

REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of An East County Historical Organization

Winter 2016



Happy New Year!

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E.C.H.O. Society
Board Meeting
Quail Hollow Clubhouse
21100 NE Sandy Blvd.
Fairview, Oregon
Every 4th Monday,
6 to 7PM
Open to the Public

1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
Gresham, Oregon

House Tour
Every Third Saturday
Noon to 4PM

Volunteer in the Garden
Every Second Saturday
9AM to Noon

Volunteer in the House
4PM to 8PM
Call for Days

1893 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon

House Tour
Every Third Saturday
Noon to 4PM

Volunteer in the Garden
Every First Saturday
9AM to 1PM

Volunteer in the House
4PM to 8PM
Call for Days

Introducing Our New Executive Director, Danielle Utter



Danielle joins us after almost seven years with the non-profit Western United States Agricultural Trade Association, where she wore many hats as a Marketing, Communications, and Outreach Coordinator for the federally-funded export assistance program. She is excited about the opportunity to bring her energy, enthusiasm, and operational abilities to the service of our heritage community.

During her career, Danielle has spent time with several other organizations, including the Clark County Historical Museum, Oregon Health and Science University, Pittock Mansion and Phoenix Zoo, to name a few. In addition to being extremely passionate about museums and historical homes, Danielle also spends her time giving back to the community, and has volunteered with programs like the Vancouver School District's Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program.

Danielle has a Bachelors of Science degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a major in Arts Management (non-profit business) and an emphasis in anthropology (specifically archeology).

Our new Director took up her official part-time duties in mid-December, and in the coming weeks/months, we will share more information about her, how you can welcome her in person, plus provide updates on her progress.

We know she is certainly looking forward to meeting as many of you as she can, and if you would like to say hello, Danielle can be reached at dutter@echohistory.org.



Drusilla Missouri Dunbar Heslin (1848-1912) traveled the Oregon Trail in 1850 and at age 16 married John Patrick Heslin (1835-1917). They lived most of their lives in Fairview.

Drusilla started a diary on March 3, 1867 and most of what is known of the Heslins is through her diary. The diary was transcribed several years ago by Richard Ferguson.

See Page 5 for the second installment.

**"An Evening at Zimmerman House"
- A Smashing Success**

Our special two-day December evening tours at the Zimmerman House were a big hit with almost 200 people attending; many were first-time visitors.

A large part of its success is due to our friends at *The Oregonian*, who highlighted this year's event. Thank you very much to the paper, especially Janet Eastman for making that happen.

Above all, we would like to thank each of this year's attendees for joining us. Your enthusiasm and wonder was so enjoyable.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEER - PATTY BROST

Patty has been a long-time volunteer and has become our expert in identifying and documenting all of the apparel including estimating the age and fabric type, just by feeling it.

Patty has been coming almost every Tuesday evening for the last 10 years, and has cataloged close to 600 items ranging from small hand sewn collars to evening gowns. Patty enjoys seeing the older clothing; some of which is very well preserved.



A favorite find of hers happened when two of the four white lawn dresses, captured in the Zimmerman kitchen photo, were located. Recently, Patty identified an odd object...very heavy, laced up the front with straps to adjust it...as a man's back support or brace. When asked, Patty says she likes working with others who have the same interests in preserving the past and to hear all the stories that are uncovered as a result of other volunteers' finds. All of us at ECHO would like to thank Patty for her years of service and hard work. She is amazing and we are proud to have her with us.

You too can join us for an enjoyable and rewarding volunteer experience.

Go to <http://echohistory.org/volunteer/> or phone us at 503.261.8078.

We would love to hear from you!

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stone of Fairview announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy to Roy D. Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hoover of Canby. No date has been set for the wedding.

The bride-elect attended Lewis and Clark college.

Mr. Hoover is a graduate of Oregon Technical institute at Klamath Falls and now is a student at Milwaukee School of Engineering in Milwaukee, Wis.

January 12, 1953, *The Oregonian* announced the engagement of Roy and Nancy Hoover, two of our society founders. Roy and Nancy's dedication to our organization is unparalleled. They are still married and live in Gresham, OR.



New Artwork at the Zimmerman House



Recently, we received a call from the great-granddaughter of Laura Zimmerman and she had three pieces of artwork she was hoping to donate. However, she wasn't sure she had the right Zimmerman family.

After a few exchanges of names and dates, we knew this was 'our' Laura – George Zimmerman's niece. As you may recall, Jessie Zimmerman was an accomplished painter, and it appears to run in the family. Now, we have two new oil paintings and one charcoal drawing currently on exhibit at the Zimmerman House. Come by soon to check them out!

Donating Makes a Difference - Support ECHO Today

Without your generosity, many of the services, events, and curation of the Zimmerman and Heslin Houses could not take place. We would like to thank those of you who have already donated in our end of year appeal, and ask those that are still considering to do so now. Also, ECHO members, we want you to know how grateful we are for your continued support! Be sure to send in your dues, as well.

Remember, our organization needs your help on many fronts, including utilities and administration costs. Plus, the items, collectables, and buildings themselves are in need of some attention. Through your support we can continue and even increase our preservation and cataloging efforts. There is no time like the present to mail, call, or go online to our website at www.echohistory.org to assist us throughout this New Year.

Have questions on making a gift or becoming a member? There are many ways we can honor your donation. Contact us today at info@echohistory.org or leave us a message at 503.261.8078 to learn more.

Let's start this year off right by securing ECHO's future.

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Thank you!



THANK YOU to Lael Larger for all her hard work to submit the application and required supplemental information needed to nominate the Fairview Jail (next to the Heslin House) for the National Register of Historic Places.

Our Condolences to the Family and Friends of...

Oliver Batdorf	Jan 19, 1939 to Sep 30, 2015
June Walker	Jun 26, 1923 to Oct 13, 2015
Evelyn (Stone) DeYoung	Jun 13, 1920 to Oct 21, 2015
Gary M. Moller	Apr 19, 1936 to Nov 30, 2015

More on Evelyn DeYoung – Evelyn was a long-time Society member and great-great granddaughter of Jacob and Lena Zimmerman. She grew up on the family farm now the site of Fairview Village. Evelyn was the catalyst in getting Isobel's home put on the National Register of Historic Places. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Bryon DeYoung and sister Margaret Maggy, both members of our society.



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Drusilla's Diary



Drusilla and John Heslin

Drusilla's diary entries reflected the best and the worst of times as well as the mundane day-to-day life of early Fairview residents. We published her first two years in the last Reflections Newsletter; this issue includes excerpts from 1873 to 1882.

1873

May: We bought a new patent washing machine E.B. Parker.

July 12: Another Daughter born to us today (Note: Someone wrote in Calla here).

1875

May 18: Today it looks clear and bright after so much rain. I hope we are going to have some pleasant weather.

May 19: There is a picnic today down at J. Powell's grove. We are not going.

1876

Feb 10: My little Ana has commenced to make a quilt today. She is six years and six months. We are all having a siege of Epizootic. I hope we will soon get over having to use our handkerchiefs so much.

May 7: Another son born to us today. (Note: Someone wrote Claude here).

Dec 29: Bought a Singer sewing machine today. Gave \$85 for it with the extras. (Promised but they did not come).

1877

Feb 27: My Sister and family have returned to Fairview after two years and six months residence at Seattle. They have come to make this their home.

1878

Jan 22: Another son born to us today.

Jan 24: Our baby boy died today.

1879

Mar 11: Another son born to us today.

Mar 14: Our baby boy died today.

1880

Jan 9: A great wind Storm raged today lasted about two hours and then subsided.

Aug 28: A Daughter born to us today. (Note: Someone wrote in Gracie here).

Dec 7: Our Barn collapsed to an account of too much snow on the roof.

1881

Feb: My sister died in this month of Consumption. Also a son aged 17 years of Diphtheria. A Daughter died in May of quick Consumption.

Mar: My youngest Brothers little boy died in this mo. Of dropsy of the Brain, was about 5 mo. old.

June 5: My youngest Bro. died today of Consumption. He leaves a wife and Dau. the little girl is 3 years old. (Note: Someone wrote in Cora here).

1882

Mar 12: Today my Bro. Dau. Ella was buried. She was in her 15th year. She took the measles went into Typhoid fever then took Diphtheria and passed away to that better land.

Mar 15: Ollie Dunbar another Dau was buried today. Was about 9 years old. Died of Diphtheria.

Mar 21: Addie the oldest son was buried today aged 13 of Diphtheria.

Note:

Consumption (pulmonary tuberculosis) was called this as it seemed the disease "consumed" the individual, with their weight drastically dropping as the disease progressed.

Diphtheria was a very common condition and one of the leading causes of death in children prior to a vaccine that was introduced in 1940.

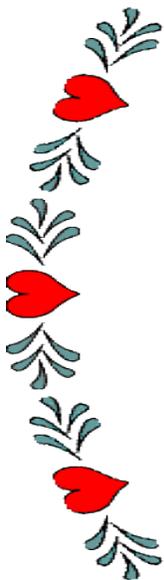
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REVISED HESLIN HOUSE EXHIBIT
We would like to thank William Leslie for loaning so many wonderful World War II artifacts! Those have been returned and we've displayed treasures from our collection, and we added a new exhibit of Heslin family photos. Come take a look!

Victorian Valentine Tea

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 1PM



Menu:

- ♥ Scones Served with Sweet Cream
- ♥ Assorted Sandwiches and Desserts
- ♥ Fresh Fruit and Hot Tea

Adults \$22.00

Under 10 years \$12.00

Door Prizes and Raffle

To make reservations before January 29, 2016,
please call 503.261.8078.



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hat and gloves!

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