Along with other indoor museums in Alameda County, we remain closed to the public due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Despite our shuttered doors, we have been remarkably busy around here. This summer has been spent working diligently on special projects, lots and lots of archival work, and tying up loose ends around the museum.

Additionally, thanks to the ample free time that this pandemic has afforded some of us, people have been cleaning out their homes. As a result, a few “new” items have been added to the museum collection.

Board meetings were held over email April through June, and resumed as backyard, socially distanced, mask-on meetings in July.

As we continue to move forward through this time of change, if you have any questions, requests, or just want to contribute to your local history, please contact us via phone or e-mail. We’re ready and waiting!

Remembering Donna Olsen, 1931-2020

It is with sadness and regret that we mourn the loss of Donna Olsen, an original organizer of the Tri-City Ecology Center in 1971, and a long-standing member and supporter of the Museum. Donna was instrumental in getting the Museum garden under control when it first opened. She planted all native plants around the Museum and ensured weekly upkeep would take place.

She was respected as a community activist, an environmental leader, an opinion shaper and a model for others to emulate. She was a true gem of Fremont, and a part of its long history. She will be sorely missed.

Learn more about Donna’s many contributions to our community by visiting: https://museumoflocalhistory.org/remembering-donna-olsen-1931-2020/
Ducks for Bucks

The museum is partnering once again with Ducks for Bucks for this great, community minded event and fundraiser!

YOUR DONATIONS HELP US TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF ARCHIVING OUR UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT COLLECTIONS!

This annual event is hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Fremont to raise money for local non-profits in the Tri-Cities. This year the rubber duckies have gone virtual! Please see below and if possible please sponsor a duck or ducks in our name. Hopefully you will be one of the lucky winners! The Virtual Duck Race starts at approximately 1:00 PM on October 3rd, 2020 and will be broadcast online.

JOIN THE RACE - “FEATHER YOUR NEST” WITH TERRIFIC PRIZES

INCLUDING A CHANCE TO WIN THE CAR OF YOUR CHOICE FROM ANY DEALER IN THE FREMONT AUTO MALL UP TO A $30,000 PURCHASE PRICE. FOR EVERY 500 DUCKS “IN THE WATER” THERE WILL BE A WINNING DUCK FOR THE CAR. IF THE 1ST DUCK WINNING IS NOT ONE WITH THE WINNING CAR NUMBER THEY RECEIVE THE GRAND PRIZE: $2,000 IN CASH! Donated by Marsha & Al Badella, Tom & Gail Blalock, Chip & Laura Koehler & Shirley Sisk

OTHER PRIZES:

1st WELLNESS PACKAGE - including 26 Chiropractic Adjustments & 12 Ionic Detox Sessions at Tereo Chiropractic - Donated by Dr. Michael Tereo - valued at $1,725

2nd LIVING TRUST PACKAGE - including Trust Agreement, Pour over Will(s), Durable Power of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directive(s) and Quit Claim Deed(s) - Valued at $1,500 - Donated by Bermond, Baldigey & Bonaccorsi, LLP

3rd TIMESHARE CONDO - in Cocoa Beach Florida for 1 week - Valued at $1,000 - Donated by Diane Shaw - (must be used in April or October 2021)

4th LARGE SCREEN TV - Valued at $700 - Donated by Doling Chang Ashmore & Valerie Smith

5th GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR DELL LAPTOP - Valued at $500 - Donated by Kiwanis Club of Fremont

6th GIRLS & BOYS BICYCLES - Valued at $450 - Donated by Special Need Children Center Foundation (SNCCF.org)

7th 10.2 inch IPAD with WIFI & 32 GB - Valued at $400 - Donated by Suresh Mani

8th WHALE WATCHING & MARINE MAMMAL - Visit for 4 Adults - Valued at $400 - Donated by SFO Whale tours

9th FINE DINING IN TRI-CITIES - Valued at $300 - THREE $100 GIFT CARDS - Donated by Kiwanis Club of Fremont

JOIN THE FUN!

FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY FORM AND MAIL BACK TODAY.

OR PARTICIPATE ONLINE (EVEN EASIER!) BY VISITING: HTTPS://MUSEUMOFLOCALHISTORY.ORG/SUPPORT/DUCKS-FOR-BUCKS/

For questions or for more information, please contact Kelsey Camello
EMAIL: info@museumoflocalhistory.org
PHONE: 510-623-7907

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________ City ____________________________
State ______ Zip ______ Phone ___________ Email ____________________________

I wish to sponsor ________ duck entries for $5.00 each or
________ “6 for 5” duck entries at $25.00 each for a total of $____________.

Make your tax-deductible check payable to Washington Township Museum of Local History.

Mail to 190 Anza Street, Fremont, CA 94539 by Oct 1, 2020.

Your official entry form with rules and lucky duck number will be mailed back to you.
Museum Happenings

⇒ In May, the Newark Rotary Foundation granted the museum $900.00 to purchase a new flatbed scanner with the capacity to scan various film negatives and slides.

⇒ In July, the museum participated in the Fremont 4th of July Porch Parade. Museum volunteers had fun jazzing up the exterior of the building using materials already on-hand. We liked it so much that we left the decorations up for a whole month!

⇒ In August, we completed the first steps on three major projects. First, we sent 101 high-resolution images to the BoxART! Program, a part of the City of Fremont’s Art in Public Places initiative. As the historical photo utility boxes become a reality we will report on them in our newsletter and on our website. Second, we completed phase one of a new project called Tri-City Treasures Forgotten—a historical map and interactive website all about local historical landmarks that are now gone. Look for more on this in the winter as we move toward a formal launch. Third, we submitted 2 audiovisual records, 1,193 image and text records, and 776 digital records to California Revealed. If all goes well, these items will be physically sent to the California State Library in the spring, and by this time next year they’ll be part of our fully accessible online collection.

⇒ In September, the Niles Rotary Foundation granted the museum $1000.00 to purchase a second scanner. Kelsey Camello went live at the September 10th Zoom meeting to send out a big “thank you” to Niles Rotary members for their continued support.

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.’

With sadness we say goodbye to Cloverleaf Family Bowl, a staple in our community since 1959.

Thank you to our business 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: ______________________
Address: ____________________
Email: _______________________

Goldminer        ☐ $35
Settler          ☐ $40
Trailblazer      ☐ $50
Pathfinder       ☐ $100
Business Member  ☐ $300
Pioneer Patron   ☐ $500
Lifetime         ☐ $1,000
Senior/Student   ☐ $10
Senior Couple    ☐ $20
Donation         ☐ $____
Total Contribution: ___$_____

Rotary Club of Niles (Fremont)
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.