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Spring
2014



Newsletter of the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society

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Important Dates

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

House Tour
3rd Saturday
12:00 am to 4:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden
2nd Saturday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Call for Days

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

House Tour
3rd Saturday
12:00 am to 4:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden
1st Saturday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Call for Days

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Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society's Annual Meeting

*Wednesday, May 21, 2012, 6:00 pm
Quail Hollow
21100 NE Sandy Blvd, Fairview, Oregon*

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



Friday. Oct. 15 Niagara Falls

Today has been a glorious day. The sun shone nearly all day in a lovely blue sky but the wind blew and it was pretty cold. In the morning were driven around Goat Island in an auto, stopping at different places. It is a lovely place, contains about 70 acres and is kept as a park. The leaves of the trees are the prettiest shades of red and yellow and make a lovely background for the blue water & the white foam. We had another view of American Falls from Luna Island, where one can walk to the very brink of the Fall. The from Terrapin Point we had a closer view of Horseshoe Falls; it is very wide and makes a deep curve in the center and so

much spray is rising all the time that it is hard to a good view of it. Next we stopped at the Three Sisters Island, which are connected with bridges and are very pretty; from here one sees the rapids above the Falls, which are very pretty, too.

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FRW Board of Directors

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

Volunteer Coordinator

Twila Mysinger

Zimmerman Garden Lead

Peggy Olin

2014 Annual Members Meeting

This year the annual meeting of society members will be held May 21, 2014, 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Quail Hollow Community Center, 21100 NE Sandy Blvd, Fairview, OR.

Agenda

State of the Society – President, Dodi Davies
Financial Report – Treasurer, Pat Reardon
Zimmerman House annual report, Twila Mysinger
Heslin House annual report, Lael Larger
Election of Board of Directors
Vote on Restated Constitution/Bylaws

Refreshments to follow. If you are interested in the future of our society, we hope to see you there!

GIFTS

General Fund

John Fagan & JoAnn Reese
George McDade

Heslin House Museum

Greg Meck

Zimmerman House Museum

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(In Memory of Orlin Huston)

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Dodi Davies
Leland & Mary Lou Johnson
Rita Aegerter
David & Twila Mysinger
Sharon Nesbit
Evelyn DeYoung
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George McDade

Thank You!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JUNE 1st

June 1st will be here before you know it! You will find the Annual Membership Dues Form below, ready for you to clip out.

We've enhanced our Membership levels and you can now go to www.frwhs.org for more information and to update and pay your membership online.

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:

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Fairview, Oregon 97024



Donations

General Fund _____

Heslin House _____

Zimmerman House _____

Cleone Endowment Fund _____

Dues

- \$10: Student Membership
- \$15: Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20: Individual Membership
- \$30: Family Membership
- \$50: Organization Membership
- In addition to the above basic memberships, we offer the following:
- \$100: Pioneer Membership:
- \$500: Cleone Life Membership:
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Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Our Busy Winter in Pictures



The Multnomah County Corrections Division coordinated an inter-agency inmate work crew day at both museums on January 11, 2014. Staff and inmates from Multnomah County, Clackamas County Community Corrections, Marion County Institutions Division and Washington County Community Corrections Department completed a wide variety of landscaping and garden tasks. A big 'thank you' to all the agencies for this great workday!



This past winter Lanny and Jeff Olin reset the Grape Arbor bricks on top of 18" of gravel. This is to prevent the moles from digging up the bricks and creates a more solid foundation.



In February we were presented with donations of \$200.00 & \$100.00 from the Portland District, Villa Garden Club & Multnomah Garden Club.
(L-R) Dodi Davies, Peggy Olin & Velda Altag, Dorothy Drews & Jennifer Drews of the Villa Garden Club



Even after having to cancel FRW's first annual Victorian Tea due to bad weather, it was rescheduled the following weekend on February 15th and was a great success. Everyone had a great time thanks to our wonderful FRW volunteers!!!!

Little Adrianna enjoying tea from her Aunt Carmen Warren

A short distance above the Three Sisters Island, the river is a mile wide. We crossed over to the Canadian side from where one can see the Falls to the best advantage. The American Falls are not nearly as wide as the Horseshoe Falls, but are whiter. We went to the edge of the Horseshoe Falls and then thro' the Queen Victoria Park. Next thing on the program was a drive down to the Whirlpool Rapids & the Whirlpool. After the waters fall over the great precipice, they flow slowly & seem tired from the terrible jump but farther down the gorge narrows & the river rushes thro' between high, stony walls, & must be very deep because all the water, which passes over the Falls has to pass thro' here, and is very swift on account of the narrowness. Captain Webb, world's champion swimmer tried to swim the Rapids but was killed before he had swam a quarter of a mile. People have often shot the Falls in barrels and one woman performed this feat & lived to tell and tale. A man had made preparations to go over this September but lost his nerve, (so the native told us). We saw the barrel he had gotten, it is a long iron affair and the person is strapped in just like in a swing so as not to be bumped against the sides. He showed good sense in backing out, I think. Well, must go to bed; such a fine day!

Saturday. Oct. 16

This morning Isobel did not feel well, so we did not plan any trips. Olive and I walked thro' Prospect Park near the American Rapids but the wind blew so hard that we did not venture to the edge of the Falls. In the afternoon we were going over to Goat Island but it began to rain hard so we went to the Shredded Wheat Co; they have a fine big factory here and are especially courteous to visitors. The process of making the Shredded Wheat Biscuits is very interesting, first the wheat is cleaned then steam-cooked, then left to stand, covered, for a certain length of time and then goes in the shredding machines where the wheat is ground into long shreds, then formed into biscuits or triscuits and baked in a huge oven on a swing arrangement which moves continually, baked for 30 min. then take out and girls put them in pasteboard boxes, which are sealed airtight by machine. This factory uses 2,000 bushels of wheat a day. Also in making the biscuits nothing but wheat is used & nothing is taken from the wheat & v added not even salt.

Sunday Oct 17. Niagara Falls

This morning went to the Methodist Church, which is two doors away. In the afternoon we explored Goat Island again & watched the Falls. We climbed down a long, long winding stairway, down the bank and stood almost at the foot of the American Fall. O, it was just great, from below it looked more like white clouds than water, so pure white & foamy is the water as if falls. While we were down here the sun came out a few minutes & formed the most beautiful rainbow in the spray, which ended almost at our feet. Goat Island must be an ideal spot in summer time, even now it is pretty with the autumn leaves.

Monday – Oct 18. Niagara Falls

This morning mama & papa took a little trip over to Galt Ont. Where mama lived when a little girl. It rained nearly all day so stayed at home and worked some embroidery. Took Isobel to a nickeelodium in the evening & it is fierce, not half as nice as the ones in Eugene. Ha, Ha

Tuesday. Oct 19.

This morning we arose about 9.45. early, wasn't it? But papa wasn't here to make us get up so we were as lazy as we wanted to be. Went out around the Falls this morning but it was terribly cold. This afternoon I spent working my embroidery. Are going on to Albany in the morning & have to get up early so must "retire" soon.

Zimmerman House Rotating Displays

Button & Purse Collections

Easter Postcards and Rose Festival Memorabilia

House Tours, every 3rd Saturday of each Month

12:00 to 4:00

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