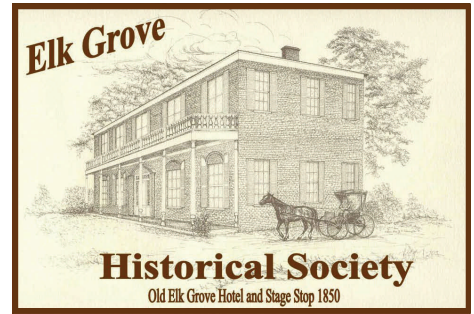


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President's Message—Norm Franklin

Hello, and welcome to fall, one of our four seasons. What a beautiful summer we enjoyed with the weather and also with the many events that took place. First of all, congratulations to all involved with the very productive Antique and Craft Show. It was great weather and great participation.

Our second successful event was the Harvest Festival, again great weather and great attendance. I would like to say thank you to everyone involved with the Native American exhibit at the Hotel this year. It was a great educational exhibit. We will be having more exhibits next year, again featuring Native Americans. We will also have outside events on the grounds every third Saturday of the month, weather permitting.

Again, I would like to remind all of our membership to feel welcome to participate in any of our programs or to volunteer as a docent on the grounds. Everyone is welcome and should feel that way. This is your Historical Society, so let's all share our history together.



Nominations for Elective Officers

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

November General Meeting

Vote for Elective Officers at the General Meeting in November. The meeting will be at Ray Baylas Old Town Creations, 9008 Elk Grove Blvd. (corner of Walnut Ave & Elk Grove Blvd), 6:30 PM. Lots of Christmas Items for sale.



Antique and Craft Show Delivers!

Whether you were interested in fence art, antique lamps and furniture, crocheted afghans and hats, or hand crafted soaps and bird condos, our first Annual Antique and Craft Show delivered. It was a nice end of the summer to look for that special item for yourself or someone else. Vendors donated a gift from their booths for our raffle, which made for a fun day (especially if you won)! Of course, the ultimate winner was the Elk Grove Historical Society. We profited \$1,371 from our first event! Brookelea would like to thank Jim Entrican, Jeanette Lawson, Barbara Claire, and Diane Borden, as well as Annaclare Entrican and Lorraine Croup for lending a hand; Dennis Bucher for selling some items for the Society; and last, but not least, Diane's and Brookelea's grandsons Gregory and Chuy for giving up their Saturday to help us out. Next year's event promises to be BIGGER and BETTER!

Big Springs Bus Trip

On September 24 we headed for Sierra City to tour the Big Springs Gardens. To say it was beautiful is an understatement. This most spectacular setting is nestled in the Sierras off Highway 49 between Downieville and Sierraville. Except for the A-frame sign beside the road, you wouldn't know that some of nature's sensational beauty lies just beyond. Not only did we take in the beauty, but we feasted on prime rib, BBQ ribs, baked salmon, chicken and a variety of salads fit for kings and queens. With our tummies full and a little hiking under our belts, we went on our way and stopped for a bit of shopping in Truckee. Once again, hats off to Lorraine for planning another great bus trip!!



Calendar of Events for November-December 2011

November 14, 2011: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
 November 21, 2011: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Ray Baylas Old Town Creations, 9008 Elk Grove Blvd.
 November 24, 2011: Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving
 November 26, 2011: Dickens Faire, Old Elk Grove
 November 27, 2011: Black Tie & Santa Event, 6-10 PM, Hotel (For tickets fill out form in this newsletter)
 December 2, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6 PM
 December 3, 4, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6 PM, Santa Visits Noon—6:00
 December 9, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6 PM
 December 10, 11, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6 PM, Santa Visits Noon—6 PM, Hayrides from 1-4 PM
 December 12, 2011: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Hotel
 December 16, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6 PM
 December 17, 18, 2011: Old Fashioned Christmas, Noon—6:00 PM, Santa Visits Noon—6 PM
 December 19, 2011: No General Meeting
 December 25, 2011: Happy Holidays to All our Members!
 December 31, 2011: Thank you all for a great year!!!

Tea Cups Needed



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.

Toy Donations for Santa



As part of the Historical Society's An Old Fashioned Christmas event, we will again be collecting toys for

Santa to give to needy Elk Grove children. We're starting now and welcome all donations of "new, unwrapped" presents. With your help we can make this the best year ever for Elk Grove children. Please call Jeanette at 685-8115 to make arrangements for dropping off toys. Your help with this important event is very much appreciated. Thank you!



Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

| Operating Accounts | 9/12/11 | 10/1/11 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,756.77 | \$1,521.71 |
| Wightman Memorial Fund | \$137.22 | \$137.22 |
| Total Account Balance: | \$1,893.99 | \$1,658.93 |
| Restoration Accounts | | |
| General Restoration Fund | \$9,917.73 | \$11,472.33 |
| Time Capsule Fund | \$168.83 | \$168.83 |
| Foulks House Fund | \$16,894.84 | \$18,285.15 |
| Reese School Fund | \$8,750.00 | \$8,750.00 |
| Total Account Balance: | \$35,731.40 | \$38,676.31 |
| Museum Store Account | \$1,426.66 | \$1,595.85 |
| Subtotal | \$37,158.06 | \$40,272.16 |
| Rhoads School Account: | | |
| Operating Fund: | \$206.92 | \$206.92 |
| Scholarship Fund: | \$1,056.29 | \$1,076.29 |
| Subtotal | \$1,263.21 | \$1,283.21 |
| Total | \$38,441.27 | \$41,555.37 |

Silent Auction Donations



Donations are now being accepted. For information on items to donate, please contact Jeanette Lawson at 685-8810 or email her at msjlaw@comcast.net



New Members

Diane Borden, Karen Bryan
 Maggie Melmick, Pam Phelps



Research Library

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

Archie Morse Passes Away



Archie Morse was 92 when he passed away on September 19. The descendant of a pioneer family that settled in Bruceville in 1866, Archie loved farming, especially tending the hogs and cows and working with the harvester crew. He liked going places with his father such as to Sacramento for supplies and to Elk Grove to drop off wheat and grapes. In high school he won dozens of ribbons with the Future Farmers of America showing Jersey cows.

He served in World War II as a Unit Commander and eventually was an appraiser with the State Department of Savings and Loan. He loved to go pheasant hunting, playing volleyball and throwing horseshoes. He also liked to bowl. His family was very important to him, and he carried on the Morse family values passed down from his father and mother. He loved gatherings for holidays and keeping family traditions alive at the Morse ranch. He was a long-time member of the Elk Grove Historical Society and Civil War Round Table and regularly attended meetings before his health began to fail.

Our condolences go to his family. We are grateful for the memorial fund that the Morse family established at the Elk Grove Historical Society in his honor.

Norman Root Passes Away

Also, passing away, on September 29, was Norman Root. He was a long time member of the Lincoln Highway Association and was admired for his dedication to the LHA and local history.

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2011

Call to Order: President Norman Franklin

- Sarah Johnson reported on progress of the Elk Grove Historical Preservation Committee.
- Phil Teeters said he and Jim Entrican now have water connected to the raised garden.
- Jeanette Lawson read a letter from the Rancho Cordova Historical Society about upcoming events.
- Minutes of September 12 were approved as amended.
- The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. The Antique and Craft show profited \$1,371, Big Springs Garden Tour \$442, and our booth at the Harvest Festival profited \$234. We've received generous donations in memory of Archie Morse.
- Larry Bowler will be the speaker at our General Meeting on October 17 at 6:30 at the Elk Grove Library.

New Business

- Jim Entrican stated that John Maggy wants to donate a cannon ball of historical significance to Elk Grove to the Elk Grove Historical Society.
- Jeanette Lawson reported on a hay ride attraction December 11 at the Christmas Open House.
- We have been asked to help docent at the Dickens Faire on November 26.
- Dennis Buscher reported on a Spring Trip to Reno as a fundraiser.
- Norman Franklin thanked the Native Community for their fine display this year and stated that September 22 was Native American Day.
- Jim Entrican stated that trees were removed in front of the Hotel.

President Norman Franklin adjourned the meeting.



Rhoads School
Established 1872

Rhoads School Report – Frances Fite

This year brought a new happening for the Rhoads School. The very first day of school for the new 2011-2012 year was canceled due to threatening, rainy weather.

The day that turned out to be the "first day of school" was October 12, one week later. The sunny day was in the 80s. We all agree that this has been an unusual weather year.

The Schoolmarm Docent, Mistress Katie Miller, reports that it was a perfect autumn day.

We have scheduled 48 classes for the school year, which goes from October through May. There will probably be more, as classes plan their learning activities for the year.

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each month or by Appointment

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