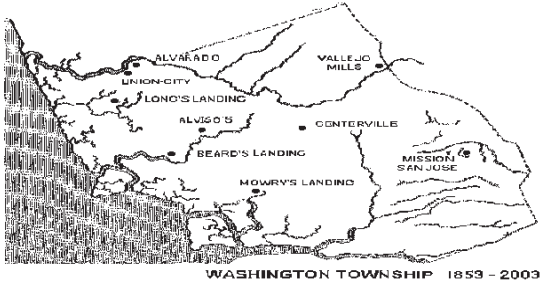


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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, July 22, 2013 TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST, FREMONT

Washington Township Historical Society Editors: Regena Dennie and Al Minard

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our last newsletter the Washington Township Historical Society (WTHS) has attended and celebrated a good number of very notable anniversaries in our area. The list starts with a 100 year Anniversary for the Berge-Pappas-Smith (Chapel of the Angels). The Berge-Pappas-Smith program was highlighted by a excellent slide show with great early Fremont photos. We enjoyed a wonderful 150 year Anniversary program by the IOOF Fremont Lodge #114 in June. WTHS commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the Niles Essanay Studio with a bronze plaque at their 16th Annual Broncho Billy Silent Film Festival. We are also looking forward to the upcoming 100 year anniversary of James R. Griffin, Inc. Check out their website for more history and background on this historically important local enterprise (http://www.jrgconstruct.com/about_us_history.html).

I want to encourage participation in the upcoming selection of the nominating committee for the election of WTHS officers. Please talk to Regena Dennie for more information. Your participation and involvement is essential to keeping our organization vital.

Accompanying this newsletter is a message from the Museum of Local History (MLH). WTHS is enthusiastically supporting the effort of the MLH to acquire items of historical interest and significance to the Tri-City area. Please take the opportunity to talk to friends and neighbors about items that can enhance the value of the Museum for our community.

Gil Garza

Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Our By-Laws state that we should appoint a Nominating Committee of five to select a slate of officers for Washington Township Historical Society. Two members of the Nominating Committee will be from the current officers and three from the General Membership. We need three members from the General Membership to help select the officers for the following year for Washington Township Historical Society. We have good members and we have not had a lot of problems finding candidates, but we do need your help. The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Electing new officers keeps an organization alive and vital.



**Museum of Local History Guild
190 Anza Street Fremont, California 94539**

Dear Friend:

Our museum focuses on the history of Fremont, Newark and Union City and their roots in the towns of Mission San Jose, Warm Springs, Irvington, Centerville, Niles, Newark, Alvarado and Decoto.

We need your help.

Important items in the museum came from people like you. *We want to acquire more items of historical interest and significance to the Tri City area, formerly called Washington Township.*

We already have some collections, including the Dr. Robert B. Fisher collection, about Southern Alameda County, so historians, researchers and descendants of people who once lived here turn to us for help. We provide information and photographs for books, articles and reports written about our people, our buildings and our towns. Sometimes we don't have the information requested.

Why do we need your help?

We appreciate the generosity of local residents who donated almost everything we have in the museum. *We now observe that as older citizens downsize or pass away, the things they have saved that might be of historic interest get tossed.*

Please tell people who live here, or used to live here, about the Museum of Local History and its potential as a possible repository for their special "things." We have a list of items we collect on the other side of this letter, as well as the days and hours the museum is open.

How can you help?

Come visit us and see the artifacts and documents that have been donated to us since our founding in 1992. *Then let other people know that we are interested in enlarging our collections.*

We cannot accept everything, of course, but we do want to preserve as much as we can so future generations can learn about the fascinating people and historic events of our towns.

Sincerely,

Timothy Swenson,
President

ADDRESS of the MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY

190 Anza Street in the Mission San Jose District of Fremont, near Ohlone College
We are located in the former Mission Fire Station on the corner of Anza and Ellsworth Streets.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
and the second Saturday and Sunday of each month 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Our volunteers are happy to meet with potential donors by special appointment at other times.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Museum telephone: (510) 623-7907
Volunteer curator: (510) 677-8461
Email: info@museumoflocalhistory.org
Our web site is under construction.

ITEMS WE COLLECT

Items from Fremont, Newark and Union City and the villages from which they grew.

- Photographs of local activities and family life (we can scan photo images) and home movies
Identify where the photo was taken, who took the photo, names of people in the photo, and the date.
- Documents: business records, business cards, organizational advertising cards, labor union records, restaurant menus, service organization's memorabilia
- Ephemera – something short lived such as handbills, flyers, printed programs, etc.
- Old/Rare books and magazines, newsletters and newspapers, church bulletins,
- School yearbooks, club records, outdated household items that were once common
- Paperwork, items brought from family homes, churches, civic events
- Artifacts related to families moving to the area, for example, a suitcase, travel documents, etc.
- Men's clothing, work clothing, sports clothing from the twentieth century
 - Women's clothing from 1930s, 1940s, 1970s, 1980s
 - Accessories such as jewelry, purses, and shoes for men and women, any period
 - Baby and children's clothing, youth sports uniforms
 - World War II home front - USO or Red Cross uniform, identification cards from a war time job
 - Toys and musical instruments, except pianos.
- Military items related to Tri City area military personnel from any military conflict.

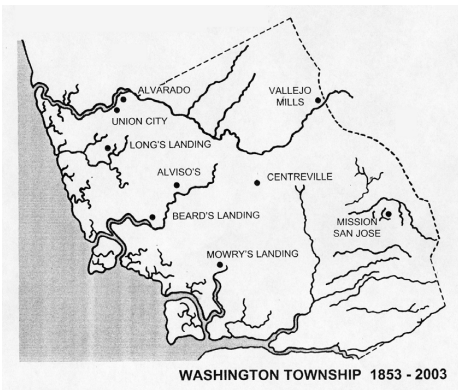
WE WELCOME MONETARY DONATIONS and ENDOWMENTS

We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

Monetary donations are needed to keep the museum running,
to archive our collections and to maintain and preserve items on display.

We do Memory Lane Receptions that require funding.

We operate on a shoestring budget plus the gracious hours of service by local volunteers.



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMORY LANE POTLUCK

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013

6:30 PM

To be held in the Patio of the Museum of Local History
190 Anza Street, Mission San Jose, Fremont

THEME OF THE EVENING: the 1960's

Share pictures or memories

Remember the songs of the 1960's

Shelley Stewart will be our guest speaker

BRING A HOT OR COLD DISH TO SHARE

Washington Township Historical Society will provide:

Plates, Cups, Silverware, Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Soft Drinks

ALL ARE INVITED

Contact Regena Dennie, Co-Ordinator

(510) 656-3892

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, May 7, 2013, **Pat Kite** writes, "Aphid attack". When asked if there is anything good about aphids? Pat's answer is, "Lady bugs like them for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

Tri-City Voice, May 14, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, "What's in a Name?" Some names owe their existence to the railroads as they were established as wayside station or flag stops. Mattos was a station on the horse car railroad that led from Newark to Centerville. Arden was a station on the South Pacific Coast Railroad at the Patterson Ranch.

Tri-City Voice, May 14, 2013, **Al Minard** writes, "Arts and crafts in Shinn Park". Over 15 artists have signed up to display and sell their artistic creations.

Argus, May 17, 2013, Chris De Benedetti writes, "Building in Danger". The Mowry Landing School building built in 1884, will be demolished. **Al Minard**, Fremont preservationist said the structure should be saved because it has lots of historic significance.

Tri-City Voice, May 28, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, "A peek at Parks". The park in Irvington was said to be the prettiest spot in the Township. Mary Beardley, local librarian was reported to be custodian of the park.

Tri-City Voice, June 11, 2013, **Pat Kite** writes, "Robin Redbreast". Killing a robin is supposed to be super bad luck. The Farmer's weekly, in 1974, quotes a warning, "you'll end up with a broken arm or leg."

Tri-City Voice, June 11, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Athletic Clubs". The first gymnasium in our area was built for physical training classes at Washington College in 1898.

Fremont Bulletin, June 21, 2013, Members, **Michi and Gilbert Yee** are pictured in the Bulletin when their son, Army Brigadier General Garrett Yee, is presented with a flag that flew above the White House, by U.S. Representative, Eric Swalwell, D-Dublin.

Tri-City Voice, June 25, 2013, California Nursery: a forgotten part of Fremont History", submitted by **Joyce Blueford**, tells thru a story of the photos and documents saved by Bruce Roeding, owner of the California Nursery Company.

Tri-City Voice, June 25, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Prominent Palmdale People"> Don Juan Gallegos, a wealthy Costa Rican brought his family in 1881, when he purchased the Beard Ranch in Mission San Jose.

Tri-City Voice, July 9, 2013, **Pat Kite** writes, "Whitefly Woes". Whiteflies multiply rapidly. Each female deposits about 300 eggs in its 30-day life span.

Tri-City Voice, July 9, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Attorneys and Counselors". Thomas Hyxley came to Washington Township in 1875. He established his home and office in Centerville. He was the only attorney listed in the 1873 business directory. His yard was famous for its immense Pepper Trees.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Ed & Debra Pentaleri, Brian Barlow, Al Minard, Myrla Raymundo and Michelle Roeding. We thank you and also the 55 members who have paid their dues for 2013.

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

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PATRONS MEMBERS: \$50.00 for one year

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Arts & Crafts at Shinn Park, 2013

From the Mail Bag,

From the Shinn House, “Art in the Park”, held on May 19, 2013, **Al Minard** writes, “A Big Thank You” for participating and we look forward to having you volunteer again next year on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

Union City Historical Museum, July 2013, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, “Washington Township Vegetables”. The Washington Township area was always a vegetable growing paradise. Early on, disappointed gold miners found their “gold” in the rich soil of Washington Township and wrote to relatives of the paradise they had found.

The Club Car, June 2013, The Niles Canyon Railway is holding their Wine Tasting Specials on August 25 and September 8, 2013. Cost is \$37.50 a person and the train departs from the Sunol Station at 1 PM. For reservations go to: www.ncry.org

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