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Newsletter of an East County Historical Organization



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Board Meeting

Place to be announced

Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov

3rd Saturday.

9:30 am

Open to the Public

1874 Zimmerman

Heritage Farm

17111 NE Sandy Blvd

Gresham, Oregon

House Tour

To be announced

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

To be announced

Volunteer in the Garden

Every 1st Saturday

9:30am to Noon

President's Message

By Peggy Olin

We are Reopening:

Come and Join us Tour Day: **JUNE 19, 2021** from **noon to 4:00 pm** at the **1893 Heslin House Museum and City of Fairview Jail**, for the **East County Historical Organization Annual Meeting and Open House** with light refreshments served outside in the gardens.

We have some new exhibits to share with you, more artifacts from surrounding area families and more old pictures of The City of Fairview.

We have started a big and exciting project at the

1874 Zimmerman Heritage Farm Museum

“Bringing the Zimmerman House Back to its Glory”

The front porch is getting a new makeover. In August the house will be stripped of the paint that had been collected over the years.

After that is done the house will be painted white. Green shutters will be repaired or replaced.

All of this should be done by the middle of September. The house will stay closed to visitors till **SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 - TOUR DAY**.

Mark your calendar and save the date! It's going to be a very **SPECIAL DAY**; come and **CELEBRATE** with us.

Please stop by any time this summer and check our progress and take a walk in our gardens.

Take care

Peggy Olin

ECHO President

SIGNIFICANT TREES

by Peggy Olin

SIGNIFICANT TREES and Vintage plants at the Zimmerman Heritage Farm Museum
Pound Pear Trees 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 weigh between one and three quarter pounds. These trees still produce pears each year.

English "Persian" Walnut Trees

Located on the 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 at least 100 years old.

VINTAGE Plants that surround 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 through August.

The first grape arbor was built in the 18th century and the Concord grapes were planted. The grape arbor was rebuilt in 2000 the grapes were put back on the arbor and they are still producing grapes.



2021 Car Show

by Chad Olin

In 2019 we had a car show and we raised money to help keep Heslin and Zimmerman house going. We like to thank everyone again for coming to our 2019 car show. We are in the works of having one for 2021 and hope everyone can make it out! We are going to have ice cream and food trucks again and I'm taking the suggestions from the last car show into account this year. I hope to see everyone on July 11, 2021 from 10am to 2pm. Please look out for our flyers for more details. You can also go to our website for more details in June www.echohistory.org.



Volunteers

by Tina Olin

We at ECHO understand if you don't have the time to volunteer but you have the heart to lend a hand a time or two. We understand a living is made by what you get and life is made by what you give. Echo volunteers are human beings who reflect compassion about the gardens and history of the Helsin and Zimmerman houses.

If you like to be part of our team please feel free to email info@echohistory.org

Isobel wrote a letter to the State regarding her taxes

Found by Peggy Olin

Portland, Ore.
March 29, 1932

State tax Commission
Capital Bldg. Salem, Ore.
Gentleman:

Along with the tax return blank (Form 40) you sent an instruction sheet.

On this I read item 21. Persons required to make a return of income.

An income tax return must be filed by every individual, resident or non-resident, whose income from every source whatever in the State of Oregon during the taxable year 1930 equals or exceeds:

1. In the case of a single person or a married person not living with husband or wife:
 - (a) \$1,500 net income, if no income was received from intangibles (interest and dividends.) I do not come this as my net income was not \$1,500 only \$1419.15 and also part of it was from interest etc.

THEN AND NOW

by Peggy Olin

Welcome to the 1893 Heslin House Museum that has had an interesting life over its 128 years. From its initial building as a Boarding house, to a family home, these walls have seen many changes.

Listed on the National Register, City of Fairview Jail,

Located in Ne/cha-kee Park/Handy Park.

The Jail was built in 1915 at the cost of \$400.00. Iron doors were installed for \$29.30 and two padlocks were purchased at \$10.30 each.

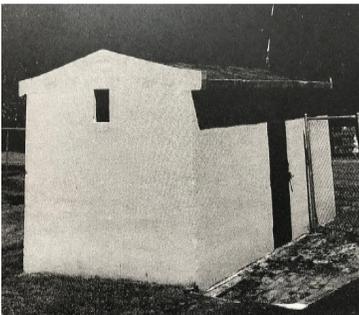
The Heslin House & Jail will reopen for tours on June 18, 2021 from noon to 4:00 pm



Heslin then



Heslin Now



Jail then



Jail now

Historic Building: Fairview Grange Hall, 300 Harrison Street

It was built in 1927, at a cost of \$4000. The hall was constructed in a Bungalow/Craftsman style by local builders and volunteer labor. The gable roofed, clapboard sided meeting hall features diagonally braced purlins, exposed rafters, bargeboards, and squatted porch posts, which are characteristic of the style.

The grange was sold to the City of Fairview in 1960 for \$360, to use as a City Hall and Community Center.

In 1992 the city undertook significant remodeling of the building's interior.



INDIAN JOHN

by Tina Olin

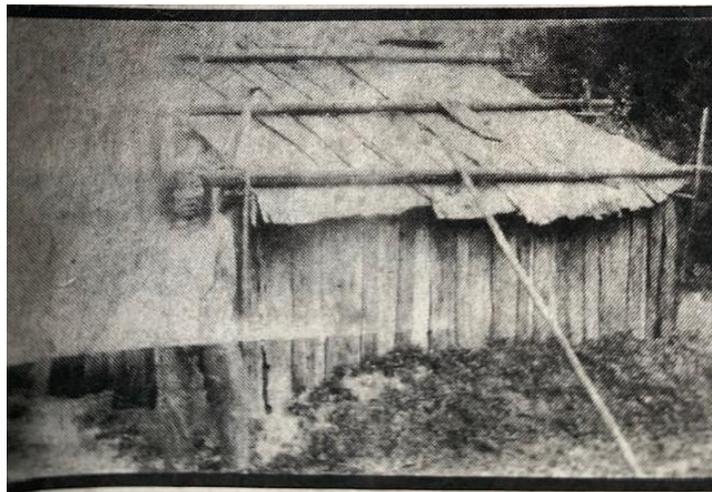
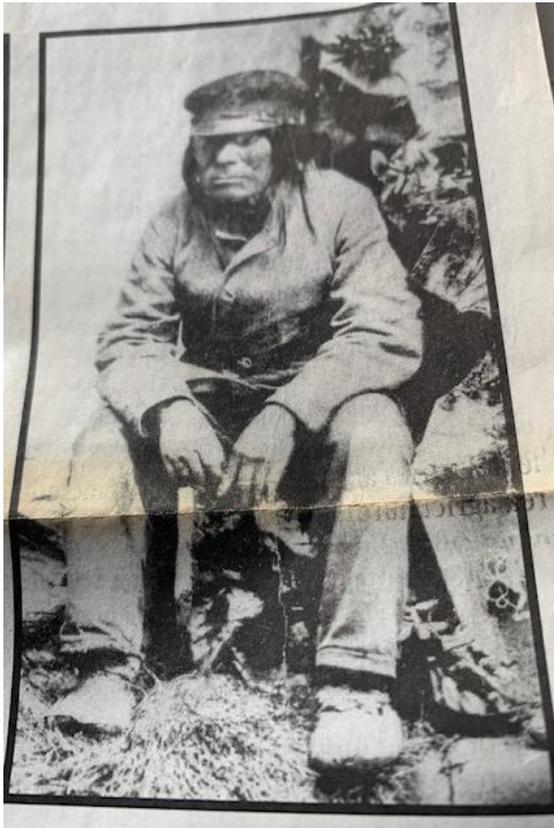
Indian John is a mystery man since the folks that had connections with him did not document much. From what I found, Indian John was married six times. Indian John had a daughter that he could not let go after her death. When she died I think part of him died inside. As the story goes by those that knew him, Indian John held onto his daughter's lifeless body for weeks until Doc Hartley told him he had to do something or the soldiers were going to come. Indian John took his daughter's body up the Columbia River and built a house on Memaloose Island for his daughter's resurrection, according to Indian practice, of the time.

Many stories handed down of those who knew and cared for Indian John have said he worked hard just to make a living. He did what he could to survive. He tanned hides, cared for the community's land while they were out and he warned close friends of unwanted guests.

Indian John took a few horses on a trip to White Salmon Washington to find his seventh wife, believed to be about 15 or 16, at the time. Once he found her he brought her back to Rockwood Oregon. Several months later the girl's mother came back to get her, because Indian John was unable to make the small, modest payments.

Indian John lived on the Zimmerman property until he went to the poor camp in SW Portland, about where the Oregon Zoo sits today. He passed away in 1893, months after going to the camp.

Indian John was the last known survivor of the Multnomah tribe.



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