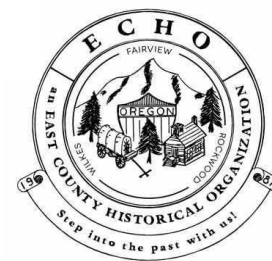


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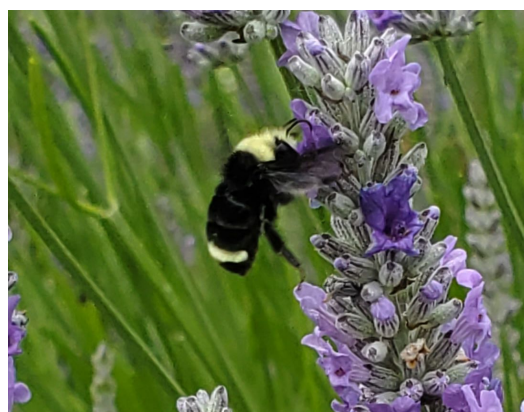
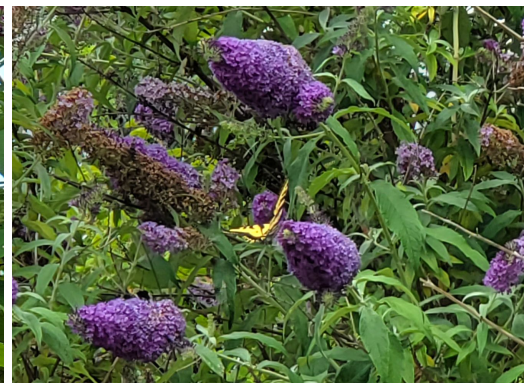
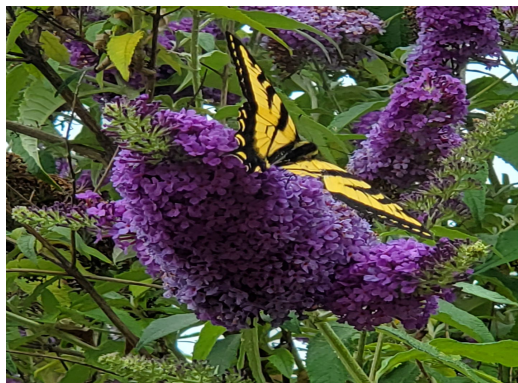
Newsletter of an East County Historical Organization



President's Message

By Peggy Olin

What a great way to spend a summer day! Walking in the gardens at both of our Museums. Just because our Museums are closed for tours on the inside, our gardens are always open for you to enjoy on the outside. Check out all of our wonderful pollinator plants to help out our birds, bees, and butterflies, lavender, herbs, bee balm, milkweed just to name a few. Check out the grape arbor, the wisteria is in full bloom across the porch, look at all the beautiful hostas.



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Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov
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9:30 am
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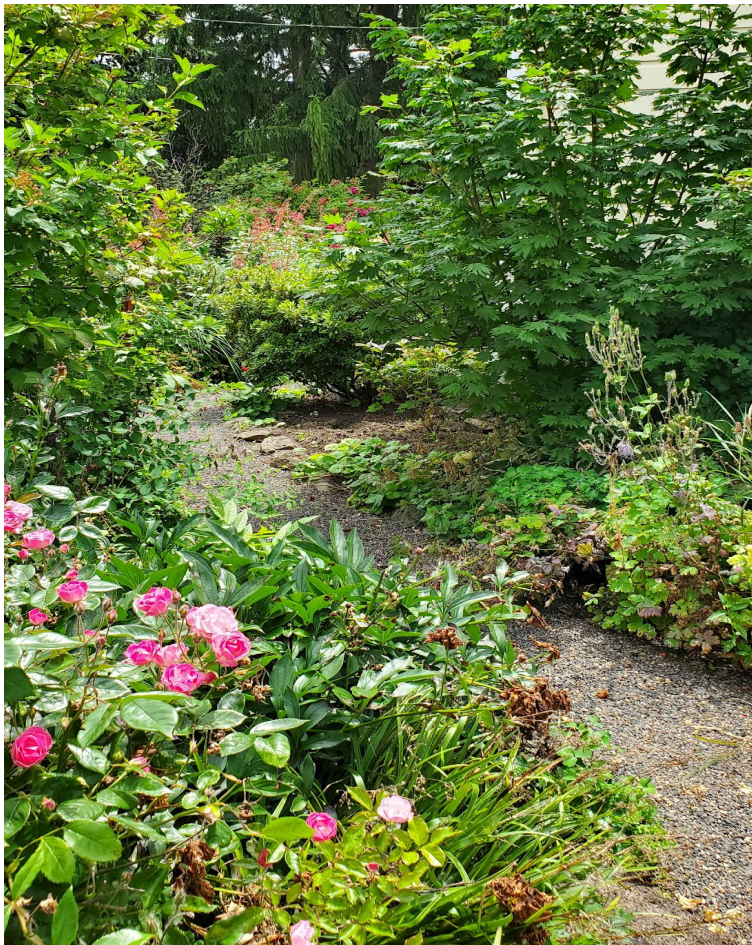
1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
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House Tour
To be announced
Volunteer in the Garden
Every 2nd Saturday
9am to Noon

Volunteer in the House
Call for Days & Hours
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1893 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon

House Tour
To be announced
Volunteer in the Garden
Every 1st Saturday
9:30am to Noon



As we are keepers of our history, we all want to keep our distance to stay healthy and happy, we are not sure just when we will be opening for tours at this time, please check our website for dates and times for opening our doors and upcoming events.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us restore and preserve our museums; if you have any interest please let us know. Thank you Peggy Olin polin@echhistory.org 503-666-4083

Dairy Days Car Show Update

by Chad Olin

Well, the date planned, July 12, for the Zimmerman Heritage House Car Show has come and gone for this year. Just about every crowd related event has been postponed for a later date or cancelled altogether. We obviously aren't the only ones feeling the crunch because of the Covid situation on everyone's minds. Given the fact that Multnomah County would have allowed us to hold the car show, with limitations and precautions, we chose not to...especially since the museum would not have been open for tours, which was popular during our first year.

Our goal now is to plan for next year, with a bigger, better experience. Given the extra time, we think we can offer an even better show than we could have done, with the limitations. We look forward to next summer and have chosen the date of July 11th, 2021. Add this to your calendar and we hope it all goes to plan. Stay safe, keep your family safe and we hope to see you next year...until then, Happy Motoring!!

Curation Update – Zimmerman House

By Twila Mysinger

We launched a project last year to get all the glass bowls, pitchers, and dishes that were on display into PastPerfect so we could remove the masking tape that carried their number. The tape was necessary, but not attractive, and was beginning to fall off. Carlos Lopez and I worked every week to get these items photographed and all their particulars into the system. We then moved on to vases and milk bottles and got those completed as well. Sadly, Covid-19 stopped this in-person work.

Judith Lenhart was leading our volunteers in the late 1990s/ early 2000s when they spent a ton of time documenting artifacts on 'inventory worksheets'. Books, as an example, would have title, author, publisher, date, condition, and inscriptions – the Zimmermans gave and received a lot of books! The volunteers documented over 900 books in this fashion, so I scanned those pages and went looking for volunteers to enter this data into Excel.

We have two wonderful ladies – Catherine and Gail – both from California – that responded to our plea for help. They've completed the books, 150 pieces of art, 300 pieces of glassware, 50 dolls/toys, 500 glass containers, and 500 pieces of apparel. We have some apparel and a lot of ceramics yet to do.

Just getting these details into Excel will give us a much better sense of what we actually have in the collections and allow us to find interesting items for future exhibits. Most of the books had their permanent number written on the inside cover, so each box was found, the contents verified, and the information uploaded to PastPerfect. The artwork has also been given permanent numbers, so we'll tackle that next. Two of our local volunteers – John Bootes and Ivy Hudson – have been scanning the photographs of the art our earlier volunteers took so we can upload those digital images into PastPerfect as well.

I've gained such an appreciation for the volunteers that completed these inventory forms, with Patty Brost, Harvey Steele, and Pat Walker doing the vast majority of them. The dates on the forms show they worked week after week, so getting their hard work into digital forms we can more readily use feels like we are honoring their efforts once again. My hat is off to these and all our volunteers that have helped with this project! If you are feeling left out and would like to help, drop me a line at tmysinger@echohistory.org and we'll find a task for you!

Example of a book inventory form below.

1/1/1990

Book Inventory Record - Zimmerman House Museum

Date: 8-15-02 Examined by: PW Inventory Number: 513
Slide taken: _____ Database entry: _____
Category Name: Communication Artifact Classification Name: Documentary Artifact Object Team _____
Title: Silver Linings (Poems of Hope + Cheer)
Subject: _____
Author: Morris, Joseph + Adams, St. Clair Dimensions: (inches) 1.7 1/2" W 5" H
Earliest Copyright Date(s): 1927 Publisher: George Sully + Co
Personal notations/inscriptions: on Nameplate: Isabel F. Zimmerman from
Uncle Andrew McCall, Xmas 1927
Condition Statement: good
Physical Deterioration (check, then describe): none _____ losses _____ damage _____
Biological Deterioration (check, then describe): none _____ active _____ suspected _____ type (if known) _____
Evidence: _____
Location: _____ storage in 7 or _____ display
Appraisal Information: unknown _____ known abe books 430

Drusill Missouri Dunbar Heslin

by Tina Olin and newsletter from Summer 2015



Drusilla Missouri Dunbar Heslin (1848-1912) came to Oregon as a young girl. She traveled the Oregon Trail in 1850 with her parents, three siblings and several relatives. In 1864, Drusilla married John Patrick Heslin (1835-1917), an Irishman from Virginia. They lived most of their lives in Fairview with John running a local sawmill.

Like many early Oregon pioneers, the Heslins endured hardships. They had twelve children, all born at home; six passed away in childhood.

The last twenty years of Drusilla's life, she suffered from tuberculosis. John had much difficulty with asthma that forced him to sit up in a chair to sleep later in life.

Most of what is known of the Heslins is through Drusilla's diary that she started March 3, 1867. Days and sometimes months would pass before she made an entry but major events were recorded.

In the winter 2019 issue there were copies of the diary entries from Drusilla that Richard Ferguson transcribed several years ago. If you would like to read/learn more about the Heslin Family please stop by when we open again (which to be announced) our volunteers would love to show and teach you the history of the family.

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