



# Garden Home History Gazette

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*Thanks to all of you for your interest, your stories, and your contributions.*



Last day of Garden Home School, June 1982



Beaverton High School

**REUNION!** Join us on **Saturday morning, August 13, 10AM to noon** for our REUNION of Garden Home School and Beaverton High School graduates and friends. We'll meet outside in back of the Garden Home Recreation Center at 7475 SW Oleson Road (the old Garden Home School). We'll be in the covered area near the playground, near the first northern parking lot. Free. Meet old friends, refreshments, enjoy historic displays, photos and a short program at 11AM. Please bring any old photos or mementos of you or your family in Garden Home that we might scan into the computer and return promptly to you. Please send this invitation out to your classmates!



Kay's garden



Lisa's garden

**Garden Tour:** Thanks for your great attendance at our June 4 History and Garden Tour, in association with the Garden Home Gardeners. The hottest day of the year! Over 170 attendees. Thanks to these garden owners for opening their gardens: Darrell and Jill Vaughan, Marian Azorr and Richard Criswell, Elaine Shreve, Tammy Banach and Matt Lesage, Carol Kochenderfer, Kay Ross, Gail Austin, Lisa Fuller and the Terry Moore Memorial garden at 80th and Oleson. Special thanks to Lamb's Garden Home Market (Thriftway) for selling our tickets, and also thanks to the over thirty volunteers who helped make the day a great success.

**If you don't have a computer,** you might ask a neighbor or friend to print out a story for you. The website has over 130 stories and 600 photos of old Garden Home and attendees at our activities.





Sasha Kaplan/Matt Miner Century home



Pat and Andy Dignan Century home



Tom and Catherine Lekas Century home

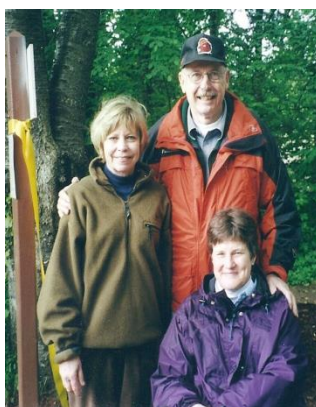
**Century Homes:** Celebrating our 100 year old homes: the Kaplan/Miner home at 7430 SW 76th, the Pat and Andy Dignan home and the Tom and Catherine Lekas home, both on SW Hunt Club Road. We have a small ceremony and affix a recognition plaque near the front door!



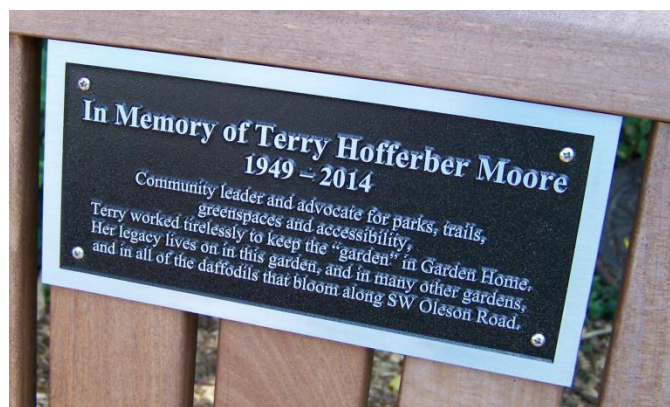
Original Godwin house

**Godwin family:** Bill and Mary Godwin lived at 7765 SW Westgard (now 87th) and had 3 children: Jean, Jim and Jack. Mary's parents, the Steeles, founded Metzger and owned some 300 acres around Metzger in addition to 35 acres in Garden Home in the 1920s and earlier. Mary was a sister to Jack Steele's father Jonathon. Mary went to Lincoln High School by riding the Oregon Electric into Portland. Their house on Westgard was built in 1920 and after they moved in here in 1931 Bill dug the basement with a shovel to put in a sawdust burning furnace. Their son Jack went on to build over 800 homes in the Tigard, Metzger and Garden Home area. Tragically, he died at age 38 and his name lives on in Godwin Court off of SW Alden.

**Terry Moore obituary:** (1949-2014)  
Besides her many professional roles in public policy with several Planning and Development groups and THPRD, Terry was active in our community in developing and coordinating the planting and care of the 13 gardens of the Oleson Road remodel, in addition to the gardens at the intersection and the hanging baskets at the Garden Home Recreation Center. This Crossing Committee soon became the Garden Home Gardeners. The garden at 80th and Oleson Road now has a Memorial Bench dedicated to Terry and her service to our community.



Nathalie Darcy, Bob Bothman, and Terry Moore at Fanno



1Plaque on bench at Terry Moore Memorial Garden at SW Oleson Rd and SW 80th Ave





Mark Whitney at the cannery

**Whitney's Cannery:** Cleaning the produce, then into the cans, fill with the right amount of water and on to the conveyer belt. Oh yes, and keep track of little brother also. By Patti Waitman-Ingebretson (location of the Old Market Pub now.)

**Horsing Around:** At the Hunt Club, Patti was always assigned to "Airway" as he was a big horse and she was a tall girl. On one occasion she had a wild ride with the Scotsman and her dad yelling instructions. At the conclusion, she discovered that in her frenzy she had stuck her riding crop into Airway's ear and off he went!



Wilson's Grocery (aka The White Store)



Wilson's Grocery burned in 1956



Upchurch family

**Dorothy Lois Upchurch Memoir:** The sign said Wilson's Grocery, but it was generally called the "White" store in the 1930s (to differentiate from the "Red" store down the street), called the Upchurch Store in the 1940s, and called the Throckmorton Store in the 1950s. It was located on the southeast corner of SW Garden Home Road and SW Oleson Road (current location of Dairy Queen). This wonderful memoir begins with Dorothy's talented father and the effect of a birth defect. She and her mother rode the train into Portland each week and had problems keeping track of her brother Bud. Her parents bought the White Store from the widow Mrs. Nichols. It was run by "a rotund German named Chris Jager. I think he had been hired help for the Nichols as he ran the store and took care of the old lady."

This building was very old, probably built in the 1850s. The second floor had served many purposes, at one time being the school and then a community meeting hall. We bought very little at the White Store, and Mother would only buy things from Chris that were packaged as he was so dirty and the store so filthy." The neighbor "Old man Hills" ran the flag up and down the flag pole daily. He also drove a "spit and polish 1909 Ford." She remembers the parrot on the porch that laughed and talked, imitating cats and dogs and Chris' German accent. She enjoyed playing in the clay along Fanno Creek and creating little animals to amuse passers-by. They moved into the store and rented their house to Austin and Mildred Stevens which was later consumed in a tragic fire, killing Mildred's mother. Dorothy later worked at Meier & Frank and did "still-modeling" in the store windows in addition to work as a clerk. (This is a colorful story and worth having someone print out the 8 page memoir.)

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