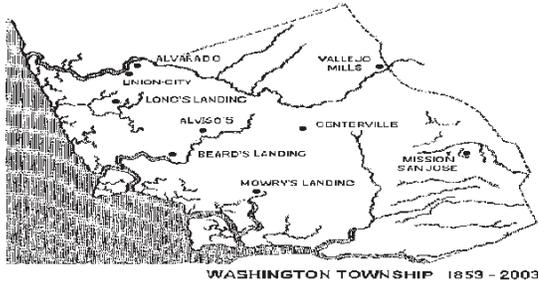


# Washington Township Historical Society



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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, 7:15 PM at  
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA STREET, FREMONT**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you all have survived this very hot summer. Maybe Global Warming is real. Nancy Lorrigan, one of our long time and devoted members has passed away. She was the one who called you to remind you to attend the meeting and she also made arrangements for the refreshments. She was also associated with the Candle Lighters and several of our historical organizations have benefited from that affiliation. My wife and I will be on vacation from mid-September to mid-October, which means that we will not be able to attend the meeting on September 25, but our Vice-President, John Weed will do a fine job, I am sure. The last time I drove by the Goold House, it was still standing, it has a chain link fence around it and I keep hoping that it will be relocated, but I have heard nothing good on that move yet. We are still looking for new officers of Washington

Township Historical Society. We have begged and pleaded and twisted arms, all to no avail. Please at least offer to try out for one of the positions, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Parliamentarian. We also need a more active membership chair-person. Looking ahead to Monday, November 27, we will have our meeting in the Fremont Main Library, Fukaya room starting at 7 PM with our featured speaker Ron from the Pacific Bus Museum. The Pacific Bus Museum is one of only eight bus museums in the entire country. This would be a good time to invite your friends to attend a meeting, because everyone has had an opportunity to ride a bus and it will bring back many memories.

*Al Minard*



## Ohlone College is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year

Jim Wright wrote a book, "The Birth of Ohlone College." This book talks about the founding of Ohlone, and John Weed, who is on the board of Ohlone will be talking about the founding of Ohlone and this book. The Ohlone name is based on the indigenous people who lived here for 10,000 years. The College is a multi-ethnic college with about 16,000 students on the two campuses of Fremont and Newark. This should be an interesting history of this area. Please plan on attending and learning about Ohlone College.

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

The following information is mostly 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.

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, Washington Township Museum of Local History held a potluck dinner celebrating donors, volunteers, and members at Swiss Park in Newark on Sunday, July 23. The luncheon was well attended with Lily Mei, mayor of Fremont and Al Nagy, mayor of Newark in attendance, as well as former Fremont mayor, Gus Morrison.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, Ron Medaglia reports on the Pacific Bus Museum open house on Sunday, August 20, 2017. Ron will be our speaker at the November 27 Washington Township Historical Society meeting held in the Fukaya room at the Fremont Main Library on Stevenson.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, The Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum celebrated all things Charlie, by showing many of his films on July 21 through Sunday, July 23. Charlie Chaplin made movies here in the Niles district of Fremont for about one year. He created his signature character the bum walking down a dirt road in Niles Canyon.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, Carol Zilli writes about Music for Minors II being recognized for keeping music alive in school classrooms and children's lives for 29 years.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, Hayward Area Historical Society noted that when the Dumbarton Bridge was completed in 1927, it was only 30 feet wide, with just two lanes, and 7.1 miles long. It was the longest over water bridge anywhere in the world until the Lafayette Bridge in Louisiana was opened in the early 1950's.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 18, 2017, Ardenwood Historic Farm reported that it was time to harvest the wheat on the farm. Guests can bring in the sheaves of wheat and feed it into a 1930 Case stationary harvester. They can later grind the wheat into flour to make bread.

**Tri-City Voice**, July 25, 2017, Ceal Craig, one of our speakers a few months ago, reports on the 30 years that The San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society (SFBWS) has defended the natural beauty of the Bay Area from pollution and other hazards that threaten its wondrous

ecosystem.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 8, 2017, Julie Huson reported on a Goodwill Bags Fashion Show presenting unique donated clothing to Goodwill at the Alta Mira Club in San Leandro.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 8, 2017, Seema Gupta reports on the Textile Show at the Olive Hyde Art Guild. The Textile Exhibition at Olive Hyde Art Gallery was started in 1968 to honor its original benefactor Olive Hyde.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 8, 2017, Pat Kite reports on Roof Rats. Pat said that her fig tree in her back yard had only one mature fig and she was waiting for it to turn a nice purple so that it would be nice and sweet, and a roof rat decided that he/she should eat it first and left only a bit of the skin.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 8, 2017, Shape Our Fremont asks why does Fremont allow so many new housing developments, and why are some of the developments so dense? Decisions for small residential projects that follow the General Plan and meet all the zoning requirements are made by the Zoning Administrator. If it is approved it does not go to the planning commission or City Council unless it is appealed. The Zoning hearing, Planning Commission and City Council meetings are open to the public, which allows comments from the floor.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 8, 2017, Ayn Wieskamp reports that the East Bay Regional Park District received a donation of 296 acres of the Patterson Ranch, which expands Coyote Hills Regional Park Eastward to Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont. If you would like to learn more about the original inhabitants of Coyote Hills there are free programs given occasionally with a local Naturalist.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 15, 2017, Jeff Miller reports on the 20 year success of the non-profit Alameda Creek Alliance on advocacy to restore Alameda Creek and its native fish populations.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 15, 2017, Margaret Thornberry tells us about the Zucchini Festival coming in Kennedy Park in Hayward on August 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Zucchini Festival and brings back many memories of when this area was all farm land.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 15, 2017, Ron Medaglia tells us about the annual Pacific Bus Museum Open House on August 20 from 11am to 3 pm at 37974 Shinn St., Fremont. There are over 30 vintage and historical buses,

admission is free.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 15, 2017, Al Minard reports that the Shinn Historical Park will host its annual Arts and Crafts in Shinn Park event from Noon to 4 PM with tours of the house and food and drinks for sale. There will be artists and historic craft people showing and selling their products and we will have several STEAM booths where younger and older people can make interesting things. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 15, 2017, The City of Fremont is looking for volunteers to serve on the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB), which serves to enhance community involvement in the Fremont Resource Center. If you are interested please contact O'Hollaren at (510) 574-2026.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 22, 2017, Al Minard is asking everyone to submit a Flash Fiction Story based on 50 years in the future or more. The deadline was September 5, and the Peoples Choice judging will be on Saturday, September 9 at Half-Price Books in the Fremont HUB.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 22, 2017, the Washington Township Museum of Local History at 190 Anza Street

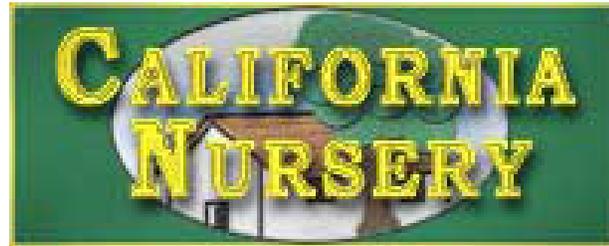
has a Little Free Library so anyone can borrow a book or drop off a book for someone else to read.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 22, 2017, Janet Barton reports that the rose garden at the California Nursery received a donation of a spacious shed to store all of their gardening tools. This will allow the old yellow windmill to once again become the focal point of the rose garden.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 29, 2017, Al Minard informs us that there was a Tea at the Shinn House Archive room on Friday, September 8, with Mary Torres, a 95 year-old woman who worked during WWII as a welder on ships in Oakland. These women are now referred to as "Rosie the Riveters".

**Tri-City Voice**, August 29, 2017, The Hayward Area Historical Museum is looking for submissions for possible inclusion into its 2017 Day of the Dead exhibition. The exhibition will be in the Community Gallery at the Hayward Area Historical Museum from September 30 through November 26 at 22380 Foothill Boulevard, Hayward.

**Tri-City Voice**, August 29, 2017, Julie Boyer invites everyone to attend the annual Rail Fair on Labor Day



## ROEDING CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT

### California Nursery

### California Nursery Historical Park Niles District Special Event: Fremont History through the Ages

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 11 am to 4 pm**

The Roeding family arrived in San Francisco in 1849 from Hamburg, Germany. Frederick Roeding became a mercantile banker who, after the 1868 Great Quake, purchased thousands of acres in Fresno with six other German families. They moved to Fresno to become part of the agricultural revolution in the Central Valley. In 1917 the Roedings purchased the California Nursery Company in Niles, making 2017 their one-hundredth anniversary.

Their vast holdings throughout the state included citrus, fig, and olive orchards in southern California as well as several growing fields in the Central Valley. California Nursery Company provided trees and exhibits worldwide, helping to propel the nursery to become the largest on the West Coast.

This event is sponsored by Math Science Nucleus, City of Fremont, and California Nursery Legacy Council.

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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