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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to you, the sponsors and supporters of Visalia Heritage, Inc.

The most exciting news we have for you this year concerns our greatest and most important project ever undertaken, the restoration of part of the historic Visalia Library into a large children's library. Renovation will begin in early spring of 2005 with the opening date of summer of 2006. We will be invited to tour our library project at several milestones during the construction.

Visalia Heritage has pledged \$150,000 to be funded with the sale of our Visalia afghans, Pictorial History of Visalia book and special contributions made through Visalia Heritage. The books and afghans may be purchased at Links, Togni's or from any Heritage board member. Although we have not yet reached our goal, we are confident that we will do so!

Board member, Cathy Lukas, is working to establish a Visalia Heritage website through which we will be able to publicize our library project and sell our books and afghans.

We have begun to work with the City of Visalia Preservation Board to enter the Home Builders Tract into the Historic Preservation District. This area encompasses Noble Avenue to Mt. Whitney High School to the south and Conyer Street east to Watson Street. This area contains a pristine and unique group of bungalow style

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homes built during the 1920s and 1930s. Much of our time and effort will be spent in the realization of this new project. This will not be a fund raising event.

We are continuing to maintain arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove Park. We also are continuing to sponsor an outstanding College of the Sequoias student with the Annie Mitchell Scholarship.

In 2004 we made a special contribution to the Ralph Moore Memorial Park Rose Garden on West Main Street.

The Board of Directors of Visalia Heritage wish to thank you and extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support.

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