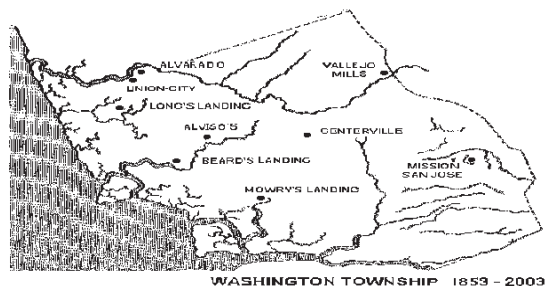


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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 TIME: 7:15 PM
PLACE: MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST, FREMONT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've personally enjoyed the series of speakers, topics and event WTHS has presented for 2012. I want to thank those who have participated and been so generous with their time.

A high priority is to give the membership the material they're most interested in. Please feel free to offer subjects of interest and speakers you think would inform and interest our audience. I've listed the 2012 WTHS speaker series below, so take a look and help us make the 2013 series a success.

WTHS 2012 Speaker Series:

- Clark Redeker/FMC
- Al Minard /California Conference of Historical Societies
- Lila Bringhurst/ Niles Train installation-Rix House
- Potluck-Look back at 1980s decade, personal stories from the membership,
- Robert Douglas & Jill Singleton/Cargill Salt and Randy Hees/Patterson House Restoration.

I'm pleased to announce that Dr. Joyce Blueford will be giving us an update on the Niles California Nursery project at our next meeting. As many of you know Joyce is the president of the Math/Science Nucleus. She has played a key role in multiple positions with local environmental and historical preservation projects. Mark your calendar for January 28, 2013 at 7:15pm.

Gil Garza

Our Guest speaker for January 28, 2013 is Dr. Joyce Blueford.

Dr. Blueford is a paleontologist. She is president of the Math/Science Natural History museum on Eggers Drive in Fremont. She provides an earthquake laboratory at Lake Elizabeth and also provides tours of the Tule pond near the Fremont BART station. What she will talk about on Monday is her latest project at the California Nursery in Niles. She has been busy documenting and archiving the history of the California Nursery from when the Rock family owned it in the 1860's. When the Roeding family took over this nursery they kept all of the records that were available. Hear how Dr. Blueford is planning on preserving and protecting this wonderful historic resource.

Members in the News

Tri-City Voice, November 6, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “The Dillon Family and Four Winds Growers”. In 1948, Floyd Dillon’s dream of “Dwarf citrus trees with edible fruit” started in Carmel, California.

Tri-City Voice, November 13, 2012, **Al Minard** writes, “Victorian Fashion Show”. Models in period costumes were displayed at the Fremont Library with explanation of the many layers that comprised their costumes.

Argus, November 20, 2012, in letters to the Editors, **Norma Neto** writes, “The GOP must see the light this time”.

Tri-City Voice, November 20, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Washington Township, 1950”. Washington Union High School had 34 teachers, 742 day pupils and 600 in the evening adult school. Judges Allen G. Norris and E. A. Quaresma served as Justice of the Peace.

Tri-City Voice, November 27, 2012, **Al Minard** writes, “Victorian Christmas”, the home of James and Lucy Shinn, built in 1876, located on Peralta Boulevard was decorated as it may have looked in 1890.

Fremont Bulletin, November 30, 2012, **George Roeding’s** 1922 Model T fire truck decorated for the Niles Festival of Lights, and displaying our Washington Township Historical Society banner, made the front page.

Tri-City Voice, December 4, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Houses by the side of the Road”. Pictured in the Thompson and West Atlas in 1878 were homes owned by Mrs. Robert Blacow, G. W. Walters, G. W. Patterson and Howard Overacker to name a few.

Fremont Bulletin, December 7, 2012, Pictured is our Washington Township Historical Society member, newly elected City Councilman, **Vinnie Bacon**. Congratulations Vinnie!

Tri-City Voice, December 11, 2012, **Pat Kite** writes, “Pomander Ball Gifts”. Pomanders were an early type of aroma therapy. In use since the 13th century, they continued to be popular today.

Tri-City Voice, December 11, 2012, **Andy Galvan**, President of the Committee for the Restoration of Old Mission San Jose, tells about the Las Posadas celebration that started in 1982, by Father William Abeloe.

Tri-City Voice, December 18 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Christmas Past”. Local papers noted in 1928 that Washington Township was doing its part in an effort to have 50,000 live Christmas trees in the state. Lighted outdoor trees were featured at the California Nursery, the Main Street in Niles and Centerville Park.

Tri-City Voice, December 25, 2012, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, “The Decoto Barber Shop”, located on 10th it was owned and operated by Rinaldo Caminada in 1939. Haircuts cost 25 cents and shaves were also 25 cents.

Tri-City Voice, January 1, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Homes for the Elderly”. In the 1962 Shopping Guide, the Mission Road Sanatorium was labeled as “Licensed Number One in California”. It was sometimes called the Niles Garden Residence.

Fremont Bulletin, January 4, 2013, **Carol Zilli** is pictured conducting the Christmas Mass in song at the Corpus Christi Church in Niles.

Tri-City Voice, January 1, 2013, **Pat Kite** writes, “January Garden musings”. In January, Pat is excited what spring will bring in her garden.

It's In the Mailbag

We received an invitation from Music for Minors II to attend their 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala at the Fremont Marriot Hotel on March 15, 2013. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. musicforminors2@gmail.com

National Genealogical Society, 2013 Family History Conference, Las Vegas Nevada, May 8-11, 2013. Email conference@ngsgenealogy.org

Union City Historical Museum, January 2013, Myrla Raymundo writes, "Richard Valle, Union City Councilmember and Carol Dutra-Versaci, Union City Councilmember and a lifelong Union City Resident. Richard Valle was elected Supervisor for Alameda County District 2.

Alameda Museum Quarterly, 2012, Robbie Dileo writes, "Meyers House Capital Campaign". In 1994, the Meyers House and Gardens became a project for the Alameda Museum; it was to create a house museum to honor the legacy of Henry Haight Meyers, a renowned architect with over 260 building in his portfolio.

Mission Peak Reporter, January-April, 2013, Note tours to Folgers Stables in Woodside January 19, 2013 and to Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland March 23, 2013. These tours are open to Washington Township Members.



Gus Morrison, Keith Medeiros and Don Dillon



Don Dillon

Members who have paid their dues for 2013

Donald Barsi, Katie Janssen, Sr. Loretta Marbach, Regena Dennie and David Schipul.

We also received a new membership from Michael and Carol Adamson, please give them a warm welcome to Washington Township Historical Society.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

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