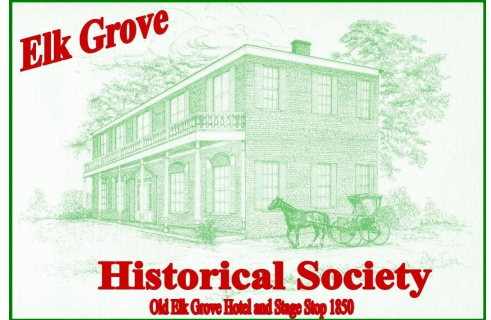


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## Antique and Craft Show

This year's craft show on September 12 was held at Old Town's Plaza. For the past four years it had been held in CSD's parking lot, then the fire to the CSD administration building on February 20 took that venue option from us. Because of the Butte fire in Calaveras County in September, it was a bit smoky in Elk Grove, although the extreme heat of the prior week had tapered off. We had 38 vendors with lots of unique handcrafted items who had come from all over northern California; however, customer attendance was low. We did, however, profit \$1,500 which will help restore the Foulks House. This event will not be held next year due to the labor intensive nature of the event versus the return. Brookelea would like to thank all who helped with the event not only this year but in the years past.



## Old Fashioned Christmas



We are starting to get our "Old Fashioned Christmas" up and running. The cleaners are coming and the decorators are getting ready. Don't forget to get your "Black Tie & Santa" tickets before they're gone.

We sold out last year!

Date: November 29.

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$40 per person.



to our  
Docents

### September

Sally Bergen  
Diane Borden  
Mary Bulford  
Kathryn Michenfelder  
Annaclare Entrican  
Jim Entrican

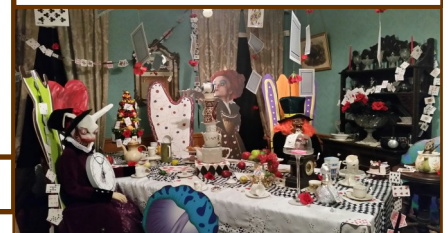
Also, a BIG thank you to all who were docents or sold tickets during the Haunted Stage Stop event.

If you'd like to be a docent or help out, please contact us at 685-8115 or e-mail us at [eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

## Haunted Stage Stop



Our Haunted Stage Stop was a huge success!! It ran on Friday and Saturday nights through Halloween. Hope everyone had a chance to come by to see and feel the "SCARE!"



## San Francisco Premium Outlets, Livermore—Bus Tour

Let's go  
shopping!

The Elk Grove Historical Society has scheduled a bus tour Saturday November 21, 2015 to the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore. At the Outlets you can visit over 100 stores, including Bloomingdales, Talbots, Tommy Hilfiger's, Kate Spades, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Skechers, Cole Haan, J Crew, Ghirardelli Chocolate, Johnston & Murphy, Van Heusen, Le Creuset, Saks Fifth Ave Off 5th. There are wheelchairs available and additional discounts for our bus tour visitors. The tour is \$55 and a no host lunch at the Food Court. For reservations call Lorraine at (916) 683-6893. Bus departs: 8:30 AM from the Stage Stop Museum parking lot, 9941 East Stockton Blvd. West Entrance to Elk Grove Regional Park and returns by 6:00 PM.

**Calendar of Events for Nov-Dec 2015**

- November 9: Board Meeting - 4:00 PM, Museum
- November 16: General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Old Town Creations at 8717 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624. We will be voting for officers for 2016!
- November 21: Bus Trip to SF Premium Outlets
- November 12-22 – Decorating for Old Fashioned Christmas
- November 26: Happy Thanksgiving
- November 29: Black Tie & Santa, 6 PM, Museum
- December 5-6: Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 12-13: Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 14: Board Meeting—4:00 PM, Museum
- December 21: No General Meeting
- December 19-20: Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 PM
- December 25: Merry Christmas
- December 31: Happy New Year!


**Rhoads School Report**  
**Sharon Baker**

Rhoads School Established  
1872

The Rhoads School has experienced a flurry of activities recently. In September the American Legion held their annual meeting at the school yard. On September 21 the Elk Grove Historical Society hosted the general membership meeting at the school. This was a lot of fun because six former Rhoads School students attended and answered questions about what it was like attending a one room school. It was a very informative meeting and enjoyed by all. During the Giant Pumpkin Festival the school was open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. We welcomed over 200 visitors to the school. Many had never been inside the school. Everyone enjoyed seeing what it was like to be in a one room school. Thanks to all the board members who helped prepare the school for these visits. Special thanks to Don Baker, Wally Stropp & Jim Entrican who spent hours power washing the exterior and cleaning up the yard.

This year we have 70 classes scheduled to visit the Rhoads School Living History Program. We are excited for the children to take a step back in time to learn what school was like over 100 years ago. We hear over and over again from visitors that this field trip is one they always remember. We are grateful to those with the vision to move this beautiful old building to Elk Grove Park and restore her back to her original beauty. It has been nearly 40 years since the school was restored and dedicated. We will soon celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on this dedication. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact Sharon Baker at (916)685-7731. Planning for the July 4, 2017 celebration will be soon.

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

Operating Accounts	September 2015	October 2015
General Operating Fund	\$15,992.88	\$5,991.58
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$10,000.00	\$9,389.94
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$25,992.88</b>	<b>\$15,381.52</b>
Restoration Accounts		
General Restoration Fund	\$30,634.31	\$31,048.99
Foulks House Fund	51,337.29	52,454.95
Reese School Fund	530.28	530.28
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$82,501.88</b>	<b>\$84,034.22</b>
Museum Store Account	\$3,021.16	\$3,071.22
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$111,515.92</b>	<b>\$102,486.96</b>
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund:	\$1,030.04	\$911.07
Scholarship Fund:	\$4,252.68	\$4,252.68
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,282.72</b>	<b>\$5,163.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116,798.64</b>	<b>\$107,650.71</b>

**New Members**

Jo-An Lane, Angela Perry,  
Lynn Ossolinski & Leo Fassler

**It's Election Time!**

Our general meeting will be on Monday, November 16 at Old Town Creations, located at 8717 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA. Elections of new officers will take place before we are turned loose to shop! We hope as many people as are able can come. If you aren't able to come and would like to vote, please call Lorraine at 683-6893 and she will send you a ballot.



The slate of officers for 2016

President: Brookelea Lutton

1st Vice President: Claudia Johnson

2nd Vice President: Dennis Buscher

Treasurer: Jeanette Lawson

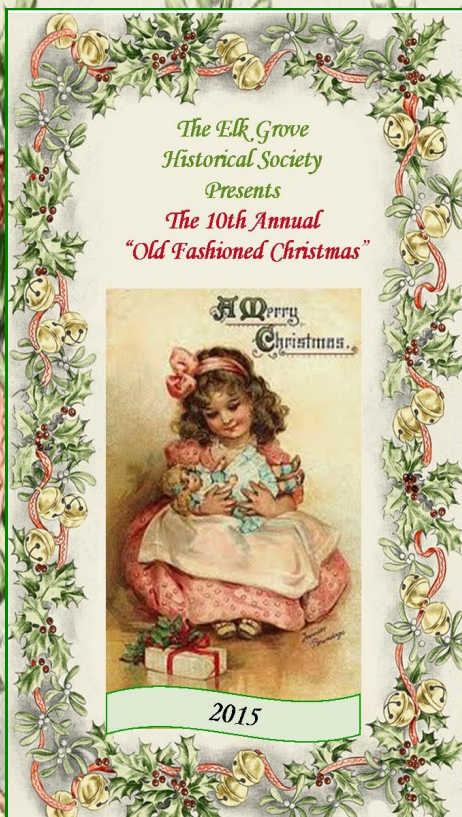
Recording Secretary: Diane Borden

Corresponding Secretary: Sally Bergen

**Members Who Have Left Us**

Member Lee Roberts, 95, passed away on October 1, 2015. A resident of Carlton Plaza, we will miss his appearance at our meetings. He also attended our monthly openings as he was able. He always dazzled the ladies with his wit and dapper dress. Our heartfelt condolences go to his family.





*The Elk Grove Historical Society  
Invites you to the 10th Annual  
Old Fashioned Christmas*

*At the Stage Stop Museum in Elk Grove Park,  
Saturdays & Sundays  
December 5<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>  
1:00—5:00 PM*

*All Rooms are lavishly decorated  
in Victorian themes.*

*Admission  
\$5  
Per Person*

*Kids can  
decorate  
a cookie!*



*Professional  
Pictures  
With  
Santa  
\$15*



*Black Tie & Santa Party  
Preview Night*

*Wine & Hors D'oeuvres  
Silent Auction*

*Sunday, November 29, 2015  
Starting at 6 pm*

*Ticket Order form Below*

*Tickets are Limited - Reserve yours today*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

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

*Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (at \$40 Each)*

*Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Send to: Black Tie & Santa Event  
Elk Grove Historical Society  
P.O. Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759*

*Tickets will be mailed to you.*



## Black Tie & Santa Silent Auction Bid Form

We have several exciting vacation packages for the silent auction. Can't attend the Black Tie & Santa Event or just want to get your bids in early for the silent auction. Use the order form below to place your bid and mail it back to us.

Must be received by November 25, 2015

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Item #1: Anaheim, California: Luxury Stay near Disneyland Value - \$2,300** Check in July 1, check out July 8. Two bedroom (king in master, twins in 2nd bedroom), fully equipped kitchen, air conditioning, washer & dryer, cable TV w/ DVD, balcony/terrace. Starting bid: \$600



Your Bid for Anaheim Package: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Item #2: Las Vegas, Nevada: Pres. & Valentine's Day Retreat Value - \$2,000** Check in Feb 13, check out Feb 20. Two bedroom (king in master, queen in 2nd), fully equipped kitchen w/ microwave & dishwasher, gas fireplace, cable TV w/DVD, air conditioning, balcony/terrace,



electric BBQ, washer & dryer, iron & ironing board. Starting bid: \$600

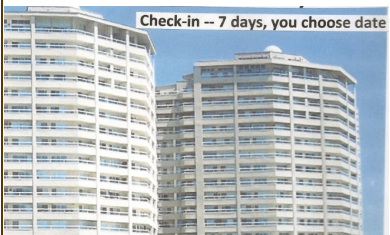
Your Bid for Las Vegas Package: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Item #3: Depoe Bay, Oregon Value \$2,000** Check in May 14, check out May 21. Two bedroom (king in master, twins in 2nd), fully equipped kitchen w/microwave & dishwasher, washer & dryer, gas fireplace, cable TV w/DVD, private patio w/gas BBQ. Starting Bid \$600



Your Bid for Depoe Bay Package: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Item #4: Rosarito, Baja California, Mexico Value \$1,200** Check-in—7 days of your choice Fifth floor 1,400 sq ft condo, 2 bedrooms (queen in master, twins in 2nd), two baths, fully equipped kitchen w/microwave & dishwasher, washer & dryer, cable TV w/DVD, balcony. Gated complex with 24 hour security. Starting bid \$500



Your Bid for Rosarito, Baja Package: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Silent Auction Bids  
Elk Grove Historical Society  
P.O. Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759



## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2015

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Brookelea Lutton.

**Public Comment:** Brookelea introduced new members Louis Silveria and Leo Fassler.

**Approval of Minutes:** September 14, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary): Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills--**Jeanette Lawson (Treasurer): Reimbursements: Lorraine Croup for Lodi bus trip, \$1,036.03; Barbara Claire for grant purchases of software, printer & ink - \$1,388.00 and \$1,005.00. We will be reimbursed by the grantee; Deanna Reaves, decorations for the bathroom (no receipt) - \$28.40. Bills: SMUD - \$242.57. Approval to have the Museum cleaned by Merry Maids after Haunted Stage Stop - \$335.00

**CSD Update**—Rich Lozano: The biggest pumpkin for the contest weighed about 1,809 pounds. Everything went well and attendance was good. They are waiting for final insurance settlement for the Administration Building.

**Reports:** Claudia has responded to a call from a relative of the Bilby family, who will send us the wedding garments of her grandparents, as well as other memorabilia.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Foulks House Restoration and Storage**—Jim Entrican: Jim and Dennis have received and reviewed the plans from the Architect for the shed. Cement work has been committed to for the pad. The plan is to build a loft for extra storage and have the building insulated and eventually run some electricity for lights. He is estimating a budget of approximately \$30,000 for a 20 x 25 foot shed, and through donations of materials. We will have to pay for the cost of labor of a licensed contractor. Forms need to be put in and rebar so the cement can be poured. He requested approval for a tentative budget to get started. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Jim Entrican to approve up to \$30,000 to build the storage unit. The motion carried with a vote of 5 yes and 2 no.

**Scout Projects**—Jim Entrican: Eagle Scouts will extend the brickwork walkway at the Rhoads School in the front area by the gate and replace the slate memorial squares (about 10). Two projects were completed last month and there are 11 in the works.

**Bus Tour of Winery and Rae House in September**—Lorraine Croup: We made about \$1,117.00 from the tour and raffle that Sally put together. Everyone that went really enjoyed the day.

**Reese School Committee**—Brookelea Lutton/all: Montgomery Construction has received our check (\$6,500) for payment in full for the steel beams and cribbing as noted on their invoice. Jim received an e-mail today from Architect Kevin Pressey saying that the Reese school building is "unique" and there are not very many left in California. He believes that every effort should be made to maintain the building and the key elements should be made so that when funds are available the building could be restored. The firm has offered to help with the architectural and structural design to lower the building off of the cribbing and set the building on a foundation and to help describe the best way to preserve the historic detail until funds can be raised to fully restore the structure. Project on hold until after the first of the year.

**New Business:** Slate of Officers for 2016—Lorraine Croup: Merry announced the following nominations: President Brookelea Lutton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Claudia Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dennis Buscher, Recording Secretary Diane Borden, Corresponding Secretary Sally Bergen, Treasurer Jeanette Lawson.

Louis Silveria said he would be willing to help with the newsletter. We also need to consider appointing an assistant for Jeanette Lawson who can be her back up and/or be trained to do the job.

**Foulks Story**—Jim Entrican: Jim would like us to consider compiling a book about the Foulks family based on diaries that Mike Lynn, a Native Son of the Golden West, has transcribed and typed. He is a great grandson of Guy Foulks. It was agreed this would be a good fundraiser for our projects.

**Big Day of Giving, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Brookelea Lutton: Dennis Buscher volunteered to help Louis Silveria.

Dennis Buscher has made some metal signs to place on the property in recognition of the many flowers that Big Oak Nursery has donated to us. Sally will also send them a thank you letter.

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:45 PM.

Submitted by: Diane Borden, Recording Secretary



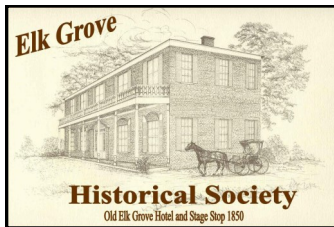
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Open by appointment.  
Call Jeanette at 685-8115  
or e-mail her at  
msjlaw@comcast.net



A Very Big Thank You to all our members and student volunteers. We have many opportunities for you to help out in December for the Old Fashioned Christmas. If you'd like to help out, please contact us at 685-8115.

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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

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

☐ Senior Citizen (65 and over) .....\$15.00

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

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

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Museum Open the first Saturday of  
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