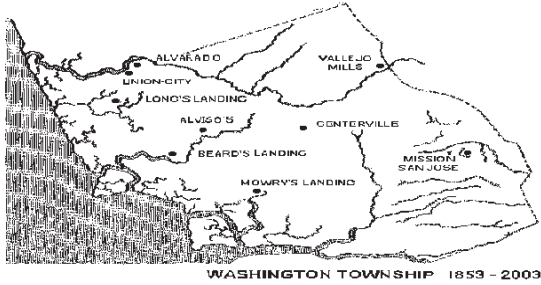


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 TIME: 7:15 PM**  
**PLACE: MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST, FREMONT**

Washington Township Historical Society Editors: Regena Dennie and Al Minard

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fortunate to have Randy Hees as a guest presenter for the next Washington Township Historical Society meeting. The meeting will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7:15 PM. Randy will be discussing a significant restoration project on the Patterson House. Randy is the manager of the Patterson House, a Victorian House museum, at the Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont CA. He is the curator and former President of the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources (SPCRR). The museum and demonstration railroad is also at Ardenwood farm. Randy will also give us a brief update on some recent railroad activities. Please join us to discover more about our local area history.

*Gil Garza*

## Financial Report from January 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012

Newsletter mailed to 75 members

Newsletter emailed to 17 members

64 members have paid their dues as of October 31, 2012, our only income, totaling \$970.00

### Expenses

Newsletter and stamps \$483.25 (current newsletter is not included)

P.O. Box rent \$96.00

Insurance \$425.00

**Total Expenses to date: \$1,004.25**

This does not include our savings which are only used for historic purposes.

Dues are due again January 2013, Let's Keep our Historical Society solvent!

Regena Dennie, treasurer

# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Tri-City Voice**, September 11, 2012, **Pat Kite** writes, “Privet personally”. A native of England, the privet tree grows 40-feet high and sheds messy leaves, but Pat still has fondness for the tree.

**Tri-City Voice**, September 11, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “The Martin Family”. Manuel Silveira Martin, Sr. came to Alvarado in 1882, where he farmed vegetables as well as sugar beets that he sold to the Holly Sugar Company.

**Tri-City Voice**, September 25, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Football”. Football goes back over 100 years in Washington Township when Washington Union High School played the Washington College in Irvington.

**Argus**, September 23, 2012, **Patty Lacy** writes, “A Letter to the Editor”, that the merchants are not to blame for the dirty streets in Oakland’s Chinatown, but people who toss their empty cups and wrappers to the ground within sight of a trash can.

**Tri-City Voice**, October 2, 2012, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, “The Union City Leader”. Dick Folger, who published the Union City Leader from 1959 to 1972. Today Dick is still printing with his business, Folger-Graphics.

**Tri-City Voice**, October 9, 2012, **Pat Kite** writes, “Pumpkin Evening”, when 65% of American homes decorate their homes and offices for Halloween.

**Tri-City Voice**, October 9, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Justices of the Peace and their Courts”. Judge Joseph A. Silva and Judge John Mattos were two judges serving our township.

**Tri-City Voice**, October 16, 2012, **Mark Hirsch** writes, “Mission San Jose triumphs at Golf Invitational”. The Mission San Jose High School girl’s golf team captured first place at the Freedom High Golf Tournament in Brentwood.

**Tri-City Voice**, October 23, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, “Santa Clara County and Washington Township”. After California was admitted into the Union in 1850, the Legislature divided the state into 27 counties. Washington Township originally mostly in Santa Clara County became part of the newly formed Alameda County in 1853.

**Argus**, October 25, 2012, **Ed Pentaleri** makes his choice for Fremont Mayor in his “Letter to the Editor”.

**Argus**, October 27, 2012, **Norma Neto** writes in “Saturday Forum”, Health Care Act is critical to nation.

## IT’S IN THE MAILBAG

**Alameda County Historical Society Quarterly**, October 2012, Dennis Evaonsky writes, “Masterpiece graces Tilden Park”. The carousel in Tilden Park was built by the Herschell-Spillman Company. Rather than bolt the horses to the floor, they were suspended from above allowing their riders to swing in and out as the carousel turned.

**Mission Peak Reporter**, October-December 2012, has a story entitled, “The Columbian Exposition, Chicago 1893”. Milicent Shinn was invited to the 1893 Chicago World’s fair to make her presentation on her research on child development. The most popular item at the fair was the Ferris Wheel. George Ferris convinced people that this wheel would favorably compare to the Eiffel Tower from the 1889 Paris Exposition and would make money for the fair.

**Union City Historical Museum**, November 2012, Anthony Gualco writes about John M. Horner’s successful farming near Mission san Jose in the 1850’s and Henry C. Smith, who opened a trading post at the Mission and supplied miners going through the Mission Pass on their way to the gold fields.

## Installation of Officers 2012-2013

President: Gil Garza

Secretary: NEED A VOLUNTEER

Parliamentarian: Nancy Lorigan

Historian: Pat Bagwell

Director at Large: Paul Sethy

Patterson House Advisory Board:

We thank B. J. Bunting who will install the officers

We thank Tim Swenson our acting secretary

Vice President: Judy Sprague

Treasurer: Regena Dennie

Past President: Al Minard

Membership: NEED A VOLUNTEER

Higuera Adobe: Eilif Andersen

Patty Lacy and Bill Reynolds

## *Victorian Models and Artist's Fashion Show*

You are invited to a **FREE** Victorian Fashion Show at the **Fremont Main Library, Fukaya Room, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, Saturday, November 17 from Noon to 1 PM.** Twenty Bay Area artists photographed and made paintings of eight models in Victorian Costumes at Shinn Park. The models will be in period clothes and show many of the layers of clothing they wore. The artists will have a display of their paintings upstairs in the History Room with over 20 paintings, many of which will be available for purchase by contacting the artist directly. Learn what it was like for women over 100 years ago, in "The Good Old Days".

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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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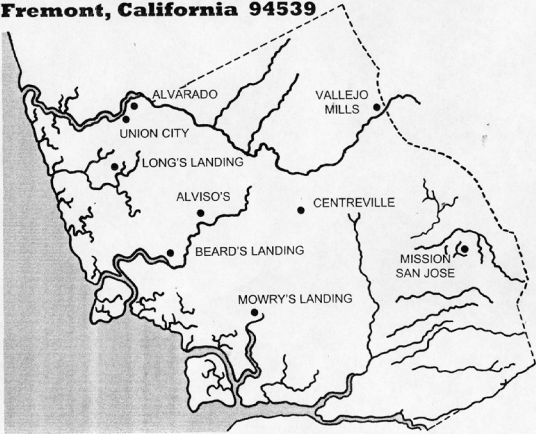
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Victorian Models at the 1850's Sim Cottage at Shinn Park



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