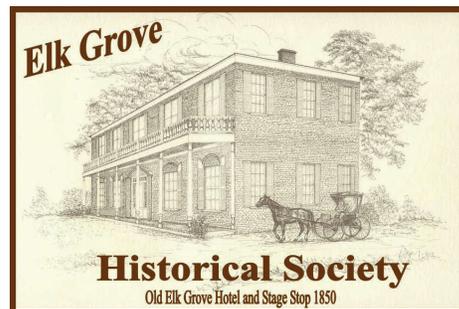


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## Hazel Foulks Wickert Passes Away



Lifetime member Hazel Foulks Wickert passed away in Carmichael on February 3, 2012, just one day after her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. She was the daughter of Guy and Elizabeth Graham Foulks and the granddaughter of Euphemia Foulks, who with four of her five children, crossed the plains in 1853 to begin a new life in Elk Grove.



The home in which she would raise her family was built during the winter of 1853-54 and is the oldest original residence in Elk Grove. It was moved to its present location on the grounds of the Elk Grove Hotel and Stage Stop Museum in 2005. Those who have toured the museum have seen the “Foulks Bedroom” that Hazel and her sister Mary Foulks Mauger set up.

Artifacts belonging to the Foulks family are placed throughout the museum. Hazel had been a school teacher, an active volunteer in the Bay Area community where she raised a family, and she was a businesswoman.

Our condolences go to Hazel's family. We are grateful to the family for requesting that remembrances be sent to the Elk Grove Historical Society.

## Spring Tea—May 12, 2012

You won't want to miss our entertainment this year featuring docents from the Historic Governor's Mansion. They will present a series of “vignettes” about the history of the Governor's Mansion. You will “meet” the first resident of this opulent mansion as well as each of the Governors' wives, from Mrs. Pardee (1905) to Nancy Reagan (1967).

Donations are needed for the silent auction. Contact Elaine Wright at 686-5200.

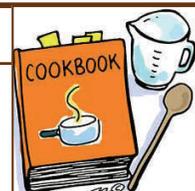
**Tickets are still available—get yours now!**  
Call Annaclare at 686-8238.



Cast of Mansion Memories

## Call for Recipes

We are planning to produce a cookbook as a fund raiser and need your help. We envision a different type of cookbook than the run-of-the-mill fund raiser. Since we are all about history, we'd like your favorite recipes; not only your own, but those handed down by your mothers and grandmothers with a short paragraph about the history of the recipe. Who did it come from? Was it served at family celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter? Was it a favorite at pot lucks or family picnics? Tell us something about the person it came from. Where did they live? Did they live on a farm or in town? What do you remember about the house or farm, the smells of dinner cooking or a special pie baking? What period of time did they live? Was the dish a Great Depression favorite? If at all possible, please include a photo of yourself, your mother or grandmother, the house they (or you) lived in or a street scene during the time they (or you) lived. Submit as many recipes as you'd like, and know that your contribution will help further our mission of keeping Elk Grove's history alive. Send recipes to Brookelea at [blutton2@surewest.net](mailto:blutton2@surewest.net) or mail to Brookelea Lutton, 9750 Parktree Way, EG 95624; or call her at 685-3368. Please include your name and phone number in case we have questions.



Calendar of Events for May—June 2012

May 5, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon—4:00 PM  
 May 5-6, 2012: Western Festival—Elk Grove Regional Park  
 May 12, 2012: Spring Tea—Seating at 11:00, Entertainment—Tickets call Annaclare at 686-8238  
 May 14, 2012: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM Hotel  
 May 21, 2012: General Meeting—TBA

June 2, 2012: Free Museum tours, Noon—4:00 PM  
 June 11, 2012: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM Hotel  
 June 16, 2012: General Meeting—100 Year Celebration of the San Joaquin Justice Court & Jail—Ice Cream Social, 4:00 PM Hotel grounds



**Vendors Wanted**

Plans for our Antique and Craft Show on September 15 are underway. We are looking for arts and crafts vendors (hand created items) as well as antique/collectible vendors. If you fall into this category, or know someone, please visit our website at [www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) for an application or call Brookelea at 685-3368. Our Early Bird Special ends May 31.



**Collecting for Yard Sale**

A yard sale, aka a garage sale, tag sale, rummage sale, lawn sale, attic sale, moving sale is going to happen July 20-22 at the Museum. So look in the attic, garage and your house for unwanted items, and bring them to the Museum on Saturday, May 5 between 10 am and 2 pm. Lorraine Croup and Dennis Buscher will be there to store them away for July.



**New Members**  
The Newbold Family

Display of collections for 2013



It is not too early to think about the display at the Elk Grove Historical Society museum for 2013. For next year, we have thought of displaying different collections that members or friends have put together over the years. It is an opportunity to share one's passion and show your work to others.

There should be 10 or more items in the collection, and can be of any topic, historic or not. Examples are collections of Match Box toys, souvenir spoons, miniature pitchers, hand painted boxes & bottles from foreign countries, postmarks from discontinued Sacramento area post offices, etc.

Think about what you have been collecting, and give Dennis Buscher a call at 714-2355 so we have an idea of what collections there are that may be displayed. We have about 7 locking display cabinets that could be used for the various collections. The display would not be until January 2013, so there is plenty of time to organize it, but we would like to know soon about how many different collections we could put on display.

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

| <b>Operating Accounts</b>     | <b>3/6/12</b>      | <b>4/1/12</b>      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund                  | \$1,216.70         | \$633.47           |
| Wightman Memorial Fund        | \$6,671.10         | \$6,011.99         |
| <b>Total Account Balance:</b> | <b>\$7,887.80</b>  | <b>\$6,645.46</b>  |
| <b>Restoration Accounts</b>   |                    |                    |
| General Restoration Fund      | \$8,743.06         | \$9,845.54         |
| Time Capsule Fund             | \$418.83           | \$603.83           |
| Foulks House Fund             | \$18,335.15        | \$18,385.15        |
| Reese School Fund             | \$8,750.00         | \$9,878.28         |
| <b>Total Account Balance:</b> | <b>\$36,247.04</b> | <b>\$38,712.80</b> |
| <b>Museum Store Account</b>   | \$1,173.88         | \$1,255.73         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$45,308.72</b> | <b>\$46,613.99</b> |
| <b>Rhoads School Account:</b> |                    |                    |
| Operating Fund:               | \$290.84           | \$290.84           |
| Scholarship Fund:             | \$416.66           | \$416.66           |
| <b>Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$707.50</b>    | <b>\$707.50</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$46,016.22</b> | <b>\$47,321.49</b> |

## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2012

- Call to Order: Vice President Barbara Claire
- Minutes of the previous meeting were not read due to the absence of the recording secretary.
- The treasurer’s report was approved as submitted; bills to pay for Hotel and volunteer insurance were approved.

### Committee Reports

- Barbara Claire and Brookelea Lutton are looking at cookbook programs for use in producing a fund raiser cookbook.
- The Society has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the City of Elk Grove; this money will be used to pay the Preservation Architect’s fee so we can move forward on restoring the Foulks House.
- The Board approved \$500 for various front landscaping needs.
- Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire are researching information for a pamphlet featuring historic homes in Elk Grove.
- Lorraine Croup reported that past due notices for dues will be sent soon.
- The Phantom Ball generated a profit of \$2,325.00.
- The 100 year anniversary of our San Joaquin Jail will be dedicated and celebrated on June 16th.

### New Business

- The Board approved a “Cakeless Cake Sale” as a fund raiser for the Rhoads School. The funds will be used for student scholarships.
- 2013 Display Ideas for the Ballroom: It was suggested we feature collections from our members who are willing to share and display their items for one year.
- Milt Webb expressed the need for a new irrigation timer to replace an aging timer. Jim Entrican authorized Milt to expense this timer from the \$500 that the Board approved.
- Dennis Buscher will work on finding a new contact for the Native American Dancers.
- Vice President Barbara Claire adjourned the meeting

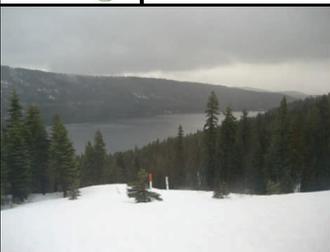


A Big Thank You  
to all the docents who  
opened in March & April!



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



### Reno Train Trip a BIG Success

Our train trip to Reno on March 13-15 was a beautiful experience. The night before we left, the snow began to fall in the Sierras and continued to fall for the duration of our trip through our winter wonderland. The snow laden trees with the light snowflakes falling was a picture postcard view, all from the comfort of the very roomy Amtrak seats and lounge.

The east side of the Sierras was dry and sunny for the entire two days that we spent in Reno. On the return trip on Amtrak, there was a complete change of weather, and it was a spring runoff. The weather changed to rain and melted most of the snow, leaving a lush green view of the pines, and a beautiful view of Donner Lake.

The lodging at WorldMark were 2 bed/2 bath units with a fully equipped kitchen. However, we all chose to eat out in the various casino restaurants. The National Automobile Museum is a must see, having kept the best of Harrah’s auto collection. It is surprising to see how many different makes of automobiles there have been in the last 100 years.

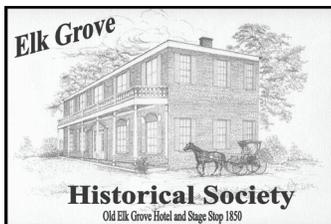


Rhoads School  
Established 1872

### Rinny and Jan Rau Now on Rhoads School Board

Jan Rau has spent countless hours giving back to her community as she has been committed to the betterment of Elk Grove’s youth. Among some of her accomplishments: She was a physical education teacher at Elk Grove High School and continues to stay in touch with many of her students. She’s been a Board member for the Elk Grove Park and Recreation District (now CCSD) and worked to improve local sports venues as a member of the Board for Home Field Advantage. She has volunteered with the First Baptist Church’s youth group and served on the Board for the Elk Grove Teen Center. She has been an asset to improving the quality of life in Elk Grove and had a park named after her as a tribute to her contributions.

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Or  
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The Stage Stop Hotel & Museum  
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