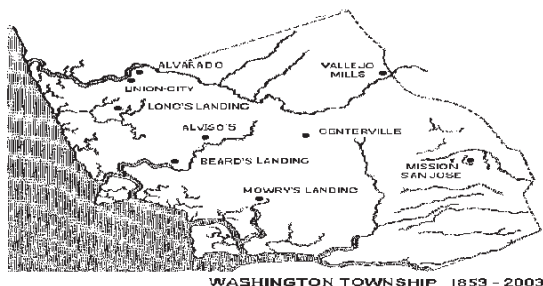


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019, 7:15 PM at
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST., FREMONT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We start a new year and are desperately looking for new officers of the Historical Society. I will present a new multi-year dues policy to the membership on Monday, January 28, 2019. Some of you have already paid your dues for 2019 and we thank you, if you want to convert your dues from a single year to a multi-year arrangement all you will have to do is make up the difference. Tim Swenson and I attended the HARB meeting on January 17, 2019 and spoke against the demolition of the Centerville Fire station. There is a large development down Fremont Boulevard and around the corner onto Peralta Boulevard and one of the options was the demolition of the Centerville fire station. HARB voted to keep the fire station and downsize the building alongside of it to give more focus to the fire station. Fremont is over 90% built out which means that any new development will demolish older buildings and sometime that is not desirable in my opinion. Fremont with its new seven member city council will experience some growing pains because each of the council members represent an area of Fremont, not the community at large as before. I am proud

to announce that Phil Fraher will be our guest speaker on Monday, January 28, 2019. Phil was the postmaster for 16 years in Newark and brings a lot of history of the Newark Post office to this presentation. I am sure that you will enjoy his talk. I am constantly told that there is nothing to do in Fremont, but this is absolutely not true. There are exhibits at the Fremont Main Library, musical events put on by a variety of organizations at a variety of costs, there are events at Olive Hyde Art Gallery, live plays at Ohlone college and the various high schools in the area and all kinds of sporting events from little league to high school football. I have included a flyer for an event that I am involved with regarding the restoration of the Chinese bunk house at Shinn Park. I invite all of you to visit this wonderful display. The annual National History Day competition for Alameda County will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Edna Brewer Middle School, Oakland. I have signed up to be a documentary judge again this year, because I find that the students do such an excellent job and I learn so much. If you are interested in judging at this event please let me know.

Al Minard

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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, November 20, 2018, Al Minard invited everyone to come to the Fremont Main Library to hear a talk on the Candle Lighters who were celebrating their 60th year in service to the community.

Tri-City Voice, November 20, 2018, Ned Macay, wrote about the Monarch Butterflies that come to Ardenwood Farm each in December and stay until February each year. Naturalists will provide tours at select times as long as the Monarchs are here.

Tri-City Voice, November 20, 2018, Christina Garcia and Joy Wang provided beautiful photographs of the Monarch Butterflies that are in Ardenwood. They mention that there has been a 90% reduction in the number of butterflies. Their beautiful orange wings fluttering through the garden or in the Eucalyptus trees is truly a sight to behold.

Tri-City Voice, November 20, 2018, The Patterson House invites everyone to tour the Victorian inspired Holiday treat. This is an annual event and is a fun time to visit this historic house.

Tri-City Voice, November 27, 2018, Phillip Holmes obituary was listed with his memorial service. He was a long time member and historian for most historical organizations in this area. He will be greatly missed.

Tri-City Voice, November 27, 2018, Olive Hyde had their annual Holiday for the Arts, with art of all types from the local art community for sale. This is a great time to purchase beautiful art from the local artists.

Tri-City Voice, November 27, 2018, Hayward Area Historical Society informs us that due to financial restructuring they are forced to sell the museum building. They are hoping to be able to continue using the facility for museum services.

Tri-City Voice, December 4, 2018, Al Minard writes about the Historic Shinn House being open for docent led tours while the house is decorated as it may have been in 1880.

Tri-City Voice, December 11, 2018, Arathi Satish writes about Las Posadas, an annual event held in Mission San Jose area at local venues on different nights prior to Christmas. This event is co-sponsored by Old Mission San Jose and The Fremont Cultural Arts Council.

Tri-City Voice, December 11, 2018, Pat Kite writes about The Night of The Radishes, this event in Oaxaca, Mexico attracts thousands of people to see radishes carved into all kinds of figures to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Pat says that they are easy to grow and you can grow them at home in a window sill.

Tri-City Voice, December 25, 2018, Joyce Blueford writes about the fossils in this area that date back over one-million years ago and how those fossils help us discover what has happened because of climate change. While these mammoths were living in this area, this was a lush vegetarian location where saber toothed cats, horses, camels, sloths and huge mammoths lived. These fossils are available for viewing at the Math Science Nucleus Museum (Natural History Museum) on Eggers and Fremont Boulevard.

Tri-City Voice, January 1, 2019, Joyce Blueford writes about the fossils that were found in the Irvington area and are now displayed at the Fremont Natural History Museum. The City is working with this museum to prepare walking trails in this area and possibly to build a museum near the Irvington BART Station.

Tri-City Voice, January 8, 2019, Pat Kite writes that Feng Shui is more than the location of doors and windows in your house. Pat says that certain plants also are prized in Chinese culture with good fortune associated. Some of these plants are: "Lucky" Bamboo, Jade plant, and the Money tree (*Pachira aquatica*).

Tri-City Voice, January 8, 2019, Save Our Fremont writes about the things you can do if you are concerned about the number of housing developments in Fremont or the height, closeness to one another or anything else. They suggest that if you do not like these plans write letters to city council members, get informed about what is happening and attend meetings to speak about the changes you want to see.

Tri-City Voice, January 15, 2019, Knuti Van Hoven encourages us to write down our memories of when we were young or even now when we are a little older. These are good mementoes to give to our grandchildren or even sometimes a museum who is collecting happenings from back then.

Chinese Roots

Sketches of Life in the Washington Township



The archives of our historic towns are rich with the stories of immigrants who came before us. Chinese Roots brings to light one group — the early Chinese people whose presence is first recorded around the time of the Gold Rush.

Hidden histories have been unearthed from the accounts of vineyards, orchards, nurseries, farmlands, and the salt and sugar industries. The records are often mere entries in nursery ledgers, in the ranch records of labor hired for harvesting fruit, in the census records, or in the smiles of winery workers at a China Camp. Other records are wonderful robust personal accounts, written about growing up here in the Washington Township — hunting and fishing, high school sports and hijinks, and endless farm work. These small sketches and accounts create a rich picture of life in the Washington Township.

Exhibits

January 12–March 10, 2019 at the Maurice Marks Center (2nd floor) and main floor exhibit case.

All Exhibits & Lectures located at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.

Lectures

Monday, January 28 @ 7:00 p.m. — Conquering the Sierra; Putting America in Motion

Thousands of unknown Chinese workers played a vital role in building America's first transcontinental railroad across a tremendous mountain range. Phil Sexton, park director for California State Parks, Sacramento, will talk about the construction of the railroad and its profound effects on both the nation and California.

Monday, February 11 @ 7:00 p.m. — Archaeology at Stanford's Arboretum Chinese Houses

Christopher B. Lowman will speak about how an excavation at Stanford University reveals the lives of early Chinese immigrants and their relationships with other Bay Area communities and with China. Christopher is a graduate student at UCB and works on archeological excavations and museum research.

Saturday, February 23 @ 10:30 a.m. Family Legacies — Legend and Verification

Jeanie Low, author of *China Connection: Finding Ancestral Roots for Chinese in America*, will speak about how to uncover family history through immigration, naturalization, mortuary, and other records.

Sponsored by the Chinese History Project of the Washington Township Museum of Local History, a committee focused on the history of the early Chinese; the Roeding Archives of the California Nursery Company; the Shinn archives managed by the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation; and the Fremont Main Library. The Fong family has kindly shared photos and information.

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

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Guest Speaker Phil Fraher, Newark postmaster from 1984 until 2000.

Phil began his Post office career working as a letter carrier and clerk in Millbrae in 1968. In 1971 he was promoted to Postal Inspection Service Crime Lab and worked with the San Francisco police on the Zodiac killer. He has put together a history of the Newark post office which started when John Dugan opened his hotel, The Newark House near the Railroad station and added a wing that contained the first post office in 1882. In 1945 there were only 500 people living in Newark. In 1964 there were only 3 city deliver routes, but by the end on 1986 there were 24. As of September 1, 2000 when he retired, there were 60 letter carriers, 20 clerks, 4 managers, and 37 City routes. He will also talk about the post office moves from 1882 until 2000.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SINGLE ADDRESS

ONE-YEAR \$10, FIVE-YEAR \$45 TEN-YEAR \$80 PATRON: \$50.00 for one year

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