

Silverton Country Historical Society

Museum and Office 428 South Water Street



Work Begins on Museum/Depot Access way!!!

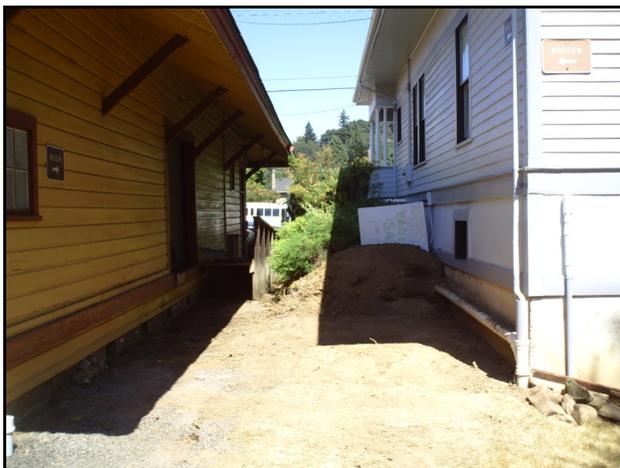
The Access way Project

Work has finally begun on making the access passageway from the Museum to the Depot. Our plan was revived this year when Victor Madge, SCHS member and architect, agreed to help us by drawing up plans for the structure. In the following months we obtained approval of our plan from the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Silverton City planner. Necessary revisions included providing for ADA compliance by installing a platform lift in the access way in addition to the wheelchair ramps on both the depot and museum. We have started to do the excavation on the grounds between the buildings to reroute the storm drain and gutter drains. The large retaining wall rocks have been reused for finishing the wall in front of the depot ramp. We hope to start the foundation next and are waiting on the City to give final approval on our plan and issue the permit. We will keep you updated on our progress at our website also.



Thank you to everyone who has offered their support during this process.

Larry Thomas



Classic Silverton Home For Sale!

Historical Society members, Bart and Heather Banks and their two sons, are relocating to New Mexico and are going to be selling the Timothy and Geneva Allen House. Bart and Heather have spent many hours working around busy family and career schedules to restore this lovely home. Founding members of Silverton Heritage, Bart and Heather have been great supporters of the Historical Society, helping with many projects and opening up their home in 2004 for the first Silverton Heritage Home Tour. We will miss them and wish them well on their move. We truly appreciate the loving care they have given this historic gem.



Timothy Allen was born near Silverton in 1854 to prominent Silverton pioneers who settled in Oregon in 1852. In 1881 he married Geneva Wolfard, a Silverton native also from a prominent pioneer family. They raised four sons and two daughters in the house, which was built in 1890. Allen raised grain and hops and operated a family creamery on the 126 acre tract on which the house stood. Geneva Allen died in 1919 and Timothy died in the home in April of 1932.

The home is a good example of a mixture of both Stick-Style and Queen Anne architectural styles. Characteristics of the exterior are prominent bay windows and a wrap-around porch (reconfigured in 1912). The interior features the original ornate staircase and a formal dining room with folding doors.

This is a home we have all admired over the years.....Bart and Heather have served as excellent stewards of this bit of Silverton history.

For more information on the home, contact Bart Banks at 503-873-5920. To find out more about the Allen family contact the Silverton Country Historical Society: 503-873-7070 or Silverton.museum@live.com.

SCHS Picnic - July 19—Coolidge-McClaine Park

Thanks to Gus Frederick for help with the photographs!



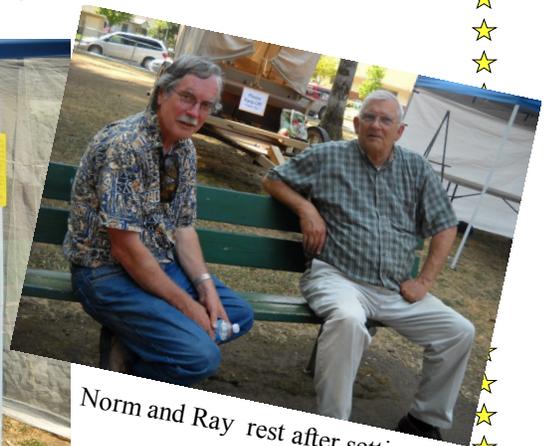
SCHS in the Park for Homer Days



Covered Wagon
A big hit with kids!



Dolores and Ken Blust hosting the booth.



Norm and Ray rest after setting up.

Homer Days Yard Sale, Dime Toss Booth Make Money for Museum

A heart-felt thank you goes out to our many members who donated to the recent museum yard sale during Homer Davenport Days. So many items were dropped off, it was overwhelming! A group of us sorted and organized in the basement, and on the day of the sale, others showed up early to put our merchandise out on tables and on the lawn. There were many items of fine quality and unusual things from Japan, including a large box of lovely Japanese obi's, the sash tied around the waistline of a kimono. There were old things befitting a historical society sale, and there were new, unused items. And, of course, there were collectibles and the stuff we call "junk." We had it all. The amount of money we made was \$728.



Jack Hande put two large signs out that helped get people in, we were fortunate the classic car show brought those folks in, and the weather was definitely on our side. Here's who else helped and another big thanks from me to them: Chris Schwab, Robin and Wade Anderson, Norm English, Jane Jones, Carolyn Hutton, Joan Sprug and Gary Ohren. Robin and



Wade worked much of the day, far more than their shift. Chris boxed up what we'd organized in the basement and had it ready to go outside, a nice surprise for me. Another positive happened when the Silverton Hospital Auxiliary picked up the leftovers for their own rummage sale, saving us the trouble of going to Goodwill with it. (Good luck on your sale, Auxiliary!)

The Dime Toss booth at the park was a success, too, bringing in \$536. We will pay a 30 percent vendor's fee to the Homer Davenport Days organization, leaving approximately \$356 to the good. The booth was up for the Strawberry Festival and three days of HDD, and used donated containers as prizes, along with a \$25 prize drawing for those who chose not to take the container they landed a dime in. Most would agree it was fun to work there. (A Salem person won the drawing.) I want to thank Larry Thomas for suggesting we take on this project and for helping set it up. The workers who ran the booth were tremendous, as well -- they included members Shelly Vandehey and father, Tim Wilson; Amy McKinley, Norm English, Marsha and Tom Worthen, Kevin Murphy, Rufus and Kay LaLone, and Andy Bellando. In addition -- and we couldn't have done this without them -- the Silverton Lions Club provided volunteers. Wearing their vests and a smile were the Worthens, Otto Stadeli, Lee Hollands and Amber Grant. Thank you, thank you, all!

Kathy Hunter, Sale and Booth Chair



CURATOR'S CORNER—August 2010

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of one of our core group of volunteers. Edgar Graves lost his battle with an aggressive form of lung cancer last week and our hearts go out to his family for their loss. Ed and his wife Nellie joined the historical society a couple of years ago and were two of the most reliable sources of help; not just with hosting one day a month but as a source of information and as donors of family items to the museum's collection. They were both interested in history and especially the history of the Graves family who were early pioneers to the Silverton area. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nellie and to all of Ed's family.

I want to offer my thanks, along with Chris' and Kathy's, for all the volunteers who helped over Homer Davenport Days. It took a lot of hands during those three days and several of you worked a portion of each day, either with the garage sale or the booth in the park; the dime toss booth or hosting at the museum. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Two of the donations given to the Historical Society's collection this past month are a booklet of the history of Evergreen School from Norm Kellerhals and a child's primer from Virginia Tuggle McKim. The primer was used for teaching spelling in the late 1890s and used by her brother Dolph Tuggle who signed his name "Dolfie" on the inside cover. The most recent donation brought to the museum by Ruth Kaser, hasn't been approved for accession by the board, yet, but I'm sure it will be: it's a hard-bound copy of the Kaser family history; it's beautifully compiled and written by Everett Kaser.

Did I tell you that Patti Lindquist finished the protective covers for the garment collection? It took almost two bolts of unbleached muslin and yards of cotton twill tape for the ties! She hopes it'll be a long time before she has to make another one!! It's pretty wonderful to have the clothes and uniforms all protected from dust and to be done with the plastic garment bags and dry cleaner bags. If you are still using these things at home, you might want to consider making some dust covers out of cotton muslin. We've got a pattern and can make you a copy for just 25 cents. (But don't ask Patti!)

Tom and Marsha Worthen started indexing the names in an 1873 ledger that came from the old Coolidge and McClaine Bank. The entries don't really tell a lot about what was entered but the names are a huge list of who's who in 1870s Silverton.

Last month I told you about a book, "Railroads in the Woods", purchased for the museum library collection by Jack Hande. It contains a number of June Drake photos and Norm English recently went through the whole book and noted each of Drake's photos so we can find them more easily.

A big collective thank you to all of you who helped on these various projects, including the ones I've forgotten to mention.

Carolyn Hutton



Coin Toss Booth a Big Hit!



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This color edition is for our on line members, please forward this email to your friends and relatives.

This little item was in an issue of the Silvertonian Appeal sometime in 1910. Oh, how we relate!!

In all probability several items were omitted from our columns last week, owing to the difficulties necessarily arising from a complete change of management. We would ask that we be not too severely criticized for such omissions. It is a task of no small moment to adjust ourselves to the new conditions but we can assure one and all that we are working hard to obtain all the news and present it to you in a readable manner. We earnestly ask the co-operation of all our citizens in making The Appeal what it is intended to be—a newspaper.

If you know any item that would be interesting, phone it to us, or drop in to the office if convenient, and we will deem it a great favor. When approached by a reporter don't be afraid to tell him what you know. He does not intend to be inquisitive into your private affairs, he is anxious for items of interest to the community.

Thank you to our new and renewing members!!

Steve Hoskins
Rich and Deborah Gallagher
Marion Varney
Rick and Pat Lewis
Jim and Tanya Little
Richard Engeman
Ed and Julie Bowles

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And Thank You to these donors—

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We appreciate your prompt response!

Carolyn Chris Larry



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