

# NORTH STAR HISTORIC CONSERVANCY

# THE STAR

## NEWSLETTER

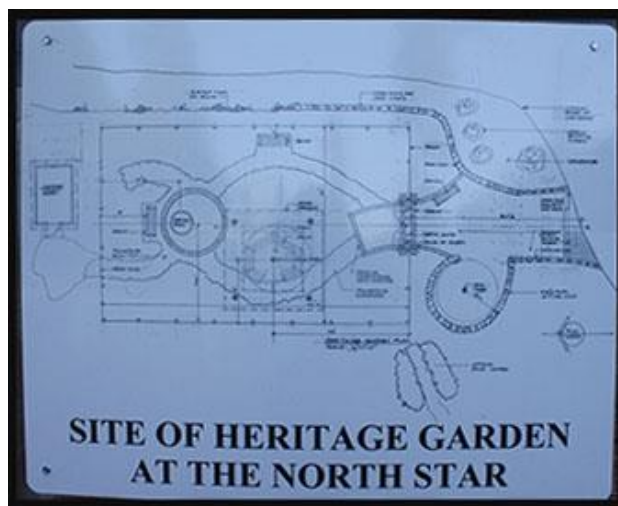
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## A GARDEN DREAM COME (almost) TRUE

From the depths of one of our regions's more "wintery" winters emerges the North Star House Heritage Garden. So many of its planned features are nearing fruition. Please enjoy this visual progress report thanks to Doug Young's wonderful photography.



**The Front Gate**  
built and donated by Jerry La Ferriere



**The Plan**



**The East elevation**

Gratitude and props to local Rotary and Soroptimist volunteers whose invaluable efforts (including the planting still to come) have helped us realize our vision for the Heritage Garden. We are excited to invite you to the Garden's "ribbon cutting" during our June 23 "Heritage, History and Hops" event.



A water feature emulating the reflecting pond once gracing the House's courtyard, the gift of Betzi and Charles Hart



The back gate, a David Wright original

The Chinese Elm beneath the pergola is the gift of Nancy Tilman; the Chinese Elm nearest the entrance is the gift of Jean McKeen.

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## A Society Wedding— A. B. Foote and Jeanette Hooper

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The *San Francisco Call* dated 23 October 1913, provides details of the wedding between A. B. "Sonny" Foote and Jeannette Hooper. The entire article follows, below:

*MISS HOOPER TO WED TONIGHT*  
*Arthur Foote Will Claim His Bride*

*Ceremony Is Planned for Elaborate Setting at Laguna St. Home*

*At a pretty ceremony at the home of her father, John A. Hooper, in Laguna Street, Miss Jeannette Hooper will become the bride of Arthur Foote tonight. Eight o'clock is the hour set for the ceremony and Rev. William Guthrie will officiate. Miss Hooper will wear a gown of ivory charmeuse, made in the tunic effect, with a short overskirt of rose point lace edged with silver trimming. The waist is draped and shows touches of rose point and cloth of silver. The tulle veil will be caught by a wreath of orange blossoms and the shower*

*bouquet will be of butterfly orchids, cyclamen and lilies of the valley.*

*Miss Lucy Stebbing, as maid of honor, will be gowned in white charmeuse embroidered in gold, the overskirt being edged with gold rose trimming. Miss Stebbing will carry a shower of yellow roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Christine Brown, will be clad in green silk satin with an overdress of old lace, and will carry a gilded basket filled with cream chrysanthemums and oak leaves. Arthur Hooper, brother of the bride, will be best man.*

*Miss Hooper is a sister of Mrs. Oscar Beatty, Mrs. Albert McKee and Mrs. George D. Somers, Frank and Arthur Hooper. She is a niece of Mrs. W. E. Norwood and of the late George Hooper and a cousin of Mrs. William F. Breeze and Mrs. Wiggington creed. Mr. Foote is a son of Arthur D. Foote, a wealthy mining man of Grass Valley, and of Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote, the magazine writer.*



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## THANK YOU TO OUR ARBORISTS

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In early February, Randall Frizzell and a crew from Acton Arboriculture came out to prune the nine Elm trees at the Growers Market site. Zeno and Erin Acton used the opportunity to provide some instruction on the fine points of training tree limbs for the optimal structure and growth of trees planted to provide shade to outdoor marketers and their patrons.

The crew of arborists included: Ryan Balmer, Josh Brown, Weston Burton, Connor Hill, Nik Jacinto, Andy Murdoch, David Patterson and Evan Scott.

Randall and his arborist associates helped choose and plant the trees several years ago. These trees comprise the John Taylor Grove, named in honor of the founding NSHC member who played a significant role in bringing the Growers Market from the fairgrounds to the North Star House grounds. We are certainly grateful for Randall and his crew's expertise and commitment to these valued trees over the years.

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## SITE MANAGERS NEEDED FOR PRIVATE EVENTS

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The North Star Historic Conservancy is looking for volunteers to assist our organization in overseeing our private rental events. If you are interested in being part of a team trying to advance our historic venue into a premier cultural event center; this position could be for you.

We have a need for volunteers who would be available to help as-needed, in a part-time role as a "Site Manager". The position of Site Manager helps to ensure a private party held at the North Star House is successful. The role of the Site Manager is to be available to the renter on the day of the event to answer questions and monitor its progress.

The amount of time required for this position is up to the volunteer. Each volunteer will be provided training by Mark Glendinning, a wonderful volunteer who supervises and oversees the Site Managers on behalf of our organization. A stipend is provided to each volunteer for each event they help to coordinate and monitor.

The North Star House and historic grounds are now open for the public to enjoy. The success of our venue as a rental for private events helps to provide the revenue needed to continue our restoration of the North Star House and grounds. If you are interested in this position or wish to learn more about it, please contact our office by calling 530-477-7126 or email us at [thenorthstarhouse@gmail.com](mailto:thenorthstarhouse@gmail.com).

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## SPRINGING FORWARD WITH NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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The North Star Historic Conservancy is thrilled to welcome Paula Campbell, Lee Dempsey and Rich McRay to its Board of Directors. Paula, Lee and Rich have deeply committed their time and talent to NSHC projects over the years.

Paula has been indispensable to the Heritage Garden project, and was instrumental in obtaining a substantial Soroptimist International grant for the advancement of that endeavor.

Lee has served several years keeping the heritage roses watered in addition to other gardening projects on the North Star property. Recently, Lee stepped up to coordinate the volunteer program. Lee is also the Treasurer, and deeply involved in financial work for the Conservancy.

So many of the downstairs restoration projects bear evidence of Rich's dedication and skill. He spent two patient years removing dining room wall panels in order to update the electrical wiring; carefully resituating them square to the fireplace. Other projects include enlarging the entrance to the stone terrace to restore the French doors, part of the house's original design. He is a perfectionist who reminds us it's great to have an engineer in the house.

Many thanks to Paula, Lee and Rich for taking their love for the North Star House to this new level of commitment!

### NOTE

This contains the primary articles that appeared in the Spring 2019 issue of The Star.

This was created for our historical records and does not include standard features such as upcoming events, President's message, etc. that were in the original electronic newsletter.