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## Matters of Interest

### ♦ Docents Needed

If you'd like to help with An Old Fashioned Christmas, volunteering as a docent is a great way to do this. We'll be open more weekends for the holiday exhibit and would appreciate any small amount of time you can spare. Please call 916-685-8115

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## Special Thank You

A special thank you goes out to Arnie Zimbelman who has finished electrifying the last three lights in the museum. We now have period lights throughout. He finished the one in the museum store and the two matching ones in the upstairs hallway. Please be sure to take a look when you come for the Old Fashioned Christmas event.



## The Elk Grove Historical Society Presents An Old Fashioned Christmas



Our Old Fashioned Christmas Event begins Saturday, November 29th. This year we'll have a "Holiday Boutique" which will offer handcrafted, beaded jewelry and craft items for sale and will be open on Saturdays for the entire event. From November 29 through December 21 the museum will be open on Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 8:00 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Santa will be visiting on Saturday, November 29 from 4-7 and Sunday, December 7 from 1-5 pm. The fee to view this spectacular presentation is only \$5 per person, children under 12 are free. We again have many talented decorators, Sasha Gareau of One to Another, Patricia Taylor of Patricia Taylor Interior

Design, Julie Garcia of Decorator's Daughters Inc, Jeanne Marie Takunaga of Camellia Interiors, Neoma Yount of Yount Interiors, Angela Berner, Steve Lambert, Lesa Hummel and Jeff Russell. We are looking forward to this special event and hope to see you there!

Our Black Tie & Santa Event is scheduled for Friday, November 28, 2008 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum, located at 9941 East Stockton Blvd. Tickets are \$25 per person to spend an elegant evening with wine, caviar, chocolate, good friends and of course, Santa! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, contact Jeanette Lawson at 685-8810 or e-mail [msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net).



## A Message from Society President Anita Peters

**T**hank you I would like to take this time to thank all the members of the board and all the volunteers who have helped me during the last three years. Nothing would have been accomplished without your help and support and you all made my job easier. I won't name individuals as not only would the list be too long, but I would be sure to leave someone off. I would also like to thank my family, especially my husband, who put up with all the missed meals and missed times together because of my commitments as president. There has been a lot accomplished over the last three years but there still is much left to do. I hope all the board members and volunteers who helped me out so much will continue to help Jim as he takes over the job as president of the Society.

## Members Corner

### ◆ Newsletter Delivery Options

#### 1. Mail Delivery

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#### 2. E-mail Delivery

Have the newsletter sent to you as a PDF file (which you may print) via e-mail.

If you'd like it sent by e-mail (we're trying to go green, maybe save a tree), just send an e-mail to [bclaire@frontiernet.net](mailto:bclaire@frontiernet.net) with the subject line as "e-mail newsletter".

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### ◆ Event Notification

If you'd like to receive notification of Historical Society Events by e-mail (some have already received flyers this way), please send an e-mail to [bclaire@frontiernet.net](mailto:bclaire@frontiernet.net).

### Welcome to our New Members

John & Judy Semas

Yuvonne Johnson

### Attention Members:

We're using e-mail more and more to send members news about special events and even the newsletter. We would like to update our e-mail listings, as many come back as undeliverable. Please update and send your e-mail address to [bclaire@frontiernet.net](mailto:bclaire@frontiernet.net). Thank you.

## Calendar of Events for December 2008

Special Note: No Board Meeting in December  
No General Meeting in December

November 29: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm, Santa visits 4-7 pm  
November 30: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 pm  
December 1: Planning Meeting 7:00 pm at 7432 Abbey Circle, Elk Grove  
December 5: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 6: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 7: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 pm, Santa visits 2-5 pm  
December 12: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 13: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 14: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 pm  
December 19: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 20: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-8 pm  
December 21: An Old Fashioned Christmas, 1-5 pm  
December 25: Happy Holidays to all our members!



## Planning Meeting for 2009

Jim and Annaclare Entrican will host our 2009 planning meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm. We will have hot cider, coffee & snacks, and discuss our ideas and goals for the year and confirm the chairman for the fund raising events. The elected officers, the current board of directors and other members wishing to help the Society next year are invited. Non members who would like to commit their time to the society are also welcome. Location: 7432 Abbey Circle located in Del Webb off of Bruceville Road between Elk Grove Blvd and Poppy Ridge Road.



## Museum Exhibit for 2009

The 2009 Exhibit will open February 7, 2009 at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum (9941 East Stockton Blvd). The exhibit will showcase area churches and organizations, especially those established before 1950.

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## Luttig Memorial Garden Update

When Henry Luttig, Jr. (5/15/1922 - 9/13/1994) died, the family requested that memorials be made to the Elk Grove Historical Society for a memorial garden for the Luttig Family. The Luttig family history in the Elk Grove area began in 1882 when Frank Luttig bought the general merchandise store in Franklin and moved to Franklin with his young child (Henry Sr.) and his niece, Bernardine Hoffknecht. Frank's wife, Meta Sprock Luttig had died in 1879.

It has taken this long to get the yard at Heritage Park designed so a portion of it could be dedicated for this memorial garden. The final steps required approval by the Historical Society Board, Cosumnes CSD and the City of Elk Grove, all of which have some control over what is done on the Historical Society grounds.

The garden is on a slope area, so a retaining wall is being built on each side of the decomposed pathway that will curve through the middle of the garden. The north

side of the garden will be a fragrance garden, inspired by the fragrance garden in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The south side of the garden will be a rose garden.

Most of the work in constructing and planting the garden will be done by family members so the donated \$1,250 will be stretched as far as it can go. So far, there have been 72 donated hours spent on the construction of the groundwork of the garden. The work is being done in phases, the first phase is the topography of the garden. The next phase will be installing the underground pipe for the sprinkler system. The third phase will be bringing in compost to spade into the soil and planting mix to fill in where additional soil is needed. At the same time, the decomposed granite will be brought in for the pathway. The fourth phase will be planting, hopefully the fragrance garden this year (if the plants are available), with the rose garden being planted when the bare root roses are available in February, 2009. The fifth and final phase will be the addition of cement benches in the garden.

Anyone wishing to donate time in putting in the garden are encouraged to call Dennis Buscher at 714-2355.

## Archivist Report

The Elk Grove Unified School District is celebrating it's 50 anniversary and the Historical Society has prepared a second exhibit for their display case in the district office. The theme of this exhibit was a family tree of all the school districts that came together in 1959 to form the Elk Grove Unified School District. We created the family tree and then found pictures of as many of the old schools as we could to make our display. If you are in the area and have the time, please stop by and take a look. The district office is located at 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Rd. The display will be available for viewing for the months of November and December.



## Luttig Memorial Garden In progress!



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### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

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