



NEWS from the MUSEUM

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

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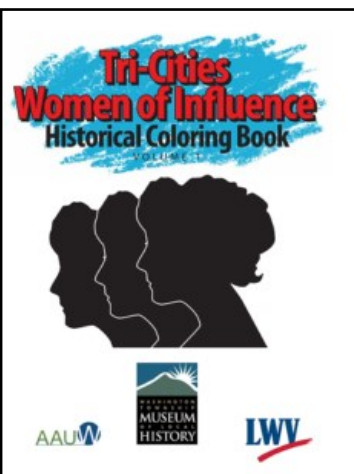
Happy Summer to you all! Summer is a special time for many people, with extra time for family, travel, or simply relaxing in one's own backyard. Summer can seem idyllic, especially here in the Bay Area where we're blessed with such a temperate climate. This year, however, it isn't the weather, or the time-off from the day-to-day, or even the travel that make summertime unique. Instead, this summer is special because **WE ARE OPEN!** With our doors shut to the public for 15 months, it's been odd, to say the least. We're ramping up, slowly but surely, and getting "back to normal" around here. There is a lot going on behind the scenes, including special archival work, projects funded by grant funds, as well as some changes within our exhibit space. More on these and other exciting things will be in your Fall newsletter. For now, read on to find out what we've been doing since March and what we'll be doing the rest of the summer. Thanks for sticking by us through it all. Enjoy your summer and please, visit us soon! *-Kelsey Camello, President*

Women of Washington Township 2021 (A 2020 reboot!)

Past Event

On Monday, March 29th, 30 Zoom attendees learned about three notable women from the past: Winifred Bendel of Fremont (1889-1981) -- A glass breaking, outspoken woman with informed opinions; Trina Marine Ruano of Newark (1902-1986) -- A woman whose compassion and pride in her Ohlone heritage drove her to help her people; and Mattie Rousseau of Union City (1929 - 2014) -- A woman who studied,

asked questions, stood up and spoke out in her bold, clear voice. Three of our dedicated museum women presented on these notable figures. They were Marjory Begley, Dianne Holmes and Patricia Lacy. Thank you ladies for your work!



This year's presentation was a collaboration between the American Association of University Women (Fremont Branch), the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City, and our museum. In the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020, the three organizations worked with local artist Jeff Schinkel to produce a beautiful coloring book all about the achievements of local women. The Tri-Cities Women of Influence Historical Coloring Book Vol. 1 was also unveiled during this live Zoom talk.

Thank you to everyone who put in the time and energy to help make this happen!

The coloring book is for sale at <https://museumoflocalhistory.org/store>. Additionally, a FREE downloadable PDF of the coloring book can be found at [this same link](#).

To view the video recording of the Zoom presentation as well as the individual videos about each honoree, please visit the WTMLH Youtube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4i24nmb0qN-7g94yOovB0g>

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 from 10am to
4pm, as well as the second
Sunday of each month from
10am to 4 pm.

Tours can also be scheduled
by appointment. Contact
the museum at
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for more information.

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Wine and History: Learn about Linda Vista Winery AND taste wine too!

Upcoming Event



On Monday, July 26th at 7 PM, the Washington Township Historical Society will present on the history of the Linda Vista Winery, Charles McIver, proprietor and winemaker, and his introduction of Petite Sirah (not to be confused with Syrah) red wine to America. The Linda Vista Winery existed on the grounds of what is now Ohlone College and was one of several significant wineries located in Mission San Jose during the latter half of the 19th century. This will be a hybrid meeting hosted in person at the Washington Township Museum of Local History and concurrently on Zoom.

Paul Sethy will lead the historical discussion along with two invited guests from the wine industry who are experts on the viticulture and vinology of Petite Sirah. After the presentations, we will have a no-charge wine tasting of some of the best Petite Sirah wines from Livermore Valley and other parts of northern California. Join us to learn about what makes this often less appreciated wine so bold and distinguishing.

If you are coming in person, please bring your own wine glass(es) and help us celebrate finally getting back together again! As there is limited capacity in the museum room, and we still wish to practice some social distancing, those who plan on attending at the museum, please RSVP to Paul Sethy at psethy@comcast.net or leave a message on his home phone number: 510-656-4075. Under the present circumstances we will limit in house guests to about 20-25 guests. So, register early for this memorable historical forum. Thank you!

Upcoming Event

Monday, August 16th – Walking Tour – [BoxART!](#)



(Downtown Fremont) - Meet at 6:30 pm at Veterans Memorial Park, 34071 Paseo Padre Pkwy (at Walnut Ave). This will be a walk and talk discussing Fremont area history, as depicted on four utility boxes throughout downtown Fremont. For more information on the history boxes, please visit:

<https://www.museumoflocalhistory.org/boxart/>



Thank you to Larry Anderson (pictured here with our exhibit coordinator Marjory Begley) for the chair repair. Larry is a member of Mission San Jose Rotary and he is always more than willing to assist with projects at the museum and the Rancho Higuera property.



Fremont 4th of July Porch Parade
The museum participated (as entry no. 61) in the 2nd annual porch parade. This Covid-safe option served as a replacement for the annual parade in downtown Fremont. Here's to hoping that the traditional parade returns for July 4th, 2022.

For a list of current PAID members, please visit this page: <https://museumoflocalhistory.org/support/membership/>.

If you have not paid your membership through 12/31/21, please do so as soon as you can.

*Our membership dollars are more important now than ever before! **see page 5 of this newsletter***

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content or delivery of this newsletter, please contact us at info@museumoflocalhistory.org.

Thanks 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	<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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Summer 2021 Calendar

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Museum Open (190 Anza St., Fremont) - From 10am – 4pm

June: Sunday, June 13, and Wednesdays: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July: Sunday, July 11, and Wednesdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28

August: Sunday, August 15, and Wednesdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25

Rancho Higuera Historical Park Open – From 10am – 12 pm

(47300 Rancho Higuera Rd., Fremont)

Saturdays - - - July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th, weather permitting.

Remembering John Landers, Environmental Advocate and Museum Gardener

John Landers, 90, died on April 28, 2021. A resident of Fremont since 1962, he was born in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating Rockhurst University, he attended a Naval school on Treasure Island before serving in the Korean War. He started his life in California by attending UC Berkeley and studying for a master's degree in engineering. He was an active member of Tri-City Ecology and The League of Women Voters. John loved making music with his clarinet and voice, guitar and body percussion and later in Middle Eastern music with the doumbek, tar, and other instruments. John Landers is survived by his wife, Joanne Landers, his children, Paula, Frederick, and Russell Landers. His third son, Wayne Landers, died in 2017. John Landers' Celebration of Life was held on June 19, 2021.



Remembering Art Kimber, Resident of Union City



We also want to note the passing of Arthur C. Kimber in early 2021. Art was a longtime member of the museum and supporter of local history. He was also the son of poultry genetics pioneer John E. Kimber of Kimberchicks. These special chicks were bred for disease resistance and premium egg quality characteristics. Art was a kind and caring man and he is missed by many in our community.



*In
Loving
Memory*

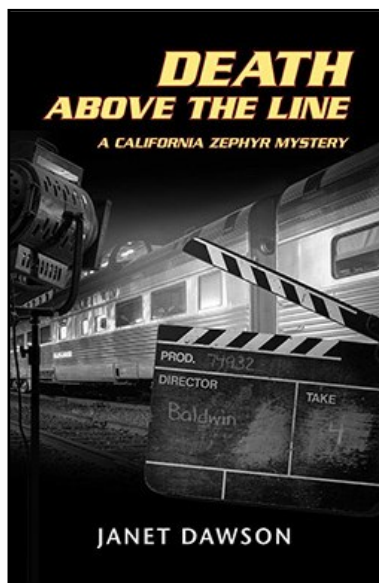
Thank you to all of our members who are paid through 12/31/2021!

Urvan and Janet Anderson	John & Nanette Dunford	Kathy Kimberlin	Al Nagy
Steve & Beth Armstrong	Stephen & Carol Evans	Patty Lacy	Larry Orozco
Joan & John Ashton	Roberta & Patrick Fisher	Shirley Lancaster	Sandi & Dick Pantages
Janet Barton	Tim Gavin	Diane Gomes Leys	Mary Betchart Platten
Marjory & Bob Begley	Janice Gonzalves	Preston Ly	Kevin & Carol Quinn
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Sarah Bentley	Doug & Doris Green	Norma Macias	Roeding Family
Tom & Gail Blalock	Bob Greene	Elizabeth Macris	Patricia Schaffarczyk
Kaye Browder	Jim & Patricia Griffin	Siv S. Mahanty	Sushil Shukla
Tom Browne	Gerald W. Griffin	Frank Martin	Garth & Robin Smith
B.J. Bunting	Caroline Harris & Greg Mau	Leigh & Amy Marymor	Adrienne Stephens
Kelsey Camello	Tom, Gale & Jenn Heater	Dr. Marguerite M McInnes	Valerie Stewart
Allen Chan	Philip & Terry Henry	MaryEllen and Bob Meade	Phil & Janis Stob
Deanna Cope	Cheree Hethershaw	Alvin & LaVonne Minard	Tim Swenson
Michael Corbett	Bruce Hevelin	Brian Moos	Joyce Tanaka
John & Antoinette Cordeniz	Joanne Hoemberg	Ann Morrison	Bob Tavares
Tom Coroneos	Cheryl Holmes	Flo Moscon	Lynn Jensen Volp
Ceal Craig	Dianne Holmes & Gerry Curry	Dan & Page Mosier	Arthur Walton
	Joann Horton	G. Barton Mowry	Victor Wong
	Katie Janssen	Jane Mueller & Doug Ford	Linette Young
	Kel Kanady	Susan Vargas Murphy	Roland Zoller

Museum Receives \$5,000 Grant from the State of California

In January 2021, the museum applied for funding through the State of California. This newly created Covid relief grant was specifically designed to help small and local businesses get through the pandemic shutdown. Here at the museum we have been unable to do school tours at the museum or the Rancho Higuera property for 16 months (as of the writing of this newsletter). Prior to the shutdown, school tours had formed a key part of our work in the community, and they brought in much needed income to keep everything else afloat. With that being said, the museum applied for funding in January. Round after round the waitlist continued to grow. Then, in February, California allocated additional funds specifically for Arts and Cultural institutions. The museum applied for this new round of funding in March, and in April the museum received funds in the amount of \$5,000. This money is much-needed and appreciated and will help offset some of the lost tour income from 2020 – 2022.





Death Above the Line: A California Zephyr Mystery (set in Niles), by Janet Dawson - - - New book from local writer, set in a Fremont location, published September 2020

SYNOPSIS: Jill McLeod is playing her real-life role as a Zephyrette in front of movie cameras after a director proclaims she's "perfect for the part" in his film noir. Now she finds herself in a Niles, California, warehouse that's been turned into a movie set. Her temp job as an actress would be a lark if it weren't for the dark emotions and conflicts swirling around the cast and crew. Some have secrets they'd rather not share, and antipathy toward a visiting studio executive who enjoys wielding his power. Someone winds up dead, and once again Jill is investigating a murder. Can she discover the murderer in a new and unfamiliar milieu before the real-life villain catches up with her?



Come in during our open hours and see this newly acquired aerial of Union City and Fremont (mainly Niles) looking northeast, 1930s-1940s. This aerial was displayed inside the Bank of the West (Paseo Padre location) for many years. It is now part of our permanent collection. (2021.10.01)

Tri-City History Queries, a **new** monthly column in the Tri-City Voice

No question is too big or too small. Have a local history question?
Email us at info@museumoflocalhistory.org with your questions.
Be sure to include "Tri-City History Queries" in the Subject Line.



[No. 1: January 26, 2021: Where does the name Mowry come from? Why is there a house in the middle of Sylvester P. Harvey Community Park?](#)

[No. 2: February 23, 2021: Gladiolas and Union City. What's the connection?](#)

[No. 3: March 23, 2021: What are those old brick structures over at Washington Boulevard and Osgood Road in Fremont?](#)

[No. 4 May 4, 2021: What was happening in Alvarado 100 years ago?](#)

[No. 5 May 25, 2021: Where do the street names come from? \(Niles\)](#)

[No. 6. June 29, 2021: Where does the name Stevenson come from?](#)



All articles are linked above (click to follow to website) or you can visit:

<https://museumoflocalhistory.org/tri-city-history-queries/>

The Museum and California native garden reopened for tours and visitors on June 2nd, 2021

Visit every Wednesday and the second Sunday of each month from 10am – 4pm.

In order to comply with county guidelines regarding Covid-19, we ask that you maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more from people outside of your household as well as utilize a proper face covering inside the museum.

Suggested donation: \$2 per visitor / \$5 per family
Museum members and children 5 and under are always FREE

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(all dates are open from 10am – 4pm)
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Rancho Higuera Historical Park and its beautifully restored adobe reopened for tours and visitors in February 2021

The view of Fremont and its surroundings is spectacular from this particular spot. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the park.

Time: 10 am – 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month, weather permitting.

In order to comply with county guidelines regarding Covid-19, we ask that you maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more from people outside of your household as well as utilize a proper face covering on the property.

Suggested donation: \$2 per visitor / \$5 per family
Museum members and children 5 and under are always FREE

The park is located at 47300 Rancho Higuera Rd. in Fremont.
Please park at street level and walk up. Handicapped parking is available.

Visit this culturally significant site, with a history extending back to Fulgencio Higuera a descendent of Jose Higuera who came to California from Spain on the de Anza expedition (1775-1776).
The original adobe home was constructed in 1840.

Remaining open dates and times for 2021:

Saturday, July 10th from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, August 14th from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, September 11th from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, October 9th from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, November 13th from 10 am – 12 noon
Saturday, December 11th from 10 am – 12 noon



Visit us soon!



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