

# Silverton Country Historical Society

Museum and Office 428 South Water Street



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you from your SCHS Board and the Newsletter staff!*

**\$400**

**Piano Free**

*In this our final issue of the SCHS newsletter for 2010, we would like to share the following from the Nov. 11, 1910 Silverton Appeal—*

**\$400**

**Piano Free**

## A PIANO FREE

A beautiful piano from Baldwin Mfg. Co., Chicago, will be given absolutely free to the most popular lady by the business houses mentioned below.

### The Piano

Is a high grade mahogany finished oak, double veneered. Full extension music desk. Large scale with Billings brass flanges, ivory keys, ebony sharps.

This beautiful piano is now on display at the Lewis Johnson Drug Store in Silverton. Call and inspect it for yourself.

The Drake Bros. Studio  
 Lewis Johnson Drug Store  
 J. Wolfard & Co., Gen. Mdse.  
 J F. Fishwood, Harness Shop  
 C.M. Wray, Hdw. , Implem'ts  
 Bender Bros. Confectionery

Bon Ton Hat Shop  
 The Gem Theatre  
 I.W. Geer, Livery Barn  
 Graham & Edmunson, Meat Market  
 F.E Wray, Furiture, J'wlrly

### Other Prizes

The lady receiving the largest number of votes gets the piano.

#### The Second

Will receive a coupon good for \$100.00 toward a piano valued at \$400 and up.

#### The Third

Will receive a coupon good for \$75.00 toward a piano.

## Who are the 3 Most Popular Girls in Silverton and Vicinity?

### Following are the standings up to Thursday, November 10, 1910

Edith Wolfard, 898,750	Emily Chamness, 58,450	Miss May. 6,000
Flossie Bower, 486,850	Mary Hutton, 46,070	Fielda McClane, 6,000
Lucy Gunderson, 274,050	Minnie Funrue, 43,750	Hannah Strand, 6,000
Eva Phelps, 67,100	Vida Sprague, 22,700	Mrs. Brude, 5,500
Nellie Cavender, 56,950	Mrs. John Shepherd, 23,000	Olga Aldrich, 2,300

### HOW IT IS TO BE DONE

With each and every ten cent purchase for cash, you will be given a ticket that entitles you to 50 votes as to who is the MOST POPULAR LADY. A one dollar purchase gives 500 votes. The lady receiving the largest number of votes will receive this handsome \$400.00 piano FREE. Get voting tickets by dealing with the firms mentioned above. Don't be slow: get busy.

Patronize your leading home merchants and your choice may win.

## Curator Corner December 2010

Until 10 days ago, I was anticipating a small column this month and wondering what I could write about. Now I feel like a little kid waiting for Santa.

Today, Monday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, I will go to the museum and await the arrival, by Fed-Ex, of a very special package. It's a very special special package that has taken a long time in coming back to its family; a very special family who has decided that it belongs in Silverton's museum.

I am awaiting the arrival of Homer Davenport's pocket watch. No one knows for sure but it's a likely scenario that the watch was given to Homer 'Bud' Bernard. Bud's mother, Alice Davenport Bernard was Homer Davenport's half-sister; a child of his father's second marriage to Nancy Gilmour Wisner. Bud retired from his career as an airline pilot, living in Spain for many years with his 6<sup>th</sup> wife. He died around 1997 at the age of 92. (He and his grandfather, Timothy Woodbridge Davenport seems to be the only Davenport men blessed with longevity.)



Bud's cousin is Nancy Havens Rose. Nancy contacted the historical society in 2008 offering to donate her grandfather's cane. From that contact, Nancy has become an ardent supporter of the Silverton Country Historical Society and museum. It also resulted in her taping an oral history of the memories her mother passed down, of growing up in Silverton and the history of the Timothy Davenport family.

Nancy had contacted her cousin's last wife about getting the Davenport family memorabilia but she wanted to keep some things, for memories' sake. Nancy had given up ever seeing the watch and then she got the telephone call telling her that Bud's wife was ill and wanted to take care of loose ends. The watch was Fed-Ex'ed to Nancy the next week.



Seven hours later, the watch has come to Silverton, sitting in front of me, nestled in tissue paper. It's a beautiful gold pocket watch with an Arabian horse's head engraved on the back. There's no inscription inside the back cover and so we don't know how Homer came to have the watch; if he bought it himself or if someone made it a gift to him. All I know is that I can't thank Nancy and her family enough for entrusting the watch to the Davenport collection here at the museum. (Do many of you know that there is another museum in Morris Plains, New Jersey that also has a Homer Davenport collection?) I must hurry home to call Nancy Havens Rose that the watch arrived safely.

*Carolyn Hutton*

**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 22, 2011 – Oak Street Church**  
(Corner of Oak & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Note Corrected date and time.)**  
**Program to be announced....**  
**Refreshments will be served!**

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On December 30, 1910, the Appeal listed the following —

**Standing of Candidates**

Following is the standing of the candidates in the piano contest according to the last count:

EDITH WOLFARD.....964,900	Mrs. John Shepherd.....23,000
Flossie Bower.....514,500	Vida Sprague.....22,700
Lucy Gunderson.....274,650	Jerder Hansen.....10,250
Nellie Cavender.....171,950	Miss May.....6,000
Minnie Funrue.....135,000	Fielda McClaine.....6,000
Eva Phelps.....90,750	Hannah Strand.....6,000
Emily Chamness.....64,550	Mrs. Brude.....11,850
Mary Hutton.....46,450	Olga Aldrick.....2,300



Edith Wolfard



Nellie Cavender

*Apparently, it was quite obvious that Edith Wolfard was the winner of the piano because there was no follow-up article to be found in any of the January, 1911 Appeals. We also had a hard time finding photographs of most of the lovely ladies listed above, except for those pictured here. Talk about incentives to shop locally! Can't imagine anything like that today.*



Eva Phelps, 1907  
8th Grade Graduation

**What To Give For Christmas.**

We offer the following lists to help you in your selection of gifts. All articles mentioned will be found at

**The Quality Store**

**A Few Practical Gifts for Any Member of the Family:**

Suit Case	Stormy Weather Comforts	Box Writing Paper
Umbrella	Hand Bag or Purse	Slipper

A VARIED SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE GIFTS

<b>FOR FATHER OR BROTHER</b>	<b>FOR MOTHER OR SISTER</b>
Sweaters, Box of Handkerchiefs, Cushions, Rugs, Negligee Shirts, Hosiery in fancy box, Ties, Leather Belts, Mufflers, Set Vest buttons, Cuff Buttons, Fancy Armbands, Fancy Garters.	Stamped Linens with working material, Hat Pins, Fancy Brooch, Cut Glass Piece, Comb Sets, Kimona, Fancy Aprons, Tea Table Pieces, Fur Sets, Sweaters, Fancy Jabots in Holly boxes, Leather bags, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Christmas Stockings filled with trifles
<b>FOR BABY</b>	<b>FOR CHILDREN</b>
Crib Blanket, Fancy bibs, Knitted set.	Games and toys of all kinds, Gloves and caps, Fur Sets.

**GEO. CUSITER SILVERTON, OREGON.**

**BROWN'S 5★ SHOES**

From the December 30, 1910 Silvertown Appeal—

*Gift ideas that will stand you in good stead even today. I can't remember when I last had a Fancy Jabot in a Holly box!*



## Whatzit Meeting – Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

This is always one of our most successful and enjoyable program nights. We had a full house, both in respect to guests and “Whatzits.” Jack Hande always comes through with a box of interesting items to dazzle and inform us. And this year we had several visitors who had not been to the museum before who shared their interest and their items. Favorites included the hand operated drills and something called a “British Buttner.” Look for this meeting next year. I guarantee a fun evening.



Some of the items that stumped, or not, members and visitors at the annual “Whatzit” Program.



A full house crowd examines “Whatzit” items.



Jack Hande discussing the history of a unique hammer.

### Don’t Forget the Oregon Cultural Trust!

The Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT) is a statewide plan that raises money to invest in Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage programs--there are over 1,200 of them: art societies, museums, libraries, public broadcasting stations, etc. Funds are collected from donations and then distributed to local communities to support their cultural priorities, through a competitive grant process. So, a gift to the OCT can come back to your favorite local organization in the form of grant monies—even our historical society!

**And** your gift to the OCT can give you a tax credit when you file your 2010 taxes. All you need to do is give to your favorite non-profit cultural organizations (like SCHS), keep track of your totals at tax time and then double your investment and save some money by matching those donations, dollar for dollar, with a contribution to the Oregon Cultural Trust—up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,000 for couples filing jointly. That contribution will cost you nothing, as you can take that amount as a tax credit—better than a deduction—off your 2010 tax bill.

Remember--You may claim a 100% tax credit for that OCT donation, reducing your Oregon taxes owed. It’s that simple. Learn more or donate at [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org) or call 503.986.0088.

### And please support our business members!

Citizen’s Bank	Silverton Green Store
GeerCrest Foundation	Friends of Silver Falls State Park
Gordon House Conservancy	Homer Davenport Days, Inc.
Larsen & Flynn Insurance	G. Victor Madge Architect, Inc.
Mt. Angel Publishing/Our Town	Monitor Wood Products
Natural Health Center	MiniStorall
Walter Pelett	Silverton Appeal Tribune
Silverton Chamber of Commerce	Carol’s Bookkeeping and Tax Service
The Chocolate Box	The Towne House
Silver Stream Studio	Willamette Valley Bank

Their backing is instrumental in achieving our goal of preserving and protecting Silverton’s historical resources. Thank you!

## Curator Search We Need You!

**The search is still on for a new curator.** If we cannot find a replacement, our need for dedicated volunteers will be of even stronger importance: our best option will be to form good, active committees who will take over the various aspects of the curator's position. The main focus is preserving and cataloguing the collection, as well as data entry into our collection program, PastPerfect. Other areas include overseeing the staffing of the museum on weekends and for special events, and helping with displays and research. Please contact us if you feel you can help us. **Bottom line, though, is that we still need a person with a love of history to act as a coordinator of all these activities and keep us focused on our mission.** (503)873-7070 or e-mail us at [Silverton.museum@live.com](mailto:Silverton.museum@live.com).



### *Hidden Gems: A Mid-Valley Heritage Invitational Extravaganza!* *Willamette Heritage Center—1313 Mill Street SE, Salem* *Starts Friday, January 21 through Saturday, March 12, 2011*

*Hidden Gems: A Mid-Valley Heritage Invitational Extravaganza!* gives 19 Mid-Valley heritage, cultural and history museums and organizations the opportunity to bring their most unique, interesting and/or important treasures together in one show!

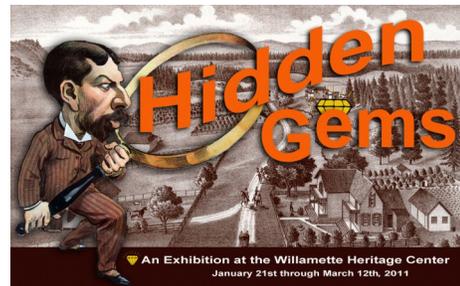
Throughout the exhibition's run, visitors can take a walk through history as they view a wide array of local, regional and nationally important objects. *Hidden Gems* encourages the preservation and appreciation of our local organizations that do so much every day to foster understanding and enjoyment of our community's heritage.

To date, the following organizations from Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties will be participating: Antique Powerland Museum Association, Aurora Colony Historical Society, Bush House Museum, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Forest History Center, Frank Lloyd Wright Gordon House, Historic Deepwood Estate, Hoover-Minthorn House, Independence Heritage Museum, Jensen Arctic Museum, Keizer Heritage Museum, Linfield Anthropology Museum, Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers, Oregon State Hospital Museum, Settlemier House, **Silverton Country Historical Museum**, St. Paul Mission Historical Society, Willamette University Archives, and Yamhill County Historical Society.

Some of the featured items include a medical case from an 1899 graduate of Willamette University from the Willamette University Archives; an early fire radio from the Forest History Center; a jail ball and chain from the Yamhill County Historical Society; a pair of child's boots worn by Herbert Hoover from the Hoover-Minthorn house, and a vintage wedding cake topper from Historic Deepwood Estate.

For more information, please contact Keni Sturgeon, 503-585-7012 or email [kenis@missionmill.org](mailto:kenis@missionmill.org).  
The Willamette Heritage Center

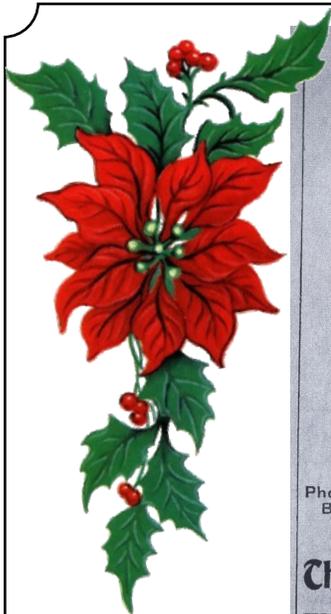
**Thank you to Molly Murphy and her committee—Ray Hunter, Norman English, Jack Hande and Robin Anderson—who have coordinated our display at this event. Look for highlights of the Observation Post, the Depot and Silverton's Red Sox baseball team. A must-see exhibition!**



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Having completed another very successful year I feel grateful to the general public for their liberal patronage. We hope the next year will also prove to be of mutual interest. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Respectfully Yours,

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Marvin Thompson  
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And of course a giant Merry Christmas and Thank You to Walt Pelett and Family!

Carolyn Chris Larry



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**If you received an overdue notice with your newsletter, we appreciate your prompt response. Thank you!**