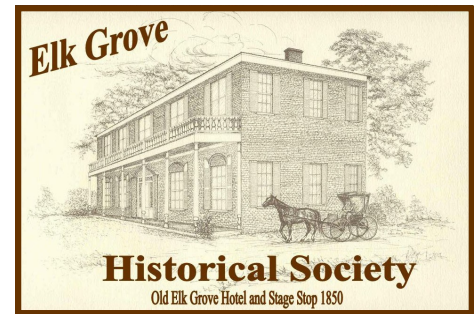


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President's Message

Hello. I would like to say thank you to all involved with the Historical Society for a very successful year 2011. It has been a great pleasure to serve as your president. The experience was a great time, to see all involved with very well attended events. I attended several of the well planned events myself, and it brought great pride to all. Thanks to all the new members and I hope you will bring your ideas forward for consideration. I had time to work two shifts of an Old Fashioned Christmas. Thank you comes up a little shy. It was such a blessing to see the smiles on the children's and parents' faces who got to experience the beautiful decorations and photos with Santa. Congratulations to the great turn out at the Black Tie & Santa event. Just another showing of the well planning, time and effort of the membership of your Historical Society.

Thank You.

Norm Franklin



An Old Fashioned Christmas

The Hotel and Stage Stop Museum, with its Christmas lights, glowed in the dark for all travelers along Highway 99 to see.



In its early days the Elk Grove House stood out and welcomed weary travelers as they stopped to stay the night. And so it did in 2011 as well with its elaborate array of

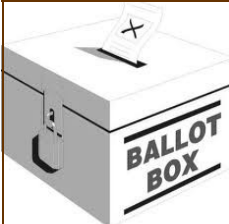
Christmas lights. Elk Grove Historical Society's annual "An Old Fashioned Christmas" kicked off with our Black Tie & Santa event where attendees got a sneak peak at the beautifully decorated rooms while enjoying wine and hors d'ouvres. The museum was open for three weekends in December for all to enjoy. Many people return year after year and still marvel at the transformation. Lots of first-timers came as a result of the wonderful coverage Channel 31's *Good Day Sacramento* gave us. Kudos, too, to the *Elk Grove Citizen* for spotlighting this community event.

Photo by Jerry Noss

Calendar of Events for January-April 2012

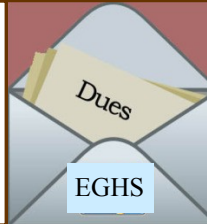
January 7, 2012: Museum is closed to set up for the 2012 Exhibit
 January 9, 2012: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
 January 16, 2012: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Elk Grove Library
 January 21, 2012: Landscaping Meeting at Hotel (Volunteers are welcome)
 February 4, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon-4:00 PM
 February 13, 2012: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
 February 20, 2012: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Elk Grove Library
 March 3, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon-4:00 PM
 March 12, 2012: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
 March 13-15: Snow Train to Reno
 March 17, 2012: Native American Celebration, Noon-4:00 PM, Hotel
 March 19, 2012: General Meeting 6:30 PM, Elk Grove Library
 April 7, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon-4:00 PM
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Elected Officers for 2012



- President: Norm Franklin
- 1st Vice President: Barbara Claire
- 2nd Vice President: Jim Entrican
- Recording Secretary: Sue Richter
- Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Amundson
- Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson

Membership Dues



Membership dues are now due. Please use the renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Tea Cups Needed

Operating Accounts	11/1/11	12/1/11
General Fund	\$1,334.62	\$311.76
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$66.10	\$6,916.10
Total Account Balance:	\$1,400.72	\$7,227.86
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$11,559.51	\$4,929.35
Time Capsule Fund	\$168.83	\$168.83
Foulks House Fund	\$18,285.15	\$18,285.15
Reese School Fund	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00
Total Account Balance:	\$38,763.49	\$32,133.33
Museum Store Account	\$2,109.54	\$2,137.73
Subtotal	\$42,273.75	\$41,498.92
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$206.92	\$206.92
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,216.66	\$1,216.66
Subtotal	\$1,423.58	\$1,423.58
Total	\$43,697.33	\$42,922.50



Thank you to all who have donated lovely tea cups recently. Our total is increasing but we still need a few more, so keep your eyes open for reasonable prices, and/or in personal closets. Any questions call Lorraine 683-6893.

Yard Sale Items

Start putting aside your unwanted household and yard items now for our annual Yard Sale this summer. July 20, 21, 22, 2012.



New Members



Rod Brewer
 Carolyn Pedersen



Research Library

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

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2011

Call to Order: First Vice President Elaine Wright

- Sarah Johnson reported that a consultant has been selected to assist Old Town with historic preservation.
- Ruth Wightman presented a generous donation to the Society.
- Minutes of October 10 were approved as amended.
- Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Jim Entrican reported that our Treasurer, Jeanette Lawson, is in the hospital.
- The next General Meeting will be at Ray Baylas' Old Town Creations on November 21. John Maggy will present a cannonball believed to be from Jared Sheldon's cannon at the General Meeting.
- No Board meeting scheduled for December.
- Phil Teeters of the nomination committee read the second nomination of officers.
- Board approved spending \$315 to change the locks and security codes at the Hotel.
- Decorating for the Old Fashioned Christmas is on target and the Black Tie & Santa event was discussed.
- Docents are in place for the Old Town Dickens Faire on November 26.
- Docents are needed for the Old Fashioned Christmas. Contact Annaclare.
- The Tree Ring scout project at the Rhoads School was very well done. Other Boy Scout Eagle projects were discussed.

Elaine Wright adjourned the meeting.

Elk Grove Historical Society Landscape Project

A meeting has been scheduled for January 21, 10 AM, at the Hotel/Museum to discuss the landscaping project at the Elk Grove Historical Society. We are welcoming volunteers to attend the meeting to see what you can do to help with this final stage of landscaping.

Coffee, water, soft drinks, and donuts will be available for a morning snack.

Designer Michael Glassman has designed a plan to give the Hotel some "road appeal" that would make it a destination. He suggested replacing the chain link fence with a wrought iron one (this was recently completed). Vines of various types of roses would grow up the fence.

He also envisioned that inside the gate tall planter boxes of heirloom roses in various shades of pink would sync-up with the palatial design of the Hotel.

Glassman suggested a tall wrought-iron, standing water fountain in the middle of the front lawn.

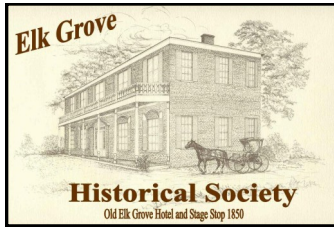
More tall brick planter boxes with heirloom roses and foxglove would sit under the porch. Honey-suckle would grow up the banisters "for scent."

A cobblestone or gravel walkway would allow visitors to meander through the front area and enjoy the flowers and the sound of the fountain, or sit on one of the two white "old architectural" wrought iron benches.

We hope to make a time table for the different individual projects with an overview of what each of us has to do to make this project reach completion by 2013.

If you can help with this project and can attend the meeting, please call Jim Entrican at 686-8336 or email: jentrican@comcast.net.

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The Stage Stop Hotel & Museum
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Adjacent to the West Entrance of Elk
Grove Regional Park

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Elk Grove Historical Society Amtrak Snow Train to Reno



3 Day, 2 Night, stay in Luxury Condominiums Reserve by Jan 10, 2012

The Elk Grove Historical Society is sponsoring a snow train trip on Amtrak from Sacramento through the snow covered Sierras to Reno on March 13 through March 15, 2012.

Amtrak leaves Sacramento March 13 at 11:09 AM and arrives in Reno at 4:06 PM. Lunch is available in the dining car. Snacks & drinks are available at the Snack Bar. Or bring your own eats, drinks & snacks on board. The return trip will leave Reno March 15 at 8:36 AM and arrive in Sacramento at 2:13 PM.

Lodging for the two nights in Reno will be at the **WorldMark** condominiums at 250 N. Arlington Ave, within walking distance to the casinos. They also have a shuttle that runs every hour to the downtown casinos. The condos are 1 or 2 bedroom/bath units, with a fully furnished kitchen, dining area and TV/ lounging area. The website for the property is www.WorldMarktheClub.com. On the website, click on Resort Gallery, then follow the links to Reno, Nevada. While this is a timeshare property, there will be no sales presentation. The units are being made available through a member's account at WorldMark.

While in Reno, you are free to enjoy the activities at the casinos that include **Circus Circus, Silver Legacy, Eldorado, Harrah's**, and **CalNeva**. Also the **Nevada Museum of Art** is about 6 blocks from the condominium.

The **National Automobile Museum** (formerly Harrah's Auto Museum) is also located about 6 blocks from the condominium. Along with its historic exhibit, this year they are featuring cars from the Burning Man event held each year on the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. The exhibit is titled "Mutant Rides: Origin of a Species". These rolling works of art are now deeply entrenched in the culture of Burning Man, a festival of radical self-expression that draws thousands to a temporary city created each year in the Northern Nevada desert.

On Wednesday March 14, at the Reno Events Center, there is the one night only **Blake Shelton Well Lit & Amplified Tour 2012**. Blake Shelton, reigning "Male Vocalist of the Year" and five-time CMA nominee including a nod for the most prestigious award, "Entertainer of the Year" with opening acts Justin Moore and NBC's "The Voice" finalist, Dia Frampton. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50, Telephone 1-800-745-3000 to make reservations through Ticket Master for this optional activity. With "fees", 2 of the \$50 tickets to be emailed are \$128.65. Order quickly as concert sells out.

The price for the Amtrak train and condominium room for 2 nights is as follows:

Per person, double occupancy **\$200**. (Single supplement \$75, for a total of 275).
Third & Fourth persons in a 2 bed/2 bath unit is **\$130** each.

Space is limited to 10 condominiums. **Make reservations now by calling Dennis Buscher at 714-2355**. One half payment is due by January 14, with balance due by February 15.