

# VISALIA HERITAGE, INC.

**Preserving the Best of the Past  
For a Better Tomorrow**

**Hyde House - 1886  
National Register of Historic  
Places**

February 2017

Greetings to all Members and Supporters of Visalia Heritage Inc.:

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**With your help, we have completed another productive year of preservation projects.**

Our latest endeavor is to renovate the outdoor box office of the Fox Theatre. This project was temporarily put on hold in light of the water damage incurred in the December flooding. However, the box office renovation should start soon. This consists of: replacing the current plastic veneer countertops with black granite to match the exterior countertops; service existing cabinet structure to accomodate modern ticketing equipment; replace the lighting with period-appropriate fixtures; replaster the walls and paint the entire room and trim; replace the entry door for added security; replace carpet with tile; and fabrication of new signage.

The theatre was originally built with beautiful interior wooden doors which were eventually removed as a fire hazard. We have discovered that the modern doors can be replaced with reproductions of the originals. We are considering this as a future project.

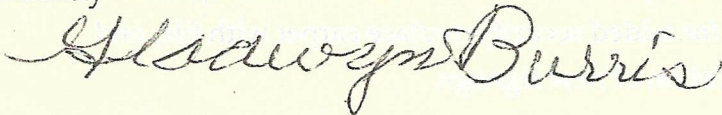
We continue to sponsor the maintenance of Arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove. We have been told these are the most utilized arbors in the park.

We continue to sponsor the \$1,000 Annie Mitchell Scholarship to a College of the Sequoias graduate majoring in education. This is our 21st year doing so. This year's recipient is Shawn Baniaga, a full-time student at Fresno State. And of course, we are still selling copies of *Visalia - A Pictorial History*. It can be purchased at Valhalla Restaurant, Exeter Book Garden and By the Water Tower Antiques (in Exeter). The sale price is \$45.00 plus tax, every cent of which goes directly toward historic preservation efforts in our city.

Identifying, preserving and promoting the remaining links to our pioneer past is a constant struggle, but well worth the effort! And our greatest asset in this fight has always been our members. Your financial support is appreciated more than words can express. But, we also need your input on the direction in which we are going. ALL members of Visalia Heritage, Inc. are encouraged to attend any one of our board meetings. These meetings are very informal, held throughout the year, the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in our board members' homes. For the date and location of the next meeting, please contact any board member. You may also email us at [charteroak5150@yahoo.com](mailto:charteroak5150@yahoo.com).

Again...Thank You in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely



Gladwyn Burris, President.