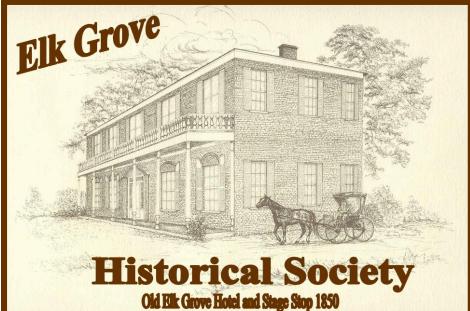


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## Antique and Craft Show



So far 6 vendors have signed up for our Antique and Craft Show scheduled for September 20. We need more!! If you are a crafter or you know someone who is a crafter, artist, or an author, please have them visit our website [www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) to download an application. We especially need people who have antiques and collectibles to sell. The booth fee is \$40 through May 31, then \$50. A seller's permit is required. They are free and easy to obtain from the State Board of Equalization. For questions, please contact Brookelea at 685-3368.

## Vintage Trailer Show & Antique Flea Market



On March 22 Dave Hipskind of the Red Door Antiques organized what many described as the best event Old Town has ever had: The First Annual Vintage Trailer Show and Antique Flea Market. Elk Grove Historical Society members volunteered their time to staff the ticket booth, direct traffic to the parking area, sell water, and help customers carry their purchases to their cars as well as many other duties. What a fun day it was with music and food trucks and lots of vintage trailers and antique vendors. Customers came in droves the entire day with ne'er a let up, much to the thrill of Old Town businesses. In return for helping the Red Door, we as a Society shared in the profits to the tune of \$3,500! Thanks to Dave for organizing such a successful event, and thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly.

## Just My Opinion - By Tom Russell

There is a lot of history still floating around in Elk Grove that has yet to be uncovered. Some of it may still be in attics, garages or storage sheds but I suspect that much of it is still locked away in the minds of people. If you docent at a museum or just talk with people around Elk Grove, you've probably heard some great historical stories that leak out in conversation. Many times it may be a story about a relative who was part of a well-known community family or a historical site but it has mostly been just kept as a family story and only shared on occasion.

I suspect that the stories people tell are not generally important to them because they grew up with the information, and it was just part of family knowledge. However, for us who hear the stories find them interesting and are able to meld them with other parts of history which sets another piece of the greater picture in place. Somebody's grandfather drove a wagon that delivered milk from so-and-so's farm to certain buildings around town, contains small pieces of the larger puzzle. Driving a wagon around Elk Grove could identify a period of time when there were dirt roads in that part of the community. The story may even identify the dairy or farm that we have no information on yet.

We have many names of people in our files who we're not exactly sure what their jobs were. We know that they were active in the community because of some written documentation we have, like being a member of the Masonic or Odd Fellows lodge, a school board member or helped organize the grange picnic. These people had jobs that supported a family which we quite often lack in our historical documentation. We had people who worked in the wineries, plowed fields for farmers, scraped roadways, moved houses or were in construction.

Small parts of history can be just as interesting as the large well known parts. It's the small parts that give life to our history because it shows us a personality of a time gone by. Elk Grove has been around for about 164 years which isn't a heck of a long time as compared with Europe or the eastern United States. The community grew from people like Sheldon, Daylor, Hall, Buckner, Foulks, the Kerr brothers and many more. Each had an impact on our community in profound ways. There are many more community people who lived, worked and donated something to Elk Grove that has gone mostly unrecognized.

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<p><b>Annual Yard Sale!</b></p> <p>On Sunday, May 18 Lorraine will be at the Museum from 9:00 to 2:00 PM to collect any items you wish to donate to the yard sale. The sale is August 1, 2 and 3. Your items make it a successful fund raiser for the Foulks House restoration.</p> 		<p><b>Rhoads School Report</b> Merry Leverton</p>  <p>Rhoads School Established 1872</p>																																																					
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 <p>A Big Thank You to the docents who worked in March &amp; April. We have many opportunities for members to help out as docents. If you'd like to be a docent, please contact us at 685-8115.</p>		<p>Spring is in the air at the Rhoads School. Students are visiting nearly every day and enjoying their learning experience. We recently received several letters from students who visited the school. They expressed how much they enjoyed the school and how impressed they were with the renovation. Several of them said they saw pictures of it before the restoration and thought it looked like a dump. They thanked the Elk Grove Historical Society for doing such a good job restoring it. Thanks to Jim Entrican for finding two Boy Scouts who are going to do projects at the school to complete their Eagle Scout requirements. During Spring break the fence around the school will be repaired and a new wood storage area will be built. Both of these projects are going to improve the looks and function of the school.</p>																																																					
<p><b>Membership Dues Are Due</b></p> 		<p>Please use the renewal form on the last page of this newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!</p>																																																					
<p>The School Board would like to extend their thanks to Sandra Murray Silva for her service to the Rhoads School. Sandra has resigned from the School Board in order to accept full time employment. She always brought lots of energy to our meetings and gatherings. We will miss her very much but wish her the best of luck.</p>																																																							

## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2014

### **Call to Order: EGHS President Barbara Claire**

- Minutes of March 10 were approved as submitted.
- We made \$3,500 from the Red Door's Trailer and Antique event. Will go into General Restoration Fund.
- Bills approved for payment: Taxes for all sources \$620; accountant's fee \$875; insurance for museum \$3,672.68; \$226.80 for aprons (tea). Taxes and CPA expenses will come out of the Wightman fund. Treasurer's report approved as submitted.
- Rhoads School - Scouts fixed the fences.
- CSD - The Storybook Woods Park opened at the first of April and was well attended.

### **Committee reports:**

- Annual Yard Sale - Dennis picked up a few more donated items.
- Antique and Craft Show - Five vendor applications have been received so far. Board approved proposed budget for this event.
- Bus Trip planned for April 26 - Signups have been slow so far.
- Haunted Stage Stop - We applied for and received a grant that will be used for advertising and printing.
- Publicity - The first Robo call will go out this week to advertise the upcoming General Meeting and bus trip in April.
- Spring Tea - We have sold out!

### **Unfinished Business:**

- CDBG and Community Service Grant Funding Request for 2014-2015—Jim requested two grants (Haunted Stage Stop and one for Red Door event next year) in the amount of \$3,000 each. He will also request a grant for the Foulks' House.
- Plans for Reese School--Meeting held April 7. Jim and Dennis will research options/alternatives for what is possible so that we can preserve the school to the best of our ability. Funding is beyond the scope of the Historical Society, so a professional fundraiser will be contacted to discuss options. Jim will write a grant request to fund the Architect to draw up plans.

### **New Business:**

- Board approved Dennis Buscher to succeed Sarah Johnson on the Historic Preservation Committee.
- Dennis Buscher's sister has volunteered to paint a scene on the front of the bar in the men's parlor at no cost to us.
- Jim discussed requesting a grant from the City next year to have a paid chairperson so we can have docents available to open the museum more frequently.

**President Barbara Claire adjourned the meeting.**

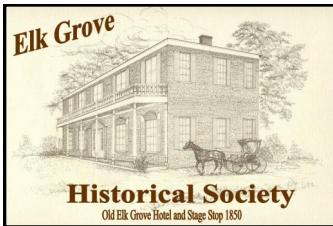
### **27<sup>th</sup> Strauss Festival of Elk Grove - July 24 - 27, 2014**



The 27<sup>th</sup> Strauss Festival of Elk Grove is July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Elk Grove Regional Park, Strauss Island and we need your help. Some of the areas we need help are:

- Site watch July 23<sup>rd</sup> –July 27<sup>th</sup> : shifts of 2 hrs. or more
- Merchandise Booth; Beer & Wine Booth; History Booth – July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>
- In the History Booth, just keep items from being borrowed or blown away; run the TV set
- Orange Gates: July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup> (2 per gate and one must be 21 yrs. or older) 6:30PM to 10:00PM
- Parking for VIP parking lot and drop off area: July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup> (we would like the same team of 6-8 each night if possible). 4:00PM until 7:30PM.
- Dancer Bridge & Orchestra storage and Safety Zone: July 24<sup>th</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup> (2-3 volunteers needed)
- If you can help in any of these area please let us know what time/shift and what task you might be interested in doing. Please contact Annaclare Entrican **at 686-8238**.

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Museum Open the first Saturday of  
each month or by Appointment  
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**Business, Corporation, Association** .... \$30.00

**Lifetime (Member and Spouse)** .....\$400.00

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