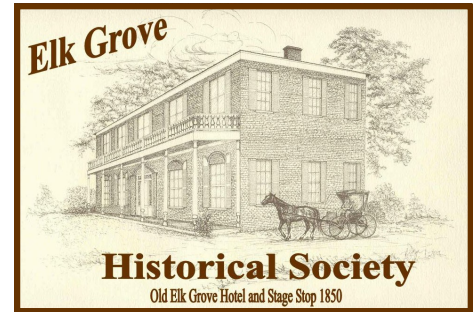


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## Vote for Replacement Officers—September General Meeting



There have been some changes to our Board members, and we will need to vote on replacements at our General meeting on September 17. The replacements are:

Barbara Claire, President  
Brookelea Lutton, First Vice President  
Diane Borden, Recording Secretary

Norm Franklin, who has resigned as President  
Barbara Claire, who has moved to President  
Sue Richter, who has moved away from Elk Grove

General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Elk Grove Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd #A. Speaker: Cheryl Stappe, a member of Daughters of the Golden West, will tell us about her book on pioneer women during the California Gold Rush.

## Antique and Craft Show

Please come support the vendors who are supporting our endeavors to restore the Foulks House. Our second annual Antique and Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, September 15** from 9:00-3:00 in CSD's parking lot at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. We have over 30 vendors participating. You will find unique items for yourself and gift giving: soaps, jewelry, garden art, woodwork items, sewn and crocheted items, antiques and collectibles, and many more. This year we are featuring Elk Grove's famous Heavenly Dog with their gourmet hot dogs and fries to enjoy while you shop. Bring the kids and grandkids, and please tell a friend. See you there!



## Ironstone Winery—Concours D'Elegance—Two for One Bus Tour



The Elk Grove Historical Society is planning a bus tour to Ironstone Winery in Murphys for their annual Concourse d'Elegance on **Saturday, September 22**. This show is considered to be second to Pebble Beach's show. You will see many American & European Vintage cars and motorcycles. In addition you will have the opportunity to visit the winery and their very extensive museum and to view the 40 oz Gold Nugget on display. There is an additional jewelry store with lovely gold items - reasonably priced and lovely grounds to walk. The

\$65 fee includes your entry fee. The bus leaves the Elk Grove Historical Society parking lot at 9941 East Stockton Blvd at 8 a.m., returning at 6 p.m. Call Lorraine 683-6893. LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US

## Annual Yard Sale



Our Annual Yard Sale was held on July 20-22. It was a huge success due to the many members who worked one or more of the three days; as well as the many, many donations we received from the membership and from the community. This is a way to get the members together and to get acquainted. While it is hard work, the results (over \$4,000) are worth it. The money will be put towards the Foulks House Restoration Fund. Dennis Buscher and Lorraine Croup thank each and every one of you that participated in the sale.

**Calendar of Events for Sept—Oct 2012**

Sept 1, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon—4:00  
 Sept 10, 2012: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM Hotel  
 Sept 15, 2012: Antique & Craft Show, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. 9 am—3 pm  
 Sept 17, 2012: General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Elk Grove Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd #A. Speaker: Cheryl Stappe, a member of Daughters of the Golden West, will tell us about her book on pioneer women during the California Gold Rush.  
 Sept 22, 2012: Ironstone Winery Bus Trip—Concourse de Elegance Car Show. Bus leaves the museum parking lot at 8 AM, returns at 6 PM. Call Lorraine for details or tickets 683-6893.  
 Oct 6, 2012: Free Museum Tours, Noon-4:00 PM  
 Oct 6, 2012: Harvest Festival EGHS kids booth  
 Oct 6-7, 2012: First Annual Living History Celebration of the News of Statehood at the Stage Stop Hotel, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM  
 Oct 8, 2012: Board Meeting, 4:00 PM Hotel  
 Oct 15, 2012: No general meeting

**Parade of Trees**

The Elk Grove Historical Society is inviting organizations and businesses to participate in the Parade of Trees, a new feature in the “Old Fashioned Christmas” event held each year at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum. The trees will line the walkway

approach to the hotel. This is a good way to join in a community event and have your organization's tree admired by all who visit the Hotel during the December holidays. Please call Sally Bergen at 686-8653 if you would like to participate.

**More Recipes Needed**

Thanks to all who have been sending us recipes for the cookbook. However, MANY MORE are needed!! Contact Brookelea at 685-3368, email her at [blutton2@surewest.net](mailto:blutton2@surewest.net), or send recipe to Brookelea Lutton, 9750 Parktree Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Remember, we need a history of the recipe; a picture of a family member, house, street scene, park, etc., will add so much, if you can find one.

**New Members**

Ray & Mary Bulford  
 Joy Graham

**Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson**

<b>Operating Accounts</b>	<b>7/1/12</b>	<b>8/6/12</b>
General Operating Fund	\$2,463.28	\$3,312.86
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$1,658.88	\$521.28
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,122.16</b>	<b>\$3,834.14</b>
<b>Restoration Accounts</b>		
General Restoration Fund	\$9,248.94	\$9,091.34
Time Capsule Fund	\$603.83	\$603.83
Foulks House Fund	\$19,222.81	\$23,352.61
Reese School Fund	\$9,938.28	\$9,938.28
EG Garden Club—Roses	\$0.00	\$400.00
<b>Total Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$39,413.86</b>	<b>\$43,386.06</b>
<b>Museum Store Account</b>	\$1,376.96	\$1,272.29
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$44,912.98</b>	<b>\$48,492.49</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund:	\$417.29	\$576.09
Scholarship Fund:	\$416.66	\$416.66
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$833.95</b>	<b>\$992.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,746.93</b>	<b>\$49,485.24</b>

**Teapots Needed**

Thank you so much for donating teacups for our annual Spring Tea. We now have enough to set our 20 tables. Now, we would like you to search your closets, cupboards, thrift shops, estate sales, etc., for medium sized teapots. We need to have enough to put at least one extra full teapot on each table. We have been borrowing from Dennis Buscher, and while he is very generous with his, we need to have our own. We have almost a year to see if we can do this.

**Old Fashioned Christmas**

Plans are underway for our 2012 Old Fashioned Christmas.

**WE NEED DECORATORS!**

If you or you know someone/ decorator who would like to decorate one of the rooms in the Hotel, please call Jeanette 685-8115 or email her at [msjlw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlw@comcast.net).

## EGHS Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2012

Call to order: Vice President Barbara Claire

- Minutes of July 9 were approved as submitted. Minutes will be sent to Board members prior to each meeting for review.
- We have received a donation of \$5,000 from Wells Fargo, of which \$2,000 will be used to co-sponsor the Western Festival and the balance will be used in our restoration of the Foulks House.
- Board approved \$210 to pay Clark and Rush for work done in the men's bathroom.
- A payment of up to \$1,400 was approved to pay for nine months of insurance coverage which includes the Foulks house, bathrooms, jail and hotel.
- The Audit Committee is in the process of reviewing our financial records.
- Raley's Quality of Life Donation cards: Rhoads School has received \$158.80 for scholarships. Joyce Amundson will send letters to people who need Raley's cards. Lorraine will follow up on letters members received regarding Nugget cards.
- Estimated income made on the Yard Sale was \$4,149.80. Congratulations to Lorraine for a great job!
- Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### Committee Reports

- Cookbook - We are starting to get more recipes.
- We have received official notice from the city that we will get a grant for \$5,000.
- Lorraine now has flyers for the Ironstone Winery Concours D-Elegance tour on September 22.
- We have one more decorator for the Old Fashioned Christmas and need two more.

### Unfinished Business

- Pump was installed and caulked in Luttig Garden fountain.
- The Scouts have made progress on the front landscaping. Bryan Fishback will install the fountain.
- We have internet at the Hotel; monthly cost will be \$63 which includes the telephone.
- Safe in the jail was sold for \$100 at the Yard Sale.
- Plaque for the jail has been received and is in the jail waiting to be installed.

### New Business

- Ed Metzler will install the ADA toilets and quoted a cost between \$185 and \$200 each. Board agreed to spend no more than \$500 for the toilets and accessories.
- Gardeners of the Grove purchased a booth at the Antique and Craft Show; Phil Teeters asked if it would be a problem if they had a raffle, knowing that the Historical Society will also have one. Consensus was that it shouldn't be a problem.

Vice President Barbara Claire adjourned the meeting.



A Big Thank You  
to all the docents  
who worked the  
openings in July &  
August!



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**Rhoads School – Frances Fite**



Rhoads School  
Established 1872

The summer is usually a pretty quiet time for the Rhoads School, waiting for October when the first classes for the new year begin to arrive. This year, though, we had a group of young Japanese exchange students who visited the school with our Docent Roberta Tanner, who was one of the host families. Roberta showed them an interesting time, pretending that they were students in the school, learning like long ago times.

During the last week of August the docents will hold their annual meeting at the school to discuss the coming year and to schedule their classes.

In September, American Legion Post 233 will again have their annual POW/MIA Ceremony at the school. Then only one week after that, a local couple who was thrilled to receive approval of the Rhoads School Board, the Historical Society Board, and the CSD, will hold their wedding at the school. The ceremony and the reception will be held on the school grounds.



## Carmel Silva Passes Away

**Carmel Mosher Horigan Silva** passed away on Saturday, August 4, 2012. Carmel was one of the founding members of the Elk Grove Historical Society, was an office holder and was very active in helping to keep the museum open for visitors. Carmel stepped back from her duties a couple years ago when she was diagnosed with cancer.

### Tom Russell Remembers Carmel:

Carmel Horigan Silva has been with the Historical Society for as long as I can remember. It seems that she has always been more or less in the background working and keeping things going. Whatever was needed done in the museum, she managed to do it or find someone who could do it. She seemed to have many connections with the people who had worked for her or had done a similar type of work around Elk Grove and she had the knack for asking for their help and getting it done. I guess it was the teacher in her that kept her always moving forward towards a goal.

Carmel had been a member of the Board of Directors and was the Elk Grove Historical Society Historian for quite a few years, which entailed clipping and archiving articles about the Historical Society and whatever else was of interest about the society or community. She created binders of past newsletters and newspaper articles and kept track of the goings on in the society through the years. As Historian, she took on duties far and above what a Historian would normally do.

As Historian; she cataloged, assigned inventory numbers and took pictures of artifacts in the museum and kept track of the history and facts about each item. She created binders of the museum's inventory, which was entered in to the computer database. She worked several months going over the inventory, sorting, and putting them in assigned places. When the society got a new computer program, Past Perfect, the huge job of entering all the data took quite a bit of time.

She was an interior designer; She worked alone or with Dennis, Jeannette and Anne in designing and setting up displays in the museum. She was constantly at the museum rearranging and setting up parts of displays or furniture to make the museum more presentable.

She was able to have her son build a support for the display cabinet in the dance hall. She also got her grandsons to help clean the basement and disassemble many of the unused and unwanted pieces that were too large or heavy for her to handle. Carmel asked her son and grandsons to help so many times moving furniture or cleaning up in the basement, they eventually balked at coming to the hotel.

She was able to find a carpenter to rebuild the handicap ramp. When the carpenter did not show for work, she was the driving force to get him working again and finish the job.

Carmel was responsible for getting the lighting in the basement. She found the electricians and was there while they installed the lighting. Now we have wonderful lighting to work by.

She has made and donated quilts for the beds in the museum. She made the quilt for the bed in the Elizabeth Foulk's room, the Civil War quilt and a quilt for the Childs bedroom. She made the covers for all the mannequins in the museum. Whatever needed making or mending in cloth, she would do it.

She had been the repository and general manager of the Annual Yard sales for several years. With her truck, she



picked up and delivered yard sale item to the museum. She was always there for the pricing, setup, sale and cleanup. She put in many long hours on this one project alone.

Carmel and a few others volunteered to clean the museum before the Saturday openings by vacuuming, dusting, keeping the spider webs out and generally sprucing up the museum.

Carmel continuously volunteered as a docent at the museum. Even when she was not scheduled to docent, she would sometimes show up for some reason or another.



She was continuously donating to the society either monetarily or paying for projects like the basement lighting, making quilts or cloth for the hotel or items just for the museum upkeep.

Her title was officially changed from Historian to Archivist a few years back. A job she seemed to enjoy doing by keeping track of the museums artifacts although using the museum software, Past Perfect, seemed to get her goat quite often

Carmel was honored for her dedication to the Elk Grove Historical Society, with a plaque, at the Grand Opening of the Museum in October of 2002. She has been an ardent supporter of the whole museum project ever since I've known her.

Along with being fully involved with the museum, Carmel still found time to play golf, take vacations to her cabin in Tahoe, be involved with the Friends of the Library, the Elk Grove Community Foundation, belonging to a quilting group and yes, sometimes she worked at a yardage shop.

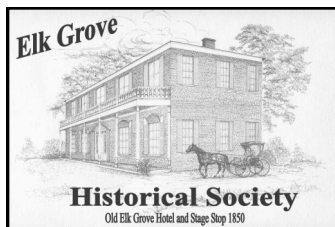
I'm sure there are many things that Carmel did that I have not remembered to mention or don't know about because she didn't talk about all that she did.

Carmel was a special person that did not have time to slow down or stop and will always be remembered as an energetic woman.

She touched the lives of so many in Elk Grove, by being a teacher, a helper, a volunteer, supporter and a good friend. Sandi and I, the Elk Grove Historical Society and so many others in Elk Grove will greatly miss her.

Thank You Carmel! Our condolences go out to her family.

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