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Newsletter of an East County Historical Organization

President's Message

By Peggy Olin

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Board Meeting
60 Main Street
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1874 Zimmerman

Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd.
Portland, OR 97230

House Tours

Every 3rd Saturday of the month
12pm to 3pm

1893 Heslin House

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If you would like to volunteer, please
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Heslin Family House

*The historic house was built in 1893.
An example of Western Farmhouse architecture.*

*It is now the home of the
Heslin House Museum and 1915 City of Fairview two cell jail.
All located in the family friendly Nachakokee City Park.
Our mission is to ensure the future generations of East County,
to share the history of the Heslin House and surrounding area Families.*

1874 Zimmerman House Museum

*filled with the Zimmerman Family Artifacts
on Exhibit 'til October!*

*The Zimmerman Family loved to travel they took many trips over the
years, it might be sailing to Hawaii, train trip or driving to the
Washington Coast!*

Don't forget to take a stroll in our gardens!

*We have lots of pollinator plants for birds, bees and butterflies at the Z
house, and you may see little brown bunnies with fluffy tails, or even a
deer or two!*



July 2023

Buttery Cleanup has been completed!!

*After 34+ hours with an excavator, we are fortunate that the Buttery Building,
blackberries and yard debris are all gone. The ground has been graded flat and
now slopes properly away from the house.*

*Papé Machinery, who is building next door, offered to take all the debris away for
us. We are very fortunate for their generosity.*

*BIG THANK YOU to Chad & Wesley Olin for their time spent in the hot sun on
this project!*

ECHO Board Members

Buttery Building Excavation Project
By Jana Brey

The Zimmerman's dairy business known as the "Columbia Butter and Cheese Factory" used a 350 sq ft buttery, a brick building to process milk to make cheese and butter, for cold storage, and to sell their dairy products. When Isobel Zimmerman put the house and buttery on the national historic registry in 1985, it was in severe disrepair and covered in Boston Ivy. As much as we wanted to preserve the buttery building, a local structural engineering firm hired by ECHO, inspected and determined the building was unsafe and on the verge of collapse. It wasn't until April 2016 that nature finally collapsed the majority of the building, leaving only the chimney. After a terrible winter storm of freezing rain and snow in December 2016, a large Oak tree in the backyard fell on the buttery building, destroying what remained. It took time to remove the Oak tree and in early 2019, ECHO started working with the State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Gresham's Historic Resource Committee, and Archaeological Investigations Northwest Inc. (AINW) to get permission and guidance to excavate the buttery building site.



Our excavation work began on Monday, January 20, 2020. First, we removed the vegetation that had grown over the site and then began hauling the hundreds of bricks away, many of which are still surprisingly intact. You can see from the photo below we still have much more work to do.

Next steps: ECHO would like to get back soon and finish what we started on the buttery building site. We also discovered a number of historic items that will be inventoried and become part of the Zimmerman collection. We hope to re-create the building's original footprint and are hopeful that will be possible. Other ideas are being floated and we welcome your input and suggestions. If you are interested in helping us, please contact ECHO at 503.618.0946 or info@echohistory.org.



Significant Trees and Vintage plants at the Zimmerman Heritage Farm Museum

By Peggy Olin

Pound Pear Trees

Are located on the west side of the House, they are over 100 years old and originated in North Carolina. This rare specimen will bear fruit that will weight between one-and-three-quarters pounds. These trees still produce pears each year.

English “Persian” Walnut, Trees

Located on Northwest side of the house. These two trees are unique because they were used mostly for upper grafting stock of the English Walnut, which dies at approximately 35 years. The trees are growing together as one tree with a canopy 95 feet wide and a height of 60 feet. They are least 100 years old.

VINTAGE Plants that surround the the Zimmerman Heritage Farm House

Pink and White Peonies on the front sidewalk to the front porch, with the Lavender Chinese Wisteria arbor that blooms May thru August.

A GRAPE ARBOR WITH A HISTORY

The grape arbor was build In the late 1800’s and the Concord Grapes were planted.

The grape arbor was rebuild in 2003 the grapes were put back on the arbor in 2005 and they are still producing grapes.

We sold engraved bricks as a fundraiser for years they were installed in 2014.

Over the years some restoration work has been done to the arbor In 2010 the boards on of the top of the arbor were replaced and in 2022 the support boards were replaced.

FAMILY MEMBERS WERE MARRIED UNDER THE GRAPE ARBOR

1883 George H Zimmerman and Jessie McCall

1906 Jessie May Zimmerman and Thomas Concord Millar

1919 Olive Hope Zimmerman and Rev. Paul Holfman



Upcoming Events

August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18

ZIMMERMAN FAMILY “TRAVELING EXHIBIT”

“Vintage Fashion Show” Hats, Dresses, Jackets & Shoes

“EVERYONE IS INVITED”

October 28, Saturday, noon to 3:00 pm.

Come & Join us at the Heslin House Museum, for a whole lot of HALLOWEEN FUN

With Jack, Sally & Oogie Boogie,

“TREATS & GOODIE BAGS” “OUTSIDE SCAVENGER HUNT”



“OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS”

“COME TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME” DECEMBER 15 & 16, 2023

At both of our Museums.

More information to come



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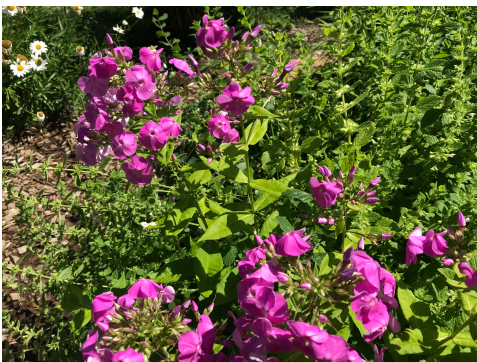
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