

# Heritage News

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

FEATURING "A NIGHT WITH MIKE" (FREMONT)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7 PM, CHRIST CHURCH

Members and guests are invited to GHP's Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Church on the evening of November 13. After a short business meeting, GHP will present a conversation with Mike Fremont, a longtime Glendale resident.

It was 1963 when Fremont bought his home at 816 Van Nes Drive from Elsa and Frank Ditmars. Now 96, Fremont was born in Cincinnati in 1922 and received a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Yale University in 1943. In 1948, he became self-employed as a Manufacturer's Representative managing sales and distribution of industrial clutches, brakes and machine drives in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. He formed a partnership Fremont & Lewis in 1959.

As a resident for 55 years, Fremont will have some good stories to tell about life in Glendale and interests in his life. He is a major advocate for environmental conservation, with a special interest in rivers. He's a founding member of Rivers

Unlimited, American Rivers, the Little Miami Conservancy and Mill Creek Restoration Project and has received numerous awards for his advocacy and service for conservation causes.

A long-time marathon runner, he holds two world single-age records—in 2010 at age 88 and 2012 at age 90. In 2018, he broke a USA Track & Field record for running a mile in the age group 95-99. Come hear what this remarkable Glendale resident has to share about his life in our village and beyond.

# BUILDING ON THE PAST: 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ARCHITECTURE IN GLENDALE

Exhibit opening reception Friday, October 19, 2018, 6 – 8 p.m.

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#### From the Archives

"Status Quo on Glendale Cats Follows Kloth's Last Report" is the headline on a newspaper clipping found in our archives dating from 1963 when James Kloth chaired the Miscellaneous Committee of Council.

Mrs. C. Hammond Avery had brought a suggestion to the committee that Glendale ban all cats and make Glendale a bird sanctuary. If the ban was impractical, she recommended the Village require all cats be licensed, collared, belled and given antirabies inoculation.

The committee recommended keeping the status quo in regard to cats, finding:

- It is not necessary to make the Village a bird sanctuary as it is practically one now.
- 2. Cats should be permitted in the Village as they have been in the past.
- A survey should be made to determine the number of cats and cat owners in the Village before deciding on inoculation.

Two local veterinarians were consulted, Dr. Meeks and Dr. Lewis, and both highly recommended that cats be inoculated against rabies. Mayor Carruthers stated that Mrs. Avery's recommendation was not merely a whim and that there is recourse for residents who are unduly annoyed by neighbor's cats.

Perhaps Mrs. Avery was ahead of her time!

Submitted by Joanne Goode

## **Twentieth-Century Glendale**

More than 40 years have passed since the Glendale Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, based on a nomination prepared by Doreen Gove, the founder of Glendale Heritage Preservation. That nomination highlighted Glendale as the nation's first picturesque planned suburb and focused on the significance of the district in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, identifying 59 pivotal buildings from this period.



"Stoneolden," the Stanley Matthews House (1920)

In the wake of Glendale's sesquicentennial, we recognize that significant events and activities continued to occur in our community after 1900. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Glendale evolved from a railroad suburb to an automobile suburb, and construction followed the subdivision of large original lots. During the period 1900 through 1965, many architecturally significant homes were built, including numerous examples designed by prominent architects who lived in Glendale—Archibald Denison, Harry Hake, Jr., Stanley Matthews, and Woodie Garber.



870 Forest Avenue (1923), a fine Craftsman bungalow

Glendale has many excellent examples of brick and wood-frame Colonial and Tudor Revival homes and Craftsman bungalows from the 1910s through the 1930s. In the 1940s and '50s, new homes tended to be Colonial or Minimal Traditional ranches and split-levels, including prefabricated houses by Pease Industries. (Lon Purcell, architect for Pease, designed and built his own home at 605 East Sharon Avenue in 1953, outside the historic district.) The district also includes a few International Style homes built in the 1960s; the most notable being the home of Woodie Garber at 90 Coral Avenue (FKA 70 Lake), completed in 1966.



Harry Hake, Jr. House, 1025 Laurel Avenue (1940)



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### In Memoriam: Joan Reckseit, Ph.D.

GHP fondly remembers Joan Reckseit, a former trustee and long-time volunteer, who died on September 2, 2018 at age 91. Dr. Reckseit was a clinical psychologist who was a widely recognized child diagnostician. Born in 1927, she graduated from Vassar College in 1946, received her master's degree in Psychology from Columbia University in 1948 and earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UC in 1972. After raising her family in Wyoming, she moved to Maple Knoll and became involved with GHP, working many hours in the depot museum and gift shop. We will miss her smiling face.

# In Appreciation: Ralph Rogan Burchenal

Glendale lost fifth-generation resident Ralph Burchenal on September 10, 2018. After graduating from Washington & Lee University, Ralph became Executive VP of Central Trust Bank at 31. He served as a board member of many charities, particularly Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

In Glendale, he underwrote improvements to Floral Park, and with other family members, he was responsible for Rogan Park, including the relocation of the fountain donated to the village by William A. Procter in 1894. The fountain originally stood across from Town Hall. Burchenal was also a generous supporter of GHP.