown before serving in the U.S. Navy. After moving to California, Melendez obtained teaching credentials and taught college classes for several years. Her career at FUSD began in 1964 when she joined the faculty at Mission San Jose High School where she taught Spanish for nine years and developed the first Spanish AP curriculum in the District. She then moved on to American High School teaching Spanish and Social Studies while completing her Master's degree in School Administration and Supervision at Cal State Hayward.

In 1974, Melendez was recruited to work at the FUSD District Office and charged with developing the District's first bilingual education program. The resulting product would be recognized as the first Exemplary Bilingual Education Program by the California Department of Education in 1987 and later receive a Program of Academic Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Education. Other programs and services created by Melendez that continue to this day include the Mandarin Immersion Program hosted at Azevada Elementary School, the Language Assessment

Center, English Language Development and content classes for English Learners and parent education services for immigrant families. She was promoted to Director of State and Federal Projects in 1992 where she supervised several District programs and brought in millions of dollars in state and federal funding in support of FUSD students.

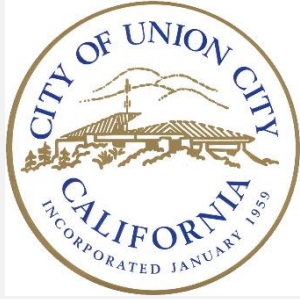
After 32 years of service to FUSD, Melendez retired in 1996, but her work was far from done. She served for 18 years as a volunteer for the District's Personnel Commission, which serves as the governing body of FUSD's merit system. She also remained heavily involved in her community serving



on the executive board of the Hispanic Community Affairs Council of Alameda County for 15 years including 11 as Treasurer. Melendez and her family have funded annual scholarships for low-income university students and she has mentored countless students and educators – many of whom going on to become FUSD teachers, principals and administrators. She remains a strong advocate for immigrant students and families who have come to Fremont from around the world.

FUSD is excited and proud to name its new Spanish Dual-Immersion elementary school after a woman who is the embodiment of the District's motto of 'Inspire, Educate, Challenge.'

Carmen is also a member of our museum!



Get to Know Union City!

Look for our brand new display on Union City history. Put together by our display coordinator Marjory Begley, this new exhibit will be revealed at our annual Appreciation Luncheon on June 2nd at Swiss Park. After that, the display will make its way into the museum. Come in some time to check it out and learn about the founding and history of Union City.

News from the Rancho

Thank you to our city personnel who came out and disked the property for us, though some areas along the fences and along the road up to the building still need to be cut down. Thanks also go out to Mission Rotary (Larry Anderson, Bob Tavares and Brian Moos), two girls from Mission San Jose High School Interact, and our own Gerry Curry who on May 11th spread base rock gravel (provided by the city at no cost to us) along the east side of the adobe. Now, after it rains, students will no longer have to wade through mud and water to work on tour activities. The next big project will be to move the adobe clay pile into the southeast corner of the activity area and finish rocking it in.



Earlier, in April, the Puente group from Ohlone College donated their time for our annual Family Day event by working to clean up the interior and exterior of the adobe building. They also moved some shelving around inside the adobe to make better use of space and allow for city maintenance personnel access to the alarm box. More students from the Puente Project came on Family Day to help facilitate activities for the children. Thanks to Adela Kimball, Mike De Unamuno, and all the Puente kids for helping to ensure that this event runs smoothly.

In other news, two neighbors visited the adobe on a recent Saturday morning when Gerry was up working on the grounds. He gave them a brief history talk and mentioned that the one animal one would expect to see up there had yet to be spotted – a snake. After they left, Gerry turned over a rock by the shed and, to his surprise, there was a young snake! With a triangular-shaped head, he knew right away that it was a rattler, though too young to have any rattles. He tried to strike at Gerry and missed by a mile. So it seems, the Rattlesnake has finally be seen.

As for tours, it has been a very successful year up at the rancho, and we look forward to more tours beginning in September. If you want to be part of the fun and have 3-4 hours a month to give, just email Dianne at mdholmes2@comcast.net and she can help you become a part of her team!



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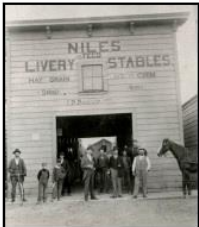
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APRIL - SAT 4/13: Niles

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

NCRY Celebrates the 150th of the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad

Many local history people were guests at the Pacific Locomotive Association's (owner/operators of the Niles Canyon Railway) celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the connection of the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869.

We all were thrilled to be included on this historic ride on May 10th. We stopped at the Sunol Station to view the very interesting exhibit from the Stanford Chinese Railroad Workers Project. Jill Au spoke on behalf of the early Chinese immigrants who came to the area. Jill's grandparents, Rev. Fong So-Yick and Low He Wan, came to California in 1917.

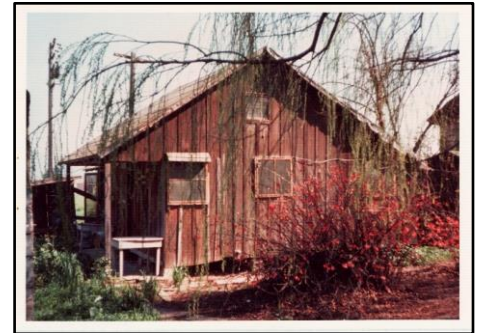
The Pacific Locomotive Association will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad all summer long in 2019, beginning with this commemorative event. There will be at least one major weekend event each month throughout the summer, culminating with the celebration of the true final completion on September 6th, 1869 when the last link of the Transcontinental Railroad was opened from Sacramento to Alameda/Oakland. Look to www.ncry.org for more information and updates on upcoming events.



Revealing the Chinese History of the Washington Township

It all began with a one-hundred-year-old bunkhouse at Shinn Historical Park.

This rustic ranch building, known as the "Chinese Bunkhouse", was built around 1917. At one time it was part of a complex of buildings on Alameda Creek with two bunkhouses, a cookhouse, and an outhouse. We know that the Shinn Family employed Chinese workers from around 1870. The whole complex was moved to the farmyard next to the Shinn barn in the 1950s. Now only one bunkhouse and the outhouse remain.



In 2016 a series of fortuitous meetings led a group of us to "rediscover" the bunkhouse. We formed the Chinese Bunkhouse Preservation Project. Our goal was to preserve the bunkhouse so that the stories of the early Chinese pioneers could be told. We were dubbed the "Bunkmates." We are historians, Rotarians, descendants of early Chinese immigrants, and a recent CSUEB graduate.

So how and why do you go about preserving an old building like this?

We found that only 0.1% of listed properties in the National Register of Historic Places are Asian/Pacific Islander related. That's only 94 out of 85,000! Our local history needs to tell the stories of everyone.

We realized that in order to preserve this modest ranch building, first we would need to find its story: Who lived here? What did they do? Where did they go?

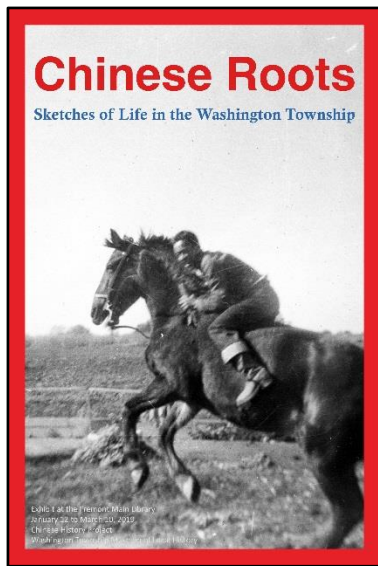
Uncovering the Buried Histories

We found early histories of Chinese workers in the archives of the Shinn House, the Washington Township Museum of Local History, and the California Nursery. Local families of early people kindly shared their stories.

Chinese men in the early years of Washington Township worked as laborers, cooks, merchants, farmers, factory workers and railroad workers, contributing to the local economy and making possible the growth of the sugar, vegetable, fruit, nursery, and winery industries. Chinese in California faced virulent racism in the form of repressive legislation. However, many who came here succeeded in making a better life for themselves, for their families back in China, and for their descendants.

Everything we found convinced us that this was a story that needed to be told.

We aligned ourselves with the Washington Township Museum of Local History and found a very enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and welcoming group of historians. Our “Chinese History Project” was formed as a sub-committee of the museum.



In January 2019 we unveiled our exhibit at the Fremont Main Library: “Chinese Roots: Sketches of the Washington Township”. The exhibit covered the historic towns of Washington Township from the 1860s to the 1940s. We highlighted personal histories from the Fong, Chan, and Cheng families.

The “Chinese Roots” speaker series was very well attended. Topics were the Chinese railroad workers, Chinese genealogy, and the history and study of the Chinese houses at Stanford's Arboretum

Visitors wrote insightful and appreciative comments in the guest book. Many visitors were surprised to find that Chinese people had been in our area for almost 160 years. Other visitors wished that this exhibit could be turned into something permanent and that this history could be taught in the schools. Even visitors whose families came from other countries felt a connection with these stories.

What's next? Now we have the “Bunkhouse Story”, or at least the beginning of a story.

Our next step is to fund the Chinese Bunkhouse Preservation Project.

Want to help? Would you like to help bring “Chinese Roots” to more audiences? To schools and libraries? Would you like to help us incorporate this history more fully into our parks? Do you like to do research? Do you have or are you a high school student who would like to work on a history project? Do you have experience with grant writing or fundraising?

Find us! We are two groups comprised of same people. One group for history and one group for the Bunkhouse itself.

Find the Chinese History Group on the museum website here:

<https://museumoflocalhistory.org/resources/special-projects/>

Find the Chinese Bunkhouse Preservation Project on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Chinese.Bunkhouse.Project/>

Email us at the.chinese.bunkhouse.project@gmail.com



Museum Calendar – Summer 2019



June 2019

SUN 6/02: Annual Appreciation Luncheon – Doors open at 12 noon – Swiss Park Hall (Newark), 5911 Mowry Avenue

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

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

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

July 2019

THURS 7/04: Fremont 4th of July Parade – 10am in Central Fremont

TUES 7/09: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street

THURS 7/11: Field Trip at the Society of California Pioneers – early morning - 101 Montgomery, Suite 150, Presidio of San Francisco 94129 – RSVP to reserve a spot (max attendance is 25 people)

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

SAT 7/20: Irvington Walking Tour - 11am – Meet at the Irvington Monument at Five Corners – Caroline Harris to lead

MON 7/22: WTHS Meeting - 715pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.

Pete Neumiller will discuss the Rock Poster Society and show local music posters and flyers from the past

August 2019

SAT 8/10: Newark Walking Tour – 11am – Meet at the corner of Thornton and Ash Streets in front of Watkins Hall – Al Nagy to lead

TUES 8/13: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street

MON 8/19: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St

September 2019

FRI – SUN 9/6 – 9/9: Join Niles Canyon Railway (and us and many other groups) to commemorate the all-important 150th Anniversary of the connection between the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad (Transcontinental Railroad) – at Niles and Sunol Depots – look for more information at www.ncry.org and in the museum's fall newsletter.

TUES 9/10: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 190 Anza Street

SAT 9/14: Alvarado Walking Tour - 11am – Meet at Alvarado Elementary School, 31100 Fredi St. in Union City – Tim Swenson to lead

MON 9/16: 7pm – Bunkmates Meeting at 190 Anza St

SUN 9/22: Newark Days Info Faire - 12 - 4pm - Cedar Blvd

SUN 9/22: Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll – 7am – 2pm – Niles Canyon at Mission Blvd.

MON 9/23: WTHS Meeting - 715pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont.

SAT 9/28: Ducks 4 Bucks Race - Family games start at 11am, duck racing at 1pm – Lake Elizabeth

Business & Corporate Members



New Members and Renewals

Thank you to all of our members who are paid up through December 31st, 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.

Student or Senior / Retired (\$10)

Joan & John Ashton
Donald Barsi
Barbara Baxter
Dorothy Bradley
B.J. Bunting
Joan Butler
Allen Chan
John P Dunford
Janice Gonzalves
Bob Greene
Philip Henry
Bruce Hevelin
Joanne Hoemberg
Jean Holmes
Katie Janssen
Michael Kania & Family
Shirley Lancaster
Siv S. Mahanty
Nancy Margherita
Rita McBride
Dr. Marguerite M McInnes
Anne Power
Patricia Schaffarczyk
Doretta Schuyler
Mary A. Steel
Adrienne Stephens
Joyce Tanaka
Michi Yee

Retired Couple (\$20)

Steve & Beth Armstrong

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Ralph and Carole Bell
Lena Fong & Stan Lukezic
Doug & Doris Green
Mark Hirsch
Edward & Donna Leal
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Mrs. Sandi & Dick Pantages
Jerry & Carmie Rudy
Walter & Lois Ulrich
Goldminer – Single (\$35)
Eldwood & Floy Ballard
Gordon Chun
Pauline Ferrito
Kathleen & Brian O'Connor
Donna Olsen
Mary Betchart Platten
Sushil Shukla
Ellen Woods

Settler – Family (\$40)

Mike Andrade Family
Vinnie Bacon & Jenny Kassan
Sarah & Daniel Bentley
Chris & Alice Cavette
Yvonne Chow
Jill Fong-Au
Caroline Harris & Greg Mau
David Kiehn
Art & Joan Kimber
John and Joanne Landers
Gordon & Anne MacLeod

Elizabeth Macris
Rhonna Marsden
Tim Swenson

Trailblazer (\$50)

Patty Lacy
Paul & Berenice Sethy
Garth & Robin Smith

Pathfinder (\$100)

Brian Barlow
Deanna Cope
Paul Davis & Knuti Vanhoven
Nelda Erlwein
Lynette Fraga-Weems
Diane Gomes Leys
Al Nagy
Kevin & Carol Quinn
Jeannie Thomson
Sarah Wilson
Roland Zoller &
Madeline Williams-Zoller

Business Member (\$300)

Cloverleaf Family Bowl
– Jim Chambers

Life Members (\$1000)

John & Antoinette Cordeniz
Roberta & Patrick Fisher
Tim Gavin
Cheryl Holmes
G. Barton Mowry
Roeding Family

Pacific Bus Museum

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 18, 2019

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

=== OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ===

Many Antique & Modern Buses on Display,
Climb in and experience the way it was!



FLEA MARKET

Many antique bus items available

BARBEQUE

Your choice of:

Hamburger or Cheeseburger or Chicken Breast.
Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Green Salad
Chips and Soda or Water & Dessert

Adults: \$10⁰⁰ - Kids (12 and under): \$7⁰⁰

(Donation to Pacific Bus Museum)

Pacific Bus Museum

37974 Shinn St., Fremont, CA 94536



Volunteers Needed!

Can you spare as little as 2-3 hours a month?

We are actively searching for helpers and docents for our student tours. Each year we provide Museum and Rancho Higuera tours for more than **1,000** 3rd and 4th grade students who attend school in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

Currently we have 10 people who keep this important program running. Can you help?

Please consider becoming a part of this awesome educational tool for our local students!

☐ Yes, I want to help!

☐ Yes, I want to help, but I have questions!

☐ I want to volunteer with the museum, but not with school tours!

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Address _____

190 Anza Street, Fremont, CA 94539



Detach and return to the museum:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to
Washington Township Museum of Local
History and mail to 190 Anza Street,
Fremont, CA 94539

Yes, I want to renew or become a member!

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 ☐ \$ _____