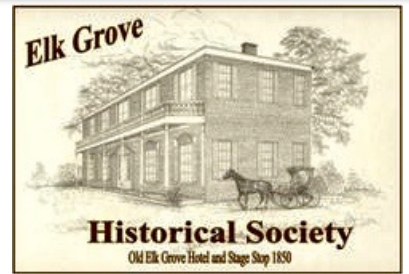


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## President's Message

Hello members and friends. I hope you are able to stay dry during this heavy rainfall year and have suffered no damage. We suffered damage to our patio tent outside the building, as wind and rain destroyed it. We are exploring options for a permanent patio structure and eliminate the tents we have used in the past.

The Board of Directors and staff participated in our "Annual Workshop" on January 6. We established the following priorities.

### Short Term Goals Priorities:

1. Finish Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed.
2. Start Foulks House Restoration – Outside
3. Construction Projects: a.Patio Structure b.Gate House.
4. Clean-up museum grounds.
5. Remove decorations/none historical items from basement and move to storage.
6. Fix facility grounds – sprinklers, prune, landscaping.

### Long Term Goals Priorities:

1. Start Foulks House Restoration – Inside.
2. Decide what to do about the restoration of the Reese School.
3. Track/monitor Whitelock Interchange overpass project.
4. Increase active membership.

We have a new look in the Ballroom of the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum. Thanks to the work of Barbara Claire and Mary Bulford, we now have a high caliber Lewis and Clark Exhibit. This exhibit could not be completed without the loan of artifacts and replicas of items relating to the expedition owned by John Hess of the California Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. We had a record number of visitors that came to see this exhibit on our First Saturday Open House on February 5, 2017 from noon to 4:00 PM. A total of 51 guests signed-in, along with 15 to 20 unsigned students.

The **Lewis & Clark Exhibit** is setup in the ballroom of the Stage Stop Museum and is open the first Saturday of the month from noon to 4:00 pm. The Rhoads School is also open and all tours are FREE! Come learn.





A first time event, that will be continued, occurred on the February First Saturday Tour. We opened the Rhoads School House to the Public! Usually, the school is only available for living history classes for local school student's use during the week. We tried something new based on interest by the public, our Board, and the Rhoads School Board of Directors. Visitors (31) that entered the school met with our fine staff, including Docent Teacher Susan Hernandez. We are making a concerted effort to bring a stronger involvement and interaction with our lesser known family in the park. After all, the Elk Grove Historical Society began with the relocation of the school to Elk Grove Park in 1976.

Our next fundraising event will be the Vintage Trailer and Antique Flea Market to be held in "Old Town" on March 18, 2017. This event is sponsored by the City of Elk Grove, the Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD), the Red Door Antiques and the Elk Grove Historical Society. Please stop by and find that great treasure, listen to the music and enjoy the food and drink provided by the vendors.



## THE RED DOOR ANTIQUES PRESENTS

The Fourth Annual  
Old Town Elk Grove Vintage Trailer Show & Antique Flea Market

**SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2017**

RAIN DATE MARCH 25, 2017

**Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Gates open at 8:30am for pre-sold on-line ticket holders ONLY

**OLD TOWN ELK GROVE PLAZA**

On the corner of Elk Grove Blvd & Railroad Streets

**General Admission \$5.00**

**Children 16 and under FREE**

Purchase on-line tickets on the Elk Grove Historical Society website

<http://elghistory.org/products/vintage-trailer-antique-show-tickets>

ENJOY: LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, BEER GARDEN, UP-CLOSE LOOK AT RESTORED VINTAGE TRAILERS, AND SHOP DOZENS OF VINTAGE & ANTIQUE VENDORS

**DEALERS AND VINTAGE TRAILERS WANTED**

For additional information or to obtain an application go to [www.thereddoorielkgrove.com](http://www.thereddoorielkgrove.com).

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Elk Grove Historical Society



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**ELK GROVE**  
PROUD HERITAGE. BRIGHT FUTURE.

Watch for another new First Saturday Tour event in June involving a drill team. Thank you for being a member of our organization and volunteering your help. We need you on our team.

Take Care, Ken Miller, President

### New members

Kevin & Bea Olson, John Ross,  
Julie Deaver, and Ellie Forcier  
John Hess - Honorary

**welcome**



## Rhoads School Report



The board and docents recently met at the school and gave it an annual scrubbing and cleaning. It looks great! The Living History program is beginning its heaviest schedule as March, April, and May are booked almost everyday.



Chairpersons Annaclare & Jim Entrican are working on two fundraisers to help support scholarships for some Title 1 schools that otherwise couldn't attend, and funding to help with minor repairs.

We have talked with CSD and they are preparing park signage with directions to the Rhoads School. Also, because the school is now open on the first Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00, we are developing highlighted signs to gather attention. Barbara Claire is developing a quality, updated version of our trifold school brochure.



Gary & Karen Lindner and Mike Anda are our new Fire Starters and we are so grateful that they have stepped up. We still have a Historian position available. The Historian gathers yearly Rhoads School information and documents it in a scrapbook. Please help us. - Director Roberta Tanner

## Calendar of Events for March-April 2017

### March

Mar 4: Free Museum Tours, Noon – 4:00 PM  
Free Rhoads School Tour, 1:00-4:00 PM  
Mar 13: EGHS **Board Meeting**-Museum  
4:00 PM  
Mar 18: **Vintage Trailer Show and Antique Flea Market** – 9:00 am-5:00 pm in  
Old Town Elk Grove  
Mar 20: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 at  
Laguna Town Hall (take Laguna Main St.), EG  
w/Guest Speakers Gary Grunwald and  
Rick Carter

Guest Speakers: Gary and Rick are going to give a presentation on the Whitelock Interchange. This is a proposed overpass that may be constructed near the West entrance to the Elk Grove Park and would affect the museum and its grounds. Afterwards questions will be answered by the EG City Staff and EG Historical Society.

### April

Apr 1: Free Museum Tours, Noon – 4:00 PM  
Free Rhoads School Tour, 1:00-4:00 PM  
Apr 3: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM  
Apr 10: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum  
4:00 PM  
Apr 17: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 at  
Presbyterian Church-8153 Elk Grove Blvd.  
w/Guest Speaker Richard Hussey

Guest Speaker: Richard will discuss Kanaka, the book he has written about a Hawaiian who leaves his home on a whaling ship to make his fortune during the California gold rush.



The EG Historical Society is looking for an **Assistant Treasurer** to take over duties when the Treasurer is on vacation, etc. You will be trained and supported. Please consider helping fill this position.

## IMPORTANT

Do you order items from **Amazon**? How would you like to donate money to the Rhoads School Scholarship Program without it costing you anything? Go on line and type in <http://smile.amazon.com> and sign in. When they ask for your organization, type in “**Elk Grove Historical Society A California Non Profit Organization.**” Then select accept. That’s it! Now, every time you make a purchase, the Rhoads School Scholarship Program gets 0.5% of the purchase price.

**Remember, you must log into smile.amazon.com, the donation arm of Amazon, not Amazon.com.** These funds help toward allowing a financially burdened school to attend our Living History Program. - **Thank you**



# Big Day of Giving

MAY 4

The Big Day is just around the corner!

Each board member has been asked to contribute \$100 to kick it off and we are trying to match their \$800 donation by noon.

We have set a goal of \$10,000 for the whole day. Please consider anything you can donate to help us reach that goal. It will truly make a difference with the many restoration projects and community events we try to sponsor and accomplish this year.

More information next newsletter.



Our condolences to the Herberger family for the loss of our dear friend Mary Lewis



Our Yard Sale is scheduled for June 16-18. We will start accepting items in mid-April so start setting aside those old treasures. Somebody can use them!

## Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

<b>Operating Accounts:</b>	<b>Jan 2017</b>	<b>Feb 2017</b>
General Operating Fund	\$23,391.37	\$24,580.65
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$6,505.80	\$6,505.80
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$29,897.17</b>	<b>\$31,086.45</b>
<b>Restoration Accounts:</b>		
General Restoration Fund	\$8,802.51	\$6,748.41
Foulks House Fund	\$90,275.52	\$90,300.52
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$239.55
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$99,317.58</b>	<b>\$97,288.48</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$3,554.87</b>	<b>\$3,554.87</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund	\$986.63	\$986.63
Scholarship Fund	\$2,676.95	\$2,443.83
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$3,663.58</b>	<b>\$3,554.93</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,433.20</b>	<b>\$135,360.32</b>

Membership dues are due for the New Year. Please use the form on the last page of this Newsletter. Fill it out, check your fee & send your check to the Elk Grove Historical Society. You may also pay online at our website below. Just click on "membership."

<http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com/>

## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2017

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by new President Ken Miller

**Announcements:** Thank you for cleaners of museum, have new phones, Lorraine Croup recovering.

**Special Presentation:** City of Elk Grove Whitelock Interchange presentation.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol Dunkel: Minutes of January 9 meeting were submitted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills:** Jeanette Lawson: Treasurer's Report was approved and submitted.

Approved for payments were; SMUD bill \$404.38, online store set up \$379.89, web hosting and domain costs \$232, and insurance of property contents and liability costs \$3,916. Jeanette Lawson was approved by the board to retain the position as treasurer. Members will vote March 20.

**Rhoads School Report:** Roberta Tanner: See "Rhoads School Report" above for same information. Plus Tom Mahon volunteered to split and move fire wood to Rhoads School. Thank you.

**CSD:** Mr. Lattrell is the new CSD historical society representative, but was unable to attend.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** We have six new members. We are updating our membership roster.

**Program Speakers:** Tim has secured Elizabeth Pinkerton for Feb 20 meeting, Whitelock Interchange proposals for Mar 20 meeting, and Richard Hussey for Apr 17 meeting.

**Vintage Trailer Show & Antique Flea Market:** Everything going well.

**Big Day of Giving:** Dennis Buscher: Has been attending Big Day seminars. Preparations are being made; Big Day planned for museum to take donations, social media preparation, and defining focus points.

**Spring Tea:** Committee's working hard for preparations. Going to be the best ever.

**Yard sale:** Donations will be accepted starting in April. Will be priced as they come in.

**Open House:** Lewis & Clark: Interest has been tremendous. Rhoads School was also open for tours.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed:** Is near completion. Rollup door was approved for storage end. Still needs insulation and painted when the wood becomes drier.

**Foulks House:** No Report

**Scout Projects:** Two projects in the works; Bricks around gazebo and flowerbeds around jail.

**Disaster Response Training:** Dennis has been attending workshops and will train board and members. All our files are already backed up in case of tragic loss to the museum.

**Brown Property:** No report

**Tent Replacement:** Destroyed entrance tent canvas was ordered, but looking into a permanent structure. Contractors were notified for estimates.

**Haunted House:** If a chairman is not found, it may be cancelled next year.

### **New Business:**

**Budget:** Approved.

**Civil Rights Act/ Equal Employment/Complaints:** Ken is making sure the EG Historical Society is in compliance with all fair practices in our organization.

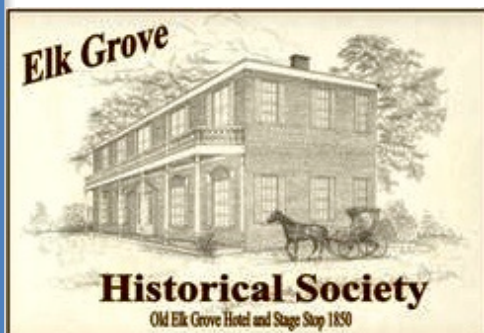
**Cleaning:** Museum cleaning options were discussed. Several have been doing work.

**Historical Plaque:** A more appropriate design was suggested and approved at the Woodside Homes site at old Capital Nursery grounds.

**Museum Uses:** It was suggested looking into allowing the museum to be available for other uses with an emphasis to explore photo shoots. Perhaps weddings? No decision was made.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by President Ken Miller

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Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Boulevard

Adjacent to the West Entrance of  
Elk Grove Regional Park

Museum is open the first Saturday of  
each month or by appointment

Research Library is now open by  
appointment Only

To schedule an appointment:

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Elk Grove House & Stage Stop  
Museum on what is now East  
Stockton Blvd.

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If this is a business membership, please complete the following:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Types of Membership and fee structure

Check one

☐ Individual Person.....\$20.00

☐ Family Group.....\$30.00

☐ Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00

☐ Senior Citizen (65 to 79).....\$15.00

☐ Senior+ (80 or older).....FREE

☐ Business, Corporation, Association.....\$30.00

☐ Lifetime (Member & Spouse).....\$400.00

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