

Tooele County Company Utah Jubilee

Pioneer Hats and Shawls Jubilee

On January 26, 2019 Tooele County Company Daughters of Utah Pioneers held their Company Jubilee. The theme was pioneer hats and shawls. Valynn Carter brought 200 hats which she displayed for the enjoyment of the attendees. She told the history of several of her hats and how she acquired them. One hat belonged to her little brother who is now deceased. Another hat oriental in design was worn in the Chinese New Year.

Hand-made shawls from Marilyn Christensen were given as prizes for the most colorful, most elegant, most exotic, oldest and most outlandish hats daughters wore to the Jubilee.

Judy Schneider, President of the Tooele County Company, gave a brief history of shawls, and told the story of Sarah Frank, a member of Martin Handcart Company, and her fiance, George Padley, who died from exposure and hunger. She insisted he be wrapped in her shawl and hung from a tree until they could come back when it was warmer and dig a grave to bury him. Judy told about a shawl that is in the DUP Museum in Tooele that was wrapped around a child by her mother, and placed in the arms of her mother's sister, who was leaving England to a better life in America. The mother couldn't come but wanted her baby to grow up in freedom. She prayed that her little daughter would always know how much her mother loved her.



PHOTO: Valynn Carter holding a hat



PHOTO: Valynn Carter and Judy Schnieder



PHOTO: Valynn Carter with a display of her hat collection.