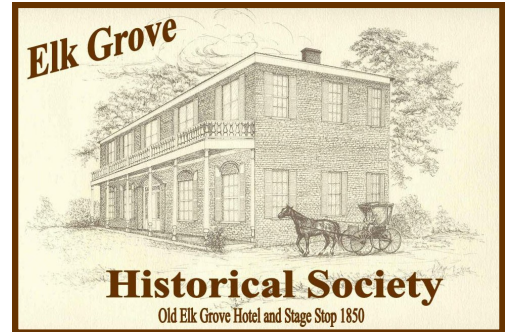


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A Message From the President



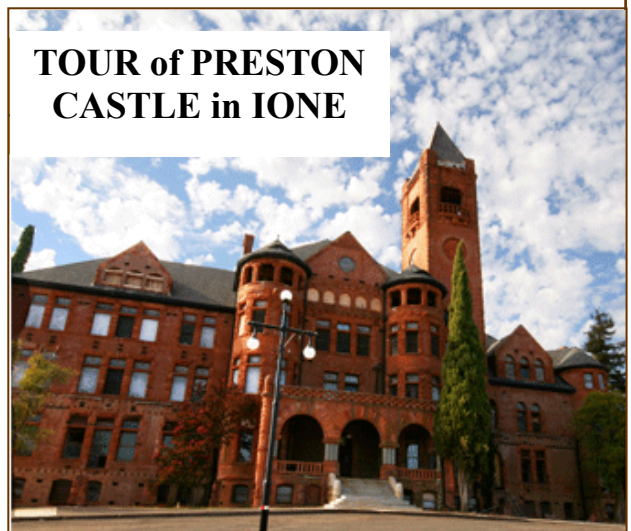
Elk Grove Historical Society Tour Preston Castle and Daffodil Hill March 25, 2010

The Elk Grove Historical Society is proud to offer a private tour of the famous Preston Castle in Ione on Thursday, March 25. The bus tour will leave the Historical Society's parking lot located at 9941 East Stockton Blvd at 9 AM and returning at 5 PM. The cost is \$45 per person. After our visit to Preston our bus will go to Sutter Creek where we will walk the street in search of a no-host lunch and spend time in the shops. Daffodil Hill, with all its glory, will be our final destination, rounding out a day of adventure and beauty.

The Preston Castle stands on a 230-acre parcel of land purchased from the Ione Coal & Iron Company for \$30 per acre with 100 acres donated. The cornerstone was laid on December 23, 1890 with 2,500 people in attendance. The building is the most significant example of Romanesque Revival architecture in the Mother Lode. The land was purchased to house the Preston School of Industry, established by the State Legislature as a progressive action toward rehabilitating, rather than simply imprisoning, juvenile offenders.



Daffodil Hill



For ticket information contact Lorraine Croup at (916) 683-6893, mail your checks made out to Elk Grove Historical Society, P.O. Box 562, Elk Grove, CA 95759



Calendar of Events for March and April 2010

March 6, 2010— Our Museum and Heritage Park will be open from 12 noon to 4 PM. The Sloughhouse exhibit plus all our rooms decorated with antiques from our past are waiting for your visit.

March 8, 2010—EGHS Board Meeting 4 PM, Hotel & Stage Stop Museum, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove.

March 15, 2010—General Meeting with Alton Pryor, author of 19 books on California and Western History, who will give a talk on Joaquin Murrieta. Was he a real live person, or is he just a myth of Mexican and Historical folklore? Come and see.

March 25, 2010—Bus Tour to Preston Castle - formerly the Preston Boys School (Prison). Departs from museum parking lot at 9 AM, returning at 5 PM. No-host lunch in Sutter Creek and a visit to Daffodil Hill

April 12, 2010—EGHS Board Meeting 4 PM, Hotel & Stage Stop Museum, 9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove.

April 19, 2010—General Meeting (More information will be available in the April newsletter).



Rhoads School
Established 1872

RHOADS SCHOOL REPORT—Frances Fite

If you should walk through Elk Grove Park almost any morning you might see a group of young children dressed in the style of the 1890s, playing with hoops, jump ropes, or jacks, or lining up for the Flag Salute.

The Rhoads School is back in full activity following the 'winter break' of November, December, and January. Especially during March, April, and May, the school classes are scheduled almost daily to 'go to school like children of long ago'. They arrive from their home school about 9:00 a.m. and are greeted by the schoolmarm in her long skirt and high-necked blouse on the front porch of the school. They recite their Flag Salute and begin a school experience that so far they have only been studying about. The lessons have different emphases. Hygiene, Manners, and Calligraphy are there along with Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. One of the most popular is the Spelling Bee, that pits the boys against the girls, where the last one standing is the best Class Speller.

Recess is learning new games such as Flying Dutchman and Two Deep. A big challenge is flipping a small wooden ball attached to a string into a hand-held cup. (This is one that I've never been able to master.) Lunch time brings out buckets or cloth bags holding food. There was no such thing as a plastic baggy in the 1890s.

The children learn a lot, enjoy their day, and really never forget what it was like so long ago.



VICTORIAN TEA—May 8

You will find in this newsletter a separate sheet announcing the annual Victorian Tea. The date is set, and the enclosed sheet has a cut-off section on which you can send your reservation. Reservations for Society members will be \$25, and will open on March 1. For the general public reservations will open on April 1.

The Tea will be on May 8, the day before Mother's Day, and will be celebrated among the trees and flowers outside the Stage Stop Hotel. We will be beautifully entertained by Steve Swan, singing songs that Frank Sinatra sang so many years ago. There will be a Silent Auction as part of the Tea's activities. If you have any items or creations that you would like to donate, please call Sandra Murray Silva at 682-1244.



BUS TOUR TO FILOLI GARDENS—Tuesday, April 13

The Gardeners of the Grove have invited the EGHS to join them on a tour of Filoli Gardens in Woodside. This estate is located 30 miles south of San Francisco and has incredibly beautiful gardens. The cost is \$45 and includes bus fare, gratuity, admission, tour, morning coffee and pastries. A no-host lunch will be available at Filoli Café or you can bring a sack lunch to eat on the bus.

The bus will leave at 8 AM from 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. (Pizza Bell parking lot corner of Elk Grove Blvd and Emerald Vista Drive behind Shell Station). Bus will return at 6 PM. **For more information and a bus tour application, call Diana Raymond at 685-3886.**



Membership Dues are Due: Please use the Membership Renewal Form found in this newsletter to keep your membership current.

EGHS Treasurer, Dr. Phil Minghetti, is delighted to present the **Treasury Report for February 8, 2010**. The Grand Total for all accounts is broken down as follows:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$1,621.61
Generations Fund	420.00
Wightman Fund	412.45
General Restoration Fund	19,195.40
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$353.60
Museum Store	1,430.62
Time Capsule Fund	500.00
Subtotal	\$23,933.68
Rhoads School Account	
Operating Fund	\$376.06
Scholarship Fund	2,444.30
Wright Memorial Fund	2,420.00
Subtotal	\$5,240.36
Grand Total of All Accounts	\$29,174.04

Treasures from Our Past

By Jim Entrican

Sarah Pierce Rhoads Daylor Grimshaw

Sarah was born 28 Jan 1830 in Edgar County, MO and crossed the plains with the Donner Party in 1846. Arriving Sutters Fort in October ahead of the ill fated Donners, the family settled at Dry Creek (Galt). William Robinson Grimshaw and Sarah (Rhoads) Daylor were married in April 1851, about six months after Sarah's first husband, William Daylor, died of cholera. They had 12 children and raised them all in Sloughhouse. Sarah's husband died in 1881, and she remained on the homestead surrounded by a large family. In 1898 she and her sister Catherine went to Lemoore to visit her twin brother William who passed away just one week before Sarah. Catherine brought Sarah back to Sloughhouse for burial in the family plot and gave the purse that Sarah had with her on the trip to her son



Frederick. This is the same purse, and the money in it has remained to this day and passed down three generations.

If you would like to share an item for our newsletter, please send a picture (copy rather than original) and a short description of the item and what it means to you to Brookelea Lutton at blutton2@surewest.net. Or, mail to Brookelea at 9750 Parktree Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Send a SASE for return of the picture.

EGHS Board Meeting Minutes—February 8, 2010

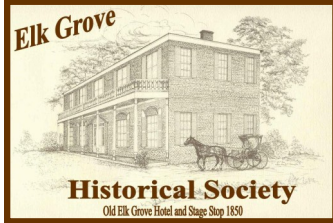
- **Call to order: Jim Entrican**
Minutes of the January Board Meeting were read and approved by the Board. Treasurer's Report was read and approved by the Board.
 - **Committee Reports:**
Lucille Christesen reported that the next General Meeting of the Historical Society will be on February 15 at Logan's Roadhouse.
 - **Old Business:**
 - (1) The Time Capsule project has received \$500 in sponsorships.
 - (2) Discussion on the fence for the Hotel. Jim Entrican contacted three companies for bids. Board decided on bid from Borg Fence and Deck. Fence will be built in two phases, the first phase: the front of the hotel facing the parking lot, and the second phase: the side of the hotel facing the freeway. Lorraine Croup made a motion to pay for the first phase of the fence, seconded by Joyce Amundson and approved by the Board.
 - (3) Lorraine will send out dues letters.
 - **New Business:**
 - (1) Jeannette reported on plans for a second annual Phantom Ball. Sarah Johnson made a motion to support this plan, seconded by Brookelea Lutton and approved by the Board.
 - (2) Lorraine reported on a Spring Bus Tour to Preston School, Sutter Creek and Daffodil Hill.
 - (3) Cynthia and Dorothy Hrepich reported on the Spring Tea, including a Frank Sinatra imitator as the entertainer.
 - (4) Phil Teeters reported on progress in planning the Kitchen Garden for the hotel grounds in the Spring.
 - (5) The Board discussed coming events in March and April.
- President Jim Entrican adjourned the meeting.

Research Library

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