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Silvertown Seniors Thrift Shop, an intriguing place to browse and find unique items, can always use some volunteer help.

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base, the center will also expand its exercise classes this June, and rental eligibility will also become available to more people.

On a side note, Donna wanted to invite shoppers and browsers in town to take a peek at the broad assortment of goods at the Silvertown Seniors Thrift Shop, located downtown at 207 High St., just around the corner from the Red Bench.

"It's kind of a general store, actually; jewelry, clothing, hardware – may be even occasionally a snack," Donna said.

The store is providing outfits for the SSC Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show, which is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the center, 115 Westfield St. Visit: <http://www.silvertownseniorcenter.org/>.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The store also has ample volunteer opportunities available for anyone of working or retired age; call 503-874-1154 to learn more.

"I just want people to see the thrift shop; it's one of our hidden treasures in town," Dodie said. "And it does help support the senior center a lot."

Donna added: "It helps the seniors of the entire community."

Another SSC note is that the monthly pancake breakfast – and it is now officially a monthly meal – takes place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27. That's pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and beverages at a cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids with under 4 dining free.

Wearing a different hat, Dodie reminds people that the Legacy Silvertown Health Auxiliary Bake Sale is 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13, in the parking lot, 342 Fairview St., where homemade goodies can be enjoyed during and after the scheduled Fun Run.

Cartoon contest

The brief 80-degree spell may have been a heretofore anomaly this spring, but by the time Homer Davenport Days check in Aug. 4-6, warm weather should be the standard.

Another standard is the celebration of a Silvertown favorite son, the festival's namesake and famed international cartoonist of his day. Homer passed away 105 years ago May 2 at the young age of 45, having contracted pneumonia in New York City while on an assignment to interview survivors of the Titanic. So it was fitting that Gus, a local historian, was on hand May 3 at Silver Creek to unfold new developments in the cartoon contest.

The contest began in 1984, and the aim has been to orchestrate it into an international contest worthy of its namesake. Gus noted that it had achieved just that, largely under the direction of **Jack Hande**. Entrants over the years have hailed from every colonized continent in the world.

Hopes are that a renewed energy, and money, will lift it back to that level. After all, Gus asserted, a Homer Davenport celebration would be naked without a cartoon contest.

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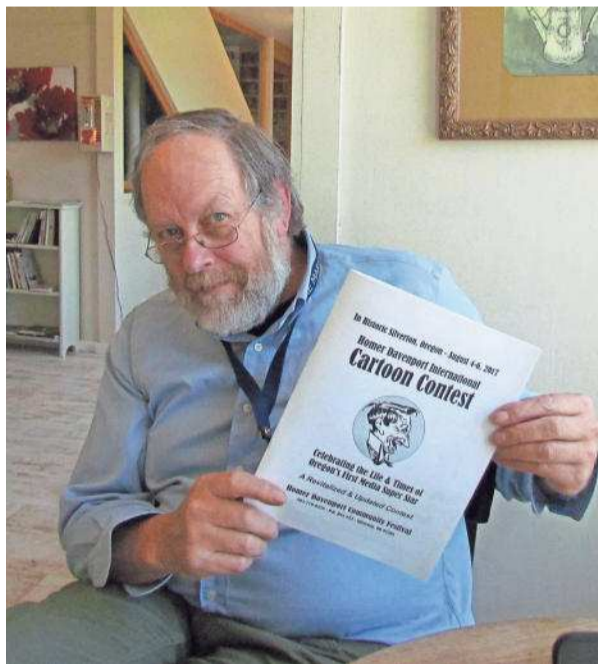
The entry fee is \$25. Judging criteria are artistic skill, clearly implied message and the cartoon's overall appeal.

Gus said all prizes will be determined by a blue-ribbon panel of judges, while five people's choice awards will be determined by popular vote. Judges are Rep. **Rick Lewis** (R-Silvertown), Sen. **Lew Frederick** (D-Portland) and **Dr. David Lewis**, a cartoon aficionado and member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Submission deadline is July 28. Winners will be announced Saturday afternoon at the festival and on the "Homer Page" online.

Interested? Learn all the specifics at <http://homerdavenport.com/tooncontest.php>.

While online, another fun site to visit might be <https://www.facebook.com/bbfchallenge> where you can peruse a Black Ball Ferry Line's "\$149 Challenge," created by Gus and another Silvertownian, **Mylrea Estell**.



Gus Frederick is pleased to reveal that the Homer Davenport International Cartoon Contest is back, and bigger than ever.

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Next chat

What: Creekside Chat

Where: Silver Creek Coffee House, 111 Water St., Silvertown

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 (First and third Wednesdays)

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