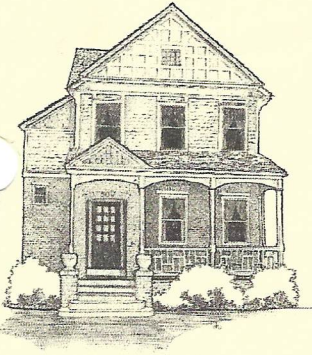


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2018 Annual Newsletter



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To all members and sponsors of Visalia Heritage, Inc.

Greetings:

Another interesting and productive year is now completed.

The largest project has been the renovation of the box office of the Visalia Fox Theatre. This task was passed over for many years. But thanks to you, our supporters, the box office now has new cupboards with granite countertops, new paint, a renovated cement floor and new window coverings. Be sure to check out the changes next time you attend a Fox event!

In the near future we will undertake another project with the Visalia Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the National Parks. This educational feature will center around the giant sequoia tree that grows on the west side of the historic downtown post office. The tree was a gift from Guy Hopping, then superintendent of Kings Canyon National Park over eighty years ago. The goal here is to create an outdoor learning space for school children and visitors to Visalia and to connect them to our local National Parks. We expect this to be completed by May 1, 2018.

Visalia Heritage still faithfully maintains arbors 14 and 15 at Mooney Grove. And we continue to honor Annie Mitchell with the annual \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving C.O.S. student who is continuing his or her education in the teaching field.

At this point, on a personal note, I must tell you I have been president of Visalia Heritage for many years now and find it is now time to retire. This position has been a real highlight in my life, noting all the positive changes and upgrading that Visalia Heritage has participated in with the City of Visalia.

Local architect Michael Kreps has been elected our new president. With his love for our city, he will prove to be a great leader.

Thank you also much for your support both past and present!

Gladwyn Burris, Past President

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