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Inside the Museum Files:

Librarian Harriet G. Eddy



Miss Eddy was born in Lexington, Michigan, in 1876, obtained her teaching credential, and started her teaching career in Montana. In 1906 she came to California and was appointed principal of Elk Grove High School. She served as the first female principal in the State of California for four years. Unfortunately, students had to attend Sacramento High School for one more year to be accredited. The first year she was able to get the 4 senior students accredited. In the second year the attendance doubled. In her third year she was able to get EGHS accredited by meeting educational criteria and developing a library. The library was in an area of the school until it got so big that the (W.C.T.U.) Women's Christian Temperance Union donated a room in their building next door (Present day Grange Hall where a plaque is displayed on an outside wall.) and Miss Eddy used her \$5 monthly pay as custodian to procure tables and chairs. Miss Eddy developed a library system that was noticed by State Librarian James L. Gillis and she was asked to join his staff. For the next nine years she organized library systems in 40 of the 48 counties in California. She excelled and became a professor and retired in 1941, but not before she was invited to the Soviet Union as a consultant to the Ministry of Education in 1927. She spent ten months working out a program for their unification, modeled after the system she developed in the USA. She did the same for Yugoslavia. After retirement, she supported any organization purposed to bring peace between all nations. She died in 1966 in Napa at 90 years old. It is unmeasurable the influence she has had in educations, not only here, but in the world.

2022 Board of Directors Officer Elections



The 2022 Nomination Committee is happy to introduce their candidates for the six elected Board of Director positions for the Calendar year 2023. The election vote count and results announcement will take place at Ray Bayles' "Old Town Creations" (8739 Elk Grove Blvd.) on Monday, November 21st at 6:30. Ballots were sent to every member in the newsletter. Mail them by Wednesday, November 16th to the Elk Grove Historical Society, P.O. Box 562, EG. 95757 or hand carry them to the store on the 21th.

Please join us for the vote count, cake, and hot apple cider!

We list the candidates here, but if you are interested in a more in-depth bio of each candidate go to our website, elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com and see what they have submitted.

The following is the slate of candidates for the six elected Officer Positions on the Board of Directors of the Elk Grove Historical Society for 2023:

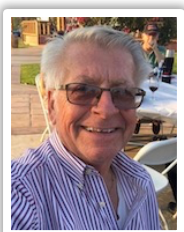
Candidate for President:



Stan Lake

"As President of the Elk Grove Historical Society, I look forward to seeing it continue to expand and serve our community. Thank you!"

Candidate for 1st Vice-President:



Dennis Buscher

"I have been part of the historical society since its inception, have supported it all these years, and I wish to continue my work on the Board."

Candidate for 2nd Vice-President:



Susan Hernandez

“As a long standing member of the EGHS with many leadership positions being selected to be the Second Vice President on the Board would be an honor which I will take most seriously.”

Candidate for Recording Secretary



Pam Phelps

“I have had the privilege to represent the membership on the Historical Society Board for the last three years. It would be an honor to be elected to a fourth term. Thank you!”

Candidate for Corresponding Secretary:



Pat Lake

“I am finishing my first year as Corresponding Secretary and look forward to another year. Thank you!”

Candidate for Treasurer:



Jeanette Lawson

“I have been a member of the historical society for over 20 years and have been treasurer for 15 of those. I enjoy my job and the people I work with. I wish to continue helping the society in my position as treasurer. Thank you!”

Rhoads School 150th Anniversary

Over 150 school docents, previous students, dignitaries, family, friends, and supporters turned out for the 150th Rhoads School Anniversary September 3rd. The event was organized by Director Roberta Tanner and Assistant Director Susan Hernandez and was a wonderful occasion. Roberta read the history of the school and Louis Silveira read the history behind the history award and Angela Perry's achievements. Cake was served while everyone mingled. Thank you all who came.



June Daehing and Kathi Goldsberry, two of the very first four docents attended in support



Tom Fischlin was in the last graduation class of the school many years ago.



Elizabeth and Angela

Congratulations! ANGELA PERRY

Elizabeth Pinkerton presented the EG Historical Society Elizabeth Pinkerton History Award to Angela Perry at the Rhoads School 150th Anniversary. It was well-deserved and long over do. Angela was thrilled and humbled by the award.



Rhoads School Report



The 150th Rhoads School celebration was a spectacular event, and we were very proud of the attendance and program. Thank you to all.

The school districts have opened. We have scheduled 58 classes so far and are on our way to our usual 80 classes per year. Susan Hernandez is our new scheduler, and she has filled in well. We have two new docents Jessica Gutierrez and Nicole Tieskie that has taken the load off the others and Stan Lake is a new fire starter. A production company has reserved the school next month for filming a movie about a little English girl. Our little school is getting a lot of attention and we are very proud of her.



Black Tie & Santa

Sunday, November 27th 6 pm – 9 pm

Come celebrate with us for the first view and unveiling of the Christmas decorated museum and all the grounds.

There will be wine, refreshments and many door prizes

\$50 tickets on sale starting October 10th

Mail checks to: Elk Grove Historical Society. P.O. Box 562, EG. 95759

Old Fashioned Christmas



**Tour Decorated Museum/Visit with Santa
Cookie Decorating/ Games**

Dates: Fridays Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th 6pm-8pm (no Santa)
Saturdays & Sundays Dec 3rd & 4th; 10th & 11th;
17th & 18th Noon-5pm

Christmas Week-Special Evening Showings

Come See the Lights & Visit w/Santa

Wed, Thurs, Friday Dec 21st-23rd 5pm-8pm

Event Fee: \$10 per adult & \$5 per child (with paying adult)





Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers

Sally Bergen

Sally was born in Boise, Idaho in 1940 and grew up in Seattle, Washington. Ultimately, she earned her BS in Nursing and worked in Seattle, Eugene, and Berkeley, she then met and married Frank Bergen in the 70's and they moved to Sacramento where Frank worked for the State. After working in Critical Care for several years and teaching it at several hospitals, she decided it was time to open her own business and earned her MBA in Health Services Administration. She traveled to hospitals around the country as computers and specialized equipment were being initiated and medical staff needed guidance. She later remarried David Allen, and they traveled this country and Europe in between obligations. She worked with Kaiser Permanente hospitals implementing change in nursing care teams and conducting continued Education programs, including U.S. nurses in Mexico for 20 years. When she and Dave moved to Elk Grove in 2000, she retired. Throughout her career she has supported many nonprofit organizations by volunteering and in some cases, serving on boards. She worked Project Ride for 10 years, the Elk Grove Food Bank, and when Dave passed, the Elk Grove Historical Society. She planned bus trips, decorated the museum, chaired the Spring Tea, worked the Yard Sale and Santa's area during an Old Fashion Christmas, among many other aspects of the historical society. She has slowed down a bit, but her enthusiasm continues, and talents are truly appreciated. Her daughter, husband, and granddaughters live in Yuba City.



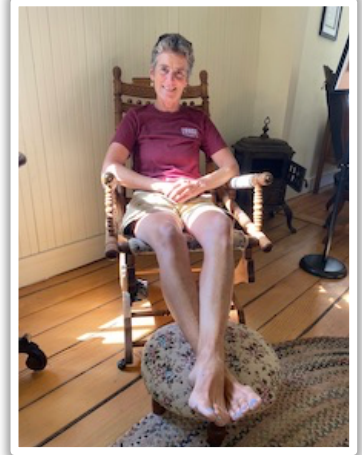
Hello members!

My term as President, including six years on the Board, will end with the New Year. I want to thank all of you for your support on making business and fun a success. You make things happen and I thought you should know what our team completed by a listing. Here goes: The Foulks House was opened and dedicated. The patio was completed. The Quad slab was poured. The Blacksmith Shop/Storage Facility was built. The summer kitchen was constructed. The Brown House was donated. The jail was remodeled. The Blacksmith Statue was moved to our Heritage Park. The covered entry gate was built. The storage containers were added. Local Cattle Brands were attached to the Blacksmith/Storage Shed. The County Court House/Jail was remodeled. The Reese School was removed. An outside stage was added to the yard. A covered wagon was donated. The Blacksmith shop received an awning for covered storage and workspace. New lawn was planted, and the ground was made level. Some fundraisers were eliminated and replaced. The Civil War events started and continues. The Yard Sale has grown. Early California Days was started but ceased a few days before the second event was held due to covid. Halloween was discontinued. Christmas events remain a popular season. All of these successful activities require your help. Thanks so much for stepping up and providing your skills or time in making the Historical Society what it has grown into. Best wishes!

Ken Miller, President

Visitor from Vermont

The Elk Grove Historical Society received a message from Linda Wheatley calling from East Montpelier, Vermont. She would be traveling to the area soon and wanted to know if she could view the Foulks House. She had been compiling her ancestry for several years and knew she was a relative of the Foulks family.



She arrived on Monday (17th) and toured all the museums. When she got to the Foulks House she was thrilled to see, touch, and read everything. She sat in her great-great-great-great aunt's rocker in the house, closed her eyes absorbing the moment, and felt her aunt rocking in the chair with her, she said. She was overwhelmed and couldn't get enough. Later, we took her downstairs to the Research Library, opened the Foulks files and every other word was "Wow," "Oh," and "OMG." Pam Phelps shared some of the clothes, clock, and other items with her in the Foulks Room upstairs. She tried on her great aunt Josephine's Freemans long, but tiny coat, and it fit her! We took a picture.

These are the kinds of things the historical society lives for, connecting people to their history. The tour lasted a good hour, but she spent two more hours reading everything in the files and took so many photos we had to recharge her phone. She returned the next day and was there for another three hours.

She is returning to us next year and will be our March speaker.

2022 Leadership Class



This year the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class chose the renovation of the Foulks House as their annual Community Project. The building was dedicated in December 2020, but the inside needed pictures framed and hung, furniture displayed and labeled, **upstairs finished and open to the public**, among many other projects. We are grateful for their time, energy, and funds it took to accomplish their goals. They did a fabulous job, and everything turned out better than we could have imagined. Thank you!

Calendar of Events for November - December 2022



November

Nov 11: Holiday – **Veterans Day**

Nov 14: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the museum - 3:00 pm

Nov 21: Historical Society **Elections** at 6:30 at *Old Town Creations*.

Nov 25: Holiday - **Thanksgiving**

Nov 27: **Black Tie and Santa** at 6:00 pm at the Museum



December

Dec 12: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

Dec 25: Holiday - **Christmas**

Dec 31: Holiday - **New Year's Eve**

An Old Fashion Christmas

Schedule:

Fridays: 6pm-8pm (**No Santa**)
2nd, 9th, 16th

Saturdays & Sundays: Noon-5 pm
3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th

Christmas Week Special:

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
21st, 22nd, 23rd 5pm-8pm

Event Fee:

Adult - \$10, Child - \$5



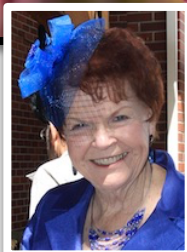
No Moss Softwash Roof & Exterior Cleaning

No Moss power washes the Rhoads School, clears the gutters, and puts a protective sealer on the wood. A few society members have their house cleaned. We are grateful for their talents.

You might want to give them a try.

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Our Sincere Condolences



Our condolences to family and friends of Elaine Wright, a historical society past president (1994), consummate volunteer, and our beloved friend.

Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	August 2022	September 2022
General Operating Fund	\$17,344.23	\$19,774.09
Restoration Fund	\$82,577.42	\$82,577.42
Feasibility-Barn Project	\$3,618.25	\$3,618.25
Library Digitalizing	\$101.33	\$101.33
Total Account Balance	\$103,641.23	\$106,071.09
Real Estate Rental Account	\$42,428.79	\$44,015.08
Museum Store Account:	\$5,780.06	\$5,906.66
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	-\$241.94	-\$356.85
Scholarship Fund	\$12,993.24	\$12,993.24
Total Account Balance	\$12,751.30	\$12,636.39
Total	\$164,601.38	\$168,629.22

Timeless Events by Dina Wilcox

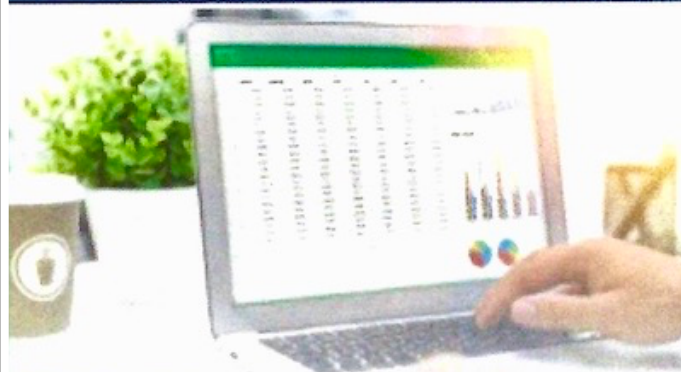
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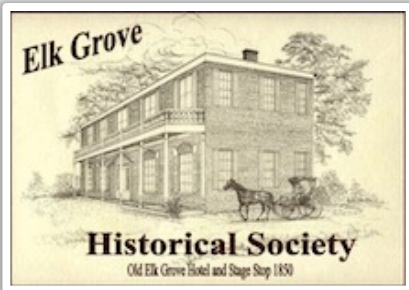
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Elk Grove House & Stage Stop
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Elk Grove Regional Park

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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.



The Lincoln Highway passed through Elk Grove in front of the Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum on what is now East Stockton Blvd.

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