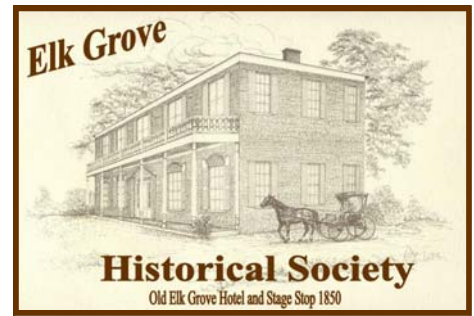


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# The Stage Stop Gazette



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## Message from the President



Thank you for welcoming me to the Elk Grove Historical Society. I am honored to be your president. The Native American exhibit inside the museum is just outstanding. I hope you get the chance to come by and see the photos and artifacts. Plans for an outside Native American teaching exhibit are pending the approval process. I look forward to learning more about the Society and meeting you at one of our meetings.

On March 5, local Native Americans danced on the museum grounds to a crowd of about 50 people.



## Annual Spring Tea: "Hats from the Past"



Our annual spring tea will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the museum. This year's theme will be "Hats from the Past". The featured entertainment will be St. Mark's United Methodist Women's "Fashion Memories" - a fashion show with outfits from 1880 to the 1960's.

Tickets for this event are now on sale and are \$25 for members and their guests. Ticket sales will be limited to 160 tickets and once those are sold a waiting list will be established, so be sure to get yours early! We will have a silent auction and are looking for donations. If you would like to donate or purchase tickets, please contact Annaclare at 686-8238.

We're also looking for larger recycled baskets to make silent auction gift baskets. If you have any you'd be willing to donate, please bring them to the hotel or call 685-8115 to make other arrangements.

**Calendar of Events for April 2011**

Continuing: Tickets for the May 7th Tea are still available. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from Annaclare Entrican at 686-8238.

April 2: Museum open 12-4 PM. See our new Native Californians display!

April 11: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum

April 18: General Meeting will be held at the General Store from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Our speaker will be Larry Bowler who will talk about the history of the railroad and how it came through Elk Grove. He has been a docent at the Sacramento Railroad Museum and is known locally as a railroad historian. Some members come at 5:00 to have dinner before the meeting.

Apr 30-May 1: Western Festival

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**BEGINNING IN MAY... \$\$**

We will be publishing the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis; i.e., May, July, September, November, January, March, as a cost-saving measure.

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

Operating Accounts	2-14-11	3-3-11
General Fund	\$2,198.07	\$1,614.49
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$4,636.09	\$4,636.09
Generations Fund	\$103.98	\$103.98
<b>Total Operating Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$6,938.14</b>	<b>\$6,354.56</b>
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$7,984.52	\$8,854.63
Time Capsule Fund	\$168.83	\$168.83
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$34.95	\$34.95
Foulk's House Fund	\$12,711.51	\$12,711.51
Reese School Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Restorations Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$20,899.81</b>	<b>\$21,769.92</b>
<b>Museum Store Account</b>	\$1,533.14	\$1493.68
<b>TOTAL OF MUSEUM Accounts:</b>	<b>\$29,371.09</b>	<b>\$29,618.16</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$506.99	\$506.99
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,977.73	\$1,337.73
<b>TOTAL RHOADS SCHOOL Accounts:</b>	<b>\$2,484.72</b>	<b>\$1,844.72</b>



Your 2011 membership dues are now due! Use the renewal form on the back of this newsletter.

**Rhoads School Report**



Rhoads School  
Established 1872

Meet the 2011 Rhoads School Board (Pictured from left to right)



**Members:**

Jim & Virginia Ring, Elaine Wright, Sandra Murray Silva, Arnie & Iris Zimelman, Vernon & Pat Vincent, Dave & Evelyn Raulien, Annaclare Entrican, Ethel & Ed Keema, Frances Fite, Jim Entrican

Upcoming Events

**Coming Events (Save the Date):**

**July 15, 16, 17, 2011**

Annual Yard Sale at the Museum.

**September 17, 2011**

**Mid September Antique and Craft Show** Location is the parking lot at CSD's main office and for the old timers it is known as the Grammar School on Elk Grove Boulevard. We will need docents that can help; call Brookelea Lutton at 685-3368.

**Research Library**

Open by appointment. Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or e-mail her at msjlaw@comcast.net



**New Members**

Karen L. Kelly  
Patricia Lane

### In Memory



Two of our members passed away on March 1. Loraine Silveira and her husband Jesse moved to Elk Grove in the 1950s, where she was active in several community organizations, and was a lifetime member of the Historical Society. Loraine was also active in her church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where her funeral mass was held on March 8.



Benjamin DeWald was born and raised in Elk Grove, and except for a few years spent in Spokane, Washington during World War II, he and his wife Wilma lived in Elk Grove and raised a family. He and Wilma, along with Jerry and Esther Brown, bought the Boulevard Theater from Carl and Joyce Amundson and ran it for several years, renaming it the Elk Theater. In addition to his membership with the Historical Society, he was active in his church, the Elk Grove Congregational Church.

Our condolences to the Silveira and DeWald families.

### Donations

Donations to the Elk Grove Historical Society can now be made on our website using Pay Pal or credit card. It's as easy as going to our website at [www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) and clicking on "Donations" which is on the left side. It will take you to a secure website where you are given the option of clicking on "Pay Pal" or using the credit card of your choice. Of course, you can still make donations by check.

### Filoli Garden Tour - April 9



**SPRING HAS COME TO FILOLI** - Filoli is a beautiful estate in Woodside with acres of beautiful gardens. Remember the Christmas tour of the home? Roses, camellias, and many bulbs will be blooming in April. The Elk Grove Historical Society has a tour to Filoli on Saturday April 9, for \$60. A tour of the grounds has been arranged for 1 P.M. The cafe is open but some may want to take a bag lunch to eat on the bus. The bus leaves the museum parking lot at 8 a.m. **sharp** returning to Elk Grove about 6 p.m. For reservations call Lorraine at 683-6893.

### EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2011

#### Call to Order: President Norm Franklin

- Phil Teeters reported on the Gardeners of the Grove Garden Club.
- The minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved as corrected.
- The Treasurer's report was approved as presented, as were the bills.
- The next General Meeting will be at the Franklin Community Library on March 21 at 6:30. Billie Blue will be the speaker.

#### Old Business:

- It was decided to publish the newsletter bi-monthly; and we will explore the possibility of e-mailing it to members with e-mail.
- Outside lighting was discussed and Dennis Buscher presented two examples of lighting styles for consideration.
- The Board discussed the need for more storage.

#### New Business:

- Sarah Johnson discussed the role of the Historical Society in supporting Old Town Elk Grove.
- Brookelea Lutton updated the Board on her oral history of Ellen Rosa; it was approved for publication. She also updated the Board on progress of the Craft Show scheduled for September.
- Progress on the Spring Tea fundraiser on May 7 was discussed.
- President Norm Franklin discussed possible arts and crafts and a food booth to go with the Native American Dancing on Saturdays when the Hotel is open.
- The ADA ramp will be dedicated at Rhoads School on March 22 at 10:00 A.M.

President Norm Franklin adjourned the meeting.

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Museum Open the first Saturday of  
each month or by Appointment

Research Library is now open by  
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E-mail:  
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Or  
[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)  
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Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Blvd.  
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Grove Regional Park

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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If this is a business membership, please complete the following**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Types of Membership and Fee Structure Check one:**

- Individual Person .....\$20.00
- Family Group.....\$30.00
- Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00
- Senior Citizen (65 and over) .....\$15.00
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- Lifetime (Member and Spouse) .....\$400.00

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