Buck Henry’s Game of Riddles: A Wheatland Scavenger Hunt

Buck Henry is excited that you’ve come to visit Wheatland, but no visit would be complete without a game to play! He’s left behind a game of riddles for you to solve. As you explore each room of the mansion, a rhyming riddle will leave clues to help you identify one object in each room. How many riddles can you solve?

1. I have no voice, but still can sing.
   I’m pieced together with keys and string.
   Come sit by me and soon you’ll hear
   A melody that brings good cheer.

Answer: __________________________

6. My flowers are forever in full bloom,
   And my colors of green, pink, and red fill the room.
   I’m stitched together with needle and thread.
   You’ll find me where you lay your head.

Answer: __________________________

2. Upon a stately pile of books
   I wait to complete Buchanan’s look.
   In the 1860s, no gentleman dared.
   To go outside with a head all bare.

Answer: __________________________

7. I was installed in the eighteen seventies,
   And I made washing up quite a breeze!
   I’m three feet deep and framed by wood
   Before me, Buchanan’s bookcases stood.

Answer: __________________________

3. I have two hands, but not like yours.
   And feet that keep me on all fours.
   Four times an hour you’ll hear me chime.
   You can count on me to be on time.

Answer: __________________________

8. In summer, I shield a source of heat,
   Providing pretty decoration instead of ashen heaps.
   But when winter winds begin to blow
   My purpose is gone, and away I go!

Answer: __________________________

4. Most times I’m stored out of sight,
   And only appear when you take flight.
   I hold your belongings under lock and key,
   When travelling, a friend I’ll be!

Answer: __________________________

9. What’s plated on top of me is the star of the show,
   But without me there’s no place for food to go.
   The wait staff at Wheatland carry me into this scene,
   Then I’m off to the kitchen to get squeaky clean.

Answer: __________________________

5. When it’s cold outside, or too dark to see,
   I become a necessity!
   I look like a chair, which is really quite neat,
   But there’s a lid you remove where you take your seat!

Answer: __________________________

10. On wooden shelves, I hold plates safely inside,
    As we go from floor to floor on a short ride.
    A pulley system is what makes me go.
    Without me, people take the stairs with plates in tow.

Answer: __________________________

ANSWER KEY: (1) 1865 Chickering Piano (Sitting Room); (2) Buchanan’s Top Hat (Library); (3) Grandfather Clock (Parlor); (4) Harriet’s Louis Vuitton Traveling Trunk (Harriet’s Room); (5) Island Butlers; (6) Necessity Chair (Buchanan’s Room); (7) Tub (Bathroom); (8) Fireplace Screen (Miss Hetty’s Room); (9) Serving Plate; (10) Dumbwaiter (Warming Kitchen)