

# REFLECTIONS

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*Newsletter of an East County Historical Organization*

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*Board Meeting*  
*Quail Hollow Clubhouse*  
*21100 NE Sandy Blvd.*  
*Fairview, Oregon*  
Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday,  
6:30pm  
Open to the Public

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

House Tour  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
Noon to 4pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
9am to Noon

Volunteer in the House  
Call for Days & Hours or  
email [info@echohistory.org](mailto:info@echohistory.org)

*1893 Heslin House*  
*60 Main Street*  
*Fairview, Oregon*

House Tour  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
Noon to 4pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
9am to Noon

## ***Zimmerman House Volunteer / New Member Open House!***

If you have ever thought about volunteering at the Zimmerman House or joining ECHO (an East County Historical Organization) - now's your chance to learn more!

We are holding two "open house" events: Thursday, April 12th from 4pm - 7pm and Saturday, April 14th from 9am-noon. The Zimmerman House is at 17111 NE Sandy Blvd in Gresham. Stop by and join us for a cup of coffee and cookies.

We are an all-volunteer organization at this time, and are looking for new members and volunteers to support the preservation work at both sites, do basic office work, help with marketing, work in the gardens, etc.

The historic Zimmerman House was built in 1874 and was home to three generations of the Zimmerman Family. Their furnishings and personal articles remain in this two-story Victorian home, with nine rooms open to the public. We hope to be open to the public every Saturday again this summer, and are recruiting new volunteers to be on site.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [volunteer@echohistory.org](mailto:volunteer@echohistory.org) or [503-618-0946](tel:503-618-0946).

## **Annual Meeting**

ECHO, an East County Historical Organization, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

There will be a brief business meeting, which will include Board member elections.

Our guest speaker will be Sharon Nesbit – author, columnist, historian, and a charter member of ECHO. Come hear Sharon discuss her visits with Isobel Zimmerman, which led to the listing of the house on the National Register of Historic Places and its donation to ECHO. For all you animal lovers, you won't want to miss the story of Moon, Isobel's dog, and how a historical organization got a house with a dog attached. There will be some rarely seen photographs, including those of Isobel's last dog.

ECHO was formed in 1987 and is home to both the Heslin and Zimmerman House museums.

The meeting will be at the Quail Hollow Clubhouse at 21100 NE Sandy Blvd, Fairview, OR and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact [info@echohistory.org](mailto:info@echohistory.org) or 503-618-0946.



## **Butterfly Garden**

In 2014, Peggy Olin put into effect her dream of a Butterfly Garden in front of the Zimmerman House. She enlisted the garden clubs from the Portland District, affiliated with the National Garden Club and the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. Two clubs – Multnomah and Villa – took on the task. The garden is on both sides of the walkway with Multnomah on one side and Villa on the other. The walkway is bordered on both sides with the Zimmerman Peonies.

Peggy's husband and son cleared the land and the members began to work. Each year there is a change depending on the weather, the plant growth and the whimsy of the gardeners. We are beginning to see an increase in the arrival of butterflies, especially the Monarch, hummingbirds and bees.

Work begins in the early spring with a general cleanup of winter and ends in the late Fall with again a general cleanup and prepping for the winter. Come enjoy during the growing season to see the ongoing change of blooming. It's always different. You just might see a Monarch Butterfly.



## **Fundraisers**

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:** Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to ECHO and every time you shop, Fred Meyer will donate to ECHO! This is at no cost to you, and you will continue to earn your reward points as usual. Just visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) and use our organization number 91239 to link your card to ECHO – or stop in at your local Fred Meyer Customer Service desk.

**At-Risk Media Campaign:** ECHO has recorded oral histories, programs and presentations through the years and we have approximately 50 audio cassettes and VHS tapes holding these treasures!

We are concerned these great stories could be lost as these tapes age, and it's difficult to use and share this style of media. We need to convert these to digital and have a cost estimate of \$500 to complete the job. If just 25 people will donate \$20 – we can save this history! If you can help, please mail a check to ECHO PO Box 946 Fairview OR 97024, or visit [www.echohistory.org](http://www.echohistory.org) and click the "Donate" button.

## MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

Your continued financial support is key to our success, and we hope you will consider joining, renewing or extending your membership. Check the upper right hand corner of your mailing label for your *dues paid through date*.

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](http://echohistory.org) to pay online.

### Donations:

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

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

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

At-Risk Media Campaign \_\_\_\_\_



\$15 \_\_\_ Student Membership

\$15 \_\_\_ Senior Membership (60+)

\$20 \_\_\_ Individual Membership

\$35 \_\_\_ Family Membership

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ECHO may include my name in print/on-line as a member and/or donor: Yes  No

I'd Like to Volunteer | Please Contact Me

[We hope you check this box]

## MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Members of ECHO are afforded many opportunities to learn about the history of east Multnomah County, 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:

- \$15: Student Membership
- \$15: Senior Membership (60+)
- \$20: Individual Membership
- \$35: 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 503-618-0946 or email [info@echohistory.org](mailto:info@echohistory.org)

### 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 Facebook 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**

## Event Recap

ECHO recently held two very successful events – special holiday tours at the Zimmerman House and the Farmhouse Valentine Tea in February.

We decorated the Zimmerman House for the holidays, were open for six days last December and over 300 guests visited the house!

We changed up the Valentine Tea this year to have a Farmhouse theme, adding bean and ham soup and cornbread to the menu. The event was sold out with just over 50 people attending.

We had great community support and would like to thank donors including Fred Meyer (Wood Village), Elmer's (San Rafael), Shirley's Tippy Canoe, Stomping Grounds, Elephants Delicatessen, Shari's Café & Pie (Troutdale), Jazzy Bagel, Quail Hollow, Swine Dining, Tom's Foolery, Eastmoreland Heights Garden Club, Nancy Ebsen, Carolyn Olley, Sylvia Ketch Peggy Olin, Lael Larger and Twila Mysinger.

A very special 'thank you' to Peggy Olin who was the driving force behind both events and made them both successful and fun!



(Historic advertisement from our collection)

### ECHO Board of Directors

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**Lael Larger**

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### Heslin Docent Lead

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### Reflections Editor

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Zimmerman & Keslin Museums Open  
House Tours 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Each Month  
Noon - 4:00

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