

## **Wilsonia Historic District Architectural Guidelines**

by Drew Sorensen, WHDT President

The Wilsonia Historic District Architectural Guidelines have been through the NPS and SHPO review and approval process. We are now presenting them to the community for review. Please read the Architectural Guidelines via the link that is provided below. Our desire is to have Wilsonia remain forever, and we believe following these recommendations will help make this happen. We are providing a comment period until SEPTEMBER 3, 2018, for people to let us know what they think. Comments may be sent to any WHDT Board Member and we will consider these before finalizing the document. These are recommendations only, but we do believe that following the guidelines will keep Wilsonia historic and allow us to remain in perpetuity.

*The Architectural Guidelines are available to view and print at: [www.wilsoniavillage.com](http://www.wilsoniavillage.com)*

*A limited number of paper copies will also be available at the Clubhouse.*

*The following is the first in a series of educational and informative articles for the Wilsonia Times provided by the Wilsonia Historic District Trust*

## **OUR NEW WILSONIA SIGNS**

by Jim Spitze, WHDT Historian

Last year, at the July 8th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilsonia Historic District Trust, WHDT's Vice President, Gus Collin, explained that the Fern Tripp Memorial Money was designated for the design, construction, and placement of two entry signs to Wilsonia – to be located on our North & South entry roads. The wood for two 3' x 5' redwood signs has been purchased and Mark Vetter has been given the task of getting the signs made and then installing them here in Wilsonia.

You might notice there was no schedule and no cost estimate.

At our Sept 4th Board meeting, just ten months ago, under the heading of "Project Cost Estimates" Gus reported that the Woodshed (a wood-working company located in Clovis) had given him the following estimate: \$3,750/sign for the front side, \$2,500/sign for the back side. Since we were planning on two signs, one at our North entrance and one at our South entrance, the project cost estimate was \$12,500 not including the wood and not including the installation by Mark Vetter which he had already agreed to do gratis. The \$12,500 figure was received with a certain amount of amusement ... as being well above our willingness to consider.

Jim Spitze mentioned that Mick Sankovich, a friend of his from their days at Cal Berkeley in the late 1950s, now owned a sign company in Ukiah, CA. Mick & his wife had recently visited Jim and his wife at their ranch just 36 miles down the hill from Wilsonia. Mick had given Jim & B] a small sign as a gift [shown at the June 30th Potluck]. At the Board meeting, Jim offered to ask Mick for a Wilsonia Sign estimate. That evening he sent Mick a sketch of what we wanted by email and by the next morning, we had his estimate ... \$2,000 for the total project – two signs, engraved on both sides with the engraved letters filled with an appropriately contrasting paint and with us providing the wood. The Fern Tripp Memorial Money would cover a bit less than a quarter of this so the WHDT agreed to cover the rest ... as a gift to our beloved Wilsonia.

Since that meeting ten months ago, much as happened. Gus Collin made two trips up and back to Sanky Signs in Ukiah, bringing the raw 3" thick Sequoia slabs the first time and returning with the completed signs the second time... and then, Mark Vetter and his team constructed frames for the signs and **INSTALLED THEM!**

You have seen the new signs as you enter and exit our beloved village... We hope you enjoy them.