

Silverton Country Historical Society

*Established in 1974
Over Forty Years of History in the Making*



*Museum and Office
428 South Water Street*

Join us at the SCHS Annual Meeting!!!

Saturday January 21, 2017
Silverton Senior Center, 115 Westfield Street
1 to 3 pm

Program—Getting to Know Your Historical Society

The annual meeting is a good way to become familiar with the goals and activities of the Silverton Country Historical Society. The first part of the meeting will be the business portion with reports on membership, finances and election of new board members.

The program this year will include an update on the many activities your Historical Society is working on, with particular emphasis on the wonderful podium plaques. Two have already been put in place, thanks to the very generous support of member Walt Pelett, and we have funding for six more. Suggested sites are pictured here:



There is still plenty of opportunity to participate by donating to fund one or part of a plaque. Of course, Silverton's history is rich with possible sites.

Following the program there will be refreshments and time to visit. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please call us at 503-873-7070, e-mail us at silverton.museum@live.com, or contact any of our current board members.

Curator's Corner



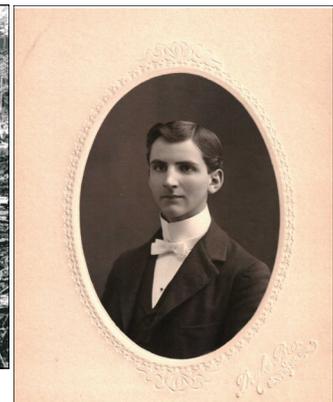
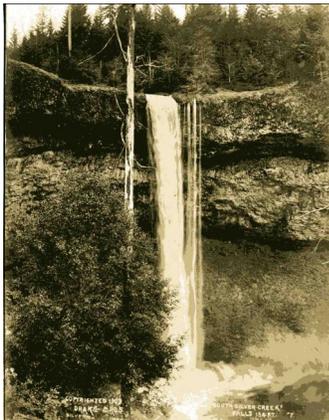
Nature and Community: 7th Annual Heritage Invitational Exhibit

Once again SCHS is participating in the Willamette Heritage Invitational Exhibit. The WHC created the Heritage Invitational Exhibit 7 years ago to highlight the diverse and exceptional work being done by heritage organizations throughout the region. The WHC envisions the invitational exhibit as providing a venue for heritage groups and organizations to share their message with a wider audience, collaborate with other like-minded organizations, and gain exhibit development experience.

This year's exhibit theme is Nature and Community. The Mid-Willamette Valley possesses myriad complex ecological systems and natural characteristics. Water, soil, forests, wildlife and minerals have shaped the economies, settlement patterns, leisure activities, and identities of the communities in the region. Humans in the valley have also been shaping the natural landscape to meet their needs and ideals since time immemorial. Native agriculture and burning practices sculpted the valley's iconic oak savanna, power development and flood controls in our cities have dammed and shaped our waterways, and the current trend in urbanization is transforming agricultural regions into cityscapes. This exhibit and subsequent programming will look at the relationship between humans and their natural environment in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

SCHS will be highlighting the heroic impact June Drake had on the Silver Creek Falls area. His photos and championing helped establish the area as a state park, one of the most visited areas in Oregon.

The exhibit opens Friday, January 20, 2017 and runs until April 15, 2017. Admission is free to SCHS members. We hope you can attend.



Judy Lowery

Board Member Updates

We are very sad to say good bye to two of our most dedicated board members — both Ray Hunter and Molly Murphy are stepping down from active service on the board. This doesn't mean we won't continue to rely on their expertise in all things "Silverton", so you will probably still see them at the coin toss or at some of our programs or meetings. Right, Molly and Ray? Fred A. Parkinson has agreed to remain on the board for another two years, which is great, because we need more of his stories for our newsletter!



Our two newest board member nominees, Russell Gould and Mark English, are both Silverton-raised and graduates of SUHS. They both also share an appreciation of Silverton history. We will be voting on their positions at the annual meeting and will have more information and photos about them in the next newsletter. We are looking forward to having them join us as we work to preserve Silverton's history.

SCHS Members Honored



We are delighted to announce that SCHS Past President and super active member, Norm English, will be honored at Silverton's First Citizen Banquet with the Distinguished Service Award for 2016! Truly a well deserved honor! The 46th Annual First Citizen Banquet will be held February 4, 2017. More information can be found at <http://www.silvertonchamber.org/> or on the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page.



And the Silverton Senior Center will be recognizing dedicated SCHS member, Kathy Hunter, as their Volunteer of the Year at the same event!

What active and committed volunteers we have! We are so lucky.

Setting up for 7th Annual Heritage Invitational Exhibit





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Thank you to our new and renewing members and generous donors—

Maggie McBride	Sue Brown	Fred Parkinson
Mark English	Marvin Thompson	Gary and Nancy Ohren
Gail Joseph	Nellie Graves	Fred and Nola Parkinson
Norm English	GeerCrest Farm and Historical Society	
Mary Ann Miles	Bob and Marilyn Dedrick	

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!!

Your S.C.H.S. Board

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Tracy Duerst	Treasurer
Judy Lowery	Curator
Kathy Hunter	Membership
Molly Murphy	
Ruth Kaser	
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**And you think we've had
some snow lately?!?**

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