

REFLECTIONS

Summer 2015

Newsletter of An East County Historical Organization



Garden Clubs: Volunteers of the Year

At the May 26, 2015 Annual Board Meeting plaques were presented to

The Multnomah Garden Club and the Villa Garden Club.

These folks created and will continue to maintain the two new flower beds south of the house, and they are gorgeous. It's so important to have beautiful grounds framing our museums, and drawing in folks to stop and visit.

Our sincere "thank you" to these two garden clubs for all of their hard work!



Claudine Stock, Peggy Olin, Lauri Baker, Nancy Ebsen, Rita Devlin, Twila Mysinger, Linda Kenny, Velda Altig

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E.C.H.O. Society
Board Meeting
Quail Hollow Clubhouse
21100 NE Sandy Blvd.
Fairview, Oregon
Every 4th Monday,
6 to 7PM
Open to the Public

1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
Gresham, Oregon

House Tour
Summer - Every Saturday
Noon to 3PM

Volunteer in the Garden
Every 2nd Saturday
9AM to Noon

Volunteer in the House
4PM to 8PM
Call for Days

1893 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon

House Tour
Summer - Every Saturday
Noon to 3PM

Volunteer in the Garden
Every 1st Saturday
9AM to 1PM

Volunteer in the House
4PM to 8PM
Call for Days



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.

The diary was transcribed by Richard Ferguson several years ago. We will publish transcriptions of her diary over the next several issues of Reflections. See the Fall 2015 Newsletter for the first installment.

REMINDER

WORLD

WAR II

EXHIBIT

SOLDIERS ON THE HOME FRONT

Opens Saturday, June 20, 2015

at the Heslin House from

Noon to 4PM

Liesa Gilbert offered her memories and recipe made with Zimmerman pears. Her "Pops" passed away at 92 but her "Mum", 96 still really enjoys this Dutch dish. Liesa said, "My Pops always spoke highly of "that lady" (Isobel Zimmerman), to whom he first spoke about harvesting the pears. He said she was a very kindly individual, well spoken, with lots of stories.

1. Harvest the pears from the ground, as whole and unbruised as possible.
2. Have ready a very large open pan of lemon/sugar water in which to put peeled the peeled pears.
3. Peel pears, core; cut into good-sized chunks to slip into the mouth of quart canning jars.
4. Have heating up another large pan of water, enough to cover your batch of cut up pears.
5. After adding pears, add to the water a good number of cinnamon sticks and some sugar to taste. The pears are naturally not sour and so just a little sugar really enhances the flavor. Note: sweetness can be adjusted when opening the quart jar during the winter. At that time, powder cinnamon and even a hint of cloves can be added.
6. Allow pot/pears on stove to get very hot, put the lid on, then turn heat medium low and let sit. If all goes well, the pears will turn a burnt, rusty red all by themselves.
7. After an hour on the stove, lift the lid to see if the color turning has begun. Carefully allow a bit more on stove time and/or increase the heat until the pears become tender, but not mushy.
8. Then proceed as you would to can apricots or peaches. Pour the hot fruit in the hot sterilized jars, cover with pan juices and process.
9. When serving, use the juice to heat the pears but thicken the juice first (heavy/thick but not paste).
10. Add some good sweet red wine to the thickened sauce just before serving so it has a bit of time to vapor off, but not cook off the flavor.

In Holland, this dish is traditionally served with hearty stick-to-your ribs meals, or as a side dish to go with beef, pork, meatballs, hearty sausage. Or, garnish the warmed pears by pouring a good teaspoon of brandy and a dollop of whipped cream and a couple of accompanying ladyfinger cookies.

GIFTS

General Fund

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Thank you!

UPDATE: At our Annual Board meeting on 5/26/15, elections were held. Dodi Davies (Vice President) and Jana Brey (Secretary) were elected for a two-year term. Also elected were the 'at large' members for the next year and they include: Ellen Dooley, Tom Dooley, Lael Larger, Stephanie Graves, George McDade, Linda McNerney and Peggy Olin.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

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

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment, check made out to E.C.H.O., or you can go to echohistory.org for more information and to update and/or pay your membership online.

General Fund _____

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- \$10 Student Membership
- \$15 Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20 Individual Membership
- \$30 Family Membership
- \$50 Organization Membership
- \$100 Pioneer Membership
- \$500 Cleone Life Membership



Total Enclosed \$ _____

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I'd Like to Volunteer | Please Contact Me

[We hope you check this box]

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Members of ECHO/FRW Historical Society are afforded many opportunities to learn about the history of the Fairview, Rockwood and Wilkes areas, and the two historic structures and museums we maintain – the Zimmerman House and the Heslin House.

Annual Membership and Donation Levels for Individuals and Organizations (non-profit agencies, government, service clubs, etc.):

- \$10: Student Membership
- \$15: Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20: Individual Membership
- \$30: Family Membership
- \$50: Organization Membership

Benefits and privileges to members include a free subscription to "Reflections" (the Society's newsletter published 4 times per year), free admission to our museums, a 10% discount in the gift shop, and a discount in the membership cost for the Oregon Historical Society. Members also receive email preview announcements of new displays and invitations to events.

In addition to the above basic memberships, we offer the following:

- \$100: *Pioneer Membership*: Benefits and privileges include the above, and a copy of the book "A History of Fairview" by William Stone.
- \$500: *Cleone Life Membership*: Benefits and privileges include the above, the book "A Pictorial History of East Multnomah County", plus permanent recognition on our website as a lifelong steward of East Multnomah County history.

For Corporations:

Annual Memberships: begin at \$100. Benefits include those listed above, plus guest passes for employees.

Annual Sponsorships: begin at \$500. Benefits include a web-link to your corporate website, and recognition in the quarterly "Reflections" newsletter.

How to Become a Member: Please complete this membership form and mail it with your check to: ECHO | PO Box 946 | Fairview Oregon 97024.

Questions: call us at: 503-261-8078.

You may also designate your donation to the following:

_____ Unrestricted (where needed most) _____ The Zimmerman House
_____ The Heslin House _____ Endowment

We also welcome your support of specific Museum expenses (utilities, archival supplies, cost of producing the newsletter, etc.). Please contact us if you're interested in helping the Society in this important way!

Volunteer!

We could use your help just a few hours a month on a wide variety of tasks:

- **Host/hostess** – at both Museums for tour day, the third Saturday of the month and every Saturday in the summer
- **Marketing** – send press releases, manage our Linked-In account, etc. from your home computer
- **Website** – keep our site fresh with events, newsletters, etc.
- **Volunteer recruitment** – manage postings on a web site and make telephone calls
- **Computer work** – enter data on historical artifacts at either Museum
- **Artifacts** – assign and affix a number to each item at both Museums
- **Exhibits** – help create new exhibits at both Museums
- **Events** – help plan and staff events from tour days to special tours to fundraisers to booths at local events

The Heslin House Gets New Lighting – Inside and Outside



The new lights inside have an amber glass shade for each lamp and the fixture is a bronze metal. They are very attractive and have more of an antique appearance and provide much better lighting.



The porch fixture bulbs were replaced with new LED lamps and these fixtures also have a subtle amber glass cover that enhances the house's façade.

These lighting improvements are more appropriate for the house and they provide better lighting for the exhibits.

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Zimmerman House Garden Lead

Peggy Olin

Heslin House Garden Lead

Lael Larger

Reflections Editor

Jana Brey



The quilt above made in the 1850's by Hester Ann Dunbar has officially been identified as a "Jacob's Ladder" design but also referenced as an "Underground Railroad" pattern. Note this term for the quilt style did not exist prior to the Civil War.

In studying the actual quilt, one can see slight imperfections in the pattern, leading to speculation that perhaps this was an early attempt by Hester Ann or just a new pattern for her.

Regardless, her quilt remains an important piece of the Heslin House collection, and we invite you to come see this lovely crafted piece of work for yourself.



In Memory
Nicholas Welsh Jr.
 October 7, 1933 to March 28, 2015

Nick was born in Portland, Oregon but lived in the Troutdale/Gresham area for much of his life. He went to Oregon State University where he met his wife of 61 years and they raised their family at Blue Lake until moving to Vancouver, Washington in 1990. Nick served in the National Guard, was a member of several Rotary Clubs, a counselor for SCORE and taught English as a second language. Nick is survived by his wife Barbara (who was our Correspondence Secretary for many years), his three children Jeffrey Welsh, Molly Wilson, Mary VandeBerg; five grand children. Our condolences go out to Nick's family and friends.



Summer House Tours

Tour days change to every Saturday beginning
July 11 through August 29, Noon - 3PM.
Please come visit both the Heslin House
and the Zimmerman House and
take a step back in time.

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