

THE BULLETIN



July 2003

When: 16 July 2003 at 6:30 p.m.
Where: **Utah Opera Production Studio, 336 No. 400 West**
(Parking available in lot north of studio)

Note different location this month!

AGENDA

- 6:30 *Welcome and Minutes*
Katherine Gardner
- 6:35 *Transportation Issues*
UDOT
- 7:25 *Development of 500 North and 300 West*
Danny Walz, RDA

Please take special note that this month's Council meeting will include discussion of proposals for traffic lights on Columbus Street at 300 North and 600 North, and other transportation issues, and of RDA development of the lock at 500 North and 300 West. Please come and let your views be heard on these issues!

NO MEETING IN AUGUST!
Next Meeting: September 17, 2003
5:30, Washington School Library

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Comment: My Perfect Neighborhood by Vicky Collard *Neighborhood Trustee, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council*

When I was a child growing up on Gray Avenue in the '50's, I lived in the perfect neighborhood. Gray Avenue is located between Main and State Streets and Hillside Avenue and 300 North. All the necessities of life were within walking distance – schools, various churches, shopping and entertainment. We even had all the hospitals a short distance away – LDS, Primary Children's (12th Ave.), VA (top of E St.), Shriner's, Holy Cross, and St. Mark's on Beck Street.

We had multiple playgrounds. There was an empty lot on the south side of Gray Avenue which was a central location for us to gather and play ball, tag, build huts, and many other activities. Loma Lane was our sleigh-riding hill. The Capitol grounds provided many "layers" on which to play. On the tri-angle lawn west of the Capitol there were swings. The hills to the north and Memory Grove provided many areas of exploration. For swimming we went to the Deseret Gym located behind the LDS Church Administration Building or to Wasatch Springs which is now the Children's Museum. The former ponds at the Mormon

Battalion Monument on the Capitol grounds were also great on a hot summer day.

All the public schools were close – Lafayette, Horace Mann Jr. High, and West High School. There was even LDS Business College east of Temple Square and the McCune School of Music/ and Art in the McCune Mansion.

At the bottom of the hill in the Main St. and North Temple area, there was a Grand Central Market, a drug store, café, malt shop, barber shop, shoe repair shop, and bowling alley. There were also small markets on Center St. and North Main.

Then of course there was downtown. It was alive with five department stores, three five-and-dime stores, and numerous shops and businesses. Because there was angle parking on all the streets it was often possible to park near your destination. There were also eleven movie theaters. What fun!

All in all, it was an era of incredible proximity of all the elements we kids needed for a great growing-up. Changes in the downtown area have made things more far-flung now, but the memories and flavor of "my perfect neighborhood" remain.

This Old House

William Hawk Cabin – 458 North 300 West

This month, we spotlight another little-known historic spot in the Capitol Hill neighborhood: the William Hawk Cabin. The cabin is located at 458 N. 300 West, behind a 1906 Victorian Cottage. Like the better known Deuel log cabin on the grounds of the LDS Church History Museum, local lore holds that the Hawk Cabin was once located within the original pioneer fort, which stood on the site of Pioneer Park, and was moved to 300 West in the 1850s.



The cabin was built by William Hawk, a pioneer to the Salt Lake Valley and a man who had a knack for being on hand at pivotal events in the history of the West. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion, was possibly at Sutter's Mill in California when gold was discovered there in 1849, and was a member of

the group hired to take news of the discovery to Independence, Missouri. He passed through Salt Lake City on that trip, bringing news of gold in California to the residents of our city. Later, he was called to assist in the settlement of Las Vegas, and moved back to Salt Lake just in time to be a member of the group that prepared to torch the city with the arrival of Johnston's Army in 1857.

Hawk received the property where the cabin sits when he arrived *(continued next page)*

in the Valley with his family in 1852. The cabin may have been moved around that time, or constructed on the property. Hawk lived in the two-room structure for 30 years. Life in the cabin was not entirely peaceful: In 1856, he appeared as a witness against his second wife, Ann Reese Hawk, who was found guilty in a bishop's court of "blasphemy, bad conduct" and "being a bad neighbor."

When William Hawk died in 1883, the property remained in the Hawk family. The cabin was moved to the back of the property when a new house was built along 300 West around 1906. It was used for a time as a milk house; a concrete feeder trough still sits inside the building. The cabin later became a garage and a large doorway was cut in the building's north end. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Salt Lake City Register of Cultural Resources in 1978.

The building has suffered over the years from deferred maintenance and the log walls show evidence of several fires, although the original doorway and portions of the window sash remain intact. The current owners have installed a new tarpaper roof on the cabin to help forestall any further deterioration.

The City's Capitol Hill Master Plan calls for relocating the cabin to a better site where it could be better preserved and restored. Like the Deuel Cabin near Temple Square, it could become a museum if a suitable site could be located. A former owner and Salt Lake City planners approached This is the Place State Park with a proposal to move the cabin there, but the park already has several cabins from that time period, and adding another cabin does not meet their long-range plan for the park. It could also be adaptively re-used by a private owner as a small retreat or artist studio. If the building remained on its current site, or is moved to a location within the Capitol Hill Historic District, it would retain its National Register status and might be eligible for tax credits to help fund its restoration. A group of Capitol Hill residents, led by Scott Christensen, have expressed interest in helping to preserve the cabin. The property is now up for sale, which has these residents worried about the cabin's future. It is hoped that a new owner would be amenable to either preserving the cabin on its site or allowing the building to be moved. If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact Nelson Knight, Preservation Planner for Salt Lake City, at 535-6260 or nelson.knight@slcgov.com.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service Activities

- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes or helping with yard work. For more info., call 978-2452.
- **TreeUtah** would like help hand watering during the summer, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Call 364-2122, or visit www.treeutah.org
- **Utah Food Bank** always welcomes volunteers to help sort food at their warehouse at 1025 S. 700 W. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- **Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club** continues its service to our community. Join us each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a speaker at the Inn at Temple Square. For more information, call Dale Simons at 328-1854.
- Help **Neighborhood Watch** for an hour or two a week. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396, or the Mobile Watch office, 799-3339.

Food, Clothing, and Other Donations

- **The Road Home** (formerly Travel-ers Aid Society) is in need of volunteers at its community shelter, 210 S. Rio Grande St. Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, and diapers are needed. Call 359-4142 or go to www.tasslc.org
- **Crossroads Urban Center** helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for **saltine crackers and small-sized canned milk**. Please take these items, or any food you would like to donate, to the center's pantry at 120 W. 1300 S. For more information, call Linda Hilton at 364-7765.
- **Crossroads Thrift Store** needs dishes, silverware, pots and pans. Small volunteer groups for sorting are also needed. Call 364-7765 to schedule an appointment for sorting.
- **The LDS 19th Ward Relief Society**, located at 225 W. 500 N., sponsors a **clothing exchange** on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everything is free! Come and look, or bring

something along to pass on to someone else. All are welcome!

Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Become a foster parent** and strengthen a family! Right here in our Capitol Hill neighborhood are children in need of safe, stable, loving homes while their families heal. You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Visit www.utahfostercare.org or call 994-5205. Volunteer opportunities are also available.
- **The Children's Museum of Utah** needs energetic, fun-loving seniors, and others to volunteer for work in the galleries, at the front desk, and behind the scenes. Call 328-3383.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America-Wasatch Front** is seeking volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallivan Center

- Lunch Bunch Concert Series - Weekdays - Noon to 1 p.m.
- Come Alive Concert Series - Every Wednesday - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Downtown Farmers Market

- Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Fresh fruits, vegetables, much more! (300 So. 300 W.)

Temple Square Concert Series - 7:30

p.m.

- 11 - Josh Wiggett
- 12 - Alice Demske
- 18 - Families Making Music
- 19 - Brett Zumstug
- 26 - Utah Premier Brass

Brigham Young Historic Park - Concerts

- 8 p.m.

- 1 - Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band
- 4 - Basin Brass Quintet
- 8 - Janet Todd and the Salt Lake Area Accordion Club Band
- 11 - The Crocker Sisters
- 15 - Pizzicato Strings
- 18 - The David Edwards Band
- 22 - Enoch Train
- 25 - Maxim Barbershop Quartet
- 29 - Peter Breinholt

Brigham Young Historic Park - Talks -

8 p.m.

- 2 - Roses - Karen Robison
- 9 - Diagnosing Plant Problems - Larry Sagers
- 16 - Native Plants - Lyle Jenkins
- 30 - Heritage Gardening - Becky Hansen

For additional events, please check:

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- fpcslc.org
- saltlakecathedral.org
- events.ksl.com
- slcgov.com/PublicServices/Gallivan
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Featured Neighbors

Katherine Gardner

From cattle ranching in the San Joaquin Valley to a London wedding, Katherine Gardner has had an interesting life.

Her growing-up years spanned many different places, thanks to her father's "two loves – cattle and education." Her father taught at universities, so the family followed him as he pursued advanced degrees and taught (in Logan; Ephraim; Preston, Idaho; Flagstaff, Arizona; and Berkeley), and ranched in California. Katherine recalls, "We always had a suitcase packed, ready to go to the next place."

She stayed in Brentwood, California long enough to graduate from Liberty High, then followed the family to the University of Arizona where she received a B.A. degree. Then, "I thought about teaching in Utah, but teachers were paid \$1,200 here and \$2,000 in Arizona. I thought I'd get rich and go to California, where they were paid \$3,000."

Katherine taught in the Bay Area for six years (mostly third grade), then took an opportunity with some friends to teach in the American schools in England. She was attending a church conference in London sometime later when a friend nudged her and said, "See that Bryan Gardner? What a catch he'd be." Bryan was a suave Englishman with a background in public relations, BBC broadcasting, and journalism, and after about a year's acquaintance, he and Katherine started to date. They were married in

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London in August, 1959, and their first daughter was born in 1961 in Wimbledon.

That same year, Katherine and Bryan moved to Salt Lake City – to Capitol Hill, in fact. Bryan worked at Salt Lake Community College and in local theater and broadcasting, while Katherine taught in the Salt Lake City School District for the next 28 years, grades 3-5, in Oniqua, Jefferson, and Wasatch Schools. They eventually had five daughters ("the joy and pride of my life") and now have 18 grandchildren. Bryan died in 1999, beloved by a wide group of family and friends. "I'm glad I retired," Katherine says, "because Bryan and I had two fun years to travel around and do some things we wanted."



The Gardners "haven't budgeted" from Capitol Hill since first moving here in 1961, and according to Katherine, "We've always been sold on the area and the wonderful people." She became chair of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council shortly before Bryan's death, and feels that her work with the Council "has been so rewarding – these are good people giving their all, trying to accomplish good things."

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The Utah Transit Authority is holding open houses for property located near the proposed commuter rail station locations. The environmental process for the first phase of commuter rail is underway. UTA would like to meet with property owners early in the process to provide an overview of the project and answer questions about how the proposed stations might affect the surrounding community. The public is invited to attend UTA's open house for the two commuter rail stations proposed for downtown Salt Lake City: 500 West North Temple and 300 South at 600 West. The open house will be held on **Monday, July 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Salt Lake City Council Chambers (451 So. State St., suite 315). **If you have any questions, please contact Mary Guy-Sell (535-6244).**

... and please remember –

- July 4** – 8:00 a.m., Community Breakfast and Fourth of July Celebration, Warm Springs Park
- July 14** – Neighborhood trash pick-up this week (items should be curb-side early Monday)
- July 24** – Cheer for the Capitol Hill Community Float in the Days of '47 Parade.

If you have items for the Bulletin or would like to assist in producing it, please call Stephen or Corinne Sorenson (364-3838).

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