

Silverton Country Historical Society

Established in 1974

Over Forty Years of History in the Making



Museum and Office
428 South Water Street



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From your Historical Society!*



More Historic Pedestal Plaques are Planned for the Museum

SCHS has received donations and pledges enough to fund 6 more podium plaques!
We are very excited to continue this project. Upcoming sites to be watching for include:

- The old covered bridge on Main Street
- The Opera House
- The intersection of Oak and Water, including Mac's
- Eugene Field School
- The site of Digerness store at First and Oak
- Schlador Street High School

If you would like to help sponsor a future plaque, please contact us at silverton.museum@live.com or call us at 503-873-7070. What an excellent way to preserve Silverton's history!



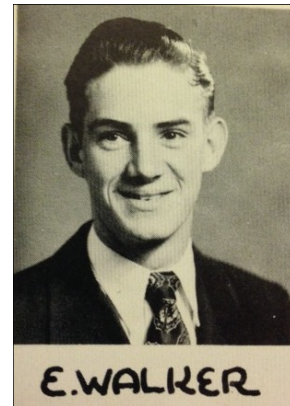
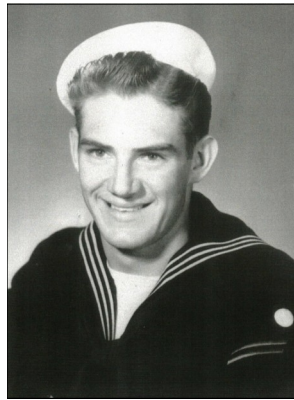
Annual Meeting—January 21, 2017

It's time to be thinking about the SCHS Annual Meeting that will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017. Location is yet to be decided but we hope to have it at the Senior Center again. The focus this year will be an update on the many activities your Historical Society is working on, with particular emphasis on the wonderful podium plaques. We also have one position on our board available, so if you would like to work with a group of easy-going, but dedicated citizens in preserving the special history of this community, please **call us at 503-873-7070, e-mail us at silverton.museum@live.com, or contact any of our current board members.**



Veterans' Day 2016

Just before Veteran's Day we were very proud to receive the donation of a Navy coat that belonged to Silverton resident, Edward Walker. Eddie graduated from Silverton High School in 1947 and was serving in the Navy in 1950 when the Korean War began. He was assigned to serve aboard a Landing Craft Utility and was severely injured during the first month of the war. He died in the Yokosuku Naval Hospital in Japan as a result of those injuries.



What's-it Program

The always popular "What's-It" program was held last month and there were many items that fooled the group....or not. We had a lot of fun remembering early days and the mementos that recalled them.



The identity of the object pictured here eludes us, however. If you think you might know what this is, please contact us! It's driving us (well, me) crazy.

Curator's Corner

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See you at the Annual Meeting*



Judy Lowery



A Christmas turkey caused quite the ruckus in Silverton, according to this story that ran on the front page of the Silverton Appeal-Tribune on December 30, 1932.

All for a turkey

Silvertonians who heard the police siren blowing Monday morning will be surprised to know that it was all because one Christmas turkey had "flown the coop."



Presented to the family of the Rev. C. J. Hall, the turkey had been put in a small shed at the back of the Methodist parsonage. But Monday morning, the "turk" decided to see the world and made its escape through a small—a very small—broken window in the shed.

The family, aroused to see their future dinner escaping, gave chase, but the turkey had strong wings and proceeded to prove this by flying across Silver Creek and alighting triumphantly on City Hall.

It was then that the Rev. Mr. Hall called Police Chief Dahl for permission to shoot the bird, which was granted.

Thus the Rev. Mr. Hall and Oscar Cavender, the latter armed, set out as the Pilgrim Fathers did, in search of the turkey. But the wily bird avoided the .22 and flew on to Fischer's Flouring Mill.

His freedom was short-lived, however, when Mr. Cavender brought a 12 gauge shotgun and ended the turkey's flying career with a well-place shot.

Museum is closed for the winter.

We will take the next couple of months to do a thorough cleaning of the buildings, re-do some of the displays, and probably even a little touch-up painting and repair. We have lots of projects lined up—volunteers are more than welcome to help! Notify us at 503-873-7070 if you are interested.



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And thank you to all who have given anonymously to the Museum or any of its projects. We apologize if we have omitted anyone.

We truly appreciate your support!!



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Thank you!**