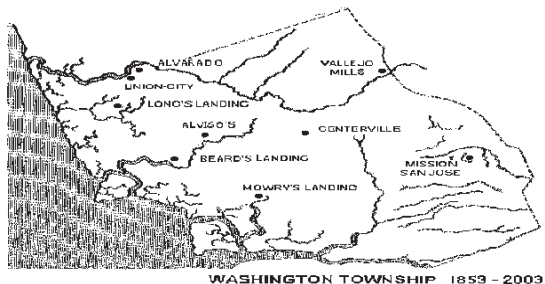


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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, May 23, 2011 TIME: 7:15 PM
PLACE: MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST., FREMONT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

We will have our July meeting in the Fukaya Room of the Fremont Main Alameda County Library on Stevenson Boulevard on July 25, 2011. This will be a meeting to recognize the De Anza Trail exhibit that will be placed in the Library and opened that day for viewing. Since this meeting will be open to the general public, we will minimize our business meeting. Normally in July we elect a nominations committee, but since we will be meeting at the Library, we will hold the election for a nomination committee at our May meeting.

I attended the California History Day Competition held in San Jose from April 28- May 1, 2011. There were about 1,000 students from 4th grade to seniors in high school who participated. These students without a doubt are very talented. They seem to learn more each year, have better projects with more information and present them with higher skills. I always learn a lot at the History Day competition.

The Conference of California Historical Societies is holding their annual Awards meeting and Symposium in Berkeley, June 23-25, 2011. I plan to attend this meeting.

Our speaker on May 23, 2011 is Andy Galvan. Andy is an Ohlone Indian Descendant who has spent a lot of time in Mission San Jose and now works as the Curator of Mission Dolores in San Francisco. This meeting will start at the regular time of 7:15PM, on Monday, May 23, 2011, with a business meeting and then Andy with a slide show. I hope to see you at this meeting.

Al Minard

Remembering those buried in our Mission San Jose Cemeteries will be a presentation about the SIX "known" Mission San Jose Cemeteries by historian Andy Galvan.

Those six include: the pre-historic Indian Cemetery discovered during excavations for the relocation of the St. Joseph Rectory in 2007; the now lost "First" Mission Cemetery begun on September 18, 1797; the third cemetery is located just adjacent to the rebuilt Mission was established in 1809; the fourth cemetery is the Ohlones Indian Cemetery established in January 1811; the fifth cemetery established in the late 1880s is the current Parish Cemetery located on Mission Boulevard near Durham Road; and the sixth cemetery established in the late 1890s is the Dominican Sisters Cemetery located above and behind The Old Mission San Jose.

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

ANDREW A. GALVAN

Andrew A. Galvan is a descendant of the Ohlone, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok and Patwin Indians whose ancestral lands comprise the greater San Francisco Bay Region. His family's roots reach back beyond European contact in this area. Andrew traces his ancestral lineage to the laying of the cornerstone of the first buildings at Mission San Jose by his great-great-grandfather Chief Tarino. The cornerstone for the present restored mission chapel was laid by his father Felipe "Phil" Galvan in June 1982. Recent research has discovered his great-great-great-great grandfather's baptismal entry in the Registers of Mission Dolores, dated November 1794.

Andrew earned his B.A. in History from the California State University at Hayward.

Andrew is President of The Board of Directors of The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc., as well as President of the Board of Directors for the Committee for the Restoration of Mission San Jose. He is also a member of The California Mission Studies Association and was its' Board President from 1994 - 1997. Andrew is a founding member of The California Missions Foundation.

As of February 1, 2004, Andrew has undertaken the duties as Curator of Old Mission Dolores, San Francisco, California.

Andrew makes his home in Mission San Jose, California.

The Conference of California Historical Societies, Annual Meeting, June 23-25, 2011, Berkeley

The Symposium starts on Thursday afternoon with tours of the Claremont Hotel and the Berkeley Historical Society on your own. Dinner in the evening at Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto will feature Regional Vice Presidents reporting on their regions throughout the state followed by a visit with Julia Morgan portrayed by Betty Marvin. Friday will be tours and workshops at the Bancroft Library with lunch on your own and then in the evening we will have dinner at Hs Lordship Restaurant with Gary Brechin talking to us about California's New Deal Project and the National Living new Deal Project. Saturday will start with a tour of Julia Morgan's Berkeley City Club and Bernard Maybeck's First Church of Christ Scientist. Saturday Awards luncheon will follow the tours at Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto and then in late afternoon we will visit the Sake Factory before returning to the hotel. In the evening we will visit Playland NOT by the Ocean, which is a collection of games mostly from the demolished Playland at the Beach in San Francisco. All of the pinball machines and games will be FREE. Every evening there will be a drawing with donated prizes, with the money going toward paying the costs of the Conference of California Historical Societies. You can register for this Symposium at www.californiaHistorian.com

Members Who Have Paid their Dues since our March meeting.

Don Ehlers, Betty McCoy, Bill Reynolds, George Roeding III, Tim Swenson, Virginia Stull, John & Carolyn Watson, and Gera Jesse.

We also welcome New Members:

Harry Avila, Suzie Ly and Jeff Cox

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

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PATRONS MEMBERS: \$50.00 for one year

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Tri-City Voice, March 8, 2011, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, “Schools in Union City”. The first school in Alvarado was private and established in 1853. In Decoto, the Cosmopolitan School was formed in 1868.

Argus, March 12, 2011, **John and Rose Barr** are pictured visiting patients recovering from heart surgery at Kaiser Hospital. John and Rose are volunteers with “Mended Hearts.”

Tri-City Voice, March 15, 2011, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Adobes”, it was noted that 129 adobes in Washington Township were built between 1797 and 1870. There are only three of those adobes left.

Argus, March 18, 2011, Rich Godfrey, MD praises **Phil Holmes** and Jill Singleton on their book, “Niles”, in a letter to the editor.

Tri-City Voice, March 18, 2011, **Al Minard** writes to the “Letter to the Editor”, his concerns for the “Niles Canyon Safety Improvements Project”, which Al does not approve.

Tri-City Voice, March 22, 2011, **Carol Zilli**, writes, “Why Music?”. Music for Minors II, a nonprofit music enrichment program held a workshop with Jo’Ann Fread.

Tri-City Voice, March 22, 2011, **Tim Swenson** writes, “Alvarado and Decoto Post Offices”. In early days, Postmasters were shop owners and the post office was located in their business.

Argus, March 23, 2011, **Al Minard** writes in “Letters to the Editor”, about his concern with the “Niles Canyon Safety Improvement Project”, proposed by Caltrans.

Tri-City Voice, March 29, 2011, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Tilden-Thane Family”. Laura thane was a founder of the Country Club of Washington Township, a writer and one of the first women school trustees.

Argus, March 30, 2011, **Tim Swenson** writes in “Letters to the Editor” about the Independent artists whose music could be played at coffee shops and not be effected by the “Copyright rules”.

Tri-City Voice, April 5, 2011, **Pat Kite** writes, “Strawberry Stories”. Wild strawberries were found in 1712 by a sea captain in Chile.

Tri-City Voice, April 5, 2011, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, “That Union City of Mine”, the City’s official song adopted by the Union City Council in 1991.

Argus, April 9, 2011, **Norma Neto** writes in “Letters to the Editor” , who does not learn from the past in “Repeating History”.

Tri-City Voice, April 12, 2011, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Bergmann—Walton Families”. Nicholas Bergmann migrated from Germany to New York in 1851 earning his way as a wheelwright workman on Wagon Trains, he arrived in California in 1860.

Tri-City Voice, April 19, 2011, **Tim Swenson** writes, “The Nauert Family of Alvarado”. Henry Nauert, in April 1896, then five years old, helped avert a train wreck when he noticed a broken switch on the tracks. He immediatiely notified the Southern Pacific Railroad section foreman who made the repairs before the 7 o’clock special came through town.

Tri-City Voice, April 26, 2011, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Bakeries”. Mentioned were Sunrise Bakery, Irvington Bakery and Excelsior Bakery.

Argus, April 27, 2011, Aldo S. Zilli, son of **Sergio and Carol Zilli** has received the George C. Marshall Award, for being the most outstanding senior army ROTC cadet in a military science studies.

IT'S IN THE MAILBAG

Save The Date, The Conference of California Historical Societies annual meeting, Berkeley June 23-25, 2011. Tours of Julia Morgan buildings.

News From the Castle, Spring 2011. The Julia Morgan Berkeley City club is asking for donations to restore the filters in the pools. The building is still one of the show places in Berkeley and needs to be preserved.

The Mission Peak Reporter, April-June 2011, Mission Peak Heritage Foundation is preparing for Arts & Crafts in Shinn Park to be held Sunday, May 15, 2011. On June 9, 2011, the Shinn House Volunteers will hold the Rose Tea at Noon. Reservations are \$23. Call Michi at (510) 793-9352 to make reservations.

Union City Historical Museum, May 2011, Myrla Raymundo writes, "Celebrating 10 years of saving Union City History". Myrla writes about the old Decoto Barber Shop located on 10th street and owned by Rinaldo Caminada. In 1939, haircuts cost 25 cents and shaves were also 25 cents.

Alameda County Historical Society Quarterly, April 2011. Dennis Evansky writes, "The Jewel of Telegraph Avenue". The Oakland Fox Theater brought glamour and added enjoyment in the roaring 20's, when the Fox opened in 1928. A Tranquil Piece of History tells of the Dry Creek Cottage that stands on May Road off Mission Boulevard in Fremont. The Museum of Local History is nominating the cottage for inclusion in the California Register of Historic Resources thru the efforts of the Museum President, Tim Swenson.



Washington Township Historical Plaque at Olive Hyde Art Guild, identifying this site as the Vallejo Home site

ARTS & CRAFTS IN SHINN PARK

1251 Peralta Boulevard, near Mowry in Fremont.



SUNDAY,
MAY 15, 2011
10 am. to 4 pm.

May 15, 2011, the gardens at Shinn Historical Park are in full bloom and very beautiful. We will have Local Artists to display, demonstrate and sell their art work. There will be some historic crafts people that may have some of their work for sale. We will have Music For Minors II, The Cadillac Jack Band, Square Dancers and the Nour El Ain Belly Dancers to entertain you. We will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, sodas, water and tours of the historic Shinn House. We will have several other historical organizations here telling about their organization and maybe asking you to try to identify an object.

FREE Admission to the grounds.

No Charge for enjoying the art, music, dancing or view.

Historic Shinn House tours are \$5 adults, \$2.50 for children age 5-12, Free under 5

Hot dogs, popcorn, soda and water will be very reasonably priced.

We ask you to come out and enjoy this wonderful park, to look at the Art and if you like it, purchase it, Tour the House, enjoy the music and dancing. We ask only for you to have a great time at a wonderful park.

This event is sponsored by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council, Mission Peak Heritage Foundation, The Fremont Art Association, Young Life, and Dale Hardware. Profits will be used for historical preservation and restoration by Mission Peak Heritage Foundation. Mission Peak Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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St. Joseph Parish Cemetery, Mission Blvd, Fremont
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