



The Nabeta home, ca 1940. El Cerrito Historical Society collection, courtesy of the California Flower Market

The El Cerrito Historical Society and the city of El Cerrito present:

Japanese-American Flower Growers of El Cerrito and Richmond

A presentation by Tom Panas

Historical Society Board member Tom Panas will discuss the Japanese-American community that grew up around the cut flower business during the early years of the 20th century. This was a leading center for the flower industry. Tom will also discuss how internment during World War II harmed the community, how its members regrouped after the war, and how the community has fared till the present day.

1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at Hana Gardens, 10870 San Pablo
Aven. next to El Cerrito City Hall. Free. Hana Gardens is on the site of the
Mabuchi family's Contra Costa Florist, which has been preserved with interpretive
panels.

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