



# NEWS *from the* MUSEUM

Washington Township Museum of Local History, for the preservation  
of the history of Fremont, Newark and Union City

190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539 — (510) 623-7907 — [www.museumoflocalhistory.org](http://www.museumoflocalhistory.org)



**THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED TO VISITORS  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 18TH, 2020  
IN RESPONSE TO THE  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**PLEASE CHECK BACK  
FOR UPDATED HOURS IN  
JUNE AND JULY.**

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT US  
PLEASE CALL 510-623-7907  
OR EMAIL US AT  
INFO@MUSEUMOFLOCALHISTORY.ORG**

**STAY SAFE AND STAY WELL!**

All around the world things are changing, and quickly!

Due to the Alameda County shelter in place order, many of our events have been cancelled. Specifically, all events and school tours in March, April and May 2020. As we move forward through the pandemic, we will make decisions regarding future planned events. This includes our popular historic walking tours. No event will take place if that event cannot properly satisfy the most up-to-date government guidelines, i.e. social distancing, face coverings, etc.. Safety is a top priority.

When we reopen for regular hours we will notify the public via our website, Facebook, and through e-mail. For now, we are still here working behind the scenes from home and occasionally, solitarily in the museum.

If you have questions, requests, or just want to contribute to your local history, please contact us via phone or e-mail. We're ready and waiting, as always, to continue keeping history alive in the Tri-City Area!

This spring we mourn the loss of Anne Power, who passed away on January 2nd of this year.

In January of 2015, shortly before Anne's husband Randy passed, our President Gil Garza interviewed Randy and Anne to learn about their history in the Tri-City and their history as a part of our museum.

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 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 the loss of these two people has made a huge impact.

The Power Family's generosity continues into the present, as they have asked for contributions in memory of Anne to go to our museum. We can't thank them enough for all their gifts to the community. Everyone at the museum sends our deepest condolences and best wishes to the entire Power Family.



*From L-R -- Regena Dennie,  
Anne Power,  
Sherry Nighswonger*

## NEWS from the MUSEUM Spring 2020

This is the official newsletter of the Washington Township Museum of Local History.

The Museum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve Southern Alameda County memories, documents, artifacts, and structures from the past and share them with present and future generations.

### — Board of Directors —

Kelsey Camello, *President*

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Macris, *Tom Heater*

The Museum Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 6pm.

The Museum is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, as well as the second weekend of each month from 10am to 4 pm.

Tours can also be scheduled by appointment. Contact the museum at (510) 623-7907 or email [info@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:info@museumoflocalhistory.org) for more information.

## How about some good news?!



New museum signage is up on the front of our building, thanks to Eagle Scout Advait Prasad.

Advait designed, built, and installed this beautiful sign for us.

After 25 years people may begin to notice us here in Mission San Jose!



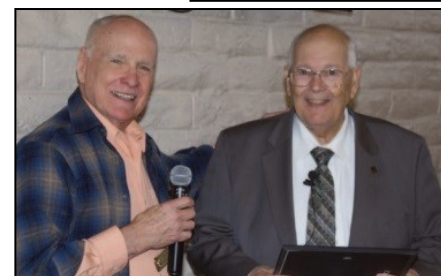
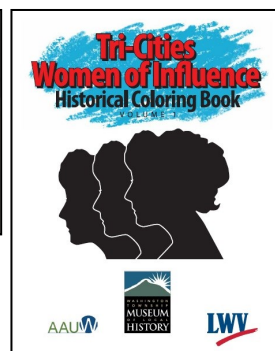
AND  
Congratulations to the winners of our 2020 membership raffle!

Phil and Janis Stob were the lucky winners of a beautiful gift bag put together by Marjory Begley.

We hope you enjoy your goodies Phil and Janis!

## Museum Happenings

- ⇒ On April 9th, 1850, the Mission San Jose Post Office was born. This year the postmark is 170! FUN FACT: the first Post Master at Mission San Jose was Don Jose de Jesus Vallejo. With the help of former MSJ Station Manager Ralph Bell, the museum has acquired the cancellation machine that once operated in the Mission San Jose Post Office. We have plans for a celebration in November. Stay tuned!
- ⇒ After years of asking around, we finally have a membership chairperson. We welcome Trish Nunes as our new membership guru. Thank you Trish for volunteering to become part of our team!
- ⇒ Thanks to the forging skills of Bob Jensen, Ardenwood blacksmith (during special events at the park), we now have a "HI" brand for the Higuera Adobe. This is very exciting, especially for our school and special programs at the adobe park!
- ⇒ After months of hard work, our museum, the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City, the American Association of University Women, Fremont Branch, and local artist Jeff Schinkel have completed a very special project: Tri-Cities Women of Influence Historical Coloring Book. You can grab a copy for yourself from our website in the museum store section. You can also download a PDF of the coloring book at no cost.
- ⇒ Al Nagy gave a presentation on Washington Township History at a February meeting of the Fremont Sons in Retirement group. Go Al!



We've changed the design and size of our newsletter, but you will continue to receive it quarterly, as always. Generally, we will deliver this newsletter via e-mail, though you will occasionally see it in your home mailbox. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content or delivery of this newsletter, please contact us at [membership@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:membership@museumoflocalhistory.org).

*A list of current members will now be available on our website under 'MEMBERSHIP.'*



Thank you to  
our business  
and corporate  
members for  
their support of  
local history!

### Want to renew your membership or become a new member?

You can now sign up and pay online by visiting our website at <https://museumoflocalhistory.org/support/membership/>. You can also mail this form and a check to 190 Anza Street, Fremont, CA 94539.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Goldminer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Settler	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Trailblazer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Pathfinder	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Business Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Pioneer Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
Senior/Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Senior Couple	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Donation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
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190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539

Return Service Requested

*Thank you to all of our members who are paid up through 12/31/2020! If you do not see your name here, please pay dues as soon as you can.*

Tau Rho Alpha	John & Antoinette Cordeniz	Caroline Harris & Greg Mau	Carmen & John Melendez	Patricia Schaffarczyk
Steve & Beth Armstrong	Tom Coroneos	Tom Heater	Harold & Carol Milheim	Doretta Schuyler
Joan & John Ashton	Eric Donato	Philip & Terry Henry	Alvin & LaVonne Minard	Charles Scribner & Pauline Weaver
Harry Avila & Ellie Lange	John & Nanette Dunford	Bruce Hevelin	Dan & Page Mosier	Paul & Bernice Sethy
Donald Barsi	Nelda Erlwein	Cheryl Holmes	G. Barton Mowry	Mary Steel
Barbara Baxter	Pauline Ferrito	Dianne Holmes & Gerry Curry	Jane Mueller & Doug Ford	Phil & Janis Stob
Marjory & Bob Begley	Michael Fisher	Barbara Hyde	Al Nagy	Tim Swenson
Ralph & Carole Bell	Roberta & Patrick Fisher	Katie Janssen	Trish Nunes	Joyce Tanaka
Tom & Gail Blalock	Lynette Fraga-Weems	Art & Joan Kimber	Kathleen & Brian O'Connor	Marilyn Wall
Kaye Browder	Tim Gavin	Patty Lacy	Sandi & Dick Pantages	James & Ginger Westfall
Tom Browne	Janice Gonzalves	Shirley Lancaster	Mary Lynn Pelican	Scott & Becky Whitaker
B.J. Bunting	Lionel Goularte	Bernie & Marlene Leal	Kevin & Carol Quinn	Victor Wong
Joan Butler	Doug & Doris Green	Diane Gomes Leys	Bill Quirk	Ellen Woods
Kelsey Camello	Jim & Patricia Griffin	Norma Macias	The Roeding Family	Michi Yee
Chris & Alice Cavette	Gerald W. Griffin	Siv S. Mahanty	Olivia Santillan	Frank Zhang
Allen Chan	Stuart Guedon	Mary Ellen & Bob Meade		Roland Zoller & Madeline Williams-Zoller
Deanna Cope				

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