



# Garden Home History Gazette

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Class of 1958 Garden Home School 2018 Reunion

The reunion of Garden Home School's eighth grade graduating class of 1958 was held on July 21, 2018 at Claremont, a 55+ adult community in Bethany. Sixteen graduates attended. Most of this group went on to graduate from Beaverton High School in 1962. Thanks to Ward Nelson, Darrell MacKay, Babs Tennent Anderson and Cheryl Eastman Mathew for organizing the event.

THANKS to [GardenHomeGardeners.weebly.com](http://GardenHomeGardeners.weebly.com) for keeping up the plants in the Oleson medians, memorial garden at SW 80<sup>th</sup> Ave, and the hanging baskets at the Recreation Center.

Amazing! Calendars repeat at 6 and 11 year intervals so our **2013 Garden Home Historical calendar works for 2019 perfectly!** Features 40 vintage photos. Calendars will be available at our events. All of our printing and research is supported by your generous donations. THANK YOU!

**Search Facebook.com for "Garden Home: the way it was"**

This Facebook page by Ginny Mapes, author of our first book on Garden Home (with the same name), presents this Facebook edition with supplemental stories of Garden Home and stories from our website [GardenHomeHistory.com](http://GardenHomeHistory.com). Check it out!

All meetings are at the Garden Home Recreation Center. Free. All welcome.

**Saturday, Aug. 25, 10-2pm, Outdoor Mini-Market, Garden Home Recreation Center, playground.** We'll be serving ice cream sundaes and toppings, displaying photos of our early Garden Home dairies. **Join us** and the 30 other vendors, food trucks, beer garden and kid related activities! FUN!

**Monday, Sep. 10, 6:30-8:30pm,** Board of Directors planning meeting.

**Monday, October 8, 6:30-8:30pm,** Get your Halloween spooky story! Tom Shreve will be presenting the slide story of the 1903 Halloween Murder on Garden Home Road, thirty minutes.

**Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30-8:30pm,** Meeting to plan for Holiday Bazaar activity.

**Saturday, Dec. 1, 9am-4pm,** Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Garden Home Recreation Center. Huge, we'll be there!

In Memoriam:

Ken Neuberger

Janice Logan

Billie Herzog Marx

## Patty Bonney and sons Ken and Keith Woodard

Patty came to Garden Home in 1960. She soon became a faithful volunteer at Garden Home School. In the early days of the 1970s, she worked in Mary Jane Seiffert's classroom one year and the school library. In the library she volunteered under Ginny Mapes' direction and helped on the first Garden Home history book, *Garden Home - the way it was*. In about 1975 she started volunteering in Mrs. Carol Lintner's classroom. After many years of retirement, Patty and Carol still get together annually for birthdays.

Patty was often seen walking along Oleson Road to her home reading a book enroute. We all knew her, with her sun or rain hat, her backpack, and a good mystery book. This was before the current sidewalks. She also enjoys histories such as Jane Kirkpatrick's historical fiction about NW women or reviewing her books of true stories about Australia.

When the Garden Home School closed in June of 1982, the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District began to rent a few of the rooms. Many of the school's library books had remained in the building. Patty and a small group of mothers including Catherine Kent and her daughter Marie Pacella, Helen Sanford and Judy Freck began the development of a community lending library run by volunteers. Today's Garden Home Community Library first started with many dedicated volunteers.

Now in her 80s, Patty has a busy schedule with dance classes, "Extension" and currently knitting scarves for older people. Patty's dentist, Dr. Steven Little, wrote a laudatory article for the Southwest Portland Post saying he's seen her knitting while getting dental work done. "you'll see her laid back in the dental chair, hygienist at work and Patty's knitting needles up in the air creating one of her precious gifts." Patty first met Steven as a dental technician at the dental school before he became a fully qualified dentist. Dr. Little says she was his first patient.

**Ken Woodard's** interest in sports began at Garden Home School where the boys played competitive flag football and basketball against other local grades schools. Ken went on to excel nationally in cross country distance running and then became head Cross Country/Track and Field coach at Portland State University in the 1980s and 1990s. His brother Keith was his assistant. **Keith Woodard** is now head coach and director of the Lewis & Clark College cross country/track and field program. Both of these men have had outstanding track careers.



Patty Bonney



Ken Woodard



## Letha Lane and Jacki Wisher

Letha Kidd Lane and her daughter, Jacki Lane Wisher, enjoyed remembering their early Garden Home days from the 1960s up until recent times. Shetland ponies, Alpenrose 4th of July pageants, Rusty Nails, Frank Estate (also known as the Frank Farms), Shodeos (shetlands+rodeo), and Thriftway pony rides all brought back fond memories.

When Jacki was young, two 11 month old registered Shetland ponies, male and female born a day apart from separate mothers, were brought home in the family car in two trips. They also purchased their harness and the pony cart which they drove all over the Garden Home area. Jacki's favorite thing to do was to ride to the Aaron Frank farm arena and let the ponies run their hearts out around the arena. These ponies and their activities at Alpenrose soon took over the family life. The ponies were named Tony and Glory.

Jacki and her older sister Kathy attended the Northwest Pacific Shetland Shodeo competing in various types of pony games such as jumping, barrel racing, and pole bending. The event Kathy won was "Bridle, Saddle, and GO!"

In the 1970s and '80s Alpenrose sponsored a 4th of July Pageant put on by "Portland Youth for Christ." Kirby Brumfield was the Producer and Master of Ceremonies at the 4th of July Pageant. Jon Kreitler was the musical director of the Christian performing group "New Americans", passing the baton along to Roland Boyce later. People came from far and wide to fill the Alpenrose grandstands and enjoy the 4th of July Pageant for several evenings which included many costumes, wagons and ponies. They also enjoyed the Alpenrose Western frontier town buildings and other animals, all for FREE. One chapter of the Pageant portrayed each signer of the Declaration of Independence; the huge draw at the end of the Pageant was the awesome Fireworks for the 4th of July!

Jacki and the fifty or more kids participating in the extravaganza all stayed in large tents on the Alpenrose property. Their ponies stayed in the pony barns. They ate their meals in the Alpenrose owners' personal home. Carl and Virginia Cadanou's home is still on the property.

Alpenrose also brought Rusty Nails and his "medicine show" to the Garden Home Thriftway every summer to entertain children and adults. Jacki has continued to be active in the Garden Home community and at Montclair school.



Letha Kidd Lane



Jacki Lane Wisher



Rusty Nails, Portland-area TV personality

## The History of Multnomah Boulevard

*This is an excerpt of a story from the Multnomah Historical winter 2005 newsletter by Lowell Swanson and reprinted with permission. See our website for the wonderful complete story.*

World War II brought new life to the Oregon Electric's freight business as the forest products they carried were now badly needed for the war effort. The end of freight service out of Portland was September 2, 1941. Although a few freight trains used the southwest tracks for a few more years, on March 22, 1944 the Jefferson Street to Garden Home line was officially abandoned and on July 10, 1945 the electric operation ended. In Garden Home in 1945 Mr. Mattson bought the huge trestles. The large beams were cut into lumber; the pilings were cut and split for fence posts. The large station in Multnomah stood for many years. John's Market bought the property and John's Marketplace is there now.

Finally, the long campaign for the construction of what would become Multnomah Boulevard moved into its final stages. Completion date in the paving contract was for August 31, 1949.



Garden Home Station elevated on trestle, looking east, 1908. Courtesy Washington County Museum.



Garden Home Station, looking west, 1908



## Photos of Recent Events



May 18, 2018 reception for Ginny Mapes, author of *Garden Home: the way it was*. Ginny and Ron Mapes (right photo).



Ringling the 100-year old bell hanging in Lamb's Marketplace, June 16, 2018



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