

Silverton Country Historical Society

Museum and Office 428 South Water Street

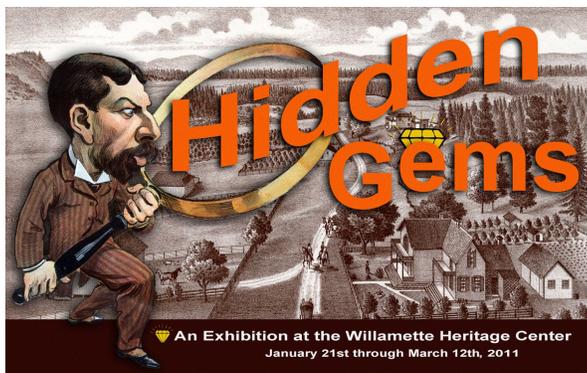


Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 22, 2011 – Oak Street Church
(Corner of Oak & 3rd Street)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Program—Victor Madge
Refreshments will be served!

Our featured speaker will be Victor Madge, local architect, SCHS member and history buff, who will discuss the plans to incorporate historical panels throughout downtown Silverton as part of the informational kiosks that are included in Silverton's new Signage Master Plan. Victor will also share some additional ideas he has to further promote Silverton's history.

Following Victor's presentation, we will have the annual business meeting with reports on the various aspects of the Historical Society and the nomination of new and, hopefully, continuing board members. We will also recognize the Volunteer of the Year and probably a couple of extra surprises as well. (What that really means, is that as of this newsletter's printing date, we are still in the planning process. Come see what we come up with!!)



An Exhibition at the Willamette Heritage Center

1313 Mill St. S.E., Salem

Friday, January 21st through
Saturday, March 12th, 2011

More than 18 mid-valley heritage, culture and history organizations will be displaying their most unique, interesting and important treasures together in one show.

Your SCHS will be participating with a display featuring Silverton's Red Sox baseball team, the WWII Observation Post (including detailed miniature airplane reproductions carved by Jack Hande) and items from our soon to be refurbished Depot, illustrating the role it played in Silverton's past.

Molly Murphy, Chairperson, along with Norm English, Robin Anderson, Ray Hunter and Jack Hande, with assistance from Carolyn Hutton and Larry Thomas, have put in many hours in the preparation of our contribution. We hope you will plan to attend this exciting exhibition.

Curator Corner January 2011

About two years ago, I had the privilege of doing an oral history with Evelyn Geer Rose, known to all her family and her friends here at the historical society as 'Vesper'. I did it at the request of Erica and Jim Toler and it was videotaped by Gus Fredricks.

She was starting to 'slow down' and the Tolers wanted to capture her memories on film and tape. What a memory she had; so many family stories. The Geers have been in the Silverton country for over 150 years; a strong, abiding influence on their community, as was Vesper.



Here is Vesper in June 2008 at an oral history meeting with SCHS and the Willard Women's Club.

I first noticed her at one of the historical society meetings ten, eleven years ago, early in my involvement with the museum. She was a quiet woman who didn't make it to all the meetings but when she did, everyone was really pleased to see her. She had a presence about her; you could sense the connections she had with the past and, as I became more acquainted with her, the connections she felt for the land her ancestors had settled. Vesper passed away on Friday, December 31.



Vesper at the August 2008, SCHS picnic, seen here visiting with MaryLou Edgerton.

Rest in Peace Vesper. Your land and your history will live on.

One never knows what one will find here at the museum. I'll start with a brief background: all items donated to the museum have been (or should have been) catalogued using a three card system for cross-referencing. So it was a day for searching the card catalogue.....I don't remember now what I was looking for.....it was in the 'S' section that I found a card for 'Stones'. For goodness sakes, I thought to myself; who would donate stones to a little museum like this one?! And where are they?!? Then it hit me....the stones on the north side of the house, being used as a retaining wall for the foundation shrubbery!

Quarry stones, eighteen of them, donated in 1982 from someone named Courtney Catlin. They came from the foundation of Adolf Wolf's (of The Wolf Building fame) house that used to sit on the land that is now the north end of Eugene Field. The house was moved to make room for the school's expansion and re-located to 716 N. Water. It is now the home of historical society member Eadie Anelli. Hooray.....another link to history uncovered.

This will be my last Curator's Corner as my final year as curator has almost ended. I am not done with the historical society; there is still a huge need for volunteers and I do enjoy hosting, not to mention a few loose ends of projects started and never finished. I've got those at home too; they're just not as interesting! It's been a great ten years; I've absolutely loved it. That's why I can't bring myself to completely go away.

Carolyn Hutton

The Statesman Journal newspaper recently reported that Mallorie's Dairy will be closing this month after 56 years of operation here in Silverton. I know we will be sad to see this iconic business go away.

I found the following article in our archives that tells about some early organizational plans of the Mallorie family before the dairy settled on Hazelgreen Road. Unfortunately it is not identified as to date or even the paper that published it...but I am assuming it is probably the Appeal-Tribune and most likely from the early 1950's:

Chris

Leases Farmland

Dr. R.J. Mallorie, local veterinarian, and his younger brother, Richard Mallorie, have leased the 105 acre farm in Erwin Valley of Leonard Hudson, local Ag. Teacher, it was learned this week. The lease was said to be for two years with a renewable clause for a similar period. Hudson, will continue to occupy his home.

The land will be used in the expanding Jersey dairy project which the Mallories are developing. Richard Mallorie, who came to Silverton in December, and who makes his home with his brother and wife, will manage the project.

At the same time, the Mallories acquired a portion of the Hudson Jersey stock and bought additional Holstein cattle from a Mt. Angel dairyman. A deal was closed during the week for rental of 40 acres of Abiqua bottom land for pasturage.

Dr. Mallorie also owns the property known as the Morley hop ranch which he is developing as a part of the same project.

The younger brother was managing a dairy farm in Ohio before coming to Oregon and he expressed himself as being delighted with this section of Oregon.

Dr. Mallorie is an associate veterinarian with Dr. E. L. Henckel.

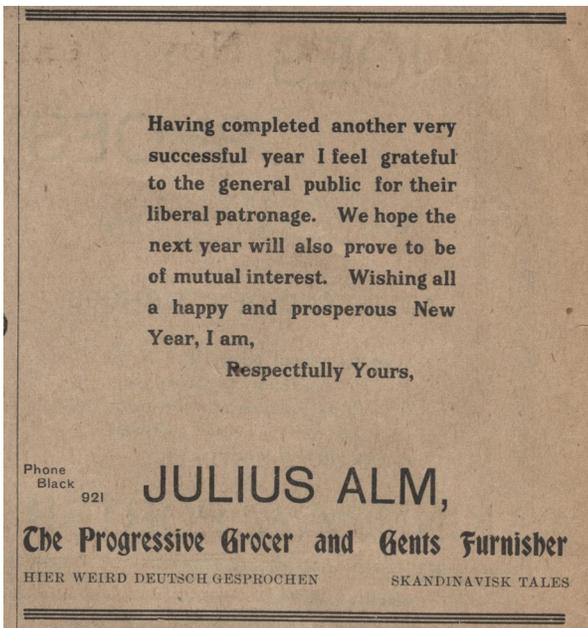
As part of the construction of the new access way to the Depot, we included a "touch up" to the school room: new paint, better lighting and rearranging some of the displays. Here are Gary Ohren and Carolyn putting it all back together. You can see the placement of the new door to the access way and the Depot in the photo on the right.





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 members and friends
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 New Year's!

See you at the annual
 meeting and at the
 Museum!



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