

Elk Grove Historical Society

The Stage Stop Gazette

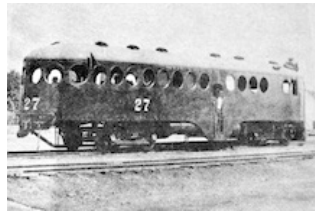
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Inside the Museum Files:

Railroads of Elk Grove

In 1850, Elk Grove was a one building stage stop on the dusty Upper Stockton Road joining Sacramento to Stockton. That all changed eighteen years later in 1868 when the railroad came through town and the town moved 1 mile east to where the railroad tracks were built. Now the farmers and ranchers had a quicker way to get their products to market, businesses could receive goods, and residents could travel to destinations often within an hour. This beat the horse drawn buckboards and wagons that they were using that took hours and days to arrive at their destinations.

In 1910 two more rails lines came to the area; On the western side of town, the Western Pacific line ran through Franklin and Galt and on the eastern side of town was the Traction line that went through Sheldon, Wilton, Dillard, Alta Mesa, and so on, all connecting our area to Sacramento, Stockton, and the rest of the world.

Today the traction line is gone; it had a dangerous electrified third rail. The other two lines are still used daily, sometimes hourly. With the innovation of cars and trucks, there is no need for the train to stop in our area anymore, so it just passes through.

There is a long interesting detailed article on the trains, the different stations and data with many photos on our website elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com, click-on "HISTORY TOPICS" then under "Railroads." You won't be disappointed.

History Week is Coming!



September 21-28

History Week is a week that has been designated as a week to celebrate our local history.

Any group, organization, or person can schedule an event on any day and we will gladly put it on the calendar and help promote it.

This is an opportunity to help bring the community together and appreciate our past.

You are welcome to enjoy any of the events and if your group would like to offer an event, contact at us
eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com or (916) 685-8115

For more information on each event so far, visit our home page at elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

2019 History Week Calendar

Saturday, September 21

Plow-To-Plate Dinner (6:00-9:00) \$80 at the museum for the Rhoads School

Sunday, September 22

Pinkerton Picnic in the Park honors EGUSD (12:30-3:00) Free at the museum
Catered food: \$10 adult & \$5 child
LMML Foundation 2019 Annual Performance of Irene West (2:00-5:00) \$25

Monday, September 23

Sloughouse Cemetery Tour – Roberta Tanner (4 pm-dusk) Free

Tuesday, September 24

Franklin Cemetery Tour - Dennis Buscher (4 pm-dusk) Free

Wednesday, September 25

Rhoads School Tour – Roberta Tanner (4 pm-dusk) Free

Thursday, September 26

Old Town Tour – Angi Perry (4:00-dusk) Free at Old Town Plaza

Friday, September 27

Chamber Luncheon (11:30-1:30) w/History Speaker Jim Entircan – Angi Perry \$35 (approx.) at Valley-Hi Country Club

Saturday, September 28

Mahon Ranch Hop & Brew Fest (2:00-8:00) \$40 adult, \$15 under 13 (+ \$10 parking)

Plow to Plate



This is our big dinner and fundraiser that earns us money for scholarships for schools, usually Title I, that can't afford to attend the Rhoads School Living History Program. You would not believe the difference it makes in the lives of these children. Look on our website for details closer to September



This is the 3rd Annual Pinkerton Picnic in the Park where on behalf of the Elk Grove Historical Society local historian Elizabeth Pinkerton honors a local person or group who has contributed to the history in our area. This year she has chosen the Elk Grove Unified School District.



The June 14, 15, 16 Yard Sale held at the museum was another smashing success. For months we have been receiving donations, attending garage and estate sales to find items you might like. It took weeks to set up, but we were proud of our efforts and hope you found some treasures. We think we made about \$8,400.

Society members Dennis Buscher and Susan Saner and their crew took on an estate sale for a historical society member and then split the profits, which our share amounted to about \$4,373. Thank you for all the extra work at an extra event that adds to our finances.





Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



- The school year is over and we already have 23 classes (11 schools) who have reserved dates for the 2019-2020 school year. We expect a good 60 more classes.
- We have had a tremendous response of support for our Living History Program that will allow scholarships to be given to more schools this next year. Our biggest fundraiser for the school will be the Plow To Plate Diner on September 21st. We hope you can attend.
- Repairs have just started on the leaky windows of the school by CSD. Finally!
- Laurel Kipp is being trained as another new docent. She comes highly recommended and will be a welcome member to the highly touted present team.
- The docents had an end of the year meeting and then held a Fire Starter appreciation potluck for these unsung members who get up every morning and start the fire and prepare the school for the day. Thank you so much.

Calendar of Events for July-August 2019

July

July 4: **Independence Day**
 July 6: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**,
 Noon – 4:00
 July 8: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting
 3:00 PM at the Museum
 July 15: EG Historical Society
 NO **General** meeting – Summer break

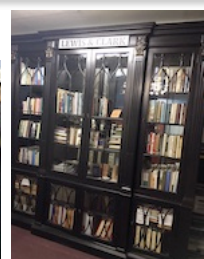
August

Aug 3: Free Museum & Rhoads School Tours,
 Noon – 4:00
 Aug 5: Rhoads School Board Meeting – 9:00 am
 Aug 12: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting
 3:00 PM at the Museum
 Aug 19: EG Historical Society
 No **General** meeting – Summer Break

welcome

New Members

Francisco Del Castello
 Pam Haessig
 Rick & Cece Henderson
 Joan Freedman
 Lynden & Sandi King
 Steve & Ann Sodergren
 Barbara & Natalie Taylor



Over many years the society has received many valuable and wonderful donations to our organization. For the past year we have made a concerted effort to organize, classify, maintain, and care for all the items and it is wonderful. Please know it is a local history resource center that you are welcome to use.



The **Spring Tea** was fabulous! So many bright colors, decorated tables, beautiful ensembles and the food was out of this world. Thank you all who participated. It is estimated we made \$6,710.64.



The final results will arrive later in June from the Big Day of Giving, but we estimated to have garnished about \$7,205 for the Elk Grove Historical Society. A percentage of that was shared with the Rhoads School for scholarships.

Thank you all for your kindness.

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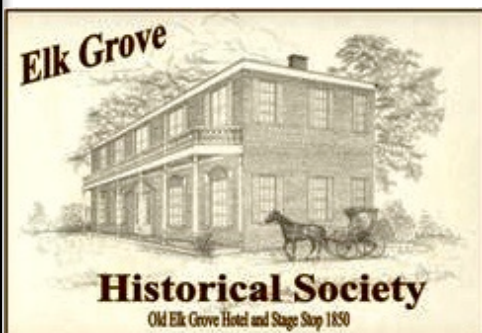
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This year Lions Realty offered a \$5000 grant, which we were awarded. A presentation was required and Dennis Buscher spoke on the restoration efforts of the historical society and Roberta Tanner on the Living History Scholarship Program. Their presentation was well received and the award was shared between the historical society and the scholarship program. Thank you Lions Realty for your generosity.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	May 2019	Apr 2019
General Operating Fund	\$14,289.90	\$1,078.23
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$433.04	transferred
Total Account Balance	\$14,722.94	\$1,078.23
Restoration Accounts:		
General Oprting/Restor Fund	\$16,879.92	\$39,563.83
Wightman Memorial Fund		\$329.46
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$61,505.45	\$61,036.35
Reese School Fund	\$433.55	\$433.55
Total Account Balance	\$228,818.62	\$251,363.19
Real Estate Rental Account	\$12,421.33	\$13,944.99
Museum Store Account:	\$3,771.41	\$2,486.99
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$642.20	\$642.20
Scholarship Fund	\$5,238.66	\$4,620.14
Total Account Balance	\$5,880.86	\$5,262.34
Total	\$265,615.16	\$274,135.74

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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, noon to 4:00 pm.

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): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

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

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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