

Come out to the Mare Island Shoreline  
Heritage Preserve for the 2nd Annual

# Mare Faire

FREE!!



New at the  
Preserve!!

- ▶ Trail audio tour
- ▶ 14 Interpretive guideposts along the trail route
- ▶ Movies of events at the Preserve
- ▶ Newly painted picnic tables
- ▶ Scenic route along old lighthouse road
- ▶ Benches at trail vista stops

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2009

Mare Island – South end of Railroad Ave. Vallejo, California

Want to volunteer  
or contribute? Get  
directions? Visit  
[mareislandpreserve.org](http://mareislandpreserve.org)  
or call 707-557-9816

## Directions:

- ▶ From Hwy 37 Mare Island exit. Follow signs.
- ▶ From Hwy I-80 Tennessee St. exit west to light at Mare Island Way. Continue across bridge. Follow signs.
- ▶ From Hwy I-780 continue on Curtola Pkwy becoming Mare Island Way. Turn left at light at Tennessee St. Cross bridge. Follow signs.



Frontis stone Building A-1 Mare Island Naval Ammunition Depot

## Mare Faire Highlights

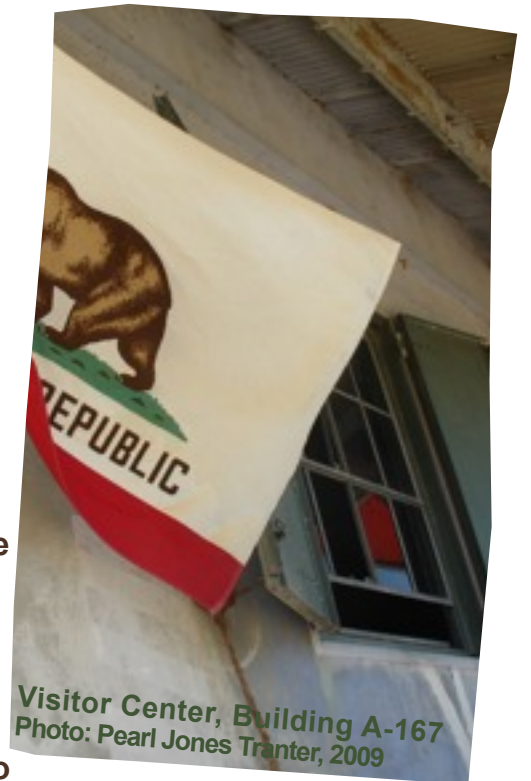
- ▶ **Port Chicago Mutiny 65th Anniversary Commemoration**  
Guest speaker, WWII author and Pearl Harbor Survivor George C. Larsen  
August 9, 2pm Berth 24, beyond Army Reserves, south end of Railroad Ave.
- ▶ **Conversation with former Naval Ammunition Depot resident (1930 to 1952) Lorene Palmer Seward**  
August 8, 2:30pm Visitors Center
- ▶ **Guided outings and tours of historic and natural areas and scenic points**
- ▶ **Naval Cemetery docent tours**
- ▶ **Visitor Center displays, exhibits, art show, presentations**
- ▶ **Silent auction**
- ▶ **Gourd painting for all ages**
- ▶ **Live music with Guy Arrostuto and friends**
- ▶ **Good food**

Art Show,  
Photography  
Exhibit, Plein Air  
Paintout and  
Gourd Art Contest

for info. call 925-838-5991 or  
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Located on 200 acres of the original Mare Island, the Preserve has some of the most breathtaking views and scenery in California with 7 counties visible from our hilltop vantage point and amazing natural and historic treasures. Yet, it's been largely off-limits to the public for more than 150 years. Don't you think it's about time you visited? We're open 2nd Saturdays, monthly 9am-7pm and for the Mare Faire thanks to volunteers with Arc Ecology through an agreement with the City of Vallejo. We are looking forward to welcoming you!!



Visitor Center, Building A-167  
Photo: Pearl Jones Tranter, 2009



Nancy Meze, 2008

FREE Admission and parking  
9am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday  
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# 65th Anniversary Commemoration during the 2nd Annual Mare Faïre

Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve



California poppy, Brian Collett, 2009

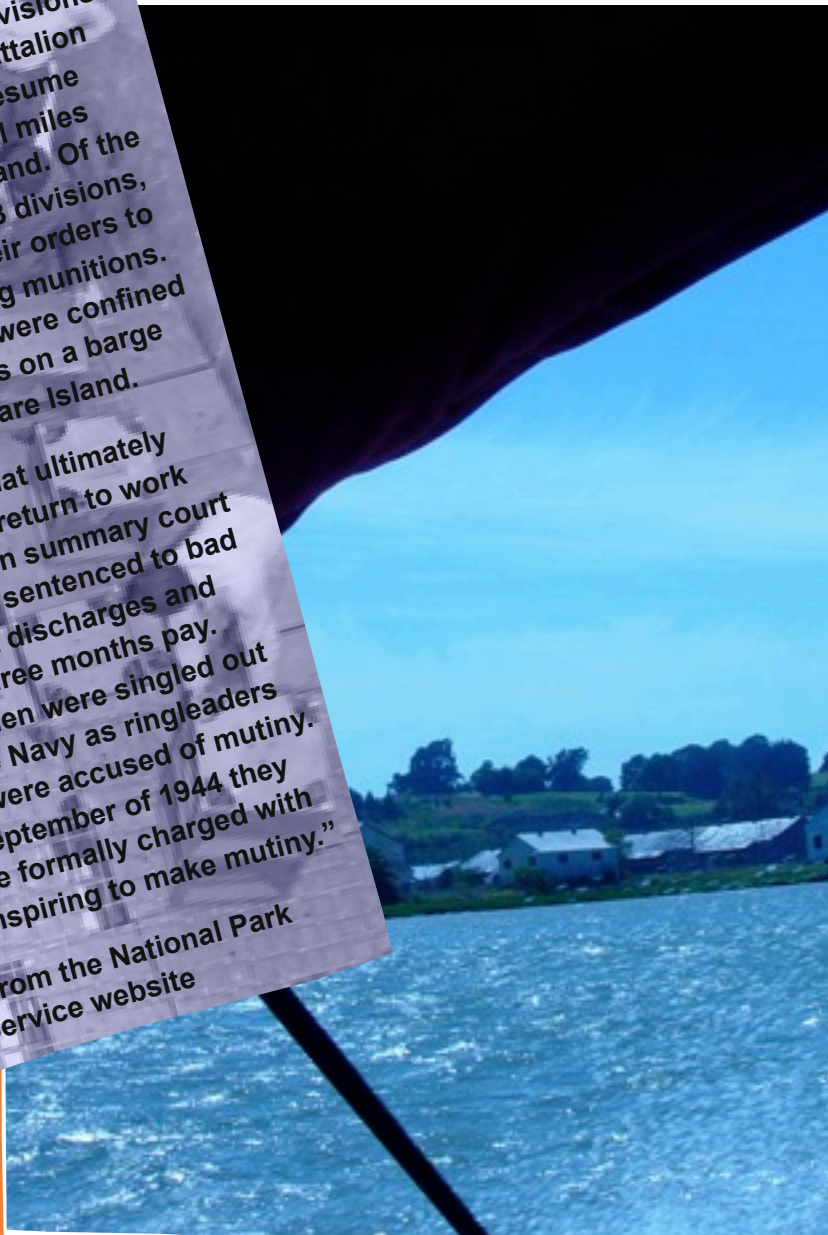
# Port Chicago Mutiny

Sunday, August 9 2-3:30pm, Berth 24  
South end of Railroad Ave. beyond Touro University  
and the U.S. Army Reserves

“Less than a month after the July 17th explosion, on August 9, 1944, the surviving members of the 4th, 8th, and 2nd divisions of the ordnance battalion were ordered to resume their work several miles away at Mare Island. Of the 328 men in the 3 divisions, 258 refused their orders to resume loading munitions. The 258 men were confined for three days on a barge docked at Mare Island.

The men that ultimately agreed to return to work were given summary court martials, sentenced to bad conduct discharges and fined three months pay. Fifty men were singled out by the Navy as ringleaders and were accused of mutiny. In September of 1944 they were formally charged with conspiring to make mutiny.”

—from the National Park Service website



## Commemoration Program

(as of July 20th—additional expected speakers to be confirmed)

- ▶ The Mayor of Vallejo, Osby Davis will read a City Proclamation honoring the men who participated in the Port Chicago Mutiny.
- ▶ An American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol by the office of Congressman George Miller will be raised and a wreath laid in the Napa River/Mare Island Strait to acknowledge the actions of 258 African American Navy sailors in Vallejo on August 9, 1944. Although their action resulted in court-martial and imprisonment of 50 men, it made way for the integration of the U.S. Navy and many would say was the founding of the modern American civil rights movement.
- ▶ Rev. Diana McDaniel, Friends of Port Chicago
- ▶ George C. Larsen, a survivor of Pearl Harbor, will share his memories of visiting Port Chicago immediately after the Explosion to restore communications between Port Chicago Naval Magazine and Mare Island. He has recently self-published a book of his WWII recollections, which he will have available for sale.
- ▶ Sharing of memories by those present at the service

MARE ISLAND  
SHORELINE  
HERITAGE  
PRESERVE



Artist Iris Sabre with her Captain's Row plein air painting, April 2009



Meet former Naval Ammunition Depot resident Lorene Palmer Seward who grew up before, during, and after WWII at the National Register of Historic Places listed Ordnance Worker's housing. Join her with Preserve Volunteer Myrna Hayes for an informal conversation about her vivid recollections of life at the NAD and her dreams for the future of her former Navy neighborhood.

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Grave rubbing by WESTON employee Mare Island Naval Cemetery, June 2009  
Photo: Pearl Jones Tranter, 2009

Mare Faïre Art Show and Photography Exhibit

Plein Air Paintout and Gourd Art Contest

Entry Details: call 925-838-5991 or email [naturesglow@comcast.net](mailto:naturesglow@comcast.net)