

# Shadow Lawn was once the neighborhood schoolhouse

Shadow Lawn, located at 1506 Pleasant Valley Road in Union City, has not always had its name.

That was bestowed on it by the second owner, Allie George Collier Stone. Her husband, Jeffrey McKendree Stone, planted oak trees that had grown in the fence row on what is now Stone Street. The trees grew until their shade left the lawn and house in shadows. Thus, the name.

The house began its history as a one-room schoolhouse for the neighborhood children who were too young to travel into Union City for classes. Eventually the children grew and there was no longer a need for the school. In 1928 Isaac Walton Stone bought the corner to square up his farm, Walnut Grove. He converted the school into a home for his son, Wallace Moore Stone, and his wife, Eva.

After Stone and his wife, Delia Phebus Stone, became ill, Wallace and Eva moved into their home to care for them. The house was rented for a number of years.

When Isaac Walton Stone died, Jeffrey Stone inherited the home. He and Allie George Collier Stone remodeled and moved into it in 1948. They resided there with their daughter, Linda Lu, for 62 years. In 1960, the Stones remodeled, again adding a north wing to the house and bricking the front. The back wing of the house is the original school house with the old windows.

Upon Allie Stone's death in 2010, Linda Lu and her husband, John Harding, moved into the home.

They are the present owners.



**SHADOW LAWN** — Linda Lu Harding recently sat in front of her family home located at 1506 Pleasant Valley Road in Union City. The home served as a one-room schoolhouse for the neighborhood children who were too young to travel into Union City for classes. It was later named Shadow Lawn by Mrs. Harding's mother, the late Allie George Collier Stone.



## Using the latest apps for home layouts

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Planning out how to arrange furniture in your home — or plants in your garden — used to involve a pencil, graph paper, a measuring tape and a lot of imagination.

The process has gotten easier — and way more streamlined — thanks to a burgeoning selection of home and garden apps.

Furniture companies, interior design firms and even landscapers have been rolling out a new generation of apps and online programs to make the process more fool-proof for novices and pros alike, often using virtual and augmented reality technology.

“Design apps are really great for generating ideas, and deciding on materials and sources for do-it-yourself projects,” says Margaret Mayfield, an architect in Los Osos, Calif. “And they’re also very helpful for communicating design ideas to contractors and architects.”

The technology allows you to see what furniture would look like in your home before you buy it, using just the camera on your phone, for example, instead of dealing with the hassle — and back pain — involved in returning, say, an ill-chosen sofa.

And the design apps do not stop at the door. With spring around the corner, there are landscaping apps to help take the guesswork out of deciding what to plant and where and when.

Among the most popular apps are Houzz, Hutch, Home Design 3D, interior design apps from stores like IKEA and Overstock.com and iScape.

**OLD SCHOOLHOUSE** — These images show the home of the late Jeffrey Stone before it was re-modeled in 1948. The original back portion of the home was a one-room schoolhouse used for children in the Pleasant Valley area. It was added to and made into a residence for the late Wallace Stone in 1928.




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