

REFLECTIONS

Winter/Spring 2019



Newsletter of an East County Historical Organization

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E.C.H.O.
Board Meeting
Quail Hollow Clubhouse
21100 NE Sandy Blvd.
Fairview, Oregon
Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov
3rd Thursday,
6:30pm
Open to the Public

1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
Gresham, Oregon

House Tour
Open 3rd Saturday
Noon to 4pm

Volunteer in the Garden
Every 2nd Saturday
9am to Noon

Volunteer in the House
Call for Days & Hours 503-
618-0946 or e-mail
info@echohistory.org

1893 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon

House Tour
Every 3rd Saturday
Noon to 4pm

Volunteer in the Garden
Every 1st Saturday
9am to Noon

President's Message

We are always looking for volunteers to help us restore and preserve our museums; if you have an interest, please let us know. Thank you.

-Peggy Olin
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Valentine's Tea Cancelled This Year/Call to Action

We are sorry to disappoint the many people who like to attend the teas, but we just didn't have the volunteers to do it. We need more man- (and woman-) power! Before more fun community events fall by the wayside, ECHO needs more volunteers. Below are some of the things that need doing. Can you help with any of them? Some occur at a location such as the museums, others can be at your home. Whether you have a little time or a lot, we can use your help!

- ✦ Events: Help plan and staff events, from tour days to special tours to fundraisers to booths at local events.
- ✦ Host/hostess/docent: At either museum for tour day (the third Saturday of the month and every Saturday in the summer).
- ✦ Marketing: Send press releases we provide you, update event calendar websites, etc., from your home computer.
- ✦ Computer work: Enter data on historical artifacts at either museum or from your home computer.
- ✦ Artifacts: Assign and affix a number to each item at either museum.
- ✦ Exhibits: Help create new exhibits at both museums.
- ✦ Gardening: Work in either garden and/or 'adopt-a-bed' – ask us how!
- ✦ Dust and sweep: 'Adopt-a-room' and keep it tidy – ask us how!

Also, keep your ears open for groups such as Scouts or church organizations that seek community volunteer activities and have them contact us.

Annual Meeting

Join us Saturday, April 13, 2019 for guest speaker Michael McCloskey, author of [A Glimpse Into History: What Famous People Have Said About Oregon and the Need to Conserve It](#). Starting at one o'clock, it will be at the Quail Hollow Clubhouse in Fairview (21100 NE Sandy Blvd.) Light refreshments will be served. Open to members and the public.



Zimmerman House Upstairs Playroom; Photo Courtesy of City of Gresham

The Holiday Season Tours

By Jana Brey

In 2018 the Zimmerman and Heslin Houses were open three consecutive Fridays and Saturdays in late November through mid-December from noon – 5 PM. Peggy Olin provided all of the decorations, did the planning and most of the decorating, and with other volunteers did an amazing job beautifying the Zimmerman House. Thank you to them, and to all of the docents who volunteered to be sure the houses were staffed and ready to receive guests.

The turnout, however, was disappointing. The Zimmerman House had a total of 61 guests during that time period; the Heslin House 6 guests when it was open for 2 of those days. Total dollars received for the tours was just shy of \$500. The same advertising as last year was conducted but with less response. If anyone has ideas on how we can increase guests to the houses during the holidays, please share them with Board members.

I was the lead at the Zimmerman House on the Saturday tour days and while we didn't have the stampede of guests we all hoped for, I enjoyed many of the guests who spent a considerable amount of time walking through each of the rooms, admiring the beautiful holiday decorations, absorbing the uniqueness of the residence, asking thoughtful questions and being delighted by the docents' many interesting and charming stories.

I also felt quite privileged to be there on the days when familiar faces were present...the founding caretakers of the Zimmerman House...Judy Lenhart, Dodi Davies, Nancy Hoover and Twila Mysinger. Thank you all for answering my endless questions and providing us docents with new stories to share with our guests.

Editor's Note: The Heslin House was hosted by Chad, Tina and Wesley Olin on Fridays, and Tom Dooley and Linda McNerney on Saturdays.

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

Your continued financial support is key to our success, and we hope you will consider joining, renewing or extending your membership. Check the upper right-hand corner of your mailing label for your dues-paid-through date.

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment, check made out to E.C.H.O., or you can go to www.echohistory.org to pay online.

Donations:

General Fund _____

Heslin House _____

Zimmerman House _____

- \$15 ___ Student Membership
- \$15 ___ Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20 ___ Individual Membership
- \$35 ___ Family Membership
- \$100 ___ Pioneer Membership
- \$500 ___ Cleone Life Membership

Total Enclosed \$ _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Comments: _____

May we publish your name online / in print? Yes No

I would like to volunteer – please contact me: (We hope you check this box!)

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Members of ECHO are afforded many opportunities to learn about the history of east Multnomah County, and the two historic structures and museums we maintain – the Zimmerman House and the Heslin House.

Annual Membership Levels:

- \$15: Student Membership
- \$15: Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20: Individual Membership
- \$35: Family Membership

Benefits and privileges to members include free admission to our museums, our “Reflections” newsletter (mail or email), a 10% discount in the gift shop, a discount to ECHO special events, a discount on Dell products, and a discount in the membership cost for the Oregon Historical Society. Members also receive e-mail preview announcements of new displays and invitations to events.

In addition to the above basic memberships, we offer the following:

- \$100: *Pioneer Membership*: Benefits and privileges include the above, a copy of the book “*A History of Fairview*” by William Stone, and recognition on our website as a Pioneer Member.
- \$500: *Cleone Life Membership*: Benefits and privileges include the above, the book “*A Pictorial History of East Multnomah County*”, plus permanent recognition on our website as a lifelong steward of East Multnomah County history.

How to Become a Member: Please complete this membership form and mail it with your check to:
ECHO | PO Box 946 | Fairview Oregon 97024.

Questions: Call us at 503-618-0946 or e-mail info@echohistory.org

Volunteer!

We could use your help just a few hours a month on a wide variety of tasks:

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MLK Day of Service

By Twila Mysinger

We were thrilled when Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc. (AINW) selected the Zimmerman House as one of their corporate recipients for the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Thirteen AINW staff joined eight ECHO volunteers and spent six hours on-site. Some folks worked in the gardens and some worked inside to refold clothes/textiles (to keep the folds from becoming permanent). The weather cooperated for most of the day and it was fun and productive! If you wished you could have been there, we always have these sorts of tasks and more to accomplish! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Alice Duff at aduff@echohistory.org or 503-618-0946 for more information.

AINW staff and ECHO volunteers at the Zimmerman House, January



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Obituary – David Lenhart, 1930-2019

Long-time member and volunteer David Lenhart passed away February 7th. David volunteered in a number of ways but was "the" mole-trapper at the Zimmerman House for many years, and his expertise was much appreciated. David also knew a great deal about the Zimmerman house, family and grounds. Fortunately, he recently shared some of these stories and they were recorded digitally.

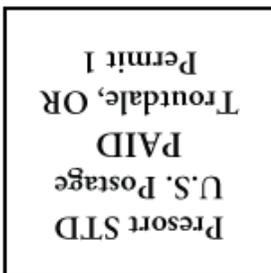
His wife Judith was the original Curator at the Zimmerman House and has been a docent of late.

We extend our condolences to Judith, her sons, family and friends.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Don't forget, you can link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to ECHO and every time you shop, Fred Meyer will donate to ECHO! This is at no cost to you, and you will continue to earn your reward points as usual. Just visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and use our organization number RT522 to link your card to ECHO – or stop in at your local Fred Meyer Customer Service desk.

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