

Cabin: Family celebrates link to historical high society

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Lizzie, was sister and house-keeper to the Shogrens.

Moore's daughter, Melissa Gardner, lives in Long Beach and works for the Salt Hotel. She has replaced damaged windows as part of her coursework in the historic preservation program at Clatsop Community College. The eight-bedroom beach cabin is packed with mementos from the Shogren sisters and their descendants, with each room laid out to celebrate its former occupant. Many furnishings, including antique dressers, are original to the cabin or came from the Shogren sisters' grand home in the Mount Tabor Park district of Portland.

"It's like living in a museum when you come here," said the 37-year-old Gardner. "It's so special — there's so much family history. It's amazing that there is this much that we still have."

Still with original family

The Klipsan house was one of more than a dozen properties from around the state approved earlier this month for listing on the National Register, a federal program administered through the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

"Ours is the only one that is still in the original family," Moore said.

Michael Houser, state architectural historian, visited the Klipsan building as part of the application process.

Listing on the register imposes no restrictions on the property owners. It allows federal tax credits for restoration in some cases and triggers a review if potential government actions would affect its value.

The cottage qualified because of its architecture; it was the work of Albert E. Doyle and his early partner, William B. Patterson. It cost about \$3,500 and was completed in 1909. Doyle and Patterson's other work set the tone for commercial buildings in Portland from the turn of the century to the early 1920s, especially in the use of glazed terracotta. Their cabins along the Washington state and Oregon coasts inspired a regional style widely emulated in the 1930s in places like Neahkahnie.

Doyle rose to prominence in Portland and Eugene, designing parts of Reed College, the Multnomah County Central Library, the Benson Hotel and the Meier & Frank Building.

The link to high-end fashion in the early days of the 20th century was also key.

"I think it's a special place in terms of its architecture, its connection to the Shogren sisters and how the Long Beach Peninsula developed its tourist industry," Houser said.

The peninsula flourished



Patrick Webb/Chinook Observer
Melissa Gardner of Long Beach unrolls the original specifications for the Shogren House.



May Shogren



Albert E. Doyle



Anne Shogren

first as an oceanfront playground for the barons of commerce and Portland socialites who would escape the city by steamship and stagecoach. The Ilwaco Railroad and Steam Navigation Co. line later broadened its accessibility.

The Oregonian's society page carried paragraphs listing their names and activities, which included enjoying the Canaris Bathhouse and the indoor seawater swimming pools at the Crystal Waters Natatorium. Visitors could rent skiffs on Willapa Bay, rent cars for \$1 per hour, attend the movie theater, go clamming and fishing, or gather around beach bonfires.

Family fortunes

Swedish immigrants Henry and Sophia Shogren settled in Portland in 1872 and had eight children. At 14, daughter May was apprenticed to Henry Litt's tailoring shop then started her own dressmaking business in 1889. M&A Shogren Dressmakers developed when sister Anne joined her four years later, handling the administration while May created most designs.

American fashion was dictated by Paris so the Shogrens modified outfits they saw in fashion plates; they never used patterns, but would fit the fabrics directly to each customer. Later they traveled to New York and Paris for inspiration and to gather fabrics; creations were characterized by lace appliques and insertions, intricate layered bodices, extensive pleating and hand-beading.

At the height of their fame, the women employed 100 people during the first 10 years of the century. Their dresses sold internationally and some commanded a price equal to a Model T Ford. A 1915 ledger reveals their dresses started at about \$100, with \$250 being more typical, equivalent to \$2,500 to \$6,000 today. Customers included the wealthy and political elite.

In 1903, a fire severely damaged the Dekum Building, which housed the seventh-floor dress shop. It led to changes in city code that demanded enhanced fire escapes and greater water supplies in tall buildings.

The Oregonian lamented, "The destruction of the Shogren sisters' dressmaking parlor means that many society ladies will have to appear at the next social function in dresses they have worn before ... but the less fortunate ones have lost their fine robes, and will have to bear the pitying glances of lucky sisters at the next fashionable party."

Although the Shogrens lost about \$15,000, they soon rebuilt their business in the Madison Park Building. The height of their success was during Portland's 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition. Newspapers reported that Mary Bidwell Carey, the wife of Judge



Patrick Webb/Chinook Observer
The Shogren House was designed in 1908 and was the early work of Albert E. Doyle, who became a prominent Portland architect.

Charles H. Carey, wore a Shogren dress to the opening reception, and Emma Corbett, wife of Henry W. Corbett, wore one of deep purple silk velvet with ornate black and ivory lace, and a beaded bodice.

Coincidentally, Doyle, the architect, designed the Exposition's Forestry Building, a rustic cabin dubbed the "Log Parthenon," one of the few Exposition buildings intended to be permanent. It survived until 1964 before going up in a gigantic blaze.

Adventurous sisters

The Shogren sisters were born in the 1860s; they never married or had children. They climbed Mount Hood in 1895 and were charter members of the Mazamas mountaineering club.

Anne Shogren was an accomplished equestrian, winning regional competitions. Photos on display at the Klipsan cottage show her and society ladies riding in elaborate hats. The sisters developed some of the earliest custom riding pants worn by American women, having their clients sit on a headless horse model in their fitting room.

They retired in 1920 as less elaborate, mass-produced clothing diminished demand for the custom-tailored dresses of the Victorian and Edwardian

eras. The sisters died in 1928 and 1934. Some of their designs are preserved in the collections of the Oregon Historical Society and the Fashion Institute of Technology Museum in New York City.

The 'Alder Sea'

The Shogrens' summer cottage — sometimes referred to as the "Alder Sea" — was built on acreage purchased for \$1,000 from L.A. Loomis of Long Beach. It is west of the highway and south of the Klipsan lifesaving station, which was established in 1891.

Completion of the North Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1916 caused sand to build up on the beaches, and the cottage now sits farther from the ocean than when it was built.

Moore's grandmother, Elsie, and her husband, Aaron Gould, bought the house for \$1,000 in 1940, although he died just

a few years later. Elsie was familiar as the Sunday school teacher at Ocean Park United Methodist Church; she died in 1980. Moore's aunt, Geraldine, lived in the house until 1995.

The Craftsman-style home has shingled siding and two porches, one with a swing built by the sisters' father, Henry Shogren. It had its roof replaced in 2016 and four windows have been painstakingly repaired or replaced by Gardner retaining the same green trim.

The downstairs is finished in stained fir, with exposed walls and ceilings. It consists of a kitchen, pantry, two bedrooms and a living room with a large brick fireplace and space for a baby grand piano. Through double French doors is the dining room with a large antique original oak table that once seated as many as 22. U-shaped stairs take visitors up to six more bedrooms, one created from an attic. All are decorated with artifacts from the early and middle 20th Century.

'I love it'

For Cosette Moore, the 424-mile drive from Pomeroy is rewarded by relaxing at the cabin, surrounded by family history. She owns it jointly with a cousin in Eastern Oregon and five siblings in eastern Washington and Idaho. Daughter Melissa Gardner and her siblings, Ryan Gardner of Ilwaco and Jessica Gardner of Seaside, maintain it, cut the grass and clean the gutters.

Moore watches with pride as Melissa Gardner unrolls the crinkled 1909 blueprints and talks animatedly about the restoration work that will help earn her an associate degree in historical preservation this spring. "It's been really fun," Gardner said. "Some sills had totally rotted away. They are kind of like new, but old — sort of."

As the black-and-white images of her great aunts Anne and May in their ornate dresses stare down from photos on the wall, Moore strokes Sweetie, her 9-year-old black lab-collie mix, who guards the property attentively. When asked what the Shogren cottage means to her, the simplicity of her reply tells all.

"I love it."

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THURSDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										MARCH 29	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's Anatomy "One Day Like This" (N)	Station 19 "Contain the Flame" (N)	Scandal "The Noise" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "One Day Like This" (N)	Station 19 "Contain the Flame" (N)	Scandal "The Noise" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Champions (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Crews" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Crews" (N)	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(7) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Cassidy (N)	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Champions (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Scoobynatural" (N)	Arrow "The Thanatos Guild" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Curious Traveler	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer Murders	(35) Miss Marple Mysteries	Mysteries "A Caribbean Mystery"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "One of My Three Soups" (N)	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 5" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "One of My Three Soups" (N)	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 5" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	
23	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks Site: Rogers Arena -- Vancouver, B.C. (L)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball S.F./L.A. D. (L)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)		MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak for Yourself	Speak for Yourself		
30	ESPN2	(30) Basketball College Slam Dunk & 3 Point Championship (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Nación ESPN	Tennis Miami Open		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Keep It (N)	**** The LEGO Movie ("14) Voices of Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Chris Pratt.	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Friends	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	*** Hop ("11, Ani) Voices of James Marsden, Russell Brand. (40) Raven's Home	(05) Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Shadowhunters "On Infernal Ground"	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark		
34	FAM	(34) **** The Lion King ('94) Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas.		Siren "Pilot" (P) (N)		Siren "The Lure" (N)		Shadowhunters "On Infernal Ground"		The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:45) *** Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.		**** Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.		**** Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.		**** Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.		**** Zero Dark Thirty (2012, Drama) Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain.			
36	LIFE	(36) Runway "Pose on the Red Carpet"	Project Runway	(55) Project R (N)	PR Stars Social "Nina's Crushing It" (N)	Project Runway: All Stars "History in the Making"	(35) Project Runway: All Stars "History in the Making"	Project Runway: All Stars "History in the Making"		Project Runway: All Stars "History in the Making"			
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)			Post-game	Mariners Pre-game	Post-game	Mariners Pre-game	MLB Baseball			
39	F51	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC 215		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak for Yourself		Speak for Yourself			
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Nobodies (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle		
44	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office 1/2 (50) The Office "Dunder-Mifflin Infinity" (25) The Office 1/2		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Texas Tag Out"	Swamp People "Hotter Than Hell"	Swamp: Blood "Swamp Ninja" (N)	Swamp People "Cajun Combat" (N)	(05) Truck Night "Old vs. New" (N)	(05) Swamp People "Cajun Combat"	(05) Grace "Casey Anthony" (P) (N)	600 Life: Superized "Sarah's Story"	Naked and Afraid "Redemption Road"	Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Monster"	Chopped "Good Chop, Bad Chop?"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"		
47	TLC	(47) Trade 5 "Pennysylvania: Noble Street."	My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Sarah's Story" Sarah weighs over 600-lbs and fights for her life. (N)	My 600-lb Life "Shantel and Hope" (N)	600 Life: Superized "Sarah's Story"	Naked and Afraid "Redemption Road"	Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"		Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"			
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Swamp Queen"	Naked and Afraid "A Screw Loose"	Invisible Killers "Influencia" (N)	Naked and Afraid "Rookie Survival" (N)	Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"	Wicked Tuna "The Ides of Merch" (N)	My Fighting Season "Hunting Ghosts"		Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"			
49	NGEO	(49) The Next Mega Tsunami	Tsunami: Day of Destruction	Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"	Wicked Tuna "The Ides of Merch" (N)	My Fighting Season "Hunting Ghosts"		Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"		Wicked Tuna "Pinwheel Wizard"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs San Antonio (L)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)			Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA			
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd. *** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.		**** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.		**** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.		**** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.		**** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.			
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"	Law&O: SVU "Collateral Damages"	Law&O: SVU "Collateral Damages"	Law&O: SVU "Collateral Damages"	A. Ninja "Qualifying Episode" (N)	Chopped "Pork on the Brain"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Good Chop, Bad Chop?"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"	Chopped "Taco Time!"		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop Vegas	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop		
55	FX	(55) (4:00) White House Down	**** Straight Outta Compton (2015, True Story) Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell.	**** Straight Outta Compton (2015, True Story) Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell.		O'Shea Jackson Jr.		Atlanta (N)	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Tucker Carlson Tonight	American Greed "Stolen Valor Scam"	Greed "Deadly Opioids, Dirty Doctors"	Paid Program			
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam		
63	BRAV	(63) Southern Charm "Reunion Part 1" 1/2	Southern Charm "Reunion Part 2" 2/2	The Real Housewives of Atlanta		**** Next Friday (2000, Comedy) Mike Epps, Justin Pierce, Ice Cube.		Watch What (N)	Next Friday ('00)				
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Sword and the Rose	Short Films			Short Films		(15) The Journey of Natty Gann					
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Predators ('10) Adrien Brody.	* Leprechaun (1993, Horror) Jennifer Aniston, Ken Olandt, Warwick Davis.			**** Beetlejuice (1988, Comedy) Geena Davis, Alec Baldwin, Michael Keaton.		The Magicians "The Fillorian Candidate"					
102	RFD	(102) SF Machinery (N)	Small Town	Rural America 'Live' (N)	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		