

**KEEPING THE BEST OF THE PAST  
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**



## **VISALIA HERITAGE**

January 2010

Greetings to members and supporters of Visalia Heritage:

We have just ended another busy year of ongoing projects and now look forward to carrying out plans and projects for the new year.

The Home Builders Tract, bordered by Conyer Street, Noble Avenue, Watson Street and Mt. Whitney High School has finally been acknowledged by the City of Visalia and the Visalia Preservation Board as a Preservation District. This area consists of unique bungalow style homes which appear to be disappearing slowly within our State.

Our Board of Directors has voted to install a concrete table and benches at the children's playground at Jefferson Park. This is the site of the old Jefferson Elementary School. The park is located at the eastern edge of the Home Builders Tract and across Watson Street from Annie Mitchell's home. Since the park has been somewhat neglected for some time, the City of Visalia is adding some much needed improvements such as new lighting, curbs/sidewalks and a basketball court. As the City completes improvements, Visalia Heritage has considered as a project adding a new three-step drinking fountain to the park. The three steps consist of one for handicapped, one of regular height and a low one for pets.

We have been working with the Tulare County Library to provide an attractive permanent plaque showing the location of the Annie Mitchell Room.

As expenses of college attendance have increased, the Board has voted to increase the amount of our College of the Sequoias

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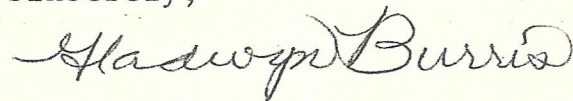
yearly Annie Mitchell Scholarship to \$1000. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating College of the Sequoias student who is continuing their studies for a teaching credential.

We continue to maintain arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove Park. We are pleased that these arbors are two of the most popular ones at the park.

Our Visalia Pictorial History book as well as the "Visalia" afghans are continuing to be sold to help underwrite our projects. these commemorative items may be obtained from any member of Visalia Heritage or from Links Men's and Women's Wear.

We thank you very much for your continued support of Visalia Heritage and assure you that all donations received go directly into our community projects.

Sincerely,



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