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The Northern Nevada Development Authority awarded the Comstock Foundation their Boundary Peak Award for best Nonprofit in 2018. The award honors the Foundation who has scaled new heights in providing services to the community it serves. Differentiated itself from other non-profits in the pursuit of excellence.

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There are many ways you can help the Comstock Foundation. Individual, family and business support is vital to our ongoing projects. Become a member, volunteer on your own schedule. Make a donation of funds or historic Comstock related documents or artifacts. Please visit our website to learn more about us at comstockfoundation.org.

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VISIT THE Donovan Mill
LONGEST RUNNING STAMP MILL ON THE COMSTOCK 1860 TO 1959.
The impact of the Comstock Lode on the world in the mid 1800's was immense in many ways. It literally was the richest place on earth, producing over $700,000,000.00 in the 1800's, valued at over $19 billion today.

The mines were producing thousands of tons of ore every day and it took over 265 mills to keep up with the process of milling/crushing the ore to recover the gold and silver. The Donovan Mill was not only the longest operating mill on the Comstock, 1860 to 1959, it is only one of four mills remaining today.

Opened in 1860, known as the Kelsey Mill, it was operated at different times by Comstock notables, William Sharon, John Mackay and James Fair until 1878. Following that it was known as the Dazet Mill and in the late 1890's is the site where Professor Robert Jackson from UNR School of Mines, perfected the cyanide leaching process, still used around the world today, for recovering gold and silver from ore, replacing the use of the highly toxic mercury.

In 1912 William Donovan Senior purchased the mill and enlarged it over time. Today it is the largest historic stamp mill in the nation, with his family successfully operating until 1959 when the Donovan Mill shut down.

In 2015 the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture purchased the mill for $195,000.00 and began restoration work that continues to this day. The Comstock Foundation is now able to open private tours to the public on a regular schedule. To schedule a tour, scan the QR code on the back of this brochure or visit our website at comstockfoundation.org / Tours.