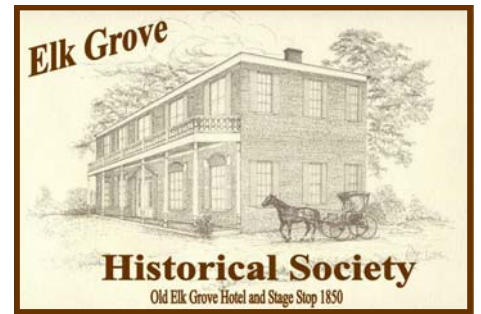


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## Message from the Past President



Presenting Norm Franklin, President of the Elk Grove Historical Society

“A people that takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants.” *Macaulay*

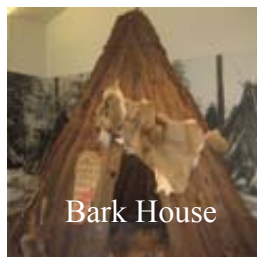
Norm comes from a long line of Native California Indians that predate the settlement of California. His pride in his heritage is obvious, and it only takes a few seconds of conversation to see his enthusiasm. We are fortunate to have Norm serve as our President and to work with us in developing the Native American Interpretive Center in our Heritage Park. Some of the ideas for this outdoor exhibit are:

Round House ~ Bark House ~ Acorn Storage ~ and other items like a fire pit and native plants that the Indians used in everyday life in the Elk Grove area.

Join us in welcoming Norm Franklin, a member of the Miwok tribe of California Indians.



Round House



Bark House



Acorn Storage

Jim Entrican

## 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 will go on sale February 1 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! Ticket sales to the general public will begin March 1 and are also \$25 each. 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 March 2011

March 1: Tickets for the May 7th Tea go on sale to the general public. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from Annaclare Entrican at 686-8238.  
 March 5: Museum open 12-4 PM. See our new Native Californians display!  
 March 14: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum  
 March 21: The March 21 General meeting of the Elk Grove Historical Society will be held at the Franklin Community Library, 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove (off Whitelock Parkway) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The topic of the informative presentation will be *Native Californians in the Elk Grove Area*. Our speaker will be Billie Blue, a local Miwok whose family has deep roots in the Elk Grove area. She will speak on the tribes in California, and will focus on the local Native American families that lived and grew up in the Wilton & Elk Grove area. There will also be a small display (borrowed from our larger display in the Museum) of items representing the daily life of the Native California people in the area.  
 March 22: Rhoads School ADA Ramp Dedication - 10:00AM **Need a good attendance for this one, please come and support the Rhoads School Board who have been working so hard to make this happen.**

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts	1-10-11	2-14-11
General Fund	\$2,162.09	\$2,198.07
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$5,046.09	\$4,636.09
Generations Fund	\$103.98	\$103.98
Total Operating Account Balance:	<b>\$7,312.16</b>	<b>\$6,938.14</b>
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$7,323.81	\$7,984.52
Time Capsule Fund	\$168.83	\$168.83
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$34.95	\$34.95
Foulk's House Fund	\$11,356.51	\$12,711.51
Reese School Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Restorations Account Balance:	<b>\$18,884.10</b>	<b>\$20,899.81</b>
Museum Store Account	\$1,533.01	\$1533.14
<b>TOTAL OF MUSEUM Accounts:</b>	<b>\$27,729.27</b>	<b>\$29,371.09</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$327.02	\$506.99
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,977.73	\$1,977.73
<b>TOTAL RHOADS SCHOOL Accounts:</b>	<b>\$2,304.75</b>	<b>\$2,484.72</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

You read last month that construction of the ADA Ramp at the schoolhouse has been completed. Now the planning of a Ramp Dedication event is well under way, with the date, time, and place decided.

The Dedication Event will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00 a.m., at the Rhoads School, and members of the Elk Grove Historical Society are invited to attend.

The event is to thank the many people who contributed their efforts, their time, or their money to make this important addition to the school happen. There will be speeches, a ribbon-cutting, and the very first ride up the ramp, which will be by David Simpson, one of those who donated many hours in the early planning. Another planner, our own Joe Fabel, will recite a poem written for this occasion.

We hope to see you there.

- Frances Fite

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 msjlw@comcast.net



New Members  
Norman Franklin

### Write it Down by Brookelea Lutton

As I follow the trail of the old prospector, Peter Voiss, the subject of my book, *Old Man of the Mountains*, I talk to many people at the events where I sell the book. I have attended events from Plumas County to Mariposa County, to Alpine, El Dorado and Placer Counties. As I tell my story, I become a student of my customers' local history. How proud they are of their little historical towns and so willing to share their own stories! Through their stories I have learned about the gold that remains buried under Oroville Dam from someone who worked on the dam project. Then there's the man who followed his hunch when he found the remains of a saloon in Plumas County. He figured that the miners would probably stand outside the saloon and throw their beer bottles away. So, he threw a stone and dug where it landed, and sure enough found some old bottles.

Another man told about a find in Virginia City. Years ago some miners had stashed some coins in a pipe, melted the end and folded it over, then buried it. Some digging had taken place and the school kids happened to be out on this particular day when they were told to go "remove that pipe over there." When they did so, it broke and out fell the coins from the 1800s. Apparently the miners had stashed the coins, then the mine closed and they were unable to ever retrieve them.

I show the old purse that my dad found in the rafters of a mine that contained Peter Voiss' writings. A woman in Placerville said she noticed a satchel lying on the ground at an old house she had once bought. Inside were five coins that were over 100 years old! Miners used to stash their money in those satchels (no money found in the one my dad found) and tie them in the trees. In this case, the tree had grown and the rawhide tie had broken, causing the satchel to fall to the ground. She had one of the coins made into a pennant necklace.

These interesting little stories are locked in their owner's memories and experiences. Who's going to know about these fragments of history if they aren't written down? Are you writing your stories down?

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

**Call to Order:** Past President Jim Entrican

- The minutes were not read as Sue Richter was absent.
- Treasurer's report was approved as presented; bills were submitted and approved.
- The next General Meeting will be on March 21 at the Franklin Community Library, 10055 Franklin High Road, from 6:30 to 8:30. Billie Blue will speak on Native Californians in the Elk Grove Area.

**Old Business:**

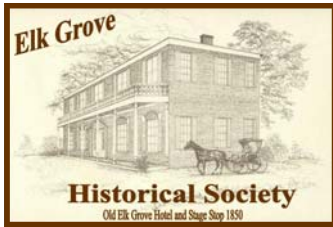
- The Board had previously approved installation of a pipe on the side of the Museum where it drips from the fire sprinkler testing valve, and the installation of an ADA-approved toilet for the bathrooms will be carried over until we find a contractor.
- A site plan is needed for the Native American Interpretive Center. CCSD and Russell Newland will remove brick debris from site to clean up location. Native plants will be planted in the area.
- Generations' staff gave a great presentation and hands-on guided research for beginners in the use of Ancestry.com at the Elk Grove Library.

**New Business:**

- Discussed possibly changing our newsletter from monthly to bimonthly or quarterly to save on costs. Further discussion is needed before a vote. To be carried over for the next meeting.
- Lighting is needed at the front gate and along the walkway at the entrance to the Museum. Also, lighting is needed in the stairwell. Storage space on the property is needed once we work on the Folks' House.
- Phil Teeters nominated, and the Board approved, Norman Franklin as President of the Elk Grove Historical Society.
- Past President Jim Entrican adjourned the meeting.

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E-Mail:  
[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

Museum Open the first Saturday of  
each month or by Appointment

Research Library is now open by  
Appointment Only

To schedule an appointment ,  
E-mail:  
[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)  
Or  
[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)  
Or  
Call 916-685-8115

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Grove Regional Park

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