



Garden Home History Gazette

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



History and Garden Tour in Garden Home: Saturday, June 4, 10 AM to 3 PM: Purchase your \$10 ticket in advance at the Lamb's Garden Home Market Place (Thriftway) to enjoy all of the nine lovely gardens on the tour in three areas of Garden Home.

On June 4, tickets, tour brochures (including tour map) will be available after 10 AM at the following locations:

- Lamb's Garden Home Market Place
- 8550 SW Holly Lane
- 6619 SW Hickman Lane
- 8445 SW 80th Ave

The nine gardens may be visited in any order. Look for the balloon posts which mark the gardens! Sponsored by both the Garden Home History Project and the Garden Home Gardeners who maintain the Oleson gardens.

Presentations on Garden Home history: 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:

- **June 13, 2016** – We will review the Garden Home History and Garden Tour event, with photos and discussion of the beauty found in Garden Home.

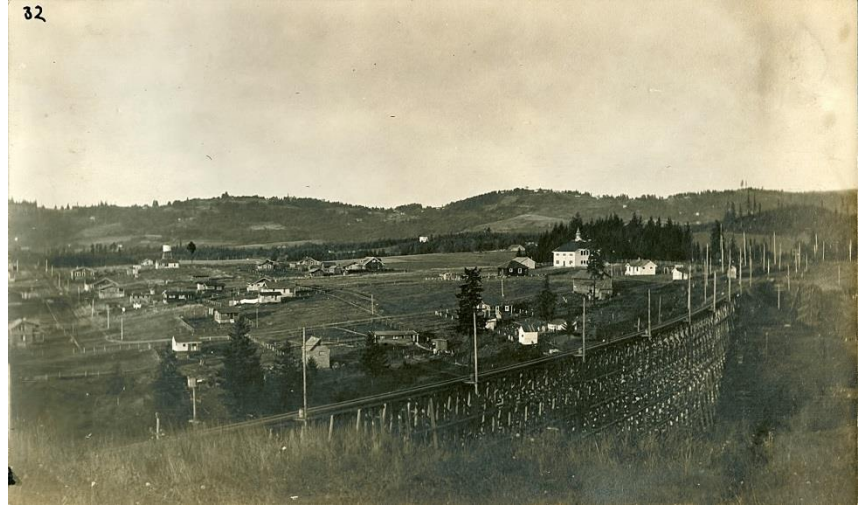
We start and end promptly. You are welcome stay for our meeting or leave. We'll suspend the presentation portion of our meetings for July and August and hope to see you again in the fall.





Glenn and Isolda Steele lived just north of the old cannery, now the Old Market Pub. Isolda was the cafeteria cook at Garden Home School in the 1930s and 1940s. She is fondly remembered for the wonderful smell of her baking and her chocolate pudding served in tall glass dishes. Glenn collected an amazing number of special crystallized rocks which were donated to the Smithsonian.

Patti Waitman-Ingebretson wrote about growing up in **Maplewood**, our neighboring community between Garden Home and Multnomah. We've included photo of the very tall and amazing one-track railroad trestle that wound through Maplewood and was later paved for a very scary walk. With the one-track, the engineers certainly had to know who's coming and who's going.



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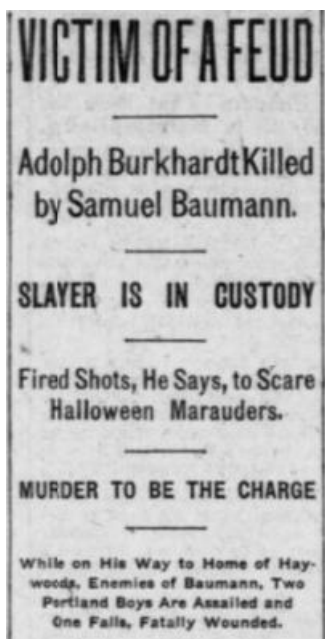
As I recall, the path/walk way was a brownish material and slightly raised from the road way on the west side of the street only. It was a long way down from the top of the paved trestle and we children felt anxious and unsafe walking to and from school each day. Many years later, fill was used to level out the steep area on each side of the trestle.

The story of Margaret (Simmons) Patton Mills Welch, 1838-1919 tells of the hardships of the early settlers and Margaret's early life. Margaret was the mother of Polly Philena Patton Oleson, wife of Ole Oleson. Margaret's first husband suffered an especially tragic ending. This story was generously shared with us by the Patton relatives.



One night in December 1864, Margaret's husband, John Patton, came home from a trip to the wild and wicked town of Portland. He had been hitting the bars too freely and was not able to get into their bed. The beds in those days were quite high and trundle beds for the children were slid under the bed by day and pulled out at night for the little ones to sleep on. He couldn't get into his bed so he slept on the floor. In troubled sleep, he rolled into the fireplace and his shoes caught fire. Before Margaret could get his shoes off, his feet were badly burned. Infection set in and he died on 23 December 1864. What a miserable Christmas that must have been for Margaret, and her four young children. Philena was not quite nine years old and Grant, the youngest, was one and a half.

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.



While searching the University of Oregon's 1846-2015 database of Oregon newspapers for interesting Garden Home stories, we stumbled across a tragic story on the front page of the November 2, 1903 Morning Oregonian (PDF) about a 1903 Halloween-night slaying *near Bertha...on the Garden Home road*. Curious about that location description, we discovered that prior to World War II, the route of SW Patton Rd to SW Shattuck Rd to SW Oleson Rd was often called "the Garden Home road". We found many examples referring to this **other Garden Home road**, including this quote from a 1919 edition of the Oregonian:

Shattuck road should be called Shattuck road and not Garden Home road, declares the roadmaster, in spite of the persistence of some persons in so doing. There is a Garden Home road, he points out, stretching from Multnomah station to Garden Home.

Samuel Baumann's capital murder trial was decided in a Portland courtroom with the jury questioning the prosecution witnesses and then putting a stop to the proceedings, declaring that they had already decided Samuel Baumann was not guilty and did not need to hear from the defense.

School reunion: We are planning a **Garden Home School and Beaverton High reunion for August 13, 10 AM to 1 PM** at the Garden Home Recreation Center, outdoors in the rear picnic area. Everyone is invited.

Please send us your memoirs of attending Garden Home School, Whitford, or Beaverton High School. We'll have class photos and early historic photos of Garden Home and the school.



Last day of Garden Home School, 1981

What we're working on: Garden Home School/Beaverton High reunion August 13, more stories and photos, the 1949 earthquake, Terry Moore biography, t-shirt sales, aerial photos, Historic Garden Home street signs, newsletters, Century homes (hundred year old houses) and more! We'd love to have you work with us. Call Elaine at 503-246-5879 or come to a meeting, second Monday of the month (except July and August) at 6:30 pm, Garden Home Recreation Center.

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.

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