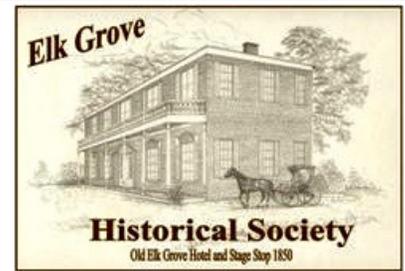


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Inside the Museum Files:

The Tule Horseshoe



In the Rio Vista History Museum is an item called the Tule Shoe. It's a horseshoe designed specifically for the soft fertile peat land formed largely by decaying Tule reeds that characterizes the Delta's agricultural environment.

While the soil is extraordinary fertile, it is also very soft and unstable, making it difficult for large work animals. Horses would become stuck, causing them to panic and thrash and sometimes injure themselves or men working with them. It fell to the Chinese immigrant workers to invent a shoe that would prevent this from happening.

In the late 1800's the first tule shoes were made of ash planks, about 10 inches long and 8 inches wide with thick webbing made from woven tules. These were attached to the horses' front hooves with special studs. The idea was to distribute the weight over a large area, much like snowshoes. Once the horses learned to maneuver these awkward appendages, they could indeed work more efficiently in the soft peat. The design was refined, and an iron shoe, approximately 12 inches across, attached to a regular horseshoe, became the standard.

Interestingly, the Chinese have not always been credited with this invention. White celery farmers in Southern California borrowed the idea for their "peat shoes," but it was the Chinese who originated the design, one of their many contributions to the Delta's agricultural economy.

- Written by Suzanne Goldberg in a 2015 Rio Vista Newsletter

Information for this article was from Richard Steven Street's
Beasts of the field: A Narrative History of California farmworkers, 1769-1913
Stanford University Press, 2004



September 17, 18, 19, 20

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day

Elk Grove Historical Society Museum
9941 East Stockton Boulevard
(Western entrance to the Elk Grove Park)

VOLUNTEERS

The entire Yard Sale fundraiser is hosted by volunteers and we really need your help. If you see any time below you can help, please contact Sally Bergen at (916) 591-5363 or at sallybergen@surewest.net as soon as possible and let her know when you are available.

It would truly be appreciated.

Sorting items on a Tuesday and Wednesday mornings on one or more of these dates between 8 am – 12 noon: 8/25, 8/26, 9/1, 9/2, 9/8 or 9/9.

Setting up items on tables & hang clothing on the 4 days before the actual sale in the morning or afternoon on Mon 9/14, Tues 9/15, or Wed 9/16.

Staffing one of the 4 Sale Days in the morning or afternoon on Thurs 9/17, Fri 9/18, Sat 9/19 or Sun 9/20.

Sally Bergen: (916) 591-5363 or sallybergen@surewest.net – Thank you!

We already have a lot of donations and all is going well...



Already sorted and priced in 40' storage container and waiting for set-up. This is going to be a HUGE sale this year!!!





Rhoads School Report



Well this is a first, there will be “NO” Rhoads School Living History Program offered for the 2020-2021 school year. It is a small building and we can’t guarantee social distancing in what has been prescribed, and of course the school districts aren’t allowing field trips.

It’s a crushing blow to all those who are dedicated to the program and it’s success. Fortunately, it is just a stoppage and in the future when things get back to normal we will continue the program. Meanwhile, we will work to care for the school, make many improvements we have planned (widen the play yard, repair the fencing, etc.) and build up our treasury if we can, to better support the schools that find funding difficult to attend.

We appreciate all who have and continue to support the program. Thank you.

Calendar of Events for September - October 2020

September

Sept 14: EG Historical Society **ZOOM**
Board meeting at 3:00 pm
Sept 17, 18, 19, 20 - **YARD SALE** - 8 am to 2 pm

October

Oct 12: EG Historical Society **ZOOM**
Board meeting at 3:00 pm

Attention: There will be no **1st Saturday Tours** or **General Meetings with speakers** for the remainder of the year. First Saturday tours will return February 6, 2021 and General meetings will return January 18, 2021. Sorry!

Welcome

New Members

Tom & Connie Darr
(Became Lifetime members!)

Stan & Pat Lake
Carol Riley Preszler



FOULKS HOUSE

December 5, 2020

3:00 pm

Mark your calendars!

The historical society and the N.S.G.W. will set a plaque and re-dedicate the Foulks House



Board Meeting

Would you like to be a historical society board member? We will be voting in November and if interested, you need to call our nominating chairman, Jim Entrican (916-761-2225) to express your interest in a position and he can answer questions.

The elected options are President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Correspondence Secretary.

Please give it some consideration. Short candidate Bio's will be presented in the next Newsletter.



On behalf of the Elk Grove Historical Society local historian Elizabeth Pinkerton honors a local person or group each year that has contributed to the history in our area. Due to the current COVID situation it was decided that the next recipient would be decided next September 2021.



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our dear friends and members

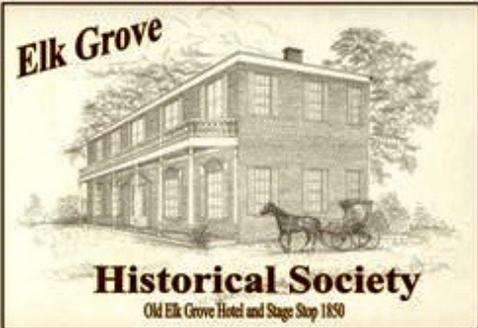
Arnie Adreani
Carol Davis

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	July 2019	Aug 2019
General/Opr/Rest Fund	\$33,128.69	\$36,939.16
Wightman Memorial Fund	zero	\$7,500.00
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Total Account Balance	\$183,128.69	\$194,439.16
Real Estate Rental Account	\$21,443.55	\$22,684.25
Museum Store Account:	\$4,249.23	\$4,007.30
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$501.38	\$501.38
Scholarship Fund	\$8,817.12	\$11,449.12
Total Account Balance	\$9,318.50	\$11,950.50
Total	\$218,139.97	\$233,081.21

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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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New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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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