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Newsletter of the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society

Summer  
2013



## Peggy and Lanny Olin 2012/2013 Volunteers of the Year

FRWHS  
P. O. Box 946  
Fairview, Oregon 97024  
503-261-8078  
[www.frwhs.org](http://www.frwhs.org)

### Important Dates

**1874 Zimmerman  
Heritage Farm  
17111 NE Sandy Blvd  
Gresham, Oregon**

House Tour  
July/Aug Every Saturday  
Noon-3pm  
Sept-June the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
Noon-4pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Alternate Tuesdays

**1890 Heslin House  
60 Main Street  
Fairview, Oregon**

House Tour  
July/Aug Every Saturday  
Noon-3pm  
Sept-June the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
Noon-4pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday &  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteer in the House  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Alternate Tuesdays



Lanny & Peggy after a day in the Zimmerman gardens

Peggy and Lanny Olin have volunteered at the Zimmerman house in the gardens for several years. Their main focus has been the up keep of the 2000 restored grape arbor, but they help wherever needed whenever they can.

This past year has been especially busy for the Olins, as Peggy took on the lead garden volunteer at the Zimmerman House. Lanny and Peggy replaced the dilapidated steps on the west end of the porch and after our garden shed was broken

into, twice, Lanny secured it with a latch

and lock that can not be cut or pried open. Also this past year, Peggy was voted on to the FRW Board of directors in May and President of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs in June.

We are so lucky to have Lanny & Peggy as part of our organization and we appreciate and thank them for all they do.



Peggy at our annual meeting May 15th

## Mabel Zimmerman's Travel Journal 1909-1910 Trip to the East Coast of the United States

### Thursday, Sept.9 Victoria

We left Seattle this morning at nine o'clock for Victoria on The steamer 'Princess Victoria.' The trip was very pleasant altho' it was smoky and a little cold. A friend from home was on the boat and we had a nice talk. Arrived in Victoria about 1:30. It began to rain in the evening.



Mabel circa 1914

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**FRW Board of Directors**

Dodi Davies, President  
Twila Mysinger, Vice President  
Dianne Warren, Secretary  
Pat Reardon, Treasurer  
Tom Dooley, Position I  
Ellen Dooley, Position II  
Peggy Olin, Position III

**In Memory**

**Vaden J. Callister**

**May 16, 1927 – May 6, 2013**

*Vaden was born and raised in Gresham, OR, and was a long time FRW member with his wife Jo (Stone) Callister.*

*Jo's great-grandparents are Jacob and Lena Zimmerman. Vaden and Jo raised their family on the Sandy River in Troutdale eventually retiring to Damascus.*

*Survivors include Jo, his wife of 64 years; daughters, Teri (Bill) Herzog, Nancy Buley; son, Larry, (Janene) Callister; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; siblings, Robert (Ruth) Callister, Gresham and Polly (Bill) Compton, Canby.*

*We send our condolences to Vaden's family and friends he will be greatly missed.*

**Focus on Artifacts**



A recent donation to the Society is a 1915 metal bed warmer, produced by the Gillette Company. You would fill it with hot water, put it in the 'sock' that came with so you wouldn't get burned, and put it in your bed or at your feet in a carriage or wagon. This was used by Minnie Stone, and was donated to the Society by her granddaughter, Nancy Stone Hoover. Come take a look - it's on exhibit in the back bedroom of the Heslin House. The Heslin House will be open for tours every Saturday from July 13<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> from noon – 3pm.

**GIFTS**

**General Fund**

David & Twila Mysinger  
Arthur & E. Ann Kracke  
Betty Larsen  
Barbara Ham  
Donald Surface  
Marguerite Campbell  
Marie Stone  
Gary Moller  
Stacey Stevens  
Vaden & Jo Callister  
Louise Dix  
Daryl & Darlene Gabriel  
Rosemary Bottaro  
Carolyn Miller  
Susan Livingston

**Heslin House Museum**

Anna Bell Rosene  
James Workman  
Marilyn Morrison  
Dorothy Felker

**In Memory Lillian Carpenter**

Roy & Nancy Hoover

**Zimmerman House Museum**

George McDade  
Diane Plumridge & Art Dodd  
Mike Wriste  
Elsie Edwards  
Jo Carrato  
Betty Jean Spence  
Frances Townsend  
Marylou Bohmann  
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**In Memory Orlin Huston**

Barbara Huston Freund

**Zimmerman Utility Fund**

Leland & Mary Lou Johnson  
Rita Aegerter  
Wooddale Windows  
Evelyn DeYoung  
George & Lori McDade

**Endowment Fund**

Kenn Lantz

# MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JUNE 1st

With this issue of our newsletter, this is the time to remind you that your Membership Dues may be due! If you have a colored dot on your mailing label, then your dues are current and no action is required. If you don't have a colored dot on your mailing label, please complete the form below and return it in the enclosed envelope.

The membership dues contribute to our annual operating budget and we thank you, in advance, for your faithful and generous support of our society.



### Need a tax deduction?

Donate to:

**Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society**

**P. O. Box 946**

**Fairview, Oregon 97024**



### Donations

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Heslin House \_\_\_\_\_

Zimmerman House \_\_\_\_\_

Zimmerman House  
Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 Individual, \$25.00 Family)

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# Heslin House Garden Update

By Lael Larger



Last fall the Heslin House garden volunteers enlisted help from a group of men from Inverness to get the garden ready for winter. These men were able to take on some of the chores that our small group of volunteers find a real challenge.

First they moved and spread a load of gravel that the fellows in public works picked up and delivered for us. They spread and packed the gravel, over a pathway that had been carved out earlier, to wind through the East Garden. They also removed sod and tilled up soil to enlarge the garden next to the fence near

Fairview Ave. They dug up and replanted a Harlequin tree that will be a focal point of that garden as it grows.

Sadly we had to have them dig out the rose bed because of our on going problem with rust disease. We have recently been able to salvage some new rose starts and transplant them to new soil in hopes of saving some of the roses from the original garden. We have since turned this garden into a bed of peonies, as they so far have been resistant to the rust.

The fellows also dug out volunteer Walnut trees that were coming up with roots far deeper than any of us could reach, and they edged and helped in many of the other garden beds.

More recently we have had help, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from a small group of volunteers from the local Target store. They started by helping us get all the beds weeded, and then they helped us to cover the weeded areas with layers of newspapers and spread six yards of mulch over them. The mulch has enhanced the beauty of the gardens, and helped tremendously with weed control.



Many plants have been added to the beds this year, and we have pots filled with colorful annuals.



Tom Dooley built us a beautiful cedar planter box, and he cemented it permanently into the ground near the patio. It is brimming with bright color and fresh blooms.

We are very proud of the progress we have made in the gardens this past year, and depend on and appreciate help from volunteers. If you are proud of your community and would like to be a part of this project, or help us in other areas, you can contact us through our website ([frwhs.org](http://frwhs.org)) or call 503-465-8146.

***Mabel from*** *from page one...*

***Friday, Sept. 10, Victoria***

This morning the sun was shining brightly when I woke up, altho' the streets were muddy as it had rained hard during the night. After breakfast we went to the P.O., then thro' the Parliament buildings, which are very handsome; built of stone from the island, at a cost of \$1,000,000. They are finished very beautifully inside, there is a museum connected, also. Were in the gallery of the Parliament room. We also went thro' Beacon Hill Park. This afternoon we went for a tally-ho ride, as they are all the fad here in Victoria. It was a most delightful drive. Went past some fine residences and two castles. The grounds of the houses were all kept up most beautifully and surrounded by lots of trees. There we drove along the water's edge for a while and had a most lovely view of the water. Could see the Olympic Range of Mts. In Wash. Several vessels have been wrecked near here recently – about 2 yrs ago the 'Valencia' & lately the 'Ohio.' Victoria is a town of 35,000 - so we were told – and 5,000 chinamen extra – Chinatown consists of six solid blocks. It is an old place, and people seem rather slow, and very Englishy. I believe that is all of interest about Victoria.

***Saturday, Sept. 11***

This afternoon at 2, we left Victoria. The day was clear and bright and the trip across the water was great. Passed so many pretty islands on the way. We were much surprised to meet two friends from Eugene on the boat and heard all that had happened in that town this summer. Arrived in Vancouver \*BC 6:30.

***Sunday, Sept. 12***

Usual Sunday program; church, rest and walk in afternoon

***Monday, Sept. 13***

This morning we saw the sights of Vancouver from the Observation car. I don't think much of the place but then it is practically a new town. Was founded 23 years ago, and now has a population of about 100,000. I guess that's growing some. In the afternoon we went across the Inlet to North Vancouver, a little town of 4,000.

***Tuesday, Sept. 14***

Wandered around town for a while, then went out to Stanley Park, a very pretty place, indeed. Decided to start across the mts. in the morning. Am anxious to depart.

***Wednesday, Sept. 15***

Well, shook the dust of Vancouver from our shoes at nine o'clock this morning. The scenery was very pretty – passed several pretty lakes, and some grand, old rugged peaks. Stopped tonight at Sicamous Junction.

***Thursday, Sept. 16***

Left Sicamous about 8:30, the mountain air is cool and refreshing; would like to spend several weeks in the mountains some summer. Today we saw a number of snow-covered peaks and lots of mountain streams and falls. Passed some Indian camps and one Indian village. The train stopped at Albert Canyon Gorge and let the passengers see the gorge. The railway had followed along the canyon for miles, the track laid along the river on ledges hewn down from solid rock. At the gorge the river rushes thro' these high rocky walls 150 ft. below. Then the train stopped again at glacier.

*Zimmerman & Heslin Museum Open*

*House Tours, every Saturday*

*July - August 12:00 to 3:00*

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