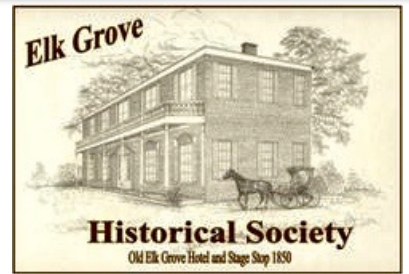


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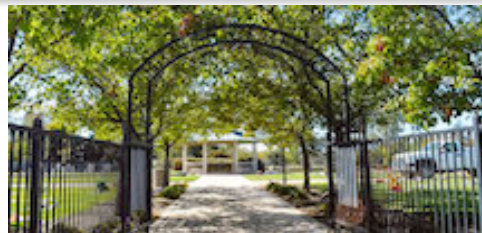
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Inside the Museum Files:

## Hilltop Cemetery

Very beautiful and the most popular cemetery in the six-site Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District is the Hilltop Cemetery (also known as the Odd Fellows Cemetery).

Here is its story.....

A new I.O.O.F. lodge was formed in 1878 and one of the first major projects of the new lodge was to purchase a cemetery site, which they did. The brethren purchased two-and-a-third acres from Mrs. Kent at \$30 an acre on Waterman Road, north of Main Street (now Elk Grove Boulevard). After Harry Wackman passed away on December 14, 1878, he became the first person buried at the cemetery." The Cemetery became part of the EG-Cosumnes Cemetery District in 1951. Since the cemetery wasn't being used, it fell into disrepair and over the years, vandals destroyed and removed headstones. In 1999, the cemetery district was able to financially begin restoration of the cemetery. Before it could be used again, they needed to identify where graves were located. They hired a company that used Ground Penetration Radar (GPR) to locate gravesites. Once that was done the cemetery was restored with many gravestones repaired and remounted. It has been landscaped and once again opened for burial. Presently, Galt resident and Sonoma State graduate Amber Tedrow is writing her masters thesis on the cemetery and will be using updated GPR to determine availability in a site not scanned before in the hopes of opening a new section to be used for burials.

For more information about all the local cemeteries go to our website, [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com). On the Menu to the right look for "HISTORY – Elk Grove" and try our local Elk Grove Cemetery District website at <https://egccd.com>.

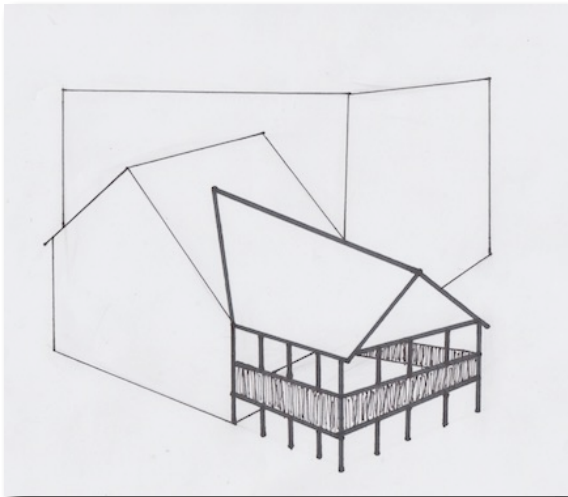


## Big Day of Giving

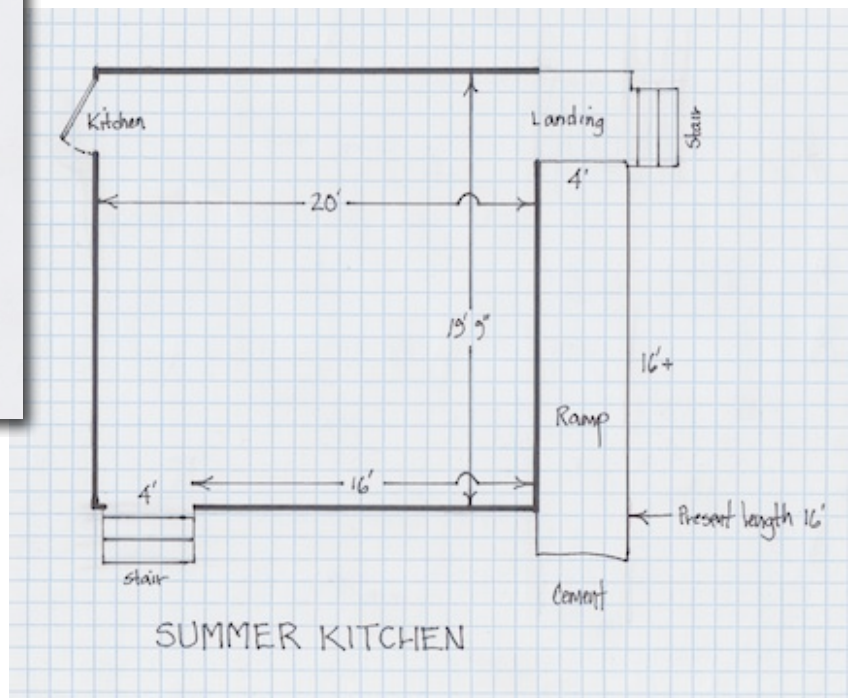
Usually, we host a gathering at the museum where we can process your donation and you are welcome to food trays and visit, but because of the Corona virus, we have canceled our open house at the museum on May 7, the Big Day of Giving. Also, we have had to cancel Early California Days (A free educational event), the Sonoma Bus Trip, the Spring Tea, and the Yard Sale, which were some of our largest fundraisers.

Please consider supporting the Historical Society with this event to help make up for our lost revenue this year. We hope to be back up and running the middle of June. Donations can be made on-line at <http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety> beginning on \*April 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 7<sup>th</sup> or make checks payable to and send to the Elk Grove Historical Society, PO Box 562, Elk Grove, California 96759.

We are raising funds to build a “summer kitchen” off the kitchen on the north side of the museum. This will be reminiscent of how our ancestors survived the hot summers in the valley before electricity and air conditioning. It will also give much needed space when we have indoor functions when we serve food. Also, needed are funds for our scholarship program at the Rhoads School which is \$160 per class for Title I schools. About 25 scholarships are needed per year.



\* For those of you that  
have already donated,  
**THANK YOU**



## September 18, 19, 20

8:00 am – 3:00 pm every day

Due to the Coronavirus we canceled our Yard Sale for June but have rescheduled to September. Thanks to the generosity of our members, our annual Yard Sale gets bigger and better every year! While you are at home, it's not too early to start cleaning out your closets, cupboards and garages to select treasures you no longer use or need for



donation to this year's big 3-day sale September 18, 19, 20. We request **usable items in good condition, nothing broken or with missing pieces, and clean clothing.**

Items you might find to donate include kitchen & tableware; bed, bath & table linens & towels; furniture; wearable clothing & shoes; small appliances; books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records; artwork & frames; décor items; crafts & holiday decorations; children's toys & games; bicycles & scooters; patio furniture; yard & garden equipment.

**Donated items** can be brought to the museum on weekends (Saturday & Sunday) between **8:00 am to 12 noon** starting **August 1 through September 9.**

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 August 15<sup>th</sup> to have large items like pieces of furniture picked up at your location by calling Dennis Buscher at (916) 479-2158. Items we cannot accept include: Used mattresses, bed pillows, couches, over stuffed chairs, baby car seats & strollers; TVs, computers, monitors, printers and stereos.



## Foulks House Dedication

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the museum**

We are hoping that the shelter-in-place restrictions will ease by June and we can re-dedicate the finished remodel of the Foulks House. Dennis Busccher plans on telling the story of this incredible family. Look for confirmation and details on the website or wait for a robocall.





# Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



Sadly, we had to cancel this years living history program due to the Coronavirus situation. It was so sad for us as we think this program has a lasting affect on the children and besides, we really enjoy the experience ourselves. Most schools cancelled on their own, but we wrote letters to all thanking them for participating in the program and hope they return next year.

We have prepared the calendar for the next school year and can accept scheduling whenever teachers decide to give us dates. Hopefully, we will have another 80 classes scheduled, but won't really know how the virus situation will affect the program, but we remain optimistic.

## Calendar of Events for May - June 2020

### May

All events and meetings cancelled,  
except, Thursday, May 7th

### **Big Day of Giving**

24-hour on-line challenge  
(See above)

**Everything is subject to  
change as this situation is  
ongoing. We hope to reopen  
the historical society in June 1,  
so please...**

**Check our Website,  
Emails, and Robocalls for  
possible  
cancellations/changes**

### June

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

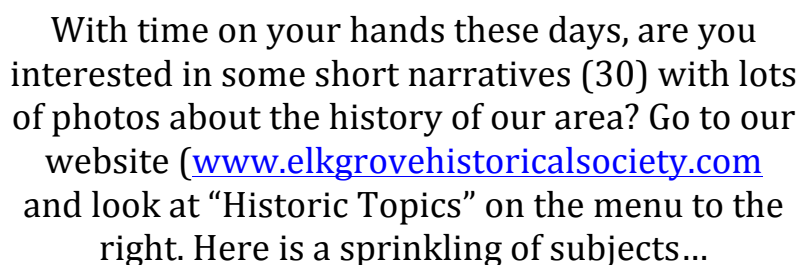
Jun 15: EG Historical Society **General** meeting  
6:00 at the Stage Stop Museum  
**\*Foulks House DEDICATION**



\*Historical Society historian  
Dennis Buscher will be  
dedicating the newly restored  
Foulks House and sharing the  
history of the family. The event  
will be held at the museum.

**(Subject to change.)**



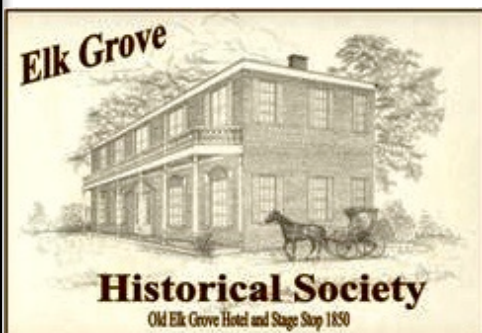


**Other:** Truckadero/Original Perry's, Pollardville, Stagecoach Driver: Charlie Parkhurst, Walking tour of Placerville, Walking Tour of King City



<b>Operating/Restor. Accounts:</b>	<b>Mar 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>
Gnral/Operating/Restor Fund	\$29,571.79	\$38,587.12
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$4,125.51	zero
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$183,697.30</b>	<b>\$188,587.12</b>
<b>Real Estate Rental Account</b>	<b>\$19,239.81</b>	<b>\$18,491.07</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$4,248.95</b>	<b>\$4,249.09</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund	\$485.47	\$501.38
<u>Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>\$6,747.45</u>	<u>\$6,747.45</u>
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$7,232.92</b>	<b>\$7,248.83</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$214,418.98</b>	<b>\$218,576.11</b>

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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](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

Or

[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)

Or

Call 916-685-8115



The Lincoln Highway passed  
through Elk Grove in front of the  
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Stockton Blvd.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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