

Visalia Heritage, Inc.

Newsletter

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A \$500 scholarship was given again in 1992 to an architectural student at C.O.S., George Ramirez. Next year we will give 2 scholarships. In these days of the high cost of a college education, this is greatly appreciated by the student recipient.

We obtained much new and interesting information when we had members of the V.H.I. and their guests review the old slides that had come into our possession. It's gratifying to see how many people are knowledgeable about Visalia's history.

Again this year, V.H.I. participated in the Visalia Street Faire by conducting bus tours through the historic districts. We also were called on by the Chamber of Commerce and other tour and travel related groups for both walking and bus tours. We can always use members to help out in this capacity, and the training is minimal. Please volunteer.

The Chapel Guild also is in need of volunteers. Call Charlotte Chrisman at 734-6594. The chapel seems to have increasing usage, but we are still waiting for our first small wedding.

Our book, *Visalia's Heritage; Buildings, People, History* is still available at Nostalgia, Sweet Memories, The Kindred Spirit Book Shop, and by calling Sheila Holder at 734-6953.

The Bi-Centennial committee asked V.H.I. if we would prepare Visalia's first official time capsule. Members of the committee thought this would be an appropriate culmination of the 200th year anniversary of our constitution. Among the official papers from official agencies, we put a Sears Roebuck catalogue, the local telephone directory, pictures of the "hot spots" (like Mearles), a "Visalia" T-shirt, etc. All this was ready for the dedication of Constitution Park on November 10. How will the openers in 2092 feel about all this?

Following shortly thereafter was the open house celebrating the completion of the history room in the Tulare County library. It was a lovely party with guests attending from all over the county. If you would like to see the rooms or do a little local research, the hours are Monday through Thursday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. with additional hours on Tuesday, 10:00-12:00, and Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We are a very small group, but we would welcome new members, especially someone who would be willing to serve on the board. At present, we have a board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. However, there is some consideration for changing this to a noon-time meeting - that will be up to Jane Nash, our president for 1993.

Other officers are Gladwyn Burris, vice president, Pat Clevenger, secretary, and Sheila Holder, treasurer.