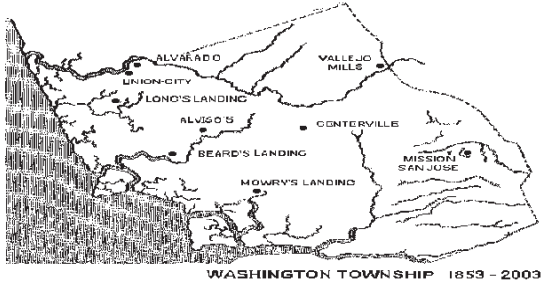


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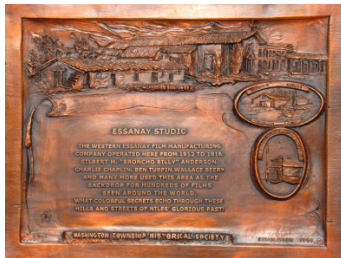
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been thirty three years since the Essanay Studio Plaque was dedicated on May 17th, 1980 in the Niles district of Fremont. John Weed was the master of ceremonies. Mayor Leon Mezzetti unveiled the plaque and Donald Parkhurst gave the address. Only six plaques were produced from the models produce by Gerion Rios (a budding artist at the time). This was the 3rd plaque produced for the Washington Township Historical Society. Of the six plaques produced, the Essanay Studio casting was the only one that showed significant deterioration with age, which is anomalous. The original plaque has been recast with a few text corrections. The recast plaque is beautiful and tentatively we plan to rededicate the plaque in June 2013.



Plaque in present condition



Newly recast plaque

Our next Washington Township Historical Society meeting is on March 25th, 2013. Gerry Low-Salado is our guest presenter. Gerry will be showing a video entitled, *By Light of the Lanterns: an untold history of Monterey's Chinese Fishermen* produced at the California State University at Monterey Bay. A question and answer session will follow the video. Gerry is a direct descendent of the first Chinese fishermen in the Pacific Grove and Monterey Bay area. Gerry is actively involved in research on these early California Chinese Fishing villages. Please invite anyone you think would be interested in hearing this important facet of California History.

Gil Garza

Gerry Low-Sabado, is our guest speaker at our March 25th meeting.

Gerry is a fifth generation Chinese woman whose heritage, in California, dates back to 1851, when her ancestors arrived in the Monterey area from China. They were fishermen and learned how to fish for shrimp. She has a documentary that she will show us that was done by one of the local universities that explains her heritage and some of the trials of the Chinese in the 1850's and later. She has been involved in some of the archeological digs by Stanford University that were been done recently, where her ancestors in California lived in the Monterey Area.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, January 15, 2013, **Rick Arellano** is promoting his Create and Design web pages at Ohlone College.

Tri-City Voice, January 15, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Three Blacksmith Shops”. John Horner repaired machinery and fabricated and replaced broken parts on his ranch. A. O. Rix operated a pioneer wheelwright shop, and advertised as a wagon manufacturer, Heman Crowell invented and marketed steel laid cylinder teeth. Crowell was Irvington’s “village blacksmith” for more than 40 years.

Tri-City Voice, January 29, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Warm Springs Names”. Pioneers called Warm Springs Boulevard “the road from Alvarado to Pueblo San Jose”. Warm Springs Village was first called Harrisburg after Abram Harris who owned the property.

Tri-City Voice, February 12, 2013, **Al Minard** writes, “History Day Competition”. The Theme for this year’s History Day Project is “Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events”. Nearly 200 local student participants are entered for the contest on February 23, 2013 at the Oakland Museum.

Tri-City Voice, February 12, 2013, Life Elder Care welcomes new directors, Washington Township Historical Society member, **Rick Arellano** was one of the appointees.

Tri-City Voice, February 12, 2013, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Public Transportation”. The first schooners and scows came to Union City in 1850. John Horner brought the steamer, Union. Charles McLaughlin started stage service in 1850. The Peerless Stage Bus service had a route from Oakland to Santa Cruz in the 1920’s.

Fremont Bulletin, February 15, 2013, Fremont City Council members **Vinnie Bacon**, Sue Chan, and Anu Natarajan opposed the Hirsch development because it would have a negative long-term effect on the environment.

Tri-City Voice, February 19, 2013, Tri-City Voice publisher, William Marshak, complements the **Bringhurst** family for their artwork on Mission Boulevard.

Argus, February 21, 2013, Fremont City Council members **Vinnie Bacon**, Sue Chan and Anu Natarajan voted to keep the Historical Architectural Review Board in place. **Al Minard** stated as the economy improves, there will be new development and many historic structures to review.

Mission Peak Heritage Foundation invites you to join them for a tour of the Mountain View Cemetery in Piedmont on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The tour will begin at 10 AM in front of the Administration Building. Mission Peak will be carpooling from the Shinn House Parking lot meeting at 8:30 and leaving at 9 AM promptly. This is a FREE public tour and this one focuses on the women buried in the cemetery. It is a 2-hour tour.

IT’S IN THE MAIL BAG

Alameda County Historical Society, Quarterly, January 2013. “Oakland has always hosted a thriving equestrian Community” written by Amelia Marshall. Mills College horse shows were a favorite in the 1950’s. Architect Henry Haight Meyers home on Alameda Avenue, was built in 1897 for \$4,000.00, which now serves as Alameda’s only house museum

Alameda Museum Quarterly, 2013, Ron Ucovich, writes, “A trip to the Hardware Stores”. Ron remembers Pagano’s Hardware Store on Lincoln Avenue, when it had nostalgic smells of sawdust and glue.

The Club Car, February 2013, The Niles Canyon Railway is having a “Winterail” Photo Special, March 10, 2013. Price is \$49.00. Information is available on their website, www.ncry.org. Also available by email at plasteam@yahoo.com

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WARM SPRINGS, FREMONT



*Philip Holmes and
Patricia Wipfli Schaffarczyk*

The Museum of Local History in Fremont is introducing, Phil Holmes and Patricia Schaffarczyk's newest Arcadia book, "**Warm Springs, Fremont**". Phil and Patricia will be at the Museum to autograph your book and maybe tell you some stories about the book or maybe what was left out of the book. The date is Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 1 to 3 PM at the Museum of Local History, 190 Anza Street, Fremont. There is no charge to attending the event and listening to Phil and Patricia. The book will be available for purchase.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2013

Joan Ashton, Wally Betchart, David Bettencourt, Dorothy Bradley, B. J. Bunting, Knute Furtado, Moises Gemenez, James Griffin, Bruce Hevelin, Betty & Herman Hebel, Gera Jessee, Pat Kite, Patty Lacy, Vivien Larsen, Bernie & Marlene Leal, Nancy Margherita, Navil Matta, Jean Messick, Dan & Page Mosier, John Neto, Randy & Ann Power, Clark Redeker, Bruce Roeding, Kathleen Schuler, Paul & Berenice, Sethy, Allen & Judith Sprague, Virginia Stull, Tim Swenson, Gaylene Vincent, Scott Whitaker, Michi Yee, Joseph Betchart, Tom & Exther Cox, Doris Green, John & Gloria Herschkorn, Brian & Kathy O'Connor, Gil Garza, and John & Carolyn Watson.

Thank you to the 43 Memebers 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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Washington Township Historical Society needs your membership dues. We have recently received a Bronze plaque to replace the Niles Essanay plaque that was inaccurate. We ordered this plaque some time ago, and plan on having it mounted and displayed in June 2013. One of our missions has been to put plaques on deserving buildings and sites. Plaques cost money and Washington Township Historical Society has no other way to raise money for these projects except by your dues and donations. Your dues just cover the printing and mailing of this newsletter. We are exploring some kind of a fund raiser in the near future. We do not want to raise the dues, but we do need **everyone** to pay their dues and of course we welcome anyone to join.

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