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Inside the Museum Files:

“Who Will Love My Children?”



In 1983 a made-for-television-biographical movie was made based on the life of Lucile Fray a farm wife from Iowa. Lucile was diagnosed with cancer in 1952 and wanted to find a suitable home for her ten children, since she felt her husband Ivan couldn't take care of them. The movie starred Ann Margaret as Lucile Fray and Fredric Forest as husband Ivan.

It was originally broadcast on February 14, 1983. On the same evening, the actual children of Lucile Fray appeared on an ABC program called, "That's Incredible!"

Interestingly, they filmed parts of the movie in Elk Grove. The east side of the tracks in Old Town were strewn with old 40's and 50's parked cars. Lucile drove up to the old Bank of America (Next to the new present day Old Town Plaza), got out, and walked into the building that was made to look like an office on the outside.

On the west side of the tracks, the Odd Fellows building (Present day School of Rock) was used as a bus stop where Lucile got off with some of the children. Soleil Moon Frye and Tracey Gold played two of the ten children.

Hello, Dear Elk Grove, Historical Society Members,

May is a very busy month for us, and for you. We have two fundraisers: Big Day of Giving and our Spring Tea, and we have another event to bring history to the community, Civil War Days. Come join us.



May 4th Thursday, for twenty-four hours one day a year, organizations encourage citizens to donate to their favorite non-profit. Donations are how most non-profits survive. Please consider the historical society.



May 6th and 7th – Civil War Days: Come experience life during the Civil War with musket and cannon firings, entire tent encampments and many re-enactors.



May 13th Saturday – Spring Tea: This popular event often sells out. Not only because of the delicious menu, but for all the many great raffles and door prizes.

Thursday, May 4th

The museum will be open between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for snacks and to help with your donations. Strauss dancers' demonstrations will perform each hour.



A 24-hour online challenge. Donate at:

<http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety>



We need a protective covering for the covered wagon, we want to start the process of building the Barn Activity Center, and we need scholarships for the Rhoads School more than ever.

Civil War Days

Saturday May 6, 2023

Sunday May 7, 2023

At the

Mahon Ranch

10171 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624



Photos courtesy of Dr. Martin

Saturday: May 6, 9 am – 5 pm

Dress Formation 10 am

Battle Scenarios 1:00 pm & 3:30 pm

For best experience allow 1 hour before battle

Sunday: May 7, 9 am – 3 pm

Church Service 10 am

Battle Scenario 1:00 pm



Additional Information &
Tickets Purchase on website:

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



Elk Grove Historical Society Derby Day Spring Tea

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Held at Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum

9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove

Gates open at Noon

Luncheon served at 1:00 pm

Tickets \$50 per person

Prizes for table decorators and your best Derby Hat

Parking Shuttle Raffle & Silent Auction

Dress to Impress



Design and decorate your own table

For information contact Melissa Sanchez

at mlissa_sanchez@yahoo.com

For tickets call Susan Hernandez at (916) 684-3181

or go to elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com



Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers

Roberta Tanner

My father was in the Air Force, so we moved regularly when I was growing up. My family moved to San Bernardino where my dad was stationed having just finished a tour in Germany when I was born so I am a native Californian! My husband Bryce and I met at the University of Utah and have been married for 42 years. I graduated in accounting and passed the CPA exam and moved immediately to Michigan for his internship and residency training in Emergency Medicine. His employment at Kaiser brought us to this area. We raised 6 children in the Elk Grove area and have been very happy. I have been PTA President twice at 2 different elementary schools. As a result, I was invited to be on the EGUSD School Naming Committee. It was an amazing opportunity to learn Elk Grove history from some of the founding families--Morse, Waegell, Fite, Signorotti, and others, and especially from Elizabeth Pinkerton who headed the committee. Soon after my committee experience, I became involved in the Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery which is owned by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. A friend of mine from DUP was a docent at Rhoads School and suggested I get involved with that program as I was telling the story of the school in the cemetery tours. I have been a docent at the school since 2008 and became director in 2016 when Sharon Baker retired. I became a member of the EG Historical Society and have loved making so many new friends as I've served on the board. I also currently serve as the northern California regional representative for DUP, have joined the Daughters of the American Revolution and serve on the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation board. Besides telling stories, I love to sew and make quilts for my grandchildren. I love to travel and visit my children and 13 grandchildren in Boston, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and Utah. I collect antique clothing, especially hats, and furniture and love to sing! I have always loved family history and, since my involvement with the cemetery, became involved in the family history of those buried there. I have enjoyed getting to know those families and sharing their amazing pioneering stories as they settled this area.

Calendar of Events for March and April 2023



March

Mar 9: Historical Society Board Meeting at the museum - 3:00 pm

Mar16: Speaker- Steve Ly,
“The Origin of the Hmong Culture”



April

Apr 10: Historical Society Board Meeting at the Museum – 3:00 pm

Apr 17: Speaker - Linda Wheatley,
“Effie Foulks: Elk Grove Legend or real person?”



MARCH 16
Steve Ly
“The Origin of the Hmong Culture”

Ex Elk Grove Mayor Steve Ly shares his insight into the history of the Hmong culture and its emergence in society and in our community.



APRIL 17
Linda Wheatley
“Effie Foulks: Elk Grove Legend or Real Person?”

Linda is an ancestor of the Foulks family. She came to Elk Grove last year from her home in Vermont and was overwhelmed with the history. She shares her perspective with us.

Each presentation starts at 6:30, doors open at 6:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church, Elk Grove Boulevard, 8153 Elk Grove, 95758.
Open to the public and is always FREE.



Rhoads School Report



We are in the midst of our busy season where the bulk of the classes are scheduled. The fallen redwood has been cleaned up and fence replaced. We are so grateful it fell north, away from the school. All is well.



Gayle Mooney
(DAR Rio Cosumnes Chpt)

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Lillian Stanton

Anthony Wallen

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(Attorneys at Law)

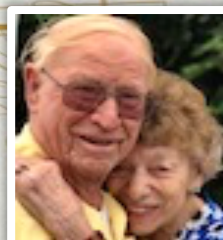
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Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	December	January
General Operating Fund	\$24,838.80	\$20,761.49
General Restoration Fund	\$62,547.42	\$62,547.42
Feasibility-Barn Project	\$17,109.04	\$17,109.04
Library Digitalizing	\$101.33	\$101.33
Total Account Balance	\$104,086.59	\$100,519.28
Real Estate Rental Account	\$43,703.09	\$45,118.20
Museum Store Account:	\$7,550.01	\$7,505.58
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$555.91	\$555.91
Scholarship Fund	\$12,193.24	\$12,193.24
Total Account Balance	\$12,749.15	\$12,749.15
Total	\$168,088.84	\$165,892.21



*Our sincere Sympathy and Condolences to
the family and friends of our dear friend,
and longtime member Dave Raulein.*





June 22, 23, 24, 25
8:00 – 2:00

Donation Collection dates at the museum:

**May 19, 20, 21 – May 26, 27, 28 – June 2, 3, 4 –
June 9, 10, 11 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Donations: We are collecting items, vintage & antiques, glass, crystal, china, linens, jewelry, clothing, books, small appliances, toys, dolls, holiday decorations, garden items, etc. All items must be clean and in working order. – No electronics, televisions, or particle board furniture.

We need many volunteers, call the Dennis at (916) 479-2158 or Susan at (916) 996-9779 if you have any interest. We can sure use you any time you can spare, before or during the sale. Thank you.

Don't forget that every January it is time to renew your membership. If you have forgotten the details, all the information you need is at the end of this newsletter. With the amount collected we can take care of many important museum expenses. It truly makes a difference. Thank you.

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues

If you want to pay by credit card right now, go to our website: elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com to the home page. Find the menu on the left and scroll down and then click-on "Membership." Then follow the instructions.



the red door

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Mon: Closed

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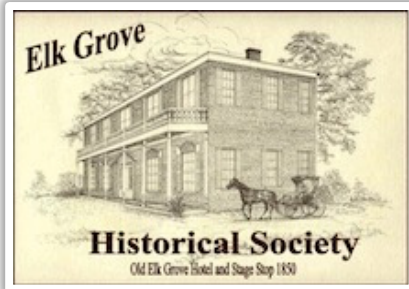
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Sunny Prasad has been
the Historical Society's
preparer for five years
and we are amazed at his
knowledge and attention
to detail.

We couldn't be happier
and hope you may
consider his services. We
believe you won't be
disappointed.

Happy New Year!

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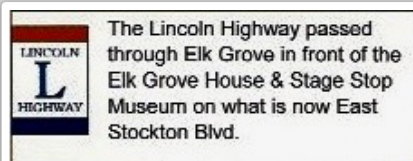
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop
Museum Is located at
9941 East Stockton Boulevard
Adjacent to the west entrance to the
Elk Grove Regional Park

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. Docents available for free guided tours at other days and times upon request.
- The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



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New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): _____
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Area of interest: _____

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Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation
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