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## Inside the Museum Files



## **“ELK GROVE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA”**

Passage of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act in 1917 not only provided federal funds to states for high school courses in vocational education (agriculture/family and consumer sciences/trades/industries, etc.) but it also led to the idea for an organization that is known today as the National FFA Organization.

Elk Grove FFA chapter was founded in 1929 with twelve members. In its early years, Elk Grove FFA had a reputation of producing outstanding young farmers who returned to the family farm. In the last thirty years, the program's emphasis has been on developing students' leadership skills, community service involvement, personal growth and career success in whatever occupation they choose to pursue. Within the previous 5 years, over 90% of AG Department graduates have continued onto college.

Within the previous thirty years, Elk Grove FFA has consistently been one of the top 5 chapters in the state of California! This is measured by the academic success of students as well as awards won by students and teachers in the department. Total State FFA Degree recipients – 1255, State Proficiency Awards – 39, American Farmer Degree recipients – 129 and State Championship Teams – 74! Elk Grove FFA holds the record for the number of State Degrees in one year (2006-2007) – 80! Elk Grove FFA has also produced over 20 State Degree recipients for 20 consecutive years! EG FFA has had a State Championship Team for 13 consecutive years! Go to the Elk Grove Future Farmers of America website (<http://www.elkgroveffa.com/>) for much more history and enjoy the read!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Historical Society Members:

We are operational and have had our first General Session meeting with Dr. Oscar Mix! Fifty-one attendees were present that night. Be sure to attend the next presentation by Douglas Hsai about "Locke and the Chinese Community". The next 60 plus days we will be very busy with Civil War Days, Big Day of Giving, the Spring Tea and the Annual Yard Sale. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events. Remember you can always volunteer for any of these activities, so volunteer your time and energy

Our Facilities Management Team, led by David Chalmers, continues to make necessary maintenance projects a high priority. Check out the hand railing on the porch of the Elk Grove House. A railing for the Foulks House is planned. They had a Boy Scout Troop put a railing on the stage. Repairs inside the kitchen were made. Look up and you may see them. The basement ceiling is getting finished to cover-up openings necessary for sprinkler installation. Watch for a new Blacksmith Statue to stand on the slab by the Blacksmith Shop. Be sure to tell David Chalmers, John Frassetto, Bob Gorton, Jim Entrican, John Ross and Jim Pollick that you appreciate their significant amount of time on our behalf. Thanks Guys! We also welcome Pat Lake to our Elk Grove Society Board!

Mark your calendars for the next event you wish to attend. 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 1<sup>st</sup> at Mahon Ranch

**Big Day of Giving** - May 5 at the museum

**Spring Tea** - May 7<sup>th</sup> Always the Saturday before Mother's Day at the museum

**Yard Sale Donation dates:** May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 & June 4-5 at the museum

**Yard Sale** will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 8 months of the year (January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October)

**Bus Trips** - Haven't scheduled for 3 years

**Dedication or celebration** - Occasional, depending on many factors



# Civil War Days

**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.CWDElkJGrove.com](http://www.CWDElkJGrove.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



**Thursday, May 5th**

**Big  
Day of  
Giving**  
MAY 5



A 24-hour online challenge. Donate at:  
<http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety>

The museum will be open between 10:00 am to 3:00  
pm for snacks and to help with your donations.  
Strauss dancers will perform at 11:00 and 2:00



## Thursday, May 5

Make your donation online at

<http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety>

or

This year, the Elk Grove Historical Society is partnering with  
The Strauss Festival to host the Big Day of Giving 24-hour online  
challenge from

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Museum**

The Strauss dancers will be doing demonstrations (Performances  
from 11:00 AM hourly). There will be beverages, indoor  
packaged snacks and computers available where we can help you  
with your donations if you choose.



**SOLD OUT!**

**SORRY** but we thank all

who are coming and expect

a fabulous afternoon!

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

#### **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**

**January 17** – ~~No general meeting~~ – due to COVID guidelines

**February 21** – ~~No general meeting~~ – due to COVID guidelines

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

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

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

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

**July** – ~~No general meeting~~ – Summer recess

**August** – ~~No general meeting~~ – Summer recess

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

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

**November** – General Session Election of Officers

**December** – Holiday Break





Elk Grove Historical Society  
**YARD SALE DONATIONS**

Donations for the sale will be accepted at the EG Historical museum from  
9 am – 2 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, tools, holiday decorations, garden items, etc. All items must be clean & in working order. No electronics, televisions, or particle board furniture.

The sale will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

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# 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!

Jeanette was born in Long Beach, California. She is one of eight children born to Orville and Mary Regan Gilbert. Both her parents were born in Southern California and her mother's line goes all the way back to the "gold rush." When she was 16 years old, her family moved from Southern California to the Sacramento area. She has lived in Elk Grove for 36 years. She is married to Ken Lawson, has two children, Erin and Jeffrey, and four grandchildren. Her family is very important to her!

Jeanette worked as a supervisor for the State Department of Real Estate. After receiving her teaching credential, she obtained a teaching position at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. Almost 25 years ago, when her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class presented a book



## Jeanette Lawson

that they had

written on the Pleasant Grove Cemetery to the Historical Society, Jeanette began volunteering. Her current position in the Historical Society is that of treasurer and chairperson for the Black Tie & Santa Gala. She loves the friendships she has made with the other volunteers at the Society.

Jeanette's passion is genealogy. For the last 25 years she has researched every line of her family tree. Having realized that it would be difficult to pass down all the information she gathered, Jeanette decided to write several books on the history of her family. She is just now completing her 7<sup>th</sup> book. These books have been made available to her children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews.





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## GIRL SCOUT TROOP'S WORK IN PROGRESS

Rosemarie Miller shares the Girl Scout troop who planted a beautiful vegetable garden, from seeds, along with colorful flowers. How fun it will be to watch them grow! "The girls were so excited, as were we", says Rosemarie! The troop consists of Daisies, Brownies and Girls Scouts. Next month, we will highlight our second troop. Thanks to the Girl Scout Troops!







## 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

#### May

**Apr. 30 – May 1:** Civil War Days  
**May 5:** Big Day of Giving  
**May 7:** Spring Tea 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the Museum  
**May 16:** EGHS General Session Meeting at the Presbyterian Church as usual. Doors open at 6:00 pm and presentation starts at 6:30 PM.  
**May 14 – 29:** Yard Sale donations accepted at EGHS Museum.

#### June

**June 23 – 26th:** – Yard Sale  
**June 20:** EGHS General Session Meeting at the Presbyterian Church as usual. Doors open at 6:00 pm and presentation starts at 6:30 PM.



*Jim Pollick*

*Dina & Gary  
 Withrow*

### Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

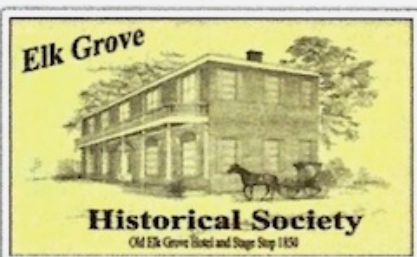
<u>Operating Account:</u>	<u>March 2022</u>	<u>April 2022</u>
General/Operating/Restoration Funds	\$75,673.20	\$76,680.16
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$ 9,815.98	\$ 3,006.96
Library Digitizing Project	\$101.33	\$101.33
<b><u>Total Operating Account Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$85,590.51</u></b>	<b><u>\$79,788.45</u></b>
<b><u>Real Estate Rental Account</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,429.07</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,429.07</u></b>
<b><u>Museum Store Account:</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,591.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,591.97</u></b>
<b><u>Rhoads School Account Balances:</u></b>		
Operating Fund	\$313.41	\$263.74
Scholarship Fund	\$12,967.37	\$12,967.37
<b><u>Total Rhoads School Account</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,280.78</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,231.11</u></b>
<b><u>Total of All Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>\$140,892.33</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,040.60</u></b>

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



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[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://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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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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_____ 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
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