

A publication by the Elk Grove Historical Society, representing the communities of Elk Grove, Wilton, Sheldon, Franklin, Bruceville, Point Pleasant and Sloughhouse.

Inside the Museum Files

"MIDWIVES"



In the late 70's, Florence Markofer wrote an article called *Elk Grove Medical Men*. It is reprinted on the <u>elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com</u> under Elk Grove History. Many photos have been added and it tells an interesting story of early medicine in Elk Grove. Midwives is one aspect of the article.

"In very early times, expectant mothers depended on the service of a kindly neighbor. One quite famous lady was so skillful that she acted as a midwife, a profession, and proudly declared that she "borned" hundreds. (I was one.) She was **Granny Witt.** It was her custom to come assist at the birth and remain to care for mother, child and household until the mother could take over. There were likely others but Granny Witt is the best known. Her home on Main Street has been renovated, remodeled and is now the home of the Dinkins family." (Actually, it is now known as the Mystical Celtic Heart).

"In later years, **Miss Agnes Baker** (a practical nurse) performed much the same service. When my first baby was born in 1920, she came and assisted the doctor at the birth. Miss Baker stayed a week or ten days caring for me and the baby, instructing me in the care, taking care of the house and cooking until I could cope. Later still, instead of coming to the house she took the expectant mother into her home on Second Avenue, caring for mother and child there."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Historical Society Members.

I can't believe it is March 2022 already. We look forward to getting back to some semblance of normal. That includes our upcoming events like Civil War Days, Big Day of Giving, the Spring Tea and Yard Sale. Things are looking better as we go to print.

I want to share with you that we recently had a person break in the Elk Grove House one day. The person spent time in some rooms and in the complex. She was found and was asked to leave the premises. A law enforcement report was filed. Needless to say, we were extremely surprised with this illegal entry. As a result, we are taking more steps to increase security and safety measures. These include considering additional alarms, cameras and locking facilities while we work as volunteers. We try to have two people or more working together whenever possible. At the same time, we keep buildings locked unless being used. These are necessary adjustments for everyone as they are important for our members and the public. Thank you for understanding the situation and why we are making security changes.

We can't wait to see you in the near future at our events and activities.

Sincerely,

Ken Miller, President

MARK YOUR CALENDERS for HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Civil War Days - April 30th & May 1st Big Day of Giving - May 5 at the museum
Spring Tea - May 7th Always the Saturday before Mother's Day at the museum
Yard Sale - Donation dates for the Yard Sale: May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 & June 4-5 at the museum
Elk Grove Historical Society-Elizabeth Pinkerton History Award - September sometime
Hop and Brew Fest - September sometime at the Mahon Ranch
Black Tie & Santa - Last Sunday (of November) before Old Fashion Christmas tours begin
An Old Fashion Christmas - December for 3 weekends before Christmas
First Saturday Tours - Held 9 months of the year (No January, November or December)
General Meeting Speakers - Third Monday of 8 months of the year (January, February, March, April, May,
June, September and October) Bus Trips - Haven't scheduled any for 3 years
Dedication or celebration - Occasional, depending on many factors

Elk Grove Historic Museum - open Saturday, Mar 5th

After being closed for a few months, the Elk Grove Historical Society Museum, "Elk Grove House & Stage House" will be open Saturday, Mar 5th from 12 noon to 4 PM for free self-guided tours; free guided tours will be given at 1:30 and 2:30 lasting approximately 1 hour. The museum is the first site of Elk Grove in 1850, now furnished in the circa 1890. The special exhibit this year features the life of Anabel Brady Gage through her quilt collection. Additionally, the restoration of the 1853 Foulks house on the museum grounds has been completed and is open for visitors. New this year is the recently constructed Summer Kitchen that is typical of what many of the local ranches had in the early 1900's to make living in this hot valley a little more bearable during the summer months.

The museum is located at 9941 East Stockton Blvd, EG 95624.



Saturday April 30, 2022
Sunday May 1, 2022
At the
Mahon Ranch
10171 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624



Photos courtesy of Dr. Martin

Saturday: April 30, 9 am - 5 pm

Dress Parade 10 am Battle Scenarios 12:30 pm & 3:00 pm

Sunday: May 1, 9 am – 3 pm

Church Service 10 am Battle Scenario 12:30 pm

Additional Information & Tickets Purchase on website:

www.CWDElkGrove.com

General Admission = \$10 Child Admission: 10 and under = \$5
Rain or shine the battle will go on!

Presented by: The Elk Grove Historical Society, the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation, the Mahon Ranch and the Native Sons of the Golden West For Information Call 916-761-2225 Jim Entrican





<u>MARK YOUR CALENDERS</u> for 2022 GENERAL SESSION MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM!

(These history presentations are to learn about the rich history of our Elk Grove community. They are an hour of amazing people sharing what they know with a power point presentation, a lecture and often several artifacts. Please consider coming to see for yourself! Presentations are scheduled for 6:30 PM, the third Monday of each month, at the Presbyterian Church (8153 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite 50. Directions: Drive north onto Big Horn Blvd. and it's behind the Chevron Station.

It is always free, open to the public and we have snacks.)

General Session Meeting Speakers

<u>January 17</u> – No general meeting – due to COVID guidelines <u>February 21</u> – No general meeting – due to COVID guidelines

March 21 - Dr. Oscar Mix family - "The Mix Family and Stories of Olden Elk Grove"

<u>April 18</u> – Douglas Hsai - "Locke and the Chinese Community"

May 16 - Marjorie Jones & Beth Hedlands - "The Strauss Story and a Behind the Scenes Look"

June 20 - Dave Lema - "Elk Grove Southeast Asia Story"

<u>July</u> – No general meeting - Summer recess

<u>August</u> – No general meeting – Summer recess

September 19 - Dan Tarnasky & Janis Barsetti - "Galt History

October 17 - Jonathan Lambdin - "The Elk Grove Cemeteries"

<u>November</u> – General Session Election of Officers

<u>December</u> – Holiday Break

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Oscar grew up in Elk Grove and has many stories to share about all those old days when many of us grew up. Hopefully, you didn't have to meet his father Judge Mix who handled many of the citations and law breakers in the area. It will be a fascinating evening with many stories and experiences we can all relate to.



April 18 - Douglas Hsai - "Locke and the Chinese Community"



The small town of Locke, sitting alongside the Sacramento River near Walnut Grove has been a local destination for many years and is filled with Chinese history. The town has a museum, many quaint shops, and the well-known and popular "Al The Wops" restaurant. We are fortunate to have long time Locke resident and



historian Douglas Hsia speak on the Chinese culture and its history in Locke. The free, hour-long event will take place Monday evening, April 18, 2022, at 6:30 at the Presbyterian Church at 8153 Elk Grove Boulevard, Suite-50, Elk Grove, 95758 (That's the NW corner of Big Horn, behind the Chevron Station). It will be hosted by the Elk Grove Historical Society and is part of their monthly speaker series. We have refreshments and hope you will attend.



Stage Stop Spotlight

(Welcome to our new feature, highlighting the connection someone has with the history of Elk Grove). We are searching for our next spotlight!

SUSAN SANER

Elk Grove native, Susan Saner, is passionate about antiques and preserving the history of her hometown.

Susan's been volunteering with the Elk Grove Historical Society for approximately five years. She works

alongside Dennis Buscher on the annual yard sale, held in June. She also runs the Museum's Store with her sister, Annaclare Entrican.

Susan shares her love of antique shopping with her late father, Herman, a passion cultivated on Sunday trips to the Folsom Boulevard Flea Market in Sacramento. "He and I would look for stuff, while my mother would sit in the car people watching. And then we would go have breakfast. That got me going." Among her favorite finds: Bakelite jewelry and green Depression glass.

When she is not volunteering with the Elk Grove Historical Society, Susan can be found hunting for antique treasures at yard and estate sales. You can find her selling her wares the second Sunday of every month at the Sacramento Antique Faire currently located at Sleep Train Arena. She also sells at Alameda Point in Alameda once a month and the Petaluma Antique Faire twice a year.

Susan worked in finance in Sacramento, San Francisco and Chicago before returning to Elk Grove in 1996 to



help her siblings, Annaclare and Daylor, care for her parents. Preserving the history of Elk Grove is important, but that is not the only things that keeps her going. "I really enjoy the people and raising money."

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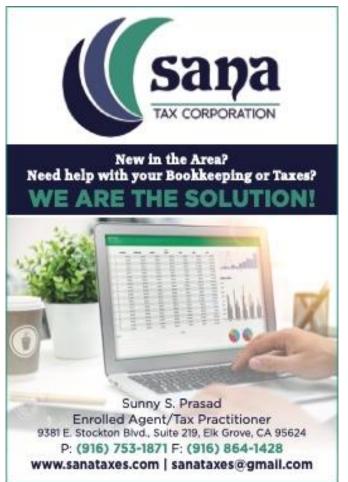
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YARD SALE DONATIONS

Donations for the yard sale will be accepted at The Elk Grove Historical Society Museum from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM On the following weekends:

May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 & June 4-5

Household items, vintage & antiques, glass, crystal, china, linens, jewelry, clothing, books, small appliances, toys, tolls, holiday decorations, garden items, etc.

All items must be clean and in working order—no electronics, televisions or particle board furniture.

9941 East Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624 - Phone: 916-685-8115

Thank you and we look forward to your joining us!



Rhoads School Report

by Director Roberta Tanner



Sadly, local school districts still have restrictions, but this gives private and religious schools better options and flexibility to schedule for prime dates. We have currently scheduled 20 classes. Things are going well. Some of our long-time docents have retired and we are in need and willing to train new volunteers. Please contact Director Roberta Tanner (9160 214-8345) if you are interested.

Calendar of Events for January - February 2022

March

Mar. 5 EGHS Museum open for self-guided tours

& 6 (part of the free County Museum Day)

Mar. 14 EG Historical Society **Board** meeting 3:00 PM at the Museum

Mar. 21 EGHS General Session Meeting at the Presbyterian Church as usual. Doors open at 6:00 pm and presentation starts at 6:30

Dr. Oscar Mix will speak on The Mix Family and Stories of Olden Elk Grove. (*Bio Pg. 5*)

April

Apr. 11 EG Historical Society **Board** meeting

3:00 PM at the Museum

Apr. 18 EGHS General Session Meeting at the

Presbyterian Church as usual. Doors open at 6:00 pm and presentation starts at 6:30.

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Daniel & Vivian Ming

Larkin (Morse) Penrose

Barbara Walters

Kristin Zanzi

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Account:	January 2022	February 2022
General/Operating/Restoration Funds	\$72,222.74	\$77,097.35
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$12,099.98	\$10,637.64
Library Digitizing Project	\$101.33	\$101.33
Total Operating Account Balance	\$84,424.05	\$87,836.32
Real Estate Rental Account	\$34,987.91	\$36,433.90
Museum Store Account:	\$5,017.02	<u>\$5,766.12</u>
Rhoads School Account Balances:		
Operating Fund	\$313.41	\$313.41
Scholarship Fund	\$13,106.02	\$13,106.02
Total Rhoads School Account	\$13,419.43	\$13,419.43
Total of All Accounts	\$137,848.41	\$143,455.77

COME JOIN US! Meet wonderful friends, enjoy and participate in great activities all year long!

The Stage Stop Gazette **Elk Grove Historical Society**P.O. Box 562 Elk Grove, CA 95759



Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum Is located at 9941 East Stockton Boulevard Adjacent to the west entrance to the Elk Grove Regional Park

Our Phone: (916) 685-8115

Our E-mail:

eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

Our Website:

www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

There are over fifty local history subjects listed on our website to peruse.

The museum is open for FREE tours

every first Saturday of the month
between 12:00 to 4:00.

The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



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