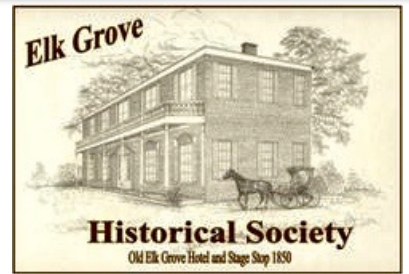


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Inside the Museum Files: Placerville

(Information taken from the walking tour pamphlet of Old Town Placerville)



The Elk Grove Historical Society scheduled a bus trip to tour Placerville and its museums. The town is loaded with tons of history and EVERY building has a story.

Placerville, also known as Dry Diggings or Hangtown, is just eight miles from Coloma where gold was discovered January 24, 1848 by James Marshall. At first only a mining camp in the narrow ravine with a seasonal creek, it quickly became a prosperous town, which thrived as a business shifted from mining to agriculture and logging. The name Hangtown was first used in 1849 when three men were hanged after a speedy trial. The men, originally six, robbed a stage to use the money to finance and establish the confederacy in California. The name Placerville became official when the Post Office was established in 1854. Two years later, Placerville was devastated by three separate fires, which destroyed most of the timber shacks and tents which sprung up in 1848. They rebuilt with bricks.

541 Main Street – In 1853 blacksmith Hugh L. Hinds fired John M. Studebaker, who had come to California to find gold. Studebaker quickly discovered that he could make more money constructing and selling wheelbarrows to the miners. Each would hold three sacks instead of the miners carrying one at a time. He returned to South Bend, Indiana in 1858 with his fortune and invested in the family wagon business, which later became the Studebaker Automobile Company. John returned to Placerville for a visit in 1912 when he was honored by the entire town.

441 Main Street – Placerville Hardware is the oldest continuously operating hardware store west of the Mississippi. Go in and enjoy the atmosphere with its wooden floors, original bins, rolling ladders, and stock piled high. You can get practically anything here. (Think Newbert's in Sacramento) Years ago the newspaper was located in the east side of the building. The presses were operated with a Pelton Water wheel in Hangtown Creek. Just examples of two of the historic buildings.

You can go to the elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com website and see photos of the bus tour under "Photo Gallery" and you can take a walking tour of the old town under "Historical Topics."

The Elk Grove Historical
Society Presents:

"Teatime in the Enchanted
Fairy Garden"



Saturday, May 11, 2019



Gates Open at 11 AM

Heritage Park Fairy Garden

9941 E. Stockton Blvd.

Elk Grove, CA

Bring Your Ticket
to Check In and
win Door Prizes



Gift Card Awards
For

- ♦ Best Theme Table
- ♦ Best Theme Hat
- ♦ Best Theme Fashion Ensemble

We Want "You" to Decorate a Table!

Contact Sally Bergen at
916-591-5363 or sallybergen@surewest.net

For Tickets

- ♦ Use the order form on our website:
<https://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com>
- ♦ Buy On-line at: <https://eghistory.org/>
- ♦ Contact: Lura Franzella at
916-807-0912 or ljfranzella@gmail.com
- ♦ For other information, contact:
Susan Hernandez at 916-684-3181
Or email: Hartville@comcast.net

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Wine for Sale



Order Form for Tickets

Teatime in the Enchanted Fairy Garden

9941 E Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove, CA

Saturday, May 11, 2019

11 am to 2:30 pm



Tickets are \$40 per person - Reserve yours today

Guest 1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ (at \$40 Each) No. Vegetarian Meals: _____

Each table seats 8. Please provide the names of guests to be seated at your table:

Guest 2: _____ Guest 3: _____

Guest 4: _____ Guest 5: _____

Guest 6: _____ Guest 7: _____

Guest 8: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to the **Elk Grove Historical Society**

Send to: Teatime in the Enchanted Fairy Garden
Lura Franzella
5700 Dorset Way
Sacramento, CA 95822

Or.... **Buy on line at:** <https://eghistory.org/>

Or.... **Charge to your credit card**, please circle one:

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card No: _____

Expiration date: _____

3 digit code on back of card: _____

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E-mail: Hartville@comcast.net

Get ready

to bring the whole family!

This is our first year, it has snowballed, and has exploded into a huge extravaganza. As soon as a date was set and word got out, many organizations, historic groups and volunteers said they wanted to be part of it. They wanted to do their part to share their history with the community and it's **FREE!**

Many groups that aren't even listed are now taking part. i.e. The Blue Canyon Gang, covered wagon rides (\$3) and a stage coach appearance. There will be demonstrations of all kinds, like horseshoeing, pioneer baking and clothing laundry, weaving, games like tug-a-war and how pioneers loaded a covered wagon. There will be many musical groups and dancers on stage throughout the day and of course food trucks will be there.

There will be 4-5 history presentations and demonstrations in the Pavilion each day. Topics include Sutter's Fort, Bear Flag Rebellion, Mexican-American War, How Sacramento came to be, Cattle Empire and Vaqueros, Gold Rush and Migration, and Gold Panning all presented by local historians.

For the program and more detail about the event and future events, please go to our website:

elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

Early California Days

March 23-24, 2019 • 10:00am-5:00pm
Elk Grove Park-Rotary Grove • Parking \$10



Bring the whole family for a **FREE** experience including encampments, enactments, demonstrations, food, historic music, and more!

Groups Participating

Mormon Battalion	Sutter's Fort Docents
New York Volunteers	Sutter's Fort Staff
Fife and Drum Band	Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Rhoads School Open House
Elk Grove Historical Society Museum Open

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YARD SALE

We know our huge 3-day Yard Sale isn't until June, but we start accepting donations on weekends in mid April.

Donated items can be brought to the museum on eight Saturday afternoons between 12-4 pm starting **April 13 through June 1** except for May 11, our annual Spring Tea. A volunteer will be on site to accept your donation **at these times only** and will give you an in-kind donation receipt you may use for tax purposes. Arrangements can be made **after May 12** to have large items like pieces of furniture picked up at your location by calling Dennis Buscher at (916) 479-2158 or John Ross at (916) 3230-7198

More detailed information coming in late April or you can visit our website **elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com**

24 LITTLE HOURS
CAN MAKE A **BIG**
DIFFERENCE!

Big
Day of
Giving

On Thursday, **May 2** the Sacramento region will come together for one Big Day of Giving from 12:01 AM to midnight. This is a national 24-hour online challenge to benefit local charities in the area.

Thanks to everyone who has donated last year to make this one of our important income sources for the preservation of the Foulks house and for scholarships for the Rhoads School program.

This year, with completed architectural plans for renovation of the Foulks House, we went out for bids in February and hope to have proposals back in April to start the actual physical restoration.

Please help support these two important projects by donating again this year. You can donate on-line at <http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety> the week of April 28th. Also, please stop by the museum on May 2nd between 10am and 3pm for a self guided tour, wine, hors d'oeuvres and we can even help you place your donation.

The next Lorraine Croup Historic bus trip is to historic



LOCKE

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Bus leaves the museum at 9:00am, returns at 5:00pm

Docent led tour includes Chinese Boarding House & Museum, School, Gambling Hall, Memorial Park & Monument, Cultural Center, Art Center and time for shopping for only \$50 per person – Call Cindy at (916) 952-3417



Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



For several years the windows in the school have leaked. We have constantly pursued the repair and/or replacement and finally have been given permission by CSD to repair them. The work was slated from January 23 to February 1, but was cancelled because of extreme weather. Classes are now in full swing almost every day until summer.

They are now slated for repair/replacement the first week of June.

In the Stage Stop Museum, upstairs in the ballroom, we have an Elk Grove area school display of all 40 schools (with photos) in the district just before the unification in 1959.

Rhoads School is highlighted with a mock classroom and artifacts. This is an opportunity to see how the Elk Grove school system began.

It will be available for a whole year.

Calendar of Events for March - April 2019

March

Mar 2: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**,
Noon – 4:00

Mar 11: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting
3:00 PM at the Museum

Mar 18: EG Historical Society **General** meeting
6:30 at Presbyterian Church
*Speaker: Davis Stuart

Mar 22-23: **Early California Days**

* **"Native People of the Elk Grove Region"**

Archaeologist Dave Stuart spoke last month on earthmoving equipment and is back to enlighten us about the Miwok/Yokuts/Maidu Native Americans in our area. How the cultures began as far back as 13,000 years ago and locally 5,000 years ago, their development to today, including myths about stereotyping and little known facts. Much study was done at our own Windmill Ranch in Elk Grove. This will be an enlightening presentation. Always FREE and open to the public. We have cookies!

April

Apr 1: Rhoads School Board Meeting – 9:00 am

Apr 6: Free Museum & Rhoads School Tours,
Noon – 4:00

Apr 8: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting
3:00 PM at the Museum

Apr 15: EG Historical Society **General** meeting
6:30 at Presbyterian Church
*Speaker: Mark Davidson

Apr 27: **Bus Trip to Locke** 9:00 – 5:00

* **"Early California Cattle Empire"**

Mark comes from a Sacramento family that arrived here in 1850 from Germany. He enjoys speaking on the "back stories" of the early days of colorful California. He has spoken to us in the past on California Land Grants. He is back and now concentrates on the history of the early cattle industry with an emphasis on the Vaqueros. The presentations are always FREE and open to the public.



Museum Ballroom Display

Every year the historical society picks a subject and sets up a yearlong display in the ballroom of the museum. This year we decide to highlight all 40 early one-room schoolhouses, how they formed districts, and then all unified into the Elk Grove Unified School District in 1959. We have a photo of almost every school and set up a mock classroom displaying many of the items used in the day and their purpose. Come enjoy the history.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	Jan 2019	Feb 2019
General Operating Fund	\$33,115.81	\$26,763.73
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$8,870.61	\$8,254.93
Approved Expenditures	\$2,040.41	\$2,040.00
Total Account Balance	\$44,026.83	\$37,058.78

Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$3,979.49	\$4,830.14
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$90,680.45	\$88,055.45
Reese School Fund	\$433.55	\$433.55
Total Account Balance	\$245,093.49	\$243,319.14

Real Estate Rental Account	\$8,424.06	\$9,970.15
Museum Store Account:	\$2,103.28	\$3,167.72

Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$859.91	\$938.36
Scholarship Fund	\$7,158.66	\$7,158.66
Total Account Balance	\$8,018.57	\$8,097.02

Total **\$307,666.23** **\$301,612.81**

welcome

New members

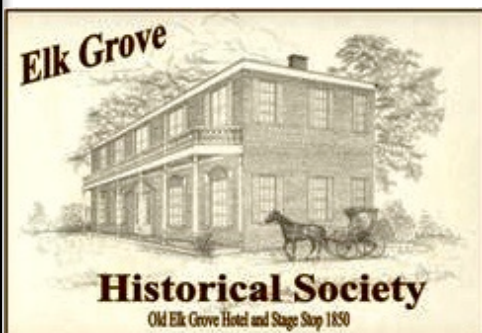
Jim & Myra Nolan
PCG Equipment – David Kleist
Laura & Matt, Megan, Caitlyn
Laney
Maria Sala

Our condolences to the family
and friends of historical society
member and our friend, 100
year old
Chalmers Gage



LAST CALL: Please don't forget to renew your membership. The money allows us to pay many bills and help with upkeep of the museum. You can use the renewal form on the next page or go to the website (elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) and pay by credit card. Look on the Menu for "EG Historical Society Information" to find renewal.

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www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum
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:

Email:

eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

Or

msjlaw@comcast.net

Or

Call 916-685-8115



The Lincoln Highway passed
through Elk Grove in front of the
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop
Museum on what is now East
Stockton Blvd.

Rhoads School

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Name(s): _____

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Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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

Business Name: _____

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Areas of Interest: _____

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 Citizen (80+).....FREE

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

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

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