



ALAMEDA MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES 2017 - 2019

2019

Arrival of the Transcontinental Railroad Dennis Evanovsky & Eric Kos

Alameda's role in the September 6, 1869, arrival of the transcontinental railroad on A.A. Cohen's San Francisco & Alameda Railroad.

Sponsor: Evelyn Kennedy, Alain Pinel Realtors.

A Concise History of Alameda's Vintage Neon Signs Greta Dutcher

An illustrated talk on the remaining vintage neon signs in the city of Alameda.

Sponsor: Liz Rush, Realtor, McGuire Real Estate.

Black Military History Leon Watkins

As a founding member of the group The Walking Ghosts of Black History and a NAS Alameda veteran, Watkins promotes awareness of African-Americans' roll in military history. The presentation will explore African-American service during war time, with a focus on the Port Chicago Tragedy.

Sponsor: Pacific Coast Community Services.

Athletes and Fields of Dreams in the Island City James Francis McGee

Former resident James Francis McGee will bring to life images and stories of yesteryear during his presentation about Alameda athletic legends of days gone by, with an emphasis on Japanese American players in the ATK League.

Sponsor: Litho Process Printing.

The West End – Woody Minor

History of the West End from the first land divisions during the Gold Rush to the present day. Webster Street as the West End "Main Street" will receive due note, as will 20th century icons like Neptune Beach, Bethlehem shipyard, the Naval Air Station, and the wartime housing projects.

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2018

The 1920 Park Street Fire Dennis Evanovsky & Eric Kos

Learn about the fire that wreaked havoc on Park Street in 1920. They'll discuss the history of the Alameda Fire Department and show how one of the city's fire houses escaped the blaze. Learn how the Southern Pacific Railroad stepped up and helped stop the fire from spreading.

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The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty Richard Schwartz

As the Statue of Liberty stood unlit in 1886, one of her saviors was actor M.B. Curtis, who had achieved success in a play that transcended the common stereotypes of Jewish characters current at the time.

Carnegie Libraries in Alameda County Annalee Allen & Gene Anderson

The lecture will highlight the importance of these places from an historical standpoint and different ways they are continuing to be used.

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Dirk van Erp the Great San Francisco Coppersmith Gus Bostrom

Bostrom of California Historical Design in Alameda will talk about the work of van Erp, the Dutch American artisan, coppersmith and metalsmith. van Erp was a prominent participant in the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Fernside: The Story of a Neighborhood Woody Minor

The history and architecture of Alameda's foremost residential tract of the early 20th century.

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In Memory of Alameda: Archives, Public Space, and the Narratives of Alameda, California Rasheed Shabazz

Alameda resident and writer Rasheed Shabazz will discuss how Alameda is remembered in a discussion of the city's archives, monuments, and written histories.

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Alameda's Hometown Hero – Jimmy Doolittle Robbie Dileo and Dennis Evanosky

This year is the 75th anniversary of the raid on Tokyo following the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan. Led by American aviation pioneer James H. Doolittle the mission was carried out by crews aboard B-25 bombers launched from the *USS Hornet* (CV-8). Learn about Doolittle's youth in Alameda and his return to Alameda as a celebrated hero.

Sponsor: Alameda Naval Air Museum.

Alameda Legends: Over 100 Years of Sports History James Francis McGee

Former Alameda resident McGee, a product of private and public schools in the Island City, will speak about his newest book detailing the lives who have impacted Alameda's sports history. It is a work that honors the past and looks optimistically to the future.

Sponsor: Pacific Coast Community Services.

Early Alameda, the Hayloft, and the First Congregational Church Ann Beret Johnsen

A fourth generation Alamedan, she lives in the family home on Alameda Avenue established in 1881 by her great-grandparents. Attending First Congregational Church since she was born, she serves as Church Historian.

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European Roots Dennis Evanosky

On July 17, 1854, Alfred A. Cohen married Emilie Grace Poole Gibbons. The couple moved to Alameda and established an estate they named Fernside. Join Evanosky as he introduces these interesting families and trace their stories from California back six generations to England.

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The East End: '20s and Beyond Woody Minor

We will see how the bungalow evolved after World War I and witness the Ranch House emerge on the eve of World War II. Among the notable builders whose work we will encounter are George H. Noble, Noble F. Justice, P. Royal Haulman and Sid Dowling.

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Early Black Pioneers of Alameda Rasheed Shabazz

Black history of Alameda is largely unknown and overlooked. This presentation examines the lives of early Black pioneers of Alameda, focusing on housing, community building, and the origins of racialized residential segregation.

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