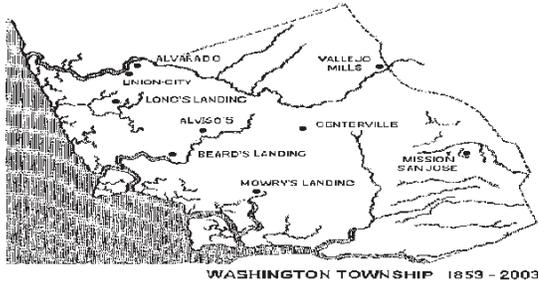


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017, 7:15 PM at  
FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY, 2400 STEVENSON BLVD., FREMONT**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is almost Thanksgiving Day, when most of us spend time with our friends and family being thankful for being able to do all of the things we have done. We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

We have good news to report, The "Pop" Goold house on Peralta is going to be moved and preserved. The family that is having the house put on their vacant lot has finally found a lender and has started work on the foundation for the house. We are only waiting for permits to move the house. Because Peralta is also part of State Route 84, they have to get not only a permit from the City of Fremont but also one from the State of California. I keep hoping that it will be this weekend, but I am still waiting for word of the house's move.

Our meeting this month is at the Fremont Main Library on Stevenson starting at 7:15 PM Monday, November 27, and our speaker is Ron Medaglia with Pacific Bus Museum. This is a good time to invite friends and neighbors to attend our meeting. There will also be a Pacific Bus Museum display upstairs at the Library in the Marks Center for Local and California History.

Our historical signage program is moving slowly forward. We are trying to get all three plaques finalized before we order them, to save some money on the cost of the plaques.

*Al Minard*

**Guest Speaker, Ron Medaglia  
Monday, November 27, 2017  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont**

Guest Speaker is Ron Medaglia, the Executive Director of the Pacific Bus Museum. He will share his love of vintage buses. He is also a long time bus driver. The Pacific Bus Museum is one of only about eighth bus museums in the United States. There will be a small display of bus artifacts and memorabilia in the Marks Center for Local and California History.

Our Monday, November 27, meeting is at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont starting at 7:15 PM.

Ron Medaglia in the driver's seat of a vintage bus



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

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 12, Pat Kite writes about Chrysanthemum's. She states that Chrysanthemum is the autumn protest of winter. They come in all colors and are everywhere. Chrysanthemums originated in China and was once the emblem of the old Chinese Army.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 19, Joyce Blueford writes about the Roeding Centennial Exhibit at the California Nursery. Joyce tells a brief history of the Roeding family and their purchase of the California Nursery in Niles in 1917. The Nursery and the Roeding Centennial Exhibit were opened on September 24 and were open on Sundays through November 15.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 19, Shape Our Fremont writes about ongoing and new projects in the Fremont area. The current proposed projects are in the Fremont Hub area that will add a total of 489 housing units, a mixed use area in the Hub that will include a six story building with two floors underground for parking.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 26, Guy Ashley writes about the Alameda County Arts Commission recognizing eight individuals for their achievements and contributions impacting the arts community. Two of the winners were Carol Zilli and Mary Bobik, both from Fremont, and we honor them also.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 26, Pat Kite writes that Bird Season has come and gone. The Ohlone Humane Society Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Newark has had several different types of baby birds brought in to the center to help them be returned to the wild. They had a kindergarten of American crows that many people are not fond of but the American Indians saw the crow as a wise advisor and the spirit of wisdom.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 26, the Ardenwood Railroad Museum writes about the haunted railroad ride through Ardenwood Farm. Live actors play pirates, cowboys, a witch, and other characters. This is a spooky not scary ride and suitable for all ages. It ran for 6 nights, Friday,

Saturday and Sunday in late October. Think about taking your family on this ride next year.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, September 26, Victor Carvellas writes about the Ohlone Gathering. Native Americans most closely associated with the East Bay met on October 1 at Coyote Hills. Visitors were shown examples of baskets, traditional dances, and demonstrations of crafts, informational displays and more. Victor then writes a brief history of the Native American's who lived, worked and died in this area.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, October 3, Rhoda J. Shapiro writes that the new elementary school in the Warm Springs area of Fremont will be named in honor of Lila Bringhurst. Brian Kilgore, with Fremont Unified School District held a competition that suggested names for the new school were: Lila Bringhurst, Olive Hyde and Milicent Shinn.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, October 3, Al Minard writes about the Flash Fiction Contest sponsored by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council and enters the second place winner's short story titled, "The Goodbye Hug". By Richard Lau.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, October 3, Sharon Gonzales writes that the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors will hold the second in a series of strategic planning workshops. This workshop will focus on water supply, water quality, cost effectiveness, staffing resources, financial stability and resiliency, and community outreach and engagement. This workshop was held on October 10. Two of the Board members are also members of Washington Township Historical Society.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, October 10, Joella Thompson writes about the Candle Lighters Ghost House in the Chadbourne Carriage House at the Fremont Hub. This is the 49<sup>th</sup> year of this wonderful event, where the profits are donated to local non-profits.

**Tri-City Voice**, Tuesday, October 10, Joyce Blueford writes about Fremont History through the ages. Fremont is a young city of only 60 years, but its

significance in history is unbelievable. It starts with ice age fossils excavated in 1930 from the Irvington area that are 1.2 million years old.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, October 10, Pat Kite writes about a Student Video Contest that will give out \$2,000 in scholarships to the students who show how special districts in California make a difference. Pat lists three different websites for more information on Special Districts

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, October 17, Phil Allen writes about the Hunts plant closing 40 years ago. This was summer work that was hot, tedious and smelly at times. A place where women sorted fruit and other products for canning. The loss of the work meant many things to many people and brings back many memories for those who worked at Hunts.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, October 17, Shape Our Fremont reports that there is nothing permanent except change. They report on two new proposals: Silicon Sage in Centerville in the area of the old Centerville Fire Station; and Blacow Cottages at 39392 Blacow Road. Some development proposals are approved at the Planning Commission and not heard at City Council.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, October 17, Al Minard writes about the Flash Fiction Writing Contest and submits the three stories that tied for third place: “Pick Your Future” by Lavanya M. Sundar; “The Dog President”, by Daniel Sloop; and “The

Vampire and the Spy”, by Madhu Kavali. Our congratulations go to these creative writers.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, October 31, The City of Fremont City Council had a work session on the California Nursery Historical Park on November 7, 2017. This project will be brought to the Fremont City Council at a later date.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, November 7, Pat Kite writes about “Flies”. Pat does not like them, she says there are 240,000 different kinds of flies, and 19 trillion flies in the world. Besides their nuisance value, they also have a purpose. Flies break down waste material so that it goes back into the soil as nutrients and many other creatures survive by eating them to avoid extinction from hunger.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, November 7, The Niles Canyon Railroad reports that the Niles Canyon Train of Lights will return to Niles Canyon and they invite everyone to purchase a ticket to ride on this historic railway through Niles Canyon. It runs every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 24 through December 30. They suggest purchasing your tickets well in advance because they often sell out.

*Tri-City Voice*, Tuesday, November 7, City of Fremont writes about the Sabercat Creek restoration project and asks those who are interested to sign up for one of the work days to restore the creek by removing invasive plants and nurturing native plants.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Patricia Lacy  
Nancy Margherita

We thank them for paying their dues because this is what keeps this organization alive and able to present speakers at our bi-monthly meetings.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

*Union City Historical Museum*, August/September reports on newly elected officers, with Vice-Mayor, Pat Gacoscos, installing them. Anthony Gualco writes a brief history of Veasy Street in the Alvarado area.

*Alameda County Historical Society Quarterly*, October 2017, writes about Alfred A. Cohen's Alameda Park Hotel that after it went out of business it became an insane asylum purchased and operated by doctors Joseph C. Tucker and Eustace Trenor. There is also an article on Frederick Krauth Sr., who came to California in 1849 to make a fortune in gold mining, and then went back to New York and brought them out to California where he started Alameda's first newspaper. His son, Frederick Krauth Jr., organized the Alameda Fire Department in 1876.

*League of Volunteers (LOV)*, September/October newsletter informs us of recent

activities, their concert series at Thornton Junior High School, 4357 Thornton Avenue, Fremont: December 10, Holiday Pops with the Newark Symphonic Winds; January 7, 2018, Dan & Laurie, "A Broadway Afternoon"; and others through the year.

*Mission Peak Reporter*, October/December, lists a calendar of events at the Shinn House, reports on a tea at the Shinn Archive room featuring 95 year-old Mary Torres, who was one of the Rosie the Riveters. They also report on the Roeding Centennial Exhibit at the California Nursery, which opened October 14 and continued on Sundays from 1 PM to 4 PM. They also have the Shinn Christmas Open House schedule: Saturday, December 3, Sunday, December 4, Saturday, December 6, Sunday, December 10 from Noon to 4 PM, and also open on Friday evening, Friday, December 8 from 7- 9 PM.



### The Patterson House at Ardenwood Farm

This house is decorated by many volunteers and is a wonderful place to visit at Christmas.

The house will be open Saturday and Sunday, from 10 AM to 4 PM December 3 & 4th and December 9 & 10th.

The house will also be open Friday evening December 8th from 5 PM to 8:45 PM.

The tours include both the first floor and the second floor of this house.

Up until just a couple of years ago the only way they could heat the house was with the fireplaces and sometimes it was a little chilly, now they have central heat and it may be more comfortable to tour.



*The Pacific Bus Museum: preserving yesterday for tomorrow*



Ron Medaglia, Executive Director of the Pacific Bus Museum, will share his love of vintage buses and the history they represent.

The Pacific Bus Museum, located at 37974 Shinn St., Fremont, CA in maintains a collection of historic buses, bus artifacts and memorabilia.

A small sampling will be on display at the Maris Center for Local and California History, Fremont Main Library November 27–December 30

Join us for the November meeting of the Washington Township Historical Society.

Monday November 27, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94538

Phone 510-745-1401 or TDD 888-663-0660  
The library is wheelchair accessible.  
An ASL interpreter will be provided for this program if requested 7 days in advance.

all library programs are FREE  
www.aclibrary.org



# Enjoy an 1890's Christmas at Shinn House

**Sat. Dec. 3, Sun. Dec. 4, Wed. Dec 6, Fri.  
Eve Dec. 8, Sat. Dec. 9 & Sun. Dec. 10, 2017**

1251 Peralta Blvd., near Mowry Avenue in Fremont  
The House is decorated as it might have been in 1890, including wreaths in every window. Docents will lead tours from Noon to 4 PM on Saturday, December 2, Sunday, December 3, Wednesday, December 6, Saturday December 9, Sunday, December 10, and from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Friday, December 8 2017.

Cost for the tour is \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.<sup>99</sup> for Children 7-13.  
Help make the wreaths on Saturday, November 25, 2017, from 10:00 am until about 2:00 pm. These wreaths will be used to decorate the Shinn House. Wreath making is free unless you want to take one home, then the cost is \$5 but you may only take one after you have made at least one for the house.

For more information contact Joan at (510) 795-0891  
Or E-mail AlMinard at "alminard@comcast.net".

Benefit for Mission Peak Heritage Foundation P.O. Box 3078,  
Fremont, CA 94539



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PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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