

# **City of Grass Valley Historic Legacy Award Nomination Form for Teresa Poston**

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## **Nomination Statement:**

Teresa Poston has been a dedicated advocate, promoter, and preserver of Grass Valley's historical legacy for over 23 years. The breadth of her contributions are the reason the Grass Valley Historical Commission voted unanimously to nominate her to be the first recipient of the Grass Valley Historic Legacy Award.

Teresa's many contributions and accomplishments in historical research, writing, education, and preservation include the following:

1. Grass Valley Historical Commission Member (2002 to present): In addition to her contributions below, Teresa advocated to keep the Commission as-is, collaborate more frequently with the Nevada County Landmarks Commission and Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, and report to the City Council quarterly.
2. Project Review (2002 to present): Reviewed proposed development projects for properties with a Priority 1 ("Very Significant") or Priority 2 ("Significant") parcel rating within the 1872 Grass Valley Townsite to ensure preservation of their historic character and contribution.
3. Heritage Home Awards Program (2002-2008): Participated in identifying and researching historic homes, nominating homes for award consideration, and awarding plaques to nominated home owners. Designed an annual award program booklet that articulated the history and architecture of that year's award recipients and included maps and line drawings.
4. Heritage Home Awards Booklet (2008-2009): Compiled 45 awarded homes into one Heritage Home Award Booklet and developed the historic home map and walking tour. Proceeds from booklet sales established an enterprise fund to help pay for future Historical Commission projects.
5. Inventory of 1872 Townsite Properties (2007-2010): Met with City Council member to promote the funding of a professional building survey of the 1872 townsite, and develop the Grass Valley Historical Design Guidelines, Historic Preservation Ordinance, and Historic Resource Guide using Redevelopment Agency funds.
6. Citizen Star Awards (2010 to present): Helped promote and secure Citizen Star awards for Peggy and Howard Levine (2025). Assisted her late husband, Chauncey Poston, in providing support letters and securing funding for the Gerard Tassone

Citizen Star (2010). Currently helping to develop online access to information on Citizen Star recipients and their legacies.

7. Priority 1 Property Awards (2018): Organized a special presentation and reception to award owners of top Priority 1 rated properties identified in the 1872 Townsite Inventory with a certificate and plaque to display at their property. Funding for the project was provided by the established enterprise fund.
8. 100 Year Anniversary of WWII (2018): Coordinated poster display of historic photos in downtown windows.
9. Landmark Designations and Plaques (2021 to present): Helped secure landmark designations and develop plaques for the African Methodist Episcopal Church Site (2021-2022) and Memorial Park (2023-2024). Monies from the enterprise fund helped pay for the church's bronze plaque. Currently working to secure landmark designations for the Eagle Hose Company at 139 East Main Street and the former brewery at the Mill Street parking lot.
10. Memorial Park Renovation (2023-2024): Developed history panels for Memorial Park's Centennial Courtyard project.
11. Historic Downtown Walking Tour (2025): Member of ad hoc committee to identify buildings, developing text, and secure photos for future online walking tour to promote the history of downtown Grass Valley.
12. Awards (2004 and 2017): The Mayor Award was presented to Teresa in 2004 and to her family in 2017 for their outstanding volunteer contributions to Grass Valley.

Teresa's dedicated work on the Grass Valley Historical Commission has helped to ensure that the history of Grass Valley will live on. She is thus richly deserving of the Grass Valley Historic Legacy Award.