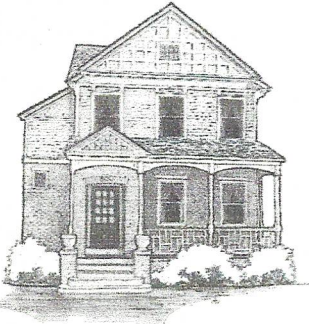


VISALIA HERITAGE, INC.

Working to Preserve our Past



The Hyde House – 1886
National Register of
Historic Places

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Greetings to our Members and Supporters:

It is your generous support that's has allowed us to continue our scholarship program and preservation projects.

Our major endeavor for 2013 was a \$3000 grant given to the Fox Theatre for a new movie projector, which arrived just in time for the opening of this season's Independent Film series. This equipment provides an additional way for the theatre to raise funds for its continued upkeep, and benefits the arts in our community as a whole. The Fox is now listed as a California Historical Resource, but we are still awaiting it's inclusion in the National Register. In the meantime Visalia Heritage is actively working toward the restoration of the marquee lighting, part of the original facade.

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VHI continues in its long-time sponsorship of arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove. These arbors endure nearly constant use due to their proximity to the stage, playgrounds and barbecue pits. We are working with the Tulare County Parks Department to link all these areas with handicapped-accessible cement walkways. Seven different Visalia High School reunion committees have also pledged funds.

Our 2013 Annie Mitchell Scholarship recipient, Paige Ainley, has graduated COS with honors and is attending Fresno Pacific College with a major in Education.

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 sales price is \$45.00 plus tax...every cent of which goes directly toward Historic Preservation efforts in our city. We also are quite proud of our other long-time fundraising source, the famous "Visalia Afghan." We have sold over 2000 afghans since they debuted in the mid-1980s. Of course, the American textile industry has undergone vast changes in that time-span, and the continued manufacture of the afghans is no longer feasible. A total of three (yes, only three!) afghans remain to be sold. They are antique-blue in color. Anyone interested in purchasing these very usable works of art (for the original asking price of \$50) is asked to call (559) 732-3734. That price includes sales tax.

Identifying, preserving and promoting the few remaining tangible links to our Pioneer past is a constant struggle, but well worth it! 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 boardmembers homes. For the date and location of the next meeting, please contact any board member. You may also email us at charteroak5150@yahoo.com.

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

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gladwyn Burris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Gladwyn Burris, President