

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL
El Cerrito Historical Society
November 30, 2015

1. The Peter Allinio house is for sale. This home at 609 Kearny Street was built by immigrant Allinio in 1907 and moved there in 1908. It was his home until 1933. He designed it to look something like a castle. It was there that he built airplanes, and successfully flew them from El Cerrito's air field starting in 1915. For more history of this site, see the El Cerrito Journal of November 27, 2015.
2. We regret the passing of former City Manager Richard "Dick" Brown on November 17. Services were in Sebastopol on November 29. He was our third City Manager, serving from 1966 until retirement in 1981.
3. Sundar Shadi, a former President of our Society, began his Holiday Display in 1949. It will again be presented on Moeser Lane at Seaview, from December 14 to the 26th, lighted from 5 to 10 PM every evening. There will be live music on site on December 12, 15, 17, 19 and 23. Sundar created the figures by hand out of household materials. Volunteers repair the figures, arrange for storage, and for set-up and security, and buy insurance. You can volunteer to help, and the El Cerrito Community Foundation will accept your donations to continue what Sundar created.
4. Our annual Members Meeting will be held in January, date and place to be announced soon. In addition to a program on local history, there will be reports by each member of the Board, including a financial report. It is at this meeting that we elect a new Board of Directors and officers, and set the dues for next year. If you wish to be more involved in the Society, please think about running for election to the Board.
5. Don't forget – there's lots of information on the Society's web site; check it out: elcerritohistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.
6. The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, December 15 at 4:30 PM in the Shadi History Room in City Hall.