

# BARRON PARK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lynnne Melena

### Saving the Matadero Benches

One of the ways that Barron Park exhibits its rural character best is along its creeks which are lined by trees and other native vegetation. One of these lovely creek-side areas is right next to a road that many residents travel every day. This is the well site on Matadero near Whitsell and Josina Avenues. Until last winter, there were park benches in this area. Suddenly, they were gone, and they were missed by those who used them. These benches provided a peaceful resting place in a shaded area only a block from busy El Camino.

One person who missed the benches was Robin Thiel who asked the Board if we could find out what happened to them and get them replaced. Our first step was to contact Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and Barron Park resident, Joel Davidson. It turns out the City removed the benches because they had deteriorated to the point of becoming a hazard. City staff didn't know how the benches got there, and since this little left-over piece of land is not a City park, Parks staff didn't feel compelled to replace the benches.

It turns out that that the benches were installed around the time Bol Park was completed, and Barron Park was annexed to Palo Alto in 1975. The city cleaned up the site, and installed the benches as a means of showing good will to Barron

Park residents. This is according to the recollection of Dick Placone, BPA president at the time of the annexation.

This little piece of land is, in fact, home to a City well which can be tapped into if there is an emergency disruption in the flow of water from the Hetch Hetchy system—the City's main water supply. At one time, the well on the site was linked to an underground reservoir which is what the large concrete pad covers. The well is no longer connected to the reservoir. The little building on the site houses equipment associated with the well. Both the well and the above-ground pipes were fenced off as a security measure following September 11, 2001.

Board members met with City parks and water transmission staff members at the site on November 30th to discuss bench replacement. Although not a City park, the Parks staff offered to provide and install two replacement benches that are currently in storage. If the neighborhood wants new benches, which might last longer, we would have to raise money to pay for them. Both of these options are being considered by the Board, as well as the possibility of other enhancements to the site, such as planting native plants. At the very least, vines and shrubs could be planted on the fence to screen the visually obtrusive well facilities.

Whatever changes are made, they should be low-key to preserve the natural charac-

ter of the site. If done right, this little roadside open space will continue to serve as a bucolic entry point to Barron Park.

If you would like to track progress or participate in planning for this site, we are setting up a special Email group for this purpose. You can go to <http://bpaonline.org>, click the button 'BPA email lists' and fill in the corresponding form.

### Annual Meeting Set for January 31

The Barron Park Association annual meeting will be held on January 31 at 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Barron Park School. There will be a presentation on a subject of general interest to the neighborhood. The topic will be announced when postcards are mailed after the New Year.



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# VERNA JEAN SCHOOL

Researched by Carolyn Vogt Feroben /Written By Douglas L. Graham, Barron Park Historian

## A Private School in Barron Park

The Verna Jean School was a private kindergarten and elementary school in Barron Park that flourished for about 25 years on La Selva Drive, which is near El Camino Real. It was located in the large, two-story house still standing at 3895 La Selva, almost directly across the street from the State Historical Monument that marks the site of a much larger house—Sarah Wallis' Victorian gingerbread mansion. The school was owned and run by a well-known mid-20th Century educator, Ella Shaffer, and two of her daughters, for whom she named the school. Hundreds of Palo Alto children and many from Barron Park attended the school as day students, while boarding students were taken from many Bay Area cities, especially San Francisco.

## Carolyn Vogt Feroben has Memories of the School

One Barron Park child attending as a day student was Carolyn Vogt (Feroben), who is pictured in the photograph accompanying this article (see Photo #1). Carolyn was five years old and the year was 1949. She continued to attend until 1953, and has many memories of the school. Carolyn wrote "I was a day student at Verna Jean. When I was dropped off in the morning at school I would help Mrs. Roberts set the tables, prepare and serve the breakfast—which always seemed to be hot cereal and Dutch crunch toast."

The teacher that she remembers was called "Miss Nettie" and Carolyn wrote that "I remember that we had to hold out our hands for her to "rap" them with the ruler." Most of Carolyn's memories of the school are happy ones. She went on to write: "One of the really fun things we did in the summer was to hike the creek. I believe they were Stanford students that would come to the school, and we all would have brown bag lunches, and spend the day hiking the creeks. I continued to do this with friends for many years." Another fond memory was of the..."two large palms on an empty lot...directly across the street from the school. There used to be an owl living in one of the palms. We would go across the way to the vacant lot and play there sometimes." She also developed



Photo #1: Carolyn Vogt at the Verna Jean School in 1949—photo by her father, Peter Vogt.

a special friend—a girl who lived "across the back fence at Fred Mayer's Restaurant (see map, location "W"). Her name was Ruth..."and we became friends over the fence there and I do believe once in a while would take a chance of sneaking over the fence to visit each other."

## The School Building

The photo of Carolyn standing in the school gate was taken from the street, looking through the tall gate at the main entrance to the brown-shingled school building. It shows a structure with a wide-angle gable roof closest to the driveway on the right, but only hints at the other half connected to the left—a twin structure with an equally wide-gabled roof. The entire scene suggests a tranquil environment.

Using a map that I prepared of the neighborhood as it was in the 1940s, Carolyn marked the approximate locations of some of the main features of the school grounds (see the map and key). Carolyn wrote (with some paraphrasing and minor additions): "The main building (location num-

ber 1) was the home of Auntie (Ella Shaffer) and contained the kitchen, dining room, and three class rooms. There were two front doors to the building. The one on the left as you look at the property (from the front) opened into the classroom, the other opened into the living room of Auntie's residence. Through the living room you could go to the kitchen, dining room, and class room. Upstairs was the dormitory. Outside the kitchen door was an open cement patio area that you crossed to enter an enclosed large play room in back" (location number 2).

## The School Grounds

Location number 3 marks the location of a large, rectangular smooth-surfaced pool filter housing. "We sat on this for our lunch in the good weather. Our legs dangled when we sat on it so it must have been fairly high off the ground." Location number 4 was the swimming pool, which was touted in the school advertisements as "Private." Number 5 was the kindergarten wing, which was fenced off from the pool. Number 6 was the playground with lots of

## Verna Jean School Area, early 1950s



### Map Key

Shaded area was the Verna Jean School property. The dotted line shows a later lot split between the house at 3895 and an apartment complex with 8 units at 3898 Magnolia Drive, built in 1968 on the old school grounds.

1. Large brown-shingled double two-storied house at 3895 La Selva (was 3898 in 1959). This was Ella Shaffer's residence plus the bedrooms for resident students and classrooms

2. Large enclosed playroom

3. Pool filter

4. Swimming pool

5. Kindergarten Wing

6. Playground with swings, monkey bars, slide, etc.

7. Large lawn—called "The Field"

8. Two large palm trees in a vacant lot in front of the Wallis Mansion Site.

9. Mrs. Robert's house (the cook)

W. 3924 El Camino Real—"Fred's Place" restaurant or bar owned by Fred Mayer.

X. 3972 El Camino Real—Gas Station (probably Texaco), owned by B.E. Brahler.

Y. 3990 El Camino Real—Buena Vista Trailer Park.

Z. The Sarah Wallis Mansion Site Historical Monument was not installed until 1986.

equipment. #7, the large lawn, was called "The Field" by the students. Bantam (half-sized) chickens roamed the property and Carolyn remembers "dropping a mirror and getting pecked in the face." She had the scars to prove it for a few years.

### Founding of the School in San Francisco

The Verna Jean School was started by Mrs. Ella Shaffer in San Francisco in 1927. A history of San Francisco written in 1931 summarized its first three years; "Founded and organized by Ella Shaffer, the Verna Jean Kindergarten and primary school in San Francisco...was first located on Avilla Street. It soon outgrew the original quarters and a substantial brick building of fireproof construction was erected at 2357 Chestnut Street, in the heart of the Marina District."

"The three floors of the building are used for the school and this beautiful structure is being enlarged by the addition of a dormitory. The school takes the children up to and through the third grade. There are large indoor playrooms, as well as large outdoor yards, where the children enjoy supervised play. Hot dietary lunches are served and regular dental and medical ser-

vice is maintained—unusual features in schools of this type."

"Connected to the school from June 15 to August 15, during the period of vacation, is the summer school, ideally situated on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, which enjoys a salubrious and delightful climate. Well known in her profession, Miss (sic) Shaffer is widely recognized as an authority on matters relative to the education of children and has made the Verna Jean Kindergarten and primary school one of the finest institutions of the kind in San Francisco."

### Mrs. Shaffer Moved to Barron Park

In 1934, Mrs. Shaffer purchased land in Barron Park. Apparently there was already a private two-story residence on Mrs. Shaffer's land, which probably had been built in 1924 or 1925. Mrs. Shaffer relocated from San Francisco and moved into the residence in 1935. This residence is now the south wing of a much larger building.

The purchase was of one lot, but it was later subdivided into two; the smaller part is present-day 3895 La Selva and contains the former Verna Jean School building. The

larger part is present-day 3898 Magnolia which was developed in 1968 as the large apartment complex now existing at the corner of Magnolia.

### The Verna Jean Country School

Sometime between 1934 and 1939, Mrs. Shaffer evidently decided to move her school to the Barron Park property. She had a large wing added on the north side of the house, more than doubling the size, and opened the new school some time between 1935 and 1939. It was called the Verna Jean Country School. The new school had both boarding students and day students, and had two school buildings (see the accompanying map). Newspaper advertisements printed in 1939 and 1941 show that the San Francisco school remained functioning after the country school opened, even though Mrs. Shaffer herself was living in Barron Park. According to Mrs. Shaffer's 1961 obituary, the San Francisco school finally closed in 1945.

### Proximity to the Military Academy Grounds

Right across the street from the new school was the old California Military Academy

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property, an expanse of about 30 acres with school buildings, a pool and parade ground and many beautiful old trees, including two tall, graceful California Fan Palms gracing the grounds in front of the school headquarters in the "Barron Mansion." Carolyn Feroben, a student at the Verna Jean School from about 1948 to 1952, fondly remembers looking across the street to an empty lot where the tall trees swayed and rustled in every breeze. The "empty lot" was the gap left where the mansion had burned down in 1936, and later partially occupied by the home at 3899 Magnolia built in 1950 (the mansion's footprint covered parts of six lots now existing on La Selva Drive, Magnolia Drive and Military Way).

### School Operations

A 1952 Palo Alto Historical Association write-up says that; "Mrs. Shaffer, as managing owner, is assisted by her two daughters, for whom the school is named. The staff of four teachers and a housemother gives tutelage to boys and girls from kindergarten through the eighth grade. A summertime day camp is also operated on the grounds."

### All Sorts of Youngsters

In a March 7, 1968 letter to the editor of the *Palo Alto Times* from Magnolia Drive neighbor Marion Wachtel says: "This school was a home and a haven for all sorts of youngsters. It was open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.—a blessing for working mothers (and) women from all walks of life. Thanks to the high standards of Mrs. Shaffer, the school provided quality education."

Mrs. Wachtel goes on to say: "With the administrative talents of Jeanne Farrell, and

the warmth and love for children of these women, the school was able to educate a great diversity of students. There were the brilliant ones who for various reasons did not fit into the public school system. There were the handicapped, physically and emotionally, who were accepted with understanding because they were part of our world too."

### Strong Discipline and Loving Kindness

"These two remarkable women—always called Auntie and Jeanne by students, parents and our little world of Barron Park—believed in strong discipline tempered with loving kindness and a tremendous sense of humor."

"The faculty of five or six teachers regularly lunched together with Jeanne and Auntie. And, when as often happened, a child ran in crying 'Johnny's beating up Bobbie!', Jeanne would answer, 'Tell them Jeanne said to stop.' And they stopped—because the children all knew that Jeanne was firm and fair and found time to listen to each child."

### Ella Shaffer

Ella Shaffer was born in Pratt County, Colorado on January 27, 1883. She was educated at the University of Kansas, where she obtained her teaching credential, presumably about 1905. No reference has yet been found about where she lived and what she did from then until 1927 when she founded the school in San Francisco. In a 1961 letter to the editor she is referred to as "Mrs. William Shaffer," but no other information about her husband has yet been located. Ella died in February, 1961 after an eight-year illness.

### Verna Stevenson and Jeanne Farrell

The school was named after Mrs. Verna Stevenson and Jeanne Farrell (Mrs. Glenn Farrell). At the time of the naming Jeanne was only seven years old. However it appears that Jeanne Farrell was her mother's real successor in running the school, probably from about 1953 to closure, which was probably in 1961 (see Historical Questions). Jeanne Farrell lived at 3870 Magnolia Drive in Barron Park until her untimely death at the age of 48 in 1968.

### Other Staff

Carolyn's teacher (who ruled with the ruler) was named Miss Nettie Mills and lived at 3880 Magnolia Drive, about six houses from the school. The cook was Mrs. Roberts, who lived at 520 Military Way. Her cute little house was on the corner of La Selva, only three houses away.

### The Verna Jean School Building Now

Today, the house at 3895 La Selva Drive is a large, two-story brown shingle-sided building with multi-paned windows and two shallow gables constituting the roofline facing the street. A large oak tree blocks the view from across the street and leans partly over the driveway. A high, green-painted wood fence encloses the front yard except for a narrow parking strip and blocks any view of the first story (see the photograph accompanying this story). The building has been a private residence for the past several decades.



Photo #2: The old Verna Jean School Building at 3895 La Selva Drive in November, 2009.

# HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

## How Large Was the Property?

The only reference is in the *Tall Tree*, now the regular newsletter of the Palo Alto Historical Association but in the 1950s a series of booklets published irregularly. The October, 1952 issue covered Palo Alto Schools and had two short paragraphs on the Verna Jean School. It noted that "The school now embraces nearly six acres and has two buildings for its 60 boarders and 20 day students. Six acres? There's not enough room in that area for a six-acre plot. I scaled it off the map and came up with a rough estimate of 2.3 acres!

## How Many Students Were Enrolled?

I also wonder how they could have room to sleep 60 children—if that's what they meant by "boarders." The building certainly doesn't seem capable of holding that many beds, even barracks-style. The present owners state that there were six bedrooms on the second floor in each of the two halves of the main building, north and south. There were three classrooms and one large playroom that could have doubled as a classroom—plus the kindergarten building, on which we have no information. Maybe the boarding students numbered twelve—or twenty-four?

## When Was the School Built, and When Did it Open?

The sketchy records that Carolyn and I have dug up give several possible dates for the building and the school;

(1) The county record passed to the city at the time of our annexation in 1975 give the former school building as being built in 1925. The present owners understood that it was built in 1924. I would accept the county's date.

(2) Ella Shaffer's obituary, written when she died in February, 1961, gives the school founding date as 1935. The city directories do not mention the Verna Jean School until long after we know that it existed, from the newspaper advertisements. Therefore, the mere lack of mention during the years 1935–1939 does not prove that it wasn't in existence.

(3) Advertisements in the *San Mateo Times* on January 9, 1939 and the *Oakland Tribune* on January 19, 1941 make it clear that the "Verna Jean Country School" was functioning in "Palo Alto" (actually, Barron Park) in those years. The San Francisco School was also still in operation, so Mrs. Shaffer was running two schools for at least six or seven years.

(4) A letter to the editor by Marion S. Wachtel of Magnolia Drive written in March, 1968, about the life of Jeanne Farrell, gave the date for the school opening as "about 1940." Although imprecise, this would support an opening date in 1938.

## Was the Verna Jean School There at the Time of the Fire?

There is another interesting angle on the question of when the house was built: Did the Verna Jean School exist on La Selva Drive at the time of the "Barron Mansion" (Wallis Mansion) Fire on Thanksgiving Week-end of 1936? If the school was already established at 3895 La Selva then, as we now think it was, it must have been difficult to have prevented the mansion fire from spreading to it also. The building is located only about 150 feet from where the front of the mansion was, and the fire was truly spectacular, drawing a crowd from throughout the South Bay. The flames reached about 100 feet high at the climax as the large, 80-year old four-story wooden mansion burned to the ground. The crowd of hundreds of spectators had to stand well back to avoid being roasted. At the time the mansion burned, it too was occupied by a private school, E. Allen Rosebloom's "Interdale School for Boys" (for more information, see "The Day the Barron Mansion Burned", in the winter, 2005 edition of this newsletter).

IF the Verna Jean School really was there in 1936, it puzzles me greatly that nobody has written about the effort that must have been taken to save it. None of the old-timers and

eyewitnesses to that fire ever told me about another school being threatened.

HOWEVER, we have a photograph of the West Wing of the mansion nearly burned to the ground at the end of the fire. The camera angle is looking almost due east towards where the Verna Jean School building was. Beyond the firefighters and spectators, the parked cars and intervening trees, one can just make out, in the dimly lit, smoky November twilight, a roof with the unique roofline of the house that would identify it as the Verna Jean School Building. When I studied this photograph with the new knowledge that the house was probably built in 1925, I saw it with new perception. I think it is there in that ambiguous image.

## When Did the School Close?

According to Jeanne Farrell's obituary, published March 7, 1968, the Verna Jean School "was closed four years ago" (1964). However, according to Marion Wachtel's memorial letter to the editor written not long after Jeanne's death, "The faculty is scattered now. The school closed in 1961 after Mrs. Shaffer's death." The old city Directories seem to corroborate this. The school is listed in the 1962 directory, which of course was based upon 1961 data, but not listed in 1963 or 1964. I think it closed in 1961. If it opened in 1938, it had a 23-year lifetime in Barron Park, and 35 years overall.

## Carolyn Vogt Feroben, "Expatriate" Palo Alto Resident

Carolyn Feroben is a historian of the "amateur" (unpaid volunteer) persuasion who lives, researches and posts information on the web about the history of California, her current home county (Mariposa), and Santa Clara County, especially Palo Alto. She has been Chair of the Mariposa County Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission for three of the past ten years. She was born Carolyn Vogt at the old Palo Alto Hospital on June 22, 1944, and attended the Verna Jean School from kindergarten through second grade, and continued on at Barron Park Elementary, Wilbur Jr. High (now Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School) and graduated from Cubberley High School in 1961. She is working with classmates to organize their 50th reunion at Cubberley in 2011.

During the period 1944-1963, Carolyn lived with her parents Peter and Pat Vogt. They, along with Carolyn's grandmother, owned Loch's Department Store on California Avenue, which was located in the building that now houses Country Sun. They lived at three different Barron Park and Loma Vista neighborhood addresses, at 4161 Verdosa Drive, 4154 Frandon Court and 648 Maybell. Her first job was cutting apricots for drying at the orchard where Juana Briones Park is today. After marrying in 1963, Carolyn lived for several years at different Palo Alto addresses, and later returned to Palo Alto where she owned a home on Channing from 1982 through 1993.

There has been almost nothing written about the Verna Jean School, although it existed for 34 years (1927–1961), including about 23 years in Barron Park (1938–1961). Starting about a decade ago, Carolyn became interested in learning what she could about the school of which she had so many warm memories. In 2009 the project began to produce results, and this article would not have been even remotely possible without Carolyn's research into obituary files, newspaper ads, old city directories, former schoolmates, and descendants of Ella Shaffer. I have long been frustrated by the apparent lack of information about the school and have been excited to see what Carolyn has produced through her diligence and desire to learn our neighborhood history. The collaboration that has produced this article is planned to lead to future articles about the Encina Grande Tract, the Matadero Hill mini-neighborhood, and the early days of Barron Park School.

## New BPA Electronic Job Exchange Email List

By Art Liberman

The Barron Park Association has set up a new email list to help connect residents looking for short-term work with others who need someone to do a job for them. The name of the new email list is BPA-jobpostings. A link to this group, <http://groups.google.com/group/bpa/jobpostings>, can be found on the Barron Park Association web site.

The original idea came from a resident whose son was looking for a way to advertise his availability for small odd jobs in the neighborhood. After discussing how the BPA could help, the Board decided to first assess the level of interest by sending out an email survey in October. The response from the community was positive.

The initial proposal was to print advertisements in the newsletter. The Board discussed that plan and concluded that printing advertisements involved a number of administrative and scheduling issues. As a more flexible alternative, the Board approved establishing the new email list.

### How It Works

The BPA-jobpostings email list is a Google Group, just like the other BPA email lists. This means that when you subscribe to the email list, you join the group. (To find out how to sign up, contact me at [membership@bpaonline.org](mailto:membership@bpaonline.org).)

Those who subscribe to the list can send

and receive emails from other group members if they have a job and need someone to do the work for them or if they are available to do some work themselves. Examples of the types of work suitable for this list came from responders to the survey. They mentioned yard cleanup, house maintenance, picking up groceries and other errands, pet walking, office support and filing, mothers' helpers and tutoring. Some of these jobs would be suitable for teenage or college-age children or grandchildren of BPA members who are keen to pick up some extra money while helping out a Barron Park neighbor, perhaps a senior, with some chore. If there are teenagers or college-age children in your home who fit this picture, encourage them to sign up or follow the list for them.

We have instituted several privacy protection measures for group members. The names are not shown on the webpage and the group is only open to current Barron Park Association members and members of their family. A message sent to [BPA-jobpostings@googlegroups.com](mailto:BPA-jobpostings@googlegroups.com), goes to all members of the group; but if you receive an email describing a job you would like to do, just reply to the individual who sent the email. This way, if you are looking for work, you can keep your email address private.

This email list is not intended for babysitting: the BPA Babysitting list will continue as in the past, with signup on the Membership Form and distribution of the list by email (see the article in the Fall 2009 issue of the Newsletter).

We hope that this new email list will serve the community as an electronic kiosk, just like the kiosk at Bol Park is the place where Barron Park neighbors tack up offers of work and help-wanted notices. That's why a picture of the Bol Park kiosk appears on the BPA-job postings group web page, <http://groups.google.com/group/bpa-jobpostings>.



## Just The Right Spot For A Garden Bench

By Nancy Lewis



Attentive observation of your outdoor work and living patterns means greater success when placing outdoor benches. Chairs on the front porch or a bench in a nook out by the street often become decorative or sentimental reminders of a time when we were more social outdoors, rather than the inviting and useful seating we want.

Where do you need a place to rest while gardening, or a sit spot to eat lunch in the sun and enjoy the garden? Where would be the best place to take shoes off at the front door, and provide a comfortable perch to leisurely observe the street?

If you don't use your outdoor benches, think about the reasons why. Too exposed? Too hot or cold? Too out of the way? Ugly view? Experiment by temporarily placing seating in different spots in your yard to find the right balance between function and delight.

Locate benches in spots that provide sun in winter and shade in summer, with little or no wind. Place them with a view toward something enjoyable, surrounded by plantings that make the seat inviting. Front yard seating is best with partial enclosure so that it is easy to be social or more private. Consider shrubs or tall plants to help conceal seating that is too exposed, or if you want to create a private nook for bird watching, reading or a nap.

When garden seating is perfectly placed for your needs, you will find yourself drawn to it many times throughout all seasons for a little outdoor reflection and refreshment—by yourself or with friends.

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For more information on these email lists, go to the BPA home page—<http://www.bpaonline.org> and click on the button "BPA Email Lists."

Update Bol Park  
CA Native Plot

By Carla Bliss and Shirley Finfrock



The neighborhood volunteers who have been managing and maintaining the garden at Laguna and Matadero Avenues were given a small grant again from The Garden Club of Palo Alto for planting season 2009-10.

In October, Friends of the Palo Alto Parks, FOPAP, voted to match funds from donations received from our Barron Park neighbors. Every dollar donated to the project will net \$2. We invite you to join in this effort with your "grass roots" dollars. We are ready to expand the garden, and additional funds are essential.

You can help make the difference with your tax-deductible contributions to:

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for a Sustainable Earth), 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4303. The check must be made out to "ACTERRA-Palo Alto Donkey Fund." All of the above must be included.

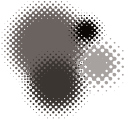
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