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.
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.

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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 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!

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.

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Total Contribution: ______________________

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.

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!
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.

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