



# Victorian Times

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## Sixth Annual Grand Victorian Ball

The VSCS annual Grand Victorian Ball will be held Saturday, September 10 at the Manitou Springs Town Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue. Social hour begins at 6:00pm and the Grand Promenade steps off promptly at 7:00pm.

This year's theme is a Fairy Tale Masquerade. Ball Chairperson, Jessica Barash, explains it will be an evening of Cinderellas, Snow Whites, and Prince Charmings, but special costumes are not required.

Formal Victorian dress is encouraged and modern dress is allowed. But if you wanted to get into the flavor by dressing as Hansel and Gretel or Mother Goose, well, it's all about having a good time at the ball.

We know of one couple who are planning to dance the night away as Odette and Prince Siegfried from Swan Lake. Whether they plan to

perform any ballet moves during the Spanish Waltz is still unknown.

We are honored once again to have music by Cynthia Robinson and Trio Allegro for your dancing delight. They were a big hit at last year's ball. If you have not yet danced to these fine musicians you are in for a special treat.

We are also pleased to have Betty Andrews returning this year to manage the decorations and Linda Johnson is in charge of refreshments. Folks are eager to see what they come up with for our special theme cake.

The dance list includes many old favorites like the Grand Square Quadrille, and the Spanish Waltz, and there will be at least one new Sicilian Circle.

All dances will be taught.

Because of insurance regulations we are not allowed to take cash at the door, thus tickets must be reserved in advance.

Tickets are \$25/person for members and \$30/person for non-members.

Reserve your tickets on our website or send your reservations (see below) with a check made out to Victorian Society of Colorado Springs to:

VSCS

PO Box 2044,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

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## Reservations

### *Grand Victorian Ball*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the VSCS Grand Victorian Ball in the name of:

I will pay at the door with a check.

I have enclosed my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## David Johnson Leaving

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Our esteemed president, David Johnson informs us he has taken a new job teaching history with Colorado Northwest Community College in Craig, Colorado.

This is a great opportunity for David, but a major loss for the VSCS. David has been the right man for the job over the past two years. We are very grateful for his service and will miss him dearly.

Thankfully, David will be able to finish his term from a distance, but his departure will leave a gaping chasm that will need to be filled with the new board of directors. (see below)

Congratulations, David, on your new assignment. We wish you and your family the very best in your future adventures.

## Nominations/Volunteers Needed

The Victorian Society of Colorado Springs is managed by a Board of Directors comprising five people. New directors are nominated in November, elected in December, and assume their positions in January.

With David Johnson's new

assignment (see above) the critical position of president will be vacant. Moreover, all members of the current board have served for two years or more, and we believe it best serves the organization to have an infusion of fresh ideas at regular intervals.

The duties of the directors involve developing ideas and managing events. The big event, of course, is the annual Grand Ball.

If you would like to submit your name, contact one of the current directors or send us a webmail.

**FOUNDERS DAY** Saturday, August 13 is Founders Day in Old Colorado City. The VSCS has been asked to do a dance demonstration in Bancroft Park starting at 10:30am. Please join us in Victorian attire to entertain the public. Afterwards, Ken Markus and PJ Thornton will be hosting a potluck at their home at 1617 W. Colorado Av. Pulled pork, sausage, potatoes, cabbage, and corn will be provided in a unique style with lemonade and iced tea for replenishment. Bring a salad, chips, or other side dish. RSVP would be greatly appreciated.

## August Dance Lesson Cancelled

We regret to announce that we have had to cancel the Victorian dance lesson for August due to a schedule conflict. Not to worry if you planning to use the lesson to prepare for the Grand Ball in September. All dances at the ball are taught, so even if it's your first dance you will have a grand time at the ball.