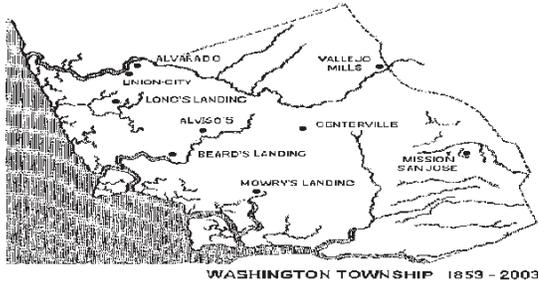


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018, 7:00 PM at
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and friends of Washington Township Historical Society

Our long time historian and good friend, Phillip Holmes passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018. His funeral will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 4333 Hansen Ave., Fremont, CA on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 PM. The Washington Township Museum of Local History will start a fund in his name. Now for the good news, all of our plaques have arrived and we are looking at dates and times to have them properly displayed with lots of public notice and photos. Tim Swenson has been the major person working on the plaques and we need to thank him very much for all of his work on this project. We are delighted to have the Candle Lighters provide us with some information on their 50th Anniversary of providing Halloween magic to the children of the community and the grants to our local non-profits with the profits from the Ghost House. I took the opportunity to dress up and get made up as a Warlock and had a lot of fun giving many young and old nightmares. There are many things happening during this time of the year and I would suggest that each of us should try to attend at least one of them. They include:

1. Niles Festival of Lights Parade on Friday, November 23 from 6 PM until about 9 PM
2. Shinn Victorian Christmas docent led tours of the decorated Shinn house on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2 and again on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 & 9

from 12 Noon to 4 PM, and the house will be open again on Friday, December 7 from 7 PM to 9 PM.

3. Patterson House is decorated for Christmas and will be open for tours on Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2 and again on Saturday & Sunday December 8 & 9. The Patterson House will also be open on Friday evening, December 7.
4. Mission San Jose area is once again sponsoring the Las Posadas event with people gathering at Old Mission San Jose Museum and walking to various sites in Mission San Jose. They gather at about 6 PM and sing carols as they walk, so it helps to have a flashlight. The Museum is always one of the stops and at each site there is some form of musical entertainment.
5. There are also several tree lighting ceremonies.
6. The Niles Canyon Railway Train of Lights is also happening but I do not know if there are tickets for the train available.

In January we have the Newark Post Master talking to us about the history of the Post Office in Newark and it will be held in the Washington Township Museum of Local History at 190 Anza Street, starting at 7:15 PM

**The board of Washington Township Historical Society
wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New
Year.**

Al Minard

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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Arathi Satish writes about a Flash Fiction Writing Contest on Saturday, September 22, from 10 AM to 5 PM that Al Minard chairs for the Fremont Cultural Arts Council.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Fremont City Council gave a proclamation to the Candle Lighters for 50 years of service to the Tri-City community.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Joyce Blueford, writes about the Hayward Fault and how it has shaped our area and our lives. Joyce set up displays and exhibits at the Community Center in Central Park on Monday, September 24. The fault creeps about ¼ inch each year which is why curbs and white lines do not always match.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Shape our Fremont, writes about new developments in the Fremont area including, the demolition of two structures on Washington at the end of Ellsworth Street and the building of 20 residential units and 5,470 square feet of commercial in a three story building with parking underground; also mentioned is Cloverleaf Bowl, which has some community support for keeping this building rather than demolition.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 2, 2018, East Bay Regional Parks announced the 25th Annual Gathering of the Ohlone People on Sunday October 7, who lived in this area for 10,000 years.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 2, 2018, The Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad invited everyone to take a ride on October 6, on a narrow gage train and learn about the history of the original railroad that ran through Ardenwood Historic Farm.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Al Minard reported on the winners of the Flash Fiction Writing contest that was held on September 22. The five winning stories were submitted to Tri-City Voice Newspaper for publication.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, The Candle Lighters announced the opening of the Ghost House at the Fremont HUB. If you're looking for a great scary event that will make your skin crawl, your spine chill, your kids scream, and leave you with lasting frightful memories, then visit the Chadbourne Carriage House at the Fremont HUB.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Jack Burgess invites you to ride the Haunted Railroad through Ardenwood Farm, with silly pirates, the Chance Gang cowboys, the Witch of Ardenwood and other haunting adventures on Friday to Sunday evening from 7 PM to the last train at 9:30 PM, from October 19 to October 28.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, The Niles Canyon Railway invited everyone to enjoy a two hour ride on the rails on Sunday, October 14 from 1 PM to 3 PM, during their "Beer on The Rails" event. The event included a complimentary lunch of Polish sausage sandwiches, potato salad while tasting a variety of beers from the Bay Area.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Pat Kite writes about the history of scarecrows. They started simply to keep varmints away from rice fields and over time grew into more developed items that looked more like people in the field. Pat mentions that there are several cities around the area that have scarecrow contests.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, The Niles Canyon Railway invites the entire family to enjoy an enchanting holiday excursion on The Train of Lights that travels through Niles Canyon. Trains depart from Niles and Sunol on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 23 until December 30. No trains run on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Toshali Goel writes about the growing financial cuts in music education in our schools. Music for Minors II, started by Carol Zilli, aims to help students and adults develop musical knowledge and ability. Carol says that a culture, a society without music is not alive.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Patty Lacy writes a letter to the editor about everyone going out and voting. Elections are important and the people and proposition that get approved change our lives and all of us need to vote to make sure that our voices are heard.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, November 6, 2018, The City of Fremont reports on the latest public hearings on the Irvington BART station with plans for the station developed from public input and made in 2019 with construction slated to start in 2022 and projected to open in 2026.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, November 6, 2018, Al Minard reports on the winners of the Flash Fiction Writing Contest and presents the 5th place winner's story, "The Landmark" by Edward Soo.

Tri-City Voice, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Pat Kite writes about the beneficial benefits of the plants and spices that you see talked about on various cooking shows. When coming west by wagon train, some of those plants and spices were the only medicine many of the travelers had to combat the diseases and if all else failed they would cut the ill person so they would bleed, to get rid of the poisons in their bodies.

With sadness I am writing this to tell you that Philip Holmes passed away last Friday in his home. Patricia Schaffarczyk will be sending more information out as soon as she meets with his daughter, Cheryl. Just to let you know his funeral will be on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1 pm at the Presbyterian Church just off of Thornton Ave. (4333 Hansen Ave).

We at the museum will set up a memorial fund and if you have other ideas of how to memorialize him let me or us at the museum know. I have contacted the Tri-City Voice and I had an idea to have people help to finish some of the articles he had started and never completed.

Please contact the Museum with ideas before the next board meeting so they can discuss this at that time. Anything else, let Patricia Schaffarczyk know.



Our Guest speaker is Jeff Schinkel of the Candle Lighters for the November meeting, which will be held in the Fukaya Room at the Fremont Main Library on Monday, 7:00 PM, November 26, 2018

Since 1969, the Candle Lighters Ghost House has been scaring up funds for local nonprofits, community organizations, schools and parks. Originally formed by five local women, the Candle Lighters have raised over \$2 million for Tri-City projects through its annual Ghost House and carnival midway. The Ghost House "ghouls" and "good fairies" are local teenagers earning community service hours (a graduation requirement) and the Ghost House is designed and constructed by dozens of volunteers.

This family-friendly haunt is now Northern California's longest running annual haunt.

In 2018, the Candle Lighters Ghost House celebrated its 50th anniversary with several Halloween-related special events, including a school scarecrow design contest, a Halloween cake decorating challenge, chalk art displays, a scary story writing contest for elementary school children and more. Over 10,000 people dared to enter this year's Ghost House.

We'll look back at the Candle Lighters first 50 years, get some first-hand accounts from some of the earliest members of the club and see what it takes to make this event happen year after year.



On the left is the Chadbourne Carriage House converted to a ghost House.

Above is the carnival Midway at the Ghost House.

On the right is Al Minard made up as a Warlock





Enjoy an 1890's Christmas at Shinn House

**Sat. Dec. 1, Sun. Dec. 2, Wed. Dec 5, Fri.
Eve Dec. 7, Sat. Dec. 8 & Sun. Dec. 9, 2018**

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 1, Sunday, December 2, Wednesday, December 5, Saturday December 8, Sunday, December 9,, and from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Friday, December 7 2017.

Cost for the tour is \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.⁵⁰ for Children 7-13.

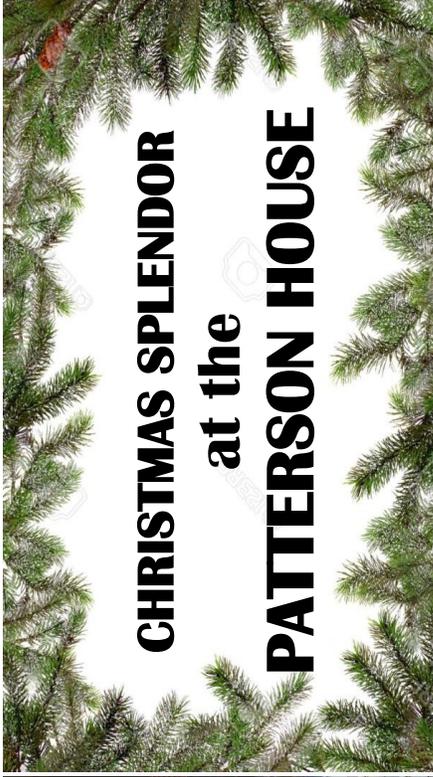
Help make the wreaths on Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 10:00 am until about 2:00 pm. These wreaths will be used to decorate the Shinn House. Wreath making is free unless you want to take one home, then the cost is \$5 but you may only take one after you have made at least one for the house.

For more information contact Joan at (510) 795-0891

Or Email Al Minard at "alminard@comcast.net".

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





EVENING OPEN HOUSE @ THE PATTERSON HOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th 5:00-8:45 pm Barcode 267830

Fee: Adults \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, Children (12 and under) Free. Enjoy a magical candle-lit evening holiday open house at the Patterson House with live music and refreshments. The park is closed for the day so no additional admission is required. Online registration at www.regerec.com.

DAY TIME CHRISTMAS TOURS AT THE PATTERSON HOUSE

Begin your holiday season by seeing the historic Patterson House fully decorated for Christmas. Enjoy a docent led Christmas tour highlighting Victorian inspired decorations and holiday traditions from the late 1800s. The park grounds will be open for picnicking and visiting the farm animals. How it works for public tours: Pay winter rate park admission at the entrance of Ardenwood Farm \$2 Youth 4-17 (Under 4 free) / \$3 Adults Information about specific farm activities is available at www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood Public Patterson House Tour tickets for tours are available at the house for an additional \$2 - \$3.

WEEKEND HOUSE TOURS \$2 Youth 4-17 (Under 4 free) / \$3 Adults

SATURDAYS: December 1, 8, 15 SUNDAYS: December 2, 9, 16
11:30 am Shortened, downstairs only "Tot tour" for families with youth under 6
12:00 noon, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm Full-length 45-minute tour for adults (and youth over 6)

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THURSDAYS December 6, 13 **FRIDAYS:** December 7, 14

PUBLIC TOURS: (Individuals, families, a few adults) The main public tours are scheduled for 12:30, 1:30 and 3:00 pm, Tot Tour at 2:30 pm – right before animal feeding at the farm. **GROUP TOURS:** For booking a large group (up to 20 adults) or inquiries about weekday tour schedule, please call (510) 494-4365 or mail rkiehn@fremont.gov. Weekday group tours are available between 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (must be scheduled in advance)

In December, we are all dressed up for the holidays! Come with your family, on your own or book a group tour. This historic house is at Ardenwood Historic Farm, a working farm from the 19th century, operated by the East Bay Regional Park District.

If you have any questions, please contact

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**Creating Community Through
People, Parks & Programs**

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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