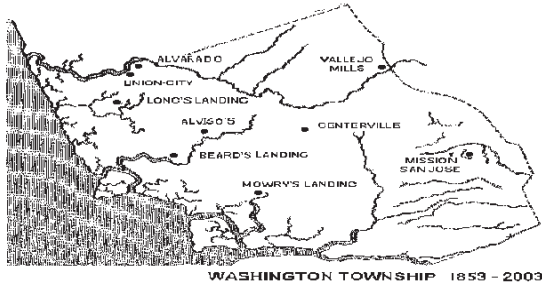


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**LIVE AT THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY**  
**AND VIRTUAL ON ZOOM, <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>**

Washington Township Historical Society Editor: Al Minard

## Dear Members and friends of Washington Township Historical Society,

At our last meeting on May 24, 2021, we heard Dr. Joyce Blueford speak to us about her hopes and dreams for the California Nursery in Niles, and what she has already accomplished. This month we were supposed to hear from the City of Fremont about what they are actually doing to the Nursery and what they plan to do with the Nursery, the buildings and the trees. For reasons unknown, the City of Fremont project manager for the Nursery is unable to attend our meeting and give an update on this wonderful

resource here in the Niles district of Fremont.

We hope that he can find time to attend the September meeting.

We are fortunate that we do not have to accept a poor second choice. We are getting a very good presentation from Paul Sethy who has done some original research on the Linda Vista Winery that was originally located where Ohlone College is now located. This was one of many wineries in the area. We will be able to get a sample of the Petite Sirah wine which the Linda Vista Winery was famous for which is different than the Syrah wine. We will not furnish the wine glass so if you want a sample make sure you bring a wine glass.



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

On Monday, July 26th at 7 PM, the Washington Township Historical Society will hold a Hybrid meeting at the Washington Township Museum of Local History. A Hybrid meeting means that those who are able to access the internet and choose to can log onto our Zoom Link at, (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>) and watch the presentation in the comfort of their home. Those who cannot access the internet and/or want to attend in person can attend this meeting at the Washington Township Museum of Local History at 190 Anza Street, Fremont. We ask that everyone who attends in person be fully vaccinated and now with new CDC guidelines they recommend that we also wear Masks indoors.

Charles McIver, proprietor and winemaker introduced 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](mailto: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!



## 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. [Learn more about the History Boxes.](#)

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY (AND ARCHIVES)

The Museum and California native garden reopened for tours and visitors in June 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 continue to maintain a social distance 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

We are located at 190 Anza Street in the Mission San Jose district of Fremont.

Questions? Call us at 510-623-7907 or email us at [info@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:info@museumoflocalhistory.org)

Remaining open dates and times for summer 2021 (all dates 10am – 4pm)

- July: Wednesdays: July 21, 28
- August: Sundays, August 8, 15, and Wednesdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25

## RANCHO HIGUERA HISTORICAL PARK

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 continue to maintain a social distance from people outside of your household as well as utilize a proper face covering inside the adobe building.

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.

Questions? Call us at 510-623-7907 or email us at [info@museumoflocalhistory.org](mailto:info@museumoflocalhistory.org)

Remaining open dates and times for 2021:

- 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



Galindo-Higuera Adobe on Rancho Higuera Historical Park, Fremont California

# JULY 26, 2021, MEETING

Will be in person at the Washington Township Museum of Local History, 190 Anza Street, Fremont OR

Will be on Zoom starting at 7:00 P.M.: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76473734687>

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