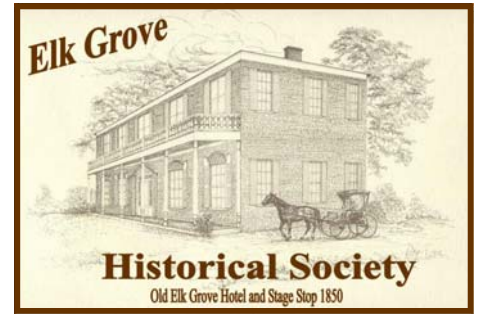


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Message from the President

I want to first of all take time to thank all of our new members and say “Welcome.”

It sure is nice to see summer is arriving slowly and the dog days will soon be here. I hope everyone will be enjoying the upcoming garden parties and vacation trips with family and friends.

Also, remember the General Meeting and Picnic at the McFarland Ranch is on June 25, 11 - 3 PM.

Visit www.mcfarlandranch.org.

Just to touch on Native Affairs, I would like you to know we are in full swing across the nation and locally every weekend until years' end. I hope to bring more Native events to the park soon. I've been receiving lots of inquiries from Native people; it's great to have all the interest.

Well, I will close now, and would just like to say to all, “Have a great summer and enjoy each others' friendship.”

Norm Franklin

Annual Spring Tea

Our Annual Spring Tea, featuring “Hats from the Past,” was a huge success. The weather cooperated, and we enjoyed United Methodist Women's “Fashion Memories” show with outfits from 1880 to the 1960s. Ladies in attendance were transformed by their beautiful hats, and we all filled up on quiche, fruit and wonderful salads and other sweet treats, as well as plenty of tea. Many thanks to Sandra Murray Silva, Committee Chair, Annaclare and Jim Entrican, Frances Fite, Jeanette Lawson, Dave & Sue Richter, Sandi Russell, Virginia Signorotti and Elaine Wright, who worked tirelessly preparing the food, decorating, and organizing this event. The roses were in full bloom and all the flowers on the grounds made it especially beautiful.



Tea Cups Needed



The Historical Society has many nice teacups for the annual tea; however, we need more. Please donate any you have and continue to look for nice cups at antique stores, used stores, estate sales, yard sales, etc. Ask your friends. Call the museum or Lorraine at 683-6893 if you have some to donate.

Calendar of Events for July-August 2011

July 2: Museum open 12-4 PM. Bring items for the yard sale between 10 and 2 PM. No electrical items like TVs, microwaves, etc.
 July 9: Last day to bring items to the museum for the yard sale 10 to 2 PM.
 July 11: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Museum
 July 15-17: Annual yard sale at the museum. Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16 – 8 AM to 4 PM.
 Sunday, July 17 – 10 AM to 2 PM.
 July 18: NO GENERAL MEETING
 August 6: Museum open 12-4 PM
 August 8: Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
 August 15: NO GENERAL MEETING
 Have a Happy Summer!!

Coming in September:

September 17: Antique and Craft Show. CSD's parking lot on Elk Grove Boulevard, 9-3 PM.

Antique and Craft Show – September 17

Plans for our Antique and Craft show are in full force and vendors are signing up. But, we need more. If you are a crafter, artist, author or antiquer (or know someone who is), please visit our website: www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com and print out an application. OR, email blutton2@surewest.net or call Brookelea at 685-3368. Either way, put September 17 on your calendar and come out and support the vendors who are supporting US. Who knows! You may find that special one-of-a-kind Christmas gift or item for your house or collection that you just can't live without.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts	4-1-11	5-2-11
General Fund	\$2,970.39	\$2,087.15
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$3,481.49	\$958.49
Total Account Balance:	\$6,354.56	\$3,045.64
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$9,483.68	\$9,510.50
Time Capsule Fund	\$168.83	\$168.83
Foulks House Fund	\$12,711.51	\$13,315.78
Reese School Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Account Balance:	\$22,364.02	\$22,995.11
Museum Store Account	\$1,493.68	\$1,493.68
Subtotal	\$30,309.70	\$27,534.68
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$470.19	\$316.92
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,017.73	\$857.73
Subtotal	\$1,487.92	\$1,174.65
Total	\$31,797.62	\$28,709.33

Museum Store

A new book containing complete Elk Grove Telephone Books from 1921, 1947, 1950, 1957. Price is \$20



Welcome New Members

- Bob Lent
- Jan & George English
- Paula J Van Alstine-Alferness
- Charlotte Hoffman
- David Jeselink
- Sandra L Taylor
- Art & Peggy Stafford



Your 2011 membership dues are now due! Use the renewal form on the back of this newsletter.



Research Library

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

Just My Opinion By Tom Russell

I'm one of those people who remember their childhood. Sometimes my wife Sandi looks at me quite strangely when I mispronounce a word or do something that is really childish. I just have fun sometimes and feel that those around me should have fun also. There is nothing wrong with acting like a kid; in fact it's good for the soul. I'd bet that each one of you can remember some of the really fun times you had when you were a kid. Just because you are older now, doesn't mean that you have to be "OLD". We've all grown up (well most of us have) physically, and as we grew older we've repeatedly been told to "act our age," "don't be childish," or the dreaded "Grow up."

I guess that constant reminder is what we needed to grow up and prepare us for the real world of adulthood. Eventually we all had to leave our toys behind and start dealing with jobs, families, raising children, buying homes, taxes and all the things we needed to do to live our lives on our own.

One of the things that growing up does not take away from you are the fun memories of your youth. The doll, the train set, the vacations, the pranks, the leg or arm cast, our pets, what your mom and dad looked like, the tack in the teacher's chair and even what you did to get a spanking, are all memories that will be with you from the time before you "grow'd up".

I got an e-mail a few months back about many of the things that I remember from the 1950's and 1960's. I remembered some of them from the 1940's (the very late 40's, that is). In the 1940's, where were the headlight dimmer switches? What were holes in the Royal Crown Cola bottle tops used for? How many remember the wax coke shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside? How did you keep roller skates attached to your shoes? Remember decision making with "Eeny-meeny-miney-mo"? What was the "Duck and Cover" drill? Why did parents shop at stores that gave green stamps? What post-war car design was so strange that you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?

So many of our youthful memories are still with us but as we've grown more mature, we've passed them off as just being part of our younger life. Yes, they were part of our younger life but were also from a time that life just seemed much simpler, exciting and "funner". With that in mind, here is a little exercise for each of you. Get a piece of paper and a No. 2 pencil, sit down and list what you remember about your childhood. Don't worry about being all "grow'd up", just let your mind go back to the younger you. See how much fun it is to actually write down your memories the way you saw them, experienced them, how much fun it was and even how much trouble you got into.

Writing your memories and experiences could be of great joy to your children and grandchildren, and would give them a view into your life that they will never experience. Those experiences made you the person you are today and most can be remembered with fondness and joy and to share them in writing with your family will make those memories live so much longer. We all enjoy history and this would be your history shared. Have Fun!

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2011

Call to Order: President Norman Franklin

- Minutes of the April Board meeting were approved as presented.
- It was reported that the General Fund was low but would be strengthened by the funds from the Spring Tea fundraiser. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- The Board voted to give Bob Lent a lifetime membership in the Historical Society for his continued donations and support of the Elk Grove Historical Society.

Old Business:

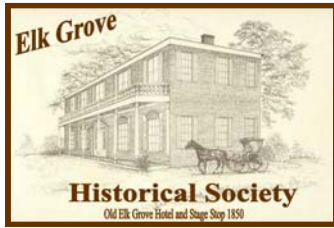
- Brookelea Lutton gave a progress report on the Antique and Craft Show in September.
- The offer of a storage shed by Sheldon High was postponed until next year.
- The Board discussed acquiring a Northern Sierra Miwok Basket.
- Norm Franklin is in contact with the Smithsonian, and the Historical Society is being considered to receive loans of Native American artifacts.

New Business:

- The Spring Tea was a success.
- The Reese School: It was decided to re-approach CSD about the building's safety issues and to offer to put a cyclone fence around it.
- Laura Bemis suggested having an Antiques Roadshow-type of activity at the Hotel.

President Norm Franklin adjourned the meeting.

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Grove Regional Park

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Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

If this is a business membership, please complete the following

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Types of Membership and Fee Structure Check one: _____

Individual Person\$20.00

Family Group.....\$30.00

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Senior Citizen (65 and over)\$15.00

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Lifetime (Member and Spouse)\$400.00

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