

Silverton Country Historical Society

Museum and Office 428 South Water Street



“Caring for Your Treasures A Different Kind of Roadshow”

To benefit the Silverton Country Historical Society
and the Gordon House Conservancy

**September 21, 2013
Reception and Visiting 10 a.m.-12 noon
Treasure Care Presentation 1-3 p.m.**

Katie and Mitchell Powell of MPF Conservation will present their experiences and advice on antiques and family treasures on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in the Gordon House living room. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed house is located in Historic Silverton next door to The Oregon Garden at 869 West Main Street. The public is invited to a reception to walk through the Wright house and meet the Powell's.

You may bring your own treasured items for a care assessment and recommendation. Small upholstered items, wooden objects and antiques, samplers and quilts, beaded and needlepoint pieces will be discussed following the afternoon presentation. Everyone will learn from everyone.

\$10 general admission (\$8 for GH and SCHS Members)
\$5 for each item reviewed

Demonstrating the Do's and Don't's of preserving the value and integrity of your heirlooms.....

Katie and Mitch Powell are MPF Conservation (MPFC) and are conservators specializing in the conservation, preservation, and selective "restoration" of furniture, wooden objects, textiles, and interior architectural elements for both private and museum clientele. They provide a wide variety of services toward the overall care and preservation of these objects. At the Silverton Roadshow event guests will learn about MPFC's unique "green" practices that can be used safely and effectively. <http://www.mpfconservation.com/Services.html>

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Mystery!

Last month the museum received a donation of a mailing box containing an interment flag. The donor knew nothing of its history. As most of you know, interment flags are authorized for deceased military personnel and for deceased veterans. The flag was large, over 9 feet long, and in beautiful condition. All we knew: there was a mailing label addressed to: "Postmaster, Silverton Ore" and had "Lawrence, William A." handwritten in the corner. We couldn't find anything on a William Lawrence in our records, and couldn't understand how the package would have been delivered without an address. So I went to the post office to ask them. Without skipping a beat, they said that the Veteran's Administration sends the flags to the Post Office and they notify the mortuary, who then come to the post office with the necessary paperwork and claim the flag for the funeral service.

Next stop, Unger's. Because of the way the mailing label was addressed, we could narrow the date of the funeral service to between 1960 and 1964. Since this was before computers, the wonderful folks at Unger's had to manually search through large record books to find the date of the service. They were able to tell us when the service was, who the survivors were and where he was buried! Mr. Lawrence had grown up in Scotts Mills and was buried in Maplewood Pioneer Cemetery.



Unger Funeral Chapel, at 229 Mill street, was such a great help in this search. The facility was built and established at this location by Ernest Eckman in 1924. Mr. Ekman had previously worked for Jack Funeral Home, which was located on Water Street here in Silverton. The current home became Ekman Unger Funeral Home in 1957 and later Unger Funeral Chapel in 1960, under the ownership of Tom Unger.

It was so exciting to give the flag to Margaret Gersch for the Scotts Mills Museum. She knew of the man and actually was friends with his son who is still alive and residing in a local care facility. And we have the satisfaction of knowing this beautiful flag has a resting place near the man who earned it.

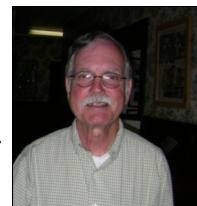


From the President...

Norm's been on vacation, but his column will return next month....



While he was gone we carried on with two of his favorite projects: First Friday and the Promotion of the Memorial for Silverton's Fallen Heroes.



The photo shows our table at September's First Friday in front of Books and Time Book Store on North Water Street. On display were items from various schools around Silverton as well as some Silverton High School annuals from the 1920's.

When you visit the museum, be sure to check out our exhibit about the proposed Memorial. We are gratefully accepting donations for this project. Contact the museum at 503-873-7070 or you can also get in touch with any of our board members.

Silverton Country Museum - History in the Making

SCHS Member Picnic

The picnic was held Saturday, August 24th at Coolidge McClaine Park. The weather was perfect, the food even better and a nice bunch of our favorite people showed up!



Coming in October!

Your Historical Society is proud to announce it is sponsoring a very special event on Saturday, October 19, from 11 am to 4 pm. The authors, photographers, illustrators and editors of some of the best books, films, and cd's covering the history of Silverton, Mt. Angel, Scotts Mills, Molalla, and Silver Falls will be in one place, at one time...you will have the opportunity to meet with them, learn the story behind the publications, and purchase merchandise for yourself or as a gift, complete with author's signature. Check our next issue for a complete list of participants.

The wealth of historical material covering this area is truly amazing. Please come share in this opportunity to possess your own documentation of Silverton area history.

Many thanks to Seven Bride's Brewing for their help in hosting this exciting gathering.

For more information—call Chris at 503-873-4529

First Regional Silverton Country History Pub

October 19, 2013 • 11am to 4pm

This event will be an opportunity for folks to meet with local authors, contributors and editors of Silverton Country history works, with copies of those works available for sale and signing. And maybe buy a beer and lunch!

The Silverton Country Historical Museum will be selling a selection of local and regional history publications. Admission to the History Pub is...

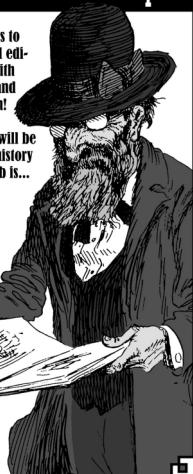
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Upcoming History Events

September 21—Preservation Workshop — “**Caring for Your Treasures: A Different Kind of Road Show**” at The Gordon House at the Oregon Garden (See Page 1)

October 19 (Saturday) — **Silverton Area History Book Pub at Seven Brides** - Definitely a “Can’t Miss” - All your favorite Silverton area authors, photographers, illustrators and editors in one place with their books. Great opportunity to visit and have them sign their works. 11 am to 4 pm (See Page 3)

November 18—”**Whatsit Program**”—7 pm at the Museum.

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Thank you to our new and renewing members—
Your support is what keeps us going!

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And a special thank you to:

Ken and Dolores Blust for their generous donation to the Silverton Fallen Heroes Memorial

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your prompt response.
Thank you!**