

To: Grass Valley City Council

From: Terry McAteer, Chair, Grass Valley Historical Commission

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Re: Quarterly Update

1. Free Historic Walking Tours of Grass Valley

- a. April 12— 74 people attended the 90 minute tour
- b. May 10th
- c. June 14th, July 12th (Albrecht), August 10th, Sept 13th and Oct 11th (Albrecht)

2. Fundraising Complete for the Honoring of Peggy and Howard Levine (Next steps?)

3. Heritage Homes Reprinting Update

4. Historic designation for Narrow Gauge Railroad Trestle Abutment on Olympia Creek

5. Lake Olympia Discussion

6. Redesigning the Walking Tour with budget constraints (donation funded)

- a. Finalization of walking tour brochure
- b. Golden Pasty— going to proceed with process
- c. Plaques on buildings
- d. Finalizing Storymaps for digital presence

7. Grass Valley's Annual Historic Award

As presented at the last quarterly update, the Commission would like to recommend the adoption of an Annual Historic Award. The Commission has adopted the following wording.

“Awarded annually by City Council, on the recommendation of the Historic Commission, to a person/persons or business who has enhanced and/or preserved the historical significance of the City of Grass Valley whether through writing, research or physical enhancement.”

We hope the Council would adopt the aforementioned criteria. The Commission has secured funding for the plaque (see attached image)

To jump start this award, the Commission would initially recommend that the first award be presented to Teresa Poston who has served on the Historic Commission for the past twenty years and whose name and participation is on nearly every historic action and activity in the City of Grass Valley over the past few decades.