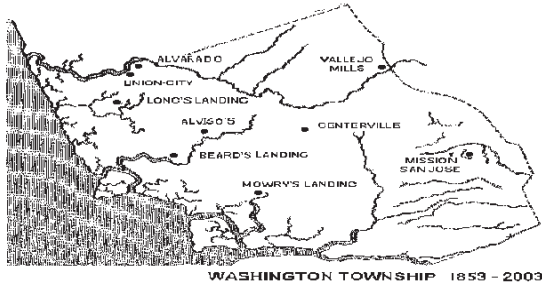


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017, 7:15 PM at
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA STREET, FREMONT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are still looking for a new President and a new Vice President. We would also like to get a Membership Chair that can increase our membership. We are looking at placing 11 inch by 18 inch plaques at three places and I would like to thank Tim Swenson for working on this project. I have not heard anything negative about the Pop Goold house so I am assuming that it is still moving forward to be placed on its new location. Several of the Fremont Passport to Adventure sites were presenters at the San Francisco History event earlier this month on a Saturday and Sunday at the Old San Francisco Mint. The California Nursery in Niles is moving forward with a designated location for a nine-thousand square foot museum/interpretive center with a possible second floor that would provide up to 18,000 square feet of space for displays, research and events.

The City of Fremont seems to still want to demolish older buildings and replace them with high density housing much of it too expensive to allow teachers, or city employees to afford. Our meeting this month features my good friend, Margaret Thornberry, who is president of the Fremont Cultural Arts Council. She will talk about the history of art in Fremont and the history of the Fremont Cultural Arts Council. Please pay your membership dues. We are going to propose a by-laws change to allow for multi-year dues.

Al Minard

Guest Speaker for March meeting, Margaret Thornberry

Margaret Thornberry has been involved with the Fremont Cultural Arts Council for 20 years, the last few as President. The FCAC is a local non-profit umbrella organization for the arts, founded by residents in 1972 to support art and culture in what was then farmland rapidly being transformed into a suburban bedroom community. Ms. Thornberry came to Fremont in 1996 with an eclectic background. Born and raised in a lumber camp and a small town in Southern Oregon, she fell in love with big city San Francisco and the Bay Area at age 12, when she saw her first building over 4 stories tall. As soon as possible she indulged her second passion, travel, living in Spain, and traveling widely while working for an international airline. After starting

a family, she accepted a job in the tech industry and settled down (some) in the Irvington District. She is interested in everything, and says she has never felt as much at home as she does in Fremont. She has attended a number of colleges, and along the way gathered a BS from San Francisco State and a Master of Science in Systems Management from Notre Dame de Namur. She loves NPRs Freakonomics broadcasts, and has too many volunteer cats. Her goal for the FCAC is to keep providing services to the arts and the larger community, such as the Focus calendar of arts events, and to arrive at a closer integration between the various arts groups in the area, so that their common interests can be well served.

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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

The following information is from recent issues of the Tri-City Voice weekly newspaper. This newspaper is FREE at many locations and is also online at: "tricityvoice.com". Most of these events have already happened, but some are ongoing or about to finish.

January 24, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Gretta Stimson from the Hayward Area Historical Society about a Valentines Event at the McConaghy House. Actors would provide a fun and interactive history of Valentine's Day on a 40 minute tour of the McConaghy House.

January 24, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by the Niles Canyon Railway, guests on the train will experience the magic of a bygone era as they travel through the scenic canyon on a vintage train.

January 24, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by the Washington Township Museum of Local History of a donation by the Tri-City Health Center, made a generous donation of \$5,000, towards the purchase of large format high resolution scanner. The Museum is looking for donations of \$1,700 that the scanner cost over the original donation.

January 31, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Victor Carvellas telling about the Archimedes Screw Pump that was powered by the wind to move water in the salt ponds. This is a wonderful article on the early salt industry in this area.

January 31, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Temple Beth Torah, about a guest speaker, Al Minard, who will present a slide show and talk on Dr. Robert Fisher. Everyone was invited to this event on a Sunday morning.

January 31, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Ned MacKay, who reports that the Monarch Butterflies' are leaving Ardenwood. Ardenwood Park is presenting a slide show, talk and visit to the greenhouse to see the caterpillars that become Monarch Butterflies.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Washington Township Museum of Local History of a walk through Ohlone Campus and the surrounding area, highlighting the history of this area from 1850 until now.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by

Dolores M. Ferenz on a Spanish music concert on a rare Rosales Opus 14 Organ.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Pat Kite on Poinsettia permanence. Pat thought because she could never get them to re-bloom, that it could not be done in this area. But when she asked around she found that there are several that re-bloom each year, it just takes a little work and then keeping them inside when the weather gets really cold.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Linda Micciche who wrote about Sister Camilla of the Sisters of The Holy Family who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by The City of Fremont about upcoming events at the Senior Center. The activities include: a full range of social and health services, and leisure activities, The Senior Center offers numerous trips, workshops, classes, support, and internet groups.

February 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Tim Gavin about the Niles Rotary putting a new tarp over the Chinese Bunk house at Shinn Park. He also writes about a brief history of the Chinese in this area. He is working to create a joint effort between private citizens and the City of Fremont to preserve this bit of history.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum about their recent expansion of the Niles Essanay Theatre. The expansion will include new exhibits and allow more room for expansion of the Museum.

February 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article Sr. Annette of the Dominican Sister about writing a charter for making the City of Fremont a Center for Compassion. They are delighted that the City Council unanimously accepted this statement and has agreed to allow its values to permeate the work of the council as it moves forward in these uncertain times.

February 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Margaret Thornberry who recognized Barbara Lyon who passed away after a tragic accident in Centerville at 95 years of age. Barbara was very involved in the community and also was a very good artist and yoga

instructor among other things.

February 21, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Kelsey Camello about Ohlone celebrating 50 years of existence since the first class were held in the fall of 1967. Kelsey says that the building of the college's first structures in 1970, is itself just as colored and interesting as that of the earlier years.

February 21, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Shape our Fremont about older and newer developments that are happening in Fremont. All too many are high density and market rate units.

February 21, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Ira Bletz at Ardenwood Farm. He writes about brewing beer. Ira maintains that it is fun, creative and is a Do-It-Yourself project. He held classes at Ardenwood and actually made beer over a few weekends.

February 28, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Joella Thompson about the Candle Lighters presentation Brunch at Crowne Plaza Silicon Valley North in Union City. They awarded money to several non-profits who applied for grants and were deemed eligible. The money that is given out is from the Candle Lighters annual Haunted House at the HUB in Fremont.

March 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Carol Zilli, who is looking for volunteers to train as docents for Music For Minors II. She is trying to get into all of the elementary schools to teach children how to enjoy music which aid learning.

March 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Al Minard about the Alameda County National History Day Competition being held at Hopkins Junior High School. Sixth to eighth graders and ninth thru twelfth graders

can enter this competition in one of five areas: Historical Paper, Documentary, Museum Exhibit, Performance or Website. Each group either junior or senior high school students are graded separately and the winners go to the California competition in Rocklin, California on May 6-7, 2017.

March 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Arathi Satish about a Juried Photo Exhibition that anyone in Fremont can enter or anyone who belongs to the Fremont Photo Club. The exhibition will be held in the Fremont Main Library on Saturday, April 29.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Gretta Stimson about the Scots Irish immigration to the area as described in the McConaghy House. Some of the many immigrant nationalities that mad this area their home.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Daniel O'Donnell who gives a brief history of John Fremont who this city is named after and the Fremontia flower that bears his name and blooms at this time of the year.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by the Niles Canyon Railway that is hosting a beer tasting from some of the local brewers on the train ride through the Niles Canyon on a historic train.

February 7, 2017, *Tri-City Voice* printed an article by Tomasa Duenas who writes about Assemblymember Bill Quirk recognizing Moina Shaiq as this year's Woman of the Year. Quirk says that he has worked with Moina over the years and the work she has done to recognize the achievements and contributions of the Muslim community has been very rewarding.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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From the Mailbag

We received the Spring Newsletter from the **Washington Township Museum of Local History**. They report that they have received some nice donations and are taking weekly tours of school children to the Higuera Adobe. They also mention an Alvarado Walking tour on Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM led by Tim Swenson, meet at the parking lot of Alvarado Elementary School. Also an Irvington Walking tour led by Caroline Harris on Saturday, May 20 at 11 AM, meet at the Irvington Monument.

We received the March issue of **The Club Car** from the Niles Canyon Railway. They tell us that there is a lot of track work going on due to the recent heavy rains which caused rock slides, flooded rail way, trees blown onto the tracks and blocked culverts. They also mention that they have a new Diesel Engine running that was last used when Lyndon Johnson was President. They have worked on this engine for several years and it is now running like a fine watch.

We received the **Union City Historical Museum Newsletter** for February/March 2017. They write about the MLK Day Clean-up the new rain gutters in the Decoto area. They have pictures of the Union City Chamber of Commerce installing new officers. They printed a chronology of events happening in Union City from 2000 to 2002

The Washington Township Historical Society By-Laws currently in effect relating to membership dues.

Article VI – Fiscal Year and Dues

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. Dues of Individual members shall be \$5 for one year; for Family members shall be \$10 for one year; Patron members \$50 for one year; all payable in advance. Individual members whose Dues are not paid by April 1, will be automatically dropped from the membership. Members joining during the last quarter of the year will be paid in full for the following year. Audit of the Treasurer's funds will be conducted by two members at large appointed by the Executive Board at the end of the Treasurer's two-year term.

MEMBERSHIP

We have not enjoyed the usual membership renewals, and now it is March 2017 and all dues are once again due. It is only \$10, which just barely covers the mailing of this newsletter. While some of you are getting the newsletter digitally by email, most of you are getting it through the United States Postal Service, which means we have to print the newsletter and then mail it. It costs us nearly \$1.00 to print and with postal increase nearly 50 cents to mail that is \$1.50 times six times a year which equals \$9.00 per year. We are fortunate to have the use of the Museum of Local History for our meetings, at no cost, but we have to purchase Liability Insurance for \$400 per year and pay a membership to the Conference of California Historical Societies to be able to purchase this insurance at this rate for \$50 per year. The only way we are surviving now is through the generous donations of some of our members. We will continue to email a digital copy of the newsletter to everyone, but the printed copy will not be mailed if the dues are not paid by May 1, 2017.

This is a fine organization that has been around for over 60 years, and we are doing a good job of informing the community of the historical value in the Washington Township Community.

Please renew your dues and if you have a few dollars extra that would be great to include also with your dues or whenever.

Thank You

Alameda County History Day Competition 2017

STATE FINALS QUALIFIERS FROM WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ONLY

There were a total of 34 projects that were advanced to State Finals from all over Alameda County

Senior Individual Exhibits

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Kanchan Raju	Helen Taussig: Changing the World One Baby at a Time
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Senior Group Exhibits

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Winnie Xu, Gloria Chang, Jessie Yang	Lewis Hine: Capturing and Exposing Child Labor in America
Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Alisha Chhangani, Kriti Vajjhula	Ku Klux Klan: The Stand for White Supremacy

Senior Research Papers

Qualifier	American HS	Vyoma Raman	The Sit-In That Took a Stand: The 504 Occupation
Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Priya Talreja	El Teatro Campesino: A Stand Against Farmworker Abuse and Chicano Resistance in the United States

Elementary Individual 2-D Poster

Qualifier	Gomes ES	Annika Singh	Taking a Stand Against the British: The Indian Sepoy Mutiny of 1857
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Elementary Group 2-D Poster

Qualifier	Gomes ES	Saranya Singh, Shivani Kyadhari	John Muir: Taking a Stand for Nature
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Senior Group Documentary Films

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Madhumita Kumar, Shreya Kochar	Frances Perkins: Revolutionizing America
Alternate	Mission San Jose HS	Tonoya Ahmed, Tanushka Dewan	Muhammad Yunus: Taking a Stand Against Poverty

Senior Individual Dramatic Performances

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Sonia Sakleshpur	The Lakota Sioux: Prisoners of a Forgotten War
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Senior Individual Websites

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Julia Park	Louis Brandeis and the New Deal: The Stand Against Bigness
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Senior Group Websites

Qualifier	Mission San Jose HS	Ruchika Mahapatra, Marina Dalaraossa	Billie Jean King: Standing Against Sexism in Professional Sports
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Junior Individual Websites

Qualifier	Gomes ES	Max Dai	The White Rose Movement: Sophie Scholl and the Resistance to the Nazi Regime
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SPECIAL LOCAL AWARDS

Hayward Area Historical Society: Best Project on a Bay Area Topic

SRP	American HS	Vyoma Raman	The Sit-In That Took a Stand: The 504 Occupation
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Alameda County Historical Society: Best Project on an East Bay Topic

JGD	École Bilingue de Berkeley	Adriana Villarina, Morgane Hanley	The Story of the Free Speech Movement: A Fight To Be Heard
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