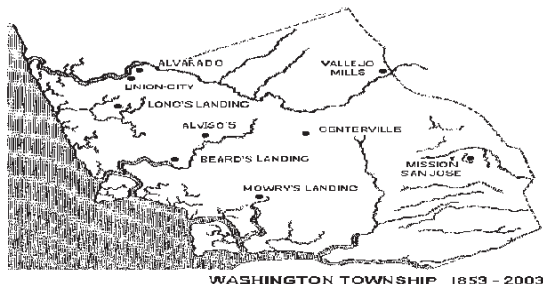


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MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA STREET, FREMONT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! The holidays are finished for a while and it is time to get some things done for the preservation of Washington Township history and in our historical society. I am very happy to report that the J. Vernon "Pop" Goold house has been relocated to its new location. There is a picture of part of the move on page 3. We are working hard to finalize the language on our three historical plaques, and we are getting close thanks to Tim Swenson carrying the ball on this job. Thank you Tim. January is time to pay our annual dues and we desperately need those dues to continue mailing out this newsletter. You can help by letting me know at alminard@comcast.net that you would like to get the newsletter by email. You will get the newsletter earlier and it will have color pictures. We have had a great deal of difficulty in getting new board members and we really need to get a new President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian. History Day for Alameda County is coming soon and judges are needed. If you would consider being a judge for elementary, junior high or senior high History Day projects please let me know, it is very rewarding and educational. Every year I am amazed at the research, presentation and variety of subjects.

Al Minard

**Our Guest Speaker for January is Patricia Schaffarczyk,
curator of the Washington Township Museum of Local History,
speaking about Elizabeth Lowrie, a Washington Township Native born in 1880.**

Elizabeth Lowrie's father came to Washington Township in 1853 and worked as a farmer on the Brown Ranch in Newark. She was an avid story teller and collector of many things including: Native American artifacts, butterflies, moths and over 1500 decorative and political buttons. She was Irvington's first librarian serving from 1938 to 1962. Some of her collection is on display both at the Washington Township Museum of Local History and the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd. This talk is co-sponsored by the Washington Township Museum of Local History and the Washington Township Historical Society.

"To Collect, Preserve and Diffuse Information Relating to the History of Washington Township"

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, Al Minard writes about the Washington Township Historical Society meeting at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd. on Monday, November 27, 2017 with Ron Medaglia from the Pacific Bus Museum of Fremont.

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, Joyce Blueford writes about fossils discovered in Fremont in the 1940's by amateur Paleontologist, Wes Gordon and his boy paleontologists. There are over 400 fossils recovered from a quarry in Irvington on display at the Children's Natural History Museum, 4074 Eggers Dr., Fremont.

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, In a letter to the Editor, William Yragui, about the danger of driving to the Vargas Plateau along Morrison Canyon Road. He maintains that this road is too narrow for pedestrian, bicycles and cars and that there is a large agricultural barn/winery being built at the end of the road that has not been properly noticed to the residents along the road.

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, East Bay Regional Park reports that the Monarch butterflies are on their way back to Ardenwood. They report that there are Monarch events scheduled throughout November and December and often into February.

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, Olive Hyde has their Holiday for the Arts at the Olive Hyde Art Gallery 123 Washington Blvd., Fremont. This is their 35th Annual Holiday Show, which this year features artist Maureen Langenbach.

Tri-City Voice, November 21, 2017, Al Minard reports on the successful "Flash Fiction Contest" that was held at Half-Price books in the HUB and this year's winner, Sudisha Vaidyanathan who wrote "Posthuman".

Tri-City Voice, November 28, 2017, Al Minard writes about the Shinn Historic House being open for public tours of the Victorian Christmas event.

Tri-City Voice, December 5, 2017, Al Minard writes about the history of the Shinn House and invites everyone to visit the Shinn House as it would have been decorated during the Victorian era.

Tri-City Voice, December 12, 2017, Pat Kite writes about daffodils. She tells us that this is the time to plant

daffodils which are listed under Narcissus, their Latin name. Daffodils have travelled all over the world and arrived in America with our early settlers.

Tri-City Voice, December 12, 2017, Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum writes about the opportunity to stop and enjoy the classic films from the Silent Era at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, 37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont on Saturday nights.

Tri-City Voice, December 12, 2017, Hayward Area Historical Society writes about the Holiday Festival at the McConaghy House, 18701 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward.

Tri-City Voice, December 12, 2017, Arathi Satish from the Fremont Cultural Arts Council reports on the Las Posadas events that will be held in the Mission San Jose Area, one of those events will be held in the Museum of Local History.

Tri-City Voice, December 26, 2017, Santa Clara Supervisor, Dave Cortese, writes about the importance of preserving our agricultural lands. He reports that one of the trees at San Jose's Christmas in the Park will celebrate Santa Clara County's agricultural past.

Tri-City Voice, January 2, 2018, Robbie Finley writes about a train through time. The steel rails brought passengers, mail and supplies to this area and hauled fruit and produce all over the United States. Those rails criss-crossed the bay area and were many communities life blood.

Tri-City Voice, January 2, 2018, Al Minard writes about moving the J. Vernon "Pop" Goold house in Centerville, so that it could be preserved and used once again as a residential house. It was a short distance move but a long amount of time to finish the move.

Tri-City Voice, January 2, 2018, Shape Our Fremont reports on three General Plan Amendments (GPA) scheduled to be heard at the Planning Commission in January and Fremont City Council in February. Each of these requests is to change or modify the current land use plans for an area. In most cases it is to convert to high density residential housing from a variety of other land use plans.



Moving the “Pop” Goold house on December 10, 2017

Members who have paid their dues since our last meeting

**Donald Barsi
Dan & Page Mosier
David Schipul
Katie Janssen**

We thank you for paying your dues

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

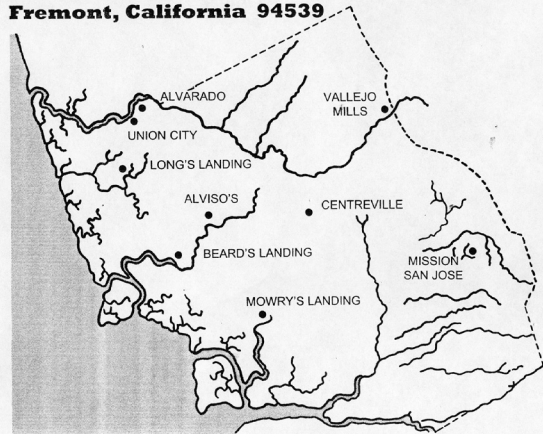
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