



# Garden Home History Gazette

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

**Presentations on early Garden Home:** We're beginning each regular meeting at **6:30 pm** at the Garden Home Recreation Center, 7475 SW Oleson, on the **second Monday of the month** with a 30-minute presentation on early Garden Home:

- **February 8** - Aerial maps of 1950s Garden Home, Tom Shreve;
- **March 14** - Pat and Andy Dignan will present on the early horse activities and history of the Hunt Club area;
- **April 11** - Virginia Vanture on the Century Homes program; and
- **May 9** - Colin Lamb will present on the Thriftway complex history.

We start and end promptly. You may stay for our meeting or leave.



Garden Home School from the air



Ruth Frank driving a carriage



New Garden Home T-Shirts modeled by Patsy VandeVenter, Virginia Vanture, Elaine Shreve, Carole Vranizan

**Historic Garden Home T-Shirts:** Get yours now for just \$14 for small to XL. Larger XXL and XXXL sizes are \$17. There is an additional charge of \$9 to mail your shirt. They're fun! Available at the GH Library's Community Store or by mail from Patsy VandeVenter, 7520 SW Ashdale Ct., Portland, OR 97223. We thank Jan Fredrickson for a very generous donation to cover the cost of printing the shirts.

**What we're working on:** Century Homes program, monthly presentations, history-garden tour in June, Garden Home School/Beaverton High reunion August, Cemetery tour September, 1949 earthquake, more stories and photos, t-shirt sales, aerial photos, Historic Garden Home street signs, newsletters, and more! We'd love to have you work with us. Call me 503-246-5879 or come to a meeting, second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, Garden Home Rec. Center.



Kaplan Century Home

**Century Homes:** We have identified homes in Garden Home that were built from 1898 through 1916. The program is meant to honor and appreciate the older homes in our community and the role they've played in our history. The home owners have been notified that they may participate in this program of a small ceremony of placing a Century Home plaque beside the front door and accepting a nice pamphlet with the history of Garden Home and their home. The two-story house on 76th now owned by Sasha Kaplan and Matt Miner was our first Century home. The owners would like more information on early residents of the home. The attractive plaque notes the age of the house and does not affect the sale or any changes in the property. Virginia Vanture has chaired this committee of Stan Houseman, Nathalie Darcy, Janice Logan and Ginny McCarthy.

**GardenHomeHistory.com:** New stories and news include Marugg's dairy, Jan Fredrickson and Wormwood Manor, many aerial photos taken by Otto Arndt when he lived in Garden Home, our Historic Garden Home street signs, Beaverton High Centennial activities and more. 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.

#### **They are missed:**

Dr. Zola Dunbar, 1927-2015. Wife of Don Dunbar, Principal at Garden Home School.

Bill Winthers, 1925-2015. Principal of Garden Home School when it closed in 1982.

Leona Whitney, 1920-2015. See Whitney's Cannery stories. Owned the cannery (now Old Market Pub) for 26 years until 1976 when it was sold to Frank Comella for a fruit and vegetable market.

Terry Moore, 1949-2014. Wonderful long-time community activist: Metro, THPRD, Oleson Road remodel, Chair of Garden Home Gardeners. We're developing her story for our website.



Marugg Dairy Ad



**Beaverton High School Centennial:** We want your memoirs!  
When was the 3rd floor removed?

Stan Marugg remembers the 1949 earthquake that damaged the third floor of the High School. *"I was sitting in one of our milk trucks I'd driven to Beaverton High School and was bouncing up and down during the quake. My dad said he had never seen concrete bend until then. He said it was like a wave moving through the concrete in the dairy barn."*



Beaverton High School

Colin Lamb, '62, recalls that there was an unmarked door to the third floor steps. *"A ham radio station was located up there and we operated from that location. Richard Platt was in charge of the ham radio program. We also had access to the roof so we could install antennas. That was in the old days. Our power supply had about 2,000 volts open to whoever was stupid enough to put his hand on it and we did not worry about such minor details."*

The BHS Centennial committee has designated a process to honor certain graduates for their Hall of Achievement. To date, this includes Rod Harman (Harman Pool), and Ross Fogelquist. We are planning a Garden Home School and Beaverton High reunion for **August 13** at the Rec. Center. More later.

**Annual Meeting March 14, 6:30PM, Election of Officers:** We are an official non-profit association as required in the IRS regulations. Our by-laws require our annual meeting for March 14 at which time both the Chair, Elaine Shreve, and Treasurer, Marie Pacella, will make an official report in addition to election of officers. This 7 pm meeting will be preceded by the 30 minute presentation at 6:30 pm by the Dignans regarding the early horse activities and the Hunt Club era. Interested persons are welcome to the presentations and the meetings.

**Remember the "yells"** from your time at Garden Home School? When you're a bit down, try this out! Do some action also!

*Tear down the rafters, Stamp on the floor, Come on team let's raise that score!*

*Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar. All for Garden Home, stand and holler!*

*We got the T E A M that's on the B E A M, We got the team, that's on the beam, That's hep to the jive, Come on boys, let's skin 'em alive!*

*Boom-a-laka boom-a-laka, Bow wow wow,*

*Chick-a-laka chick-a-laka, Chow chow chow,*

*Boom-a-laka Chick-a-laka, Who are we? Garden Home Gophers, Yes sir-ee.*

**Donations Appreciated:** Our generous donors permit us to print and mail this newsletter (\$140) for our non-e-mail people and for the GH Recreation Center. We also replace the Historic Garden Home street signs once for signs that disappear, current cost for each sign, \$60. With our latest order, we'll have about 35 signs out in our neighborhoods. We also have website costs, printing, paper, plaques and many other costs of an organization. Donor names are listed on our History Bulletin Board at the Recreation Center. Thank you to all of our donors and to all of our volunteers for their time and skills.

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## *Gathering the stories of our Garden Home families*

Thanks to a hard working Board of Directors, we have completed federal and state regulations to become a **certified non-profit organization**. Our officers this year are Elaine Shreve, Chair. Virginia Vanture, Vice-chair. Patsy VandeVenter, Secretary. Marie Pacella, Treasurer and data base. Stan Houseman continues as our Webmaster, Louise Cook Jones does the History Bulletin Board. Bob and Delia Day help with graphics and printing. Carole Vranizan and Sasha Kaplan share hospitality. Bob Cram does research and many others continue to advise us. Thanks to all.

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