

**1** "Shadows Pass"

# Historic Colfax



**2** "Celebration"



**4** "The Mercantile"



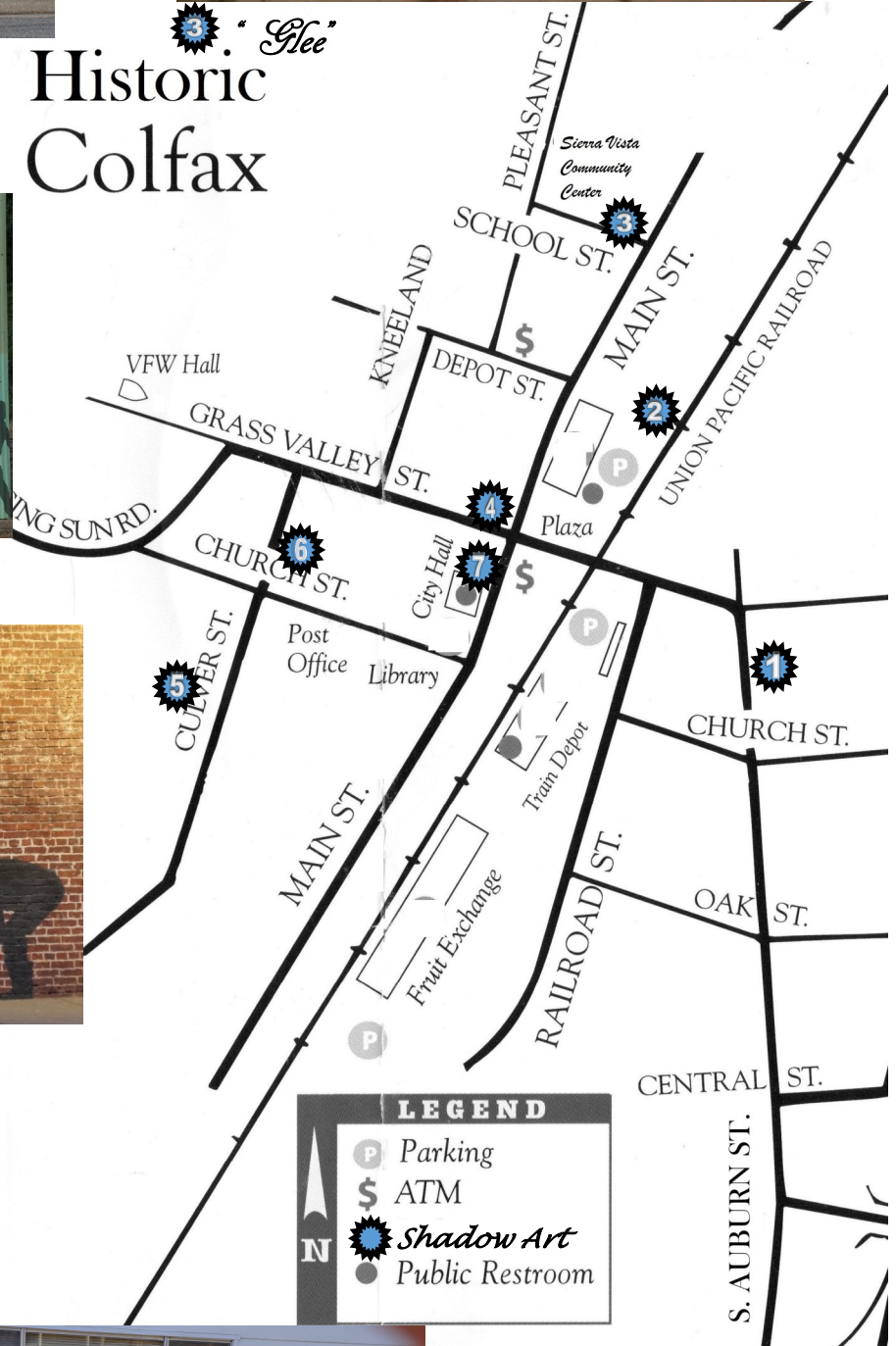
**5** "The Black Hole"



**6** "The Parishioners"



**7** "Break Out"





## Jim Bowers

Jim is a full time artist. He studied fine art and business at Hartnell College and American River College. He and Foxey McCleary created murals and shadow murals in downtown Colfax. The inspiration for the "Shadows Past" mural on S. Auburn St. happened while Jim was walking down the sidewalk on a hot summer afternoon. He noticed his shadow was following in perfect detail and he could recreate the past in that perfect detail along the entire 350' cinder block wall.

Visitors and art lovers can now travel back in time by casting their own shadow into the art, and then photographing their own (often humorous) historic reflection.

To the artist's credit are several massive art projects one of which was the creation of the world's largest clock (1.25 miles in diameter) which put Jim in the Guinness Book of World Records.

With the advent of drone technology, Jim built his own UAV systems and volunteered his drone skills in search and rescue efforts creating SWARM (Search With Aerial RC Multi rotors). SWARM has more than 5,000 members in 50 states and 44 countries around the world.



## Foxy McCleary

Foxy's family has been living in Colfax since its pioneer days. Foxey McCleary, however, was born in Wuhan, China. Foxey has a master of art from California State University at Sacramento. She has taught art at the City College of Chicago, Colfax Elementary, and Studio 700. As an artist Foxey is forever striving to create images that keep evolving. "When I see a good story I paint my impression. What I want is to be recognized by people who care about the issues I care about. This is art we make together. This is about our hearts and minds."

Jim Bowers and Foxey McCleary have also collaborated on major art works in Grass Valley and Sonoma.

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