

Silverton Country Historical Society

Museum and Office 428 South Water Street



Our Annual Meeting at the Oak Street Church

We are so very grateful to the people who came to this year's annual meeting, in spite of it being the loveliest day weather-wise all winter! I personally feel they were well rewarded. Gordon Munro, Story Teller extraordinaire, regaled us with stories about Musa Geer and early schools, June Drake and the 1890 flood and Silverton noted citizen "Old Ying." What I love about Gordon, is as he begins to speak, all of a sudden you've been transported back to the Digerness store and you are sitting around the pot-bellied stove listening to a neighbor tell about something that happened the day before! If you missed the meeting, be sure to look for Gordon at Homer Davenport Days or possibly at GeerCrest this summer.

After Gordon's program, we had the required business meeting. Carolyn reported on Museum activities for the year, including the repair of the upstairs Doctor's Room ceiling and subsequent painting, and the many volunteer hours spent encasing documents and photographs in archival protective sleeves. Approximately 394 visitors came to the museum as well as 154 students from Eugene Field and Butte Creek Schools. Chris reported that SCHS has 164 memberships including 20 new members in 2009.



Gordon Munro

The membership then voted to accept the SCHS slate of new officers and board members: Ray Hunter, President; Norman English, Vice-President; Chris Schwab, Secretary; Rufus LaLone, Treasurer; Larry Thomas, Past-President and Board Members Rick Lewis, Molly Murphy and Marsha Worthen. They join Curator, Carolyn Hutton and Membership Coordinator, Kathy Hunter to make for a complete Board of Directors.

At the meeting the drawing was held for the Sesquicentennial Pendleton wool blanket. It was more like adopting it out, as far as I was concerned—I have toiled that gorgeous thing around since October and our volunteers have worked tirelessly selling tickets – most notably Ray and Kathy Hunter, Tom and Marsha Worthen, Robin Anderson, Carolyn Hutton and Colleen and Stacy at the Chamber of Commerce. And me. We have to especially thank Michelle Feeney at the Silverton Green Store for letting that be the blanket's home for the last 4 months, whenever it was not on a money-making field trip, such as the Community Ball or Santa Mouse Craft Sale at Robert Frost School.



So, the holder of the winning ticket for the blanket was Silverton resident, **Diane Stoltman**, pictured here. She gave a shriek of delight when I called and told her she had won.

She said she is going to redecorate her living room in order to show case it! Diane, originally from Minnesota, has lived in Silverton about 10 years and bought the winning ticket while visiting the Santa Mouse Sale. I love it—she was supporting two local endeavors at one time! That's what we like to see. Anyway, I was so happy and relieved that "my baby" was going to a good home!

At the very end of the meeting Carolyn announced that Chris Schwab was this year's volunteer of the year and then we adjourned for visiting and dessert. And so we begin a new year!



Chris Schwab
Volunteer of the Year

Thank you members.

Curator's Corner February 2010

Already this year we have received several donated additions to SCHS's collection. These have not been accessioned by the board yet but I'm reasonably sure that they will be:

High school memorabilia from Rollin Smedstad in the form of a collection of school newspapers: "Hi-Life" circa 1938, a Senior Revue '37, and a 1923 Silvertonia. Did you know that there were several years during the 1930s when the high school did not publish a yearbook? During the depression people couldn't afford this small luxury of recorded memories.

Several-item donation from the estate of Maurice and Emma Olsen Hynes brought to us from their daughter, Norma Hynes Benjamin. The donation includes a 1948 map of Marion County with business advertisements on the back; an Abstract of Title of the Hynes property in the North/Central Howell area located on the DLC #41 of George McCorkle; two photos of the Class of '34 reunion in 1954 and a circa 1930 photo of a Trinity Lutheran Church Confirmation class.

Multiple item donation from the estate of Dr. Rudolph E. Kleinsorge which includes a leather wallet with prescriptions, a brass medallion presented to Dr. Kleinsorge from the State Board of Higher education, a leather bag stamped Coolidge & McClaine Bank and used by Dr. K. for deposits, a leather encased notebook of a very early list of patients he visited, pins and buttons from his service in the ambulance corp. in WW I, several Silvertonias including 1930 and '31, a plaque of Appreciation for 60 years of service from the city of Silverton and a soft-bound book of the history of Silverton Hospital. Thanks to his granddaughter, Jamea Turner French.

Nancy Havens Rose, the grand-daughter of Timothy W. and Nancy Wisner Davenport has donated more of the family's papers and documents to be added to the Davenport archives. They include an autograph album that belonged to Timothy Clyde Davenport, ca 1890, (he was Homer's half-brother); seven photos; three pages from the Davenport Family Bible, one of them being the Marriage Certificate of Tim and Nancy, the other two are family records; a record of the various family nicknames (they all seemed to have at least two nicknames for each other); and 48 letters, most of them written by Tim and/or Nancy to each other or their daughters.



Timothy W. Davenport

Thanks to Margaret English, we now have a photo to go with the history of Irving Leonard Jones who was killed in France in 1944. She noticed the empty page in our Veteran's Casualty book and contacted a relative in CA who very kindly sent us a photo.

Eddie Kahut of Woodburn found a small commemorative plate for the 100th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in a local thrift store. Ed is a long-time family friend who volunteers at the Woodburn Museum.....he and I share museum thoughts.

WHEW!! Aren't they marvelous?!

I don't have room for much else but I do want to thank the volunteers who came and helped clean the museum to get ready for opening day: Robin and Wade Anderson, Glen Cunningham, Tom Worthen, Norman English, Dolores Blust, Chris Schwab and Kathy Hunter. We moved some things, dusted, washed glass cases, vacuumed and mopped. Thanks so much everybody!!

Carolyn Hutton

Message from our President:

As the new SCHS Board President, I hope to carry out my duties satisfactorily for the members and the museum. We're looking forward to a good year.

Ray Hunter



BOBBIE DAY

2010

SATURDAY FEB 13

1 - 2 PM

206 S. WATER ST.

AT

THE SILVERTON COFFEE STATION

With Special Guests Dick Moles, his accordion, his dog Sweetheart (our Bobbie look-a-like) & the Chicken Dancer

Bring your Pooch to the Doggie Costume Contest!

Pet Food Drive

sponsored by The Coffee Station to benefit S.A.C.A. and Willamette Humane Society -
Donate pet food & get a free coffee or ice cream!



No SCHS Member Program for
February.

Please support The Silverton Murals Society Bobbie Day!

New SCHS Board Member Rufus S. La Lone

New SCHS Board member, Rufus LaLone graduated with honors in Biology from Humboldt State University in 1975, where his studies focused on marine invertebrate zoology. Rufus and his wife, Kay, then moved to Corvallis during the foggy Christmas of 1975 to begin graduate school research to develop a pest management program for Black Vine Weevil control in the PNW ornamental nursery industry. Rufus completed a Master's degree in Entomology at Oregon State in the spring of 1979.



The J. M. Smucker Company (Smucker's) offered Rufus a position while he was still writing his thesis. As it turned out, Rufus has been with the company going on 31 years this spring. Along with management responsibilities for the quality of fruit commodities from the PNW, Rufus travels across North America presenting environmentally sound management programs for insect control from "farm to table" for the expanded product lines that Smucker's markets.

Since the early part of his scientific career, Rufus has been an advocate for the practical application of meteorology in the life sciences. For over 35 years, he has prepared weather forecasts for friends and colleagues. In 1994, Rufus initiated his virtual Weather Café®. Every Monday & Friday, thousands of "patrons" - with their morning beverage in hand - enjoy the informal discussions on the long-range weather trends around the PNW. Visit The Weather Café® at: <http://tinyurl.com/WxCafe>

In the spring of 2005, the Council of the American Meteorological Society elected Rufus as a full member of the Society – a long time personal goal. Most recently, Rufus has been invited to give a lecture on "Reducing Customer Complaints in the Food Industry" at an international conference in Valencia, Spain in early March 2010. The 'congress' will have delegates from 45 nations in attendance. Kay will journey with him in Spain. We will probably excuse him from the March Board meeting!

Rufus and Kay lived on Water Street for 10 years before moving to their current home in the Abiqua district in 1992. Their two adopted children went to schools in the area.

Rufus says, "Both Kay and I have long cherished the unique ambience that is Silverton, from the historic buildings of our 'real' downtown to the delightful people that call this community home. While we have only been members of SCHS for 2 years, we recognize the inherent value that SCHS brings to the region and seek to encourage others to get involved in its preservation and history."

Welcome, Rufus!

New Additions

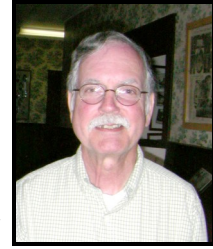
Recently added to our Silverton authors' collection are two books by Virginia Tuggle McKim. "One Woman's Life" is about Virginia's mother Florence Johnson Tuggle, and "Growing Up in Silverton," is a collection of photographs and memories of Virginia's life in our favorite little town. They can be viewed here at the museum.

We Need Your Help!

Lynne Berkey is doing a research project for the YMCA on the history of the Silverton Swimming pool and while we have found many interesting stories about the funding and building of the pool in 1940, we are running into a dead end when it comes to photographs! If you have any photos of the pool from the 1940's, '50's or even '60's (after all, it didn't really change much!) we would love to have copies. Contact Chris at 503-873-4529 Thanks.!

New Board Member Norman English

Norman joined the Historical Society one year ago after retiring and moving back to Silverton. His wife Margaret was curator of the museum in the 1980s and now it's his turn to hold an office on the Board. Like so many people who move back to town and want to stay active in their community, Norman is busy with his church and SACA and sometimes a part-time job at Unger's. Besides that, he and Margaret like to travel and have seen various parts of the world.



Both he and Margaret are deeply immersed in local history; Norman's family were pioneers in Silverton in the 1850's so his roots are long. He was born and raised here; his Dad, Gaylord English grew up in the Bethany area. He has written and assembled two, beautifully bound books of family history and photos.

In the past year, immediately upon joining SCHS, he volunteered to be a host, opening the museum to visitors on the second Sunday of each month that we're open to the public. He has helped with grade school tours and various projects throughout the year. It just seemed a natural progression that he would fit into a decision-making role as a Board member and he has generously agreed to be our Vice-President.

Thanks again for accepting, Norman

New SCHS Board Member—Rick Lewis

I am grateful that I know one of our new Board Members solely through the Historical Society and not in the capacity of his work, which is Chief of Police for our town!

Rick Lewis is a native of Wyoming, but moved to Oregon in 1979. A 36-year law enforcement veteran and having served as Chief of Police in several Oregon communities for the past 25 years, Rick became Silverton's Chief of Police in 1998.

In 2005, Chief Lewis, relying on vacation and leave of absence time, spent 6 months in Iraq, using his many skills to help train senior Iraqi policemen in the creation of a democratic police force that could best protect and serve the Iraqi people. The trip was a chance to represent his country, but was also an opportunity to have an impact on another group of people, a chance to learn more about them and gain a fresh perspective on their lives. One thing he did learn was that family is the core of their lives – our values and theirs are the same. And beyond that, Rick said, "Being part of history, being able to be part of something like that is a really good feeling."



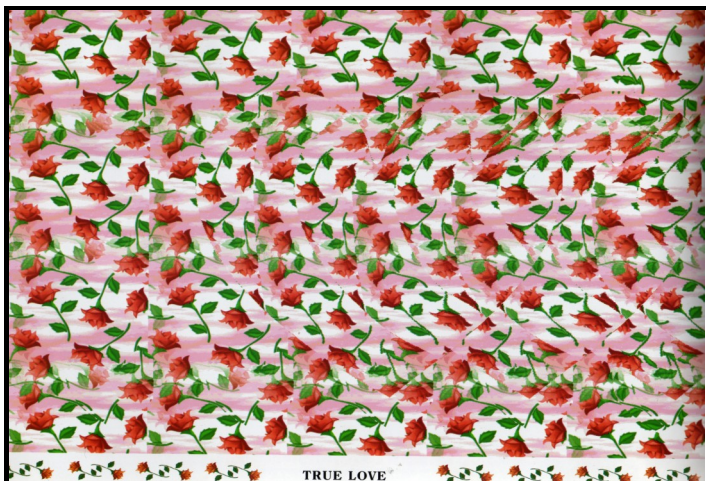
Rick, who minored in history in college, has had a life-long interest in the history of local communities. In fact, he has researched the history of the law enforcement agency in each of the communities he has served in as Chief of Police, including Silverton. He recently presented a program on Silverton Police to our membership.

It's obvious that he has a sense of history and of genealogy and savors the research process, so serving on our board is a perfect fit. And, Rick's wife, Pat, has long ties to Oregon--her family traveled to Oregon with some of the early Silverton area settlers including Daniel Waldo. We are very pleased to have Rick on our Board.

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This is a valentine stereogram—the hearts will appear and can be seen in 3D when you focus on a distance beyond the picture

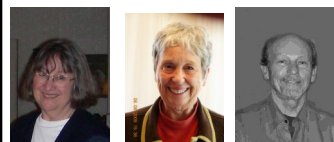
Thank you to our new and renewing members:

Ed and Nellie Graves	Linda McKay
Rory Nichols	Mike and Linda Whitmore
Luanne Crail	Fred and Ruth Kaser
Judy Lowery	Virginia McKim

And thank you for the following donation—

Nancy Benson Bleakney in memory of Shirley Doerfler Duerst

Carolyn Chris Larry



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