

The Comstock Foundation for History and Culture (CFHC) was formed in 2013 and received 501(c)(3) status in 2014. The organization's mission is to encourage the preservation and promotion of the historic and cultural resources within the Virginia City National Historic Landmark District. This preservation work repurposes historical industrial properties and public spaces for use and enjoyment by the general public. Volunteers have contributed more than 25,000 hours to assist with CFHC's meaningful and quality restorations.

Key Foundation Projects:

Upper Yellow Jacket Hoist Works Restoration:

In 2013, the CFHC, as its first restoration, completely restored the iconic Upper Yellow Jacket Hoist Works in Gold Hill along the V&T Railroad track. This significant feat was completed in 2014 for just under \$125,000.00.

Donovan Stamp Mill (DSM) Restoration Project:

CFHC purchased the DSM complex for \$195,000 in 2014. The DSM complex will require approximately \$4 million to bring it back into service entirely. Ultimately, the complex will serve as a functioning demonstration Stamp Mill, a Comstock Mining and Milling Museum and Interpretive Center.



Dayton Consolidated Mill Lessor Ore Bins Restoration Project:

Constructed in the late 1930s, the Dayton Lessor Ore Bins represent the most complete and substantial group of their type remaining in the Comstock Historic District. The objective is to complete raising and leveling the bins and to place steel beams and construct footings beneath them. Additionally, reinforce the intact facade, followed by raising and attaching the facade to a framework that also re-creates the southern end of the bin.

"NINE CHEERS FOR THE SILVER STATE Painting/Print Fundraiser":

In 2015 for Nevada's sesquicentennial celebration, the Comstock Foundation, Comstock Mining, and local renowned Nevada artist, Steven Saylor, embarked on a project that celebrated the 150th anniversary of Nevada statehood. The image features five decades of Nevada's State representatives: Governor Brian Sandoval, and former Governors Paul Laxalt, Bob List (and his dog Sunshine), Dick Bryan, and Bob Miller; U.S. Senators, Harry Reid and Dean Heller and U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei. The painting also features former first ladies Dema Guinn and Dawn Gibbons, representing those two administrations, and Comstock Foundation directors Corrado De Gasperis, John Winfield, and Ron James. Governor Sandoval is featured signing a proclamation announcing Nevada's admission to the Union. ■



The Boundary Peak Award honors the Nonprofit who has scaled new heights in providing services to the community it serves. This non-profit has differentiated itself from other nonprofits in the pursuit of excellence. Also, the organization has had a positive economic impact on people and/or the community in creative or innovative ways.

*Steven Saylor (left), The Comstock Foundation Executive Director accepts award from NINDA Chairman Greg Dye (right).
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