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Madrona Halloween Extravaganza - Scary Great!!

Madrona Halloween Extravaganza 2010 was awesome! We had the perfect weather for the perfect Halloween outing enjoyed by many local families. The shelterhouse was crawling with spiders along with our neighborhood scarecrow – and filled to the brim with yummy treats and hot cider. Thank you to ALL who helped decorate and bake! Over 150



people participated in the scavenger hunt of downtown Madrona hosted by members of the business community (BOOM). Congratulations to Chloe Hart who won the scavenger hunt prize - a \$20 gift certificate to the gift store Nena.

It was fun to see all the adorable, scary and hilarious costumes! Kids enjoyed the challenge of the scavenger hunt and doing a fun craft at Arts Aloft or enjoying a Halloween



story at Buggy. Thank you to all the Madrona businesses for taking part in this fun neighborhood event. Thank you to all the families who worked hard at decorating, cleaning up, baking and putting on this party! Thank you to Hannah Wygal and Katie Feltz for our posters! Thank you to BOOM and the Madrona Community Council. All in all it was a great night!



Christmas Ships at Madrona Beach December 4 9:25 PM – 9:45 PM

Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

At the last Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting, we were joined by a number of interested neighbors who want to make sure the Council both survives and comes to thrive through increased outreach. The community decided to delay the election for the president position until February 2011, although I will be stepping down now. In the interim, the MCC's three vice presidents—Paige Smith, Jeremy Hudgeons, Holly Smith--each agreed to act as president on a rotating monthly basis.

About 30 neighbors came to the meeting,

uniformly expressing concern about the council and wanting it to continue to exist as a viable entity. People committed to get involved and brought great ideas to increase outreach and participation. The delay of the election is, in fact, part of the outreach process. You have another window of opportunity to investigate getting involved on the council!

Over the next few months, community members have the chance to talk about what you want the council to be and what focus you want it to have. The MCC

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New Home Store Opening!

It's so depressing to see empty storefronts in downtown Madrona, but the space on 34th Avenue that for years was Monad's Pure Manifestation studio won't be empty much longer. Just in time for the holidays, Madrona welcomes Guesthouse, a home furnishings store opening in November.

Guesthouse offers a cultivated blend of new and old, polished and rustic, masculine and feminine, the best of what's new in design mixed with vintage finds. The store will carry books, candles, lighting, blankets, soap and other home accessories, as well as vintage chairs reworked with new designer fabrics, custom pillows, and art. "I love that layered depth and sophistication in design," says owner Kate Sehulster.

Kate is collaborating with her fiancé, David Link, who will be showing his line of furniture called Davidmade beginning early next year. The concept for the store also comes from the couple's love for entertaining. "You want your guests to be comfortable, feel welcome, and also come away with an idea about who you are."

Keep an eye out for the store's opening. It will be well stocked with gifts for the holidays and always full of decorating ideas.

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could bring in speakers on topics of importance to you. It could expand its connections with the local schools, and students could play a role in the organization. It could plan bigger and better community events and have greater outreach with BOOM, the Business Owners of Madrona. It could focus on waste reduction and winning the next \$50,000 Cleanscapes prize! We invite you to join the discussion and come to a meeting. You may come away with renewed enthusiasm for getting involved locally.

It was not until my last meeting as president that I realized what involvement with the MCC has given me. I learned firsthand that I live in the midst of a community of wonderful neighbors whose generosity of spirit makes our neighborhood so special. As the outgoing president of the Madrona Community Council, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to my neighbors who came to the meeting, bringing renewing energy, commitment, and vision. We hope you will join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 7, at 7:15pm in the shelterhouse at Madrona Playfield.

Bakery Brings Bread Right to You!

Would you like to have fresh artisan baked goods delivered to you weekly? Do you put a value on supporting local small businesses? Do you love the Columbia City Bakery bread that you've eaten at St Clouds, Café Flora, the Volunteer Park Café, and Sostanza? If so, Columbia City Bakery's new Community Supported Bakery (CSB) program might be right up your alley.

Modeled on a traditional Community Supported Agriculture subscription that delivers fruits and vegetables from local farmers, our CSB program delivers six weeks of bread and other baked goods. You can choose what you'd like in each delivery from our seasonal menu of breads, cookies, cakes and holiday items. The first Columbia City Bakery CSB season runs from November 18 to December 30.

Madrona orders will be delivered on Thursday afternoons to neighborhood pick-up spots. It doesn't get any easier than that to get the freshest of the fresh and support your local artisan bakers. For a look at the seasonal menu, a list of pick-up locations, and more detailed information, visit www.columbiacitybakery.com/community-supported-bakeries.

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Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Melissa Baerwald, 30th Avenue

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 4.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, what are you thankful for?



Noel and Victor
Wine!



Babaloo - Lake WA Blvd
Treats at Verité on Sunday



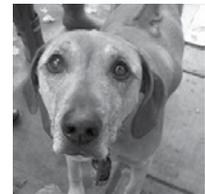
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Lots Going on at Madrona K-8

By Madrona Panther Partners

After School Enrichment Programs: After school enrichment programs, sponsored in part by the PTSA, are free to Madrona K8 families and have recently expanded. We are very happy to partner with the YMCA of greater Seattle and Arts Corps to now offer martial arts, sports and recreational games, and a visual arts program. Among other activities, programs in the middle school grades include intramural sports and a drum line. After school program participants also receive snacks funded in part by a new Healthy Lifestyles Grant awarded to Madrona K-8 by the National PTA.

Sports: The Madrona K-8 Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee team won another division championship. Coach Kitisha Washington continues her winning ways! Our girls soccer team also made the playoffs for the first time! The team is in its third year and includes 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, many who had never played soccer before. Some had never even played team sports before! Last year, Madrona played in the JV division and this year they are competing in the varsity division. The team secured a spot in the playoffs after the last regular season game and at press time they were battling for third place in the Sound Division. Coaches are Jon Hughes and Jeff Stegelman.

Science: The fifth grade class recently returned from a four-day trip to IslandWood Environmental Center on Bainbridge Island. IslandWood is a unique 255-acre outdoor learning center and our kids had many new experiences such as following food from

Valley School Looks Ahead to 2011-12

By Gail Mensher, Admissions

Admissions season for the 2011-12 year launched at The Valley School on November 4 with the first group of adults touring the campus to learn about our principles and practices and to experience them in action in classrooms.

Tours continue through the end of February on most Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00am. We welcome educators, potential Valley parents, grandparents and friends to visit our pre-K through fifth grade programs. Applications and admissions information are available at the tour. Call 328-4475 or email lynn@thevalleyschool.org to make an appointment. Our new director, Rob Schultz, has brought great energy and educational expertise to Valley along with a deep appreciation and understanding of the school's founding principles. We are delighted to welcome Rob and invite you to meet him on a school tour.

If you're considering Valley, do plan to attend our Open House on February 3 at 7:00pm. It's a wonderful adults-only opportunity to hear directly from teachers about their curricula.

garden to table, composting, night hikes, team building, and observing local wildlife. Through rain and shine, they learned many new things—not the least of which is how to spend three nights away from home! The PTSA manages the funding for this annual trip. If you would like to contribute to funding future trips, please email the Madrona Panther Partners PTSA at ptsa@madronapantherpartners.org to learn how to donate or get involved.



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Kraus Grant Activity Updates

Last summer, Madrona received a very generous gift from the estate of long-time residents Martin and Mimi Kraus. Their money was given to several worthy neighborhood projects that all support the Kraus' love of the outdoors and recreation. Here is an update on two projects.

Shelterhouse Indoor Toilet. Neighbor Karin Richard has been working with the Garfield Community Center (GCC), who manages the shelterhouse, and the project is making progress. After a supervisor from Parks and Recreation Facilities visited the current bathrooms—which are completely closed to the public in the winter—he suggested we attempt to get funding to update them to current accessibility standards. An indoor toilet would be part of this project. GCC and Parks are working to get this project funded for 2011. The outcome of their effort will determine if and how the \$2500 from the Kraus grant will be used.

Madrona Beach Restoration. The team held another work party in October to clear out weeds and put in native plants. Thanks to everyone—especially the families—who came out on a rainy Saturday to help. Thanks also to St Clouds, Starbucks, and Grocery Outlet for providing snacks for the work party. The next phase of this project involves the creation and placement of a new crawl through log that will look like wood but be made of longer-lasting concrete. As a thank you to Martin and Mimi, the log will also hold a plaque that reads: Mimi and Martin Kraus / Donated for their love of the outdoors / 2010.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Noel and Victor & Roxy; Jeff and Larry & Babaloo; Zac & Buster



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Community Center at MLK School Not to Be

On October 20, the Seattle School Board voted 5-2 to sell MLK Jr. School property in Madison Valley to First A.M.E. Church. Citizens for a Community Center @ M.L.King Jr. School (CCC@MLK) is incredibly disappointed in the outcome, as we know we offered the best proposal for diverse and full community use of the space. Over the last two years we have done surveys, events and extensive community outreach to solicit feedback and input for programming that would best serve our neighborhood.

After the vote, First A.M.E Church members and supporters gathered in the lobby, and Pastor Anderson made a point to shake hands with CCC@MLK. We will be working on measures to ensure community input into use and programming at the space. We hope that First A.M.E. Church will come and give us a presentation on what they plan to do with the space and introduce their renters and service providers. We will soon meet to discuss our next steps. Let us know if you want to provide input and/or be involved with the efforts moving forward with the space, as the community needs to continue to stay involved in what happens at the school to make sure it is community space for anyone and everyone. Contact info: www.mlkcommunitycenter.org.

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Holiday Ceramic Sale Extravaganzas!

Ginny Conrow's Porcelain Studio. We drool at the delicate fan glazes and seashore-colored vessels in her window display all year. Then, for one long, magical weekend every December, Madrona clay artist Ginny Conrow allows us in for a closer look. This year she opens her studio on December 3 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm and on December 4 and 5 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Along with her own handmade porcelain, Conrow's show also includes jewelry and fabric by talented local and national artists. Susan Goodwin's latest jewelry sparkles with colored gemstones, gold, and oxidized silver, and new cast sterling pendants, as well as her one-of-a-kind work. She recently moved to California but will be in Madrona for this show. Kate Beck's shibori silk scarves and accessories, always a delight of color and texture, adorn tables and walls throughout the studio. Barbi Lock Lee offers a small collection of her bowls and vases with Australian birds perched on handles and edges. New this year are Judith Bushnell's brightly colored and playful yet functional bowls and vases, often accented with a few words of wisdom or humor along the edges. Come meet her at the show! Kathy Ackerman designs tapestry bags, small and large, using vintage cloth and buttons to create purses for every occasion. You can reach Ginny at (206)427-1941 or www.ginny@conrowporcelain.com.

Seward Park Clay Studio Holiday Sale. The annual sale is a wonderful opportunity to come in and share the magic of this working art studio. For over 35 years the Seward Park Clay Studio has been an integral part of this diverse neighborhood. The studio offers clay classes for adults and children, as well as dynamic and innovative workshops. It collaborates with the Seattle Art Museum and the University of Washington to showcase work in different

parts of the city and be a conduit for the growth of the ceramic arts.

The 2010 sale begins with the Preview Party on Friday, December 3. Guests will enjoy great food and beverages--and will get first dibs on wonderful ceramic art. Over 15 of the resident artists will participate, and 35+ artists are invited to show alongside this core group. The scale of the event and the variety and quality of work presented set this ceramic sale apart from others. There is a requested donation of \$10.00 for the Preview Party, but the sale continues for free through December 24. The studio will be open on weekends from 10:00am to 6:00pm and weekdays from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. Come be a part of this wonderful, festive event in Seward Park at 5900 Lake Washington Blvd. South.

Santa's Coming to Madrona...

You better not pout and you better not fight...and you BETTER brush your teeth because Santa is coming to Madrona! Despite his very busy holiday schedule, the Jolly Old Elf himself will be making a stop at Lakeview Kids Dentistry (703 34th Ave) on December 4!

Dr. Stuehling and the Lakeview Kids Dentistry staff invite everyone in Madrona to come and chat with Santa from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Kids, bring your wish list! Parents, bring your cameras! Everyone, bring a donation of a canned or boxed good to support the food drive for the Food Bank at St. Mary's Church.

Seasonal refreshments will be provided! Santa and his helpers are looking forward to seeing you at Lakeview, near the corner of 34th and Cherry where there is plenty of easy parking. If you need more info, call the office at 251-7638.

Give to Madrona "Toys for Tots" Drive

For the seventh year in a row, Barbara Banon, the local Edward Jones investment representative, is supporting the U.S. Marine Corp Toys for Tots program and using her office in the Bowling Green building as a drop-off location for donations. Barbara and Office Manager Erin Nold are kicking off this year's drive with an Open House, and everyone is invited. "With the holiday season around the corner, we are all getting ready for the festivities," says Barbara. "As this is the season of giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our community."

Drop by the office on December 11 between 11:00am and 2:00pm. Everyone who brings a new, unwrapped toy will be entered in a raffle to win a holiday gift basket! The drive continues through December 17, and Barbara encourages her Madrona neighbors to help needy children by donating new toys any time during regular business hours.

Edward Jones, which is headquartered in St. Louis, offers clients a variety of investments and investment advice. Barbara's Madrona office is located at 3304 E. Spring St, across the street from the Madrona Playfield tennis courts and a few doors down from Café Verite. For more info, call the office at 323-0440.

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Madrona Wildlife. Neighbors Denise Takahashi & Eric Edgerton were more than a little startled to see this yearling spike buck just off of Union west of 34th! Worried about its safety so close to traffic, they called Animal Control. But the experts advised them not to worry or take any action; black-tailed deer are just part of the urban wildlife scene.

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Law for All: Estate Planning Lessons from the Media

By Lori Rath, Attorney

As 2010 draws to a close, I am reminded of recent news stories relating to the estates of well-known individuals, and the lessons that can be gleaned from them. Here are a few.

Gary Coleman & Disposition of Remains: Gary Coleman, famous for his role as Arnold on "Diff'rent Strokes," died from a brain hemorrhage after a fall. Coleman was cremated, but the disposition of his ashes remains uncertain due to a dispute about whether Coleman's ex-wife is entitled to his estate. Coleman divorced Shannon Price in 2008 but was living with her when he died, and Price claims a common law marriage. Coleman's ashes are being stored at a Salt Lake City mortuary pending resolution of the dispute. Lesson: Maintain an updated "disposition of remains" document that instructs to whom your remains should be released.

George Steinbrenner & Federal Estate Taxes: In July the long-time Yankees owner died from a heart attack at age 80 with an estate of \$1.1 billion. With no federal estate tax this year, Steinbrenner's estate will be transferred tax-free. If he had died in 2009 when the exemption was at \$3.5 million, Steinbrenner's estate would have paid about \$500 million in taxes. The estate tax will reappear in 2011 with an exemption amount of \$1 million and a 55% rate. Lesson: Keep apprised of estate tax developments and explore tax planning options if appropriate. Note that Washington residents are subject to a state estate tax regardless of the federal estate tax status. The state exemption is \$2 million with an effective rate of about 15%.

Stieg Larsson & Estate Planning for Unmarried Couples: Larsson is the name behind the Millennium book/film trilogy ("The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo/Who Played with Fire/Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest"). In 2004 Larsson died unexpectedly at age 50, before anyone had a clue how lucrative his work would be. Since then Larsson's biological family has been feuding with Eva Gabriellson, Larsson's longtime partner. Because they were not married, Gabriellson is not automatically entitled to any portion of Larsson's estate under Swedish law. Gabriellson has a powerful bargaining chip in her possession - the better part of a fourth novel on a laptop. Lesson: An estate plan is essential for couples who are not legally married.

Lori recently joined the firm Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson as an "of counsel" attorney. Contact her at 654-2410 or rath@lasher.com.



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- MON & THURS 6:00 AM Bootcamp Class—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin www.nikkifit.com
- TUESDAYS 6:00PM – 7:00PM Spiritual Reading and Prayer—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- TUESDAYS 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Library Book Club—Contact the Madrona library for this month's selection. 684-4705.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Free Winetasting—See what inexpensive bottles Carlos recommends. Dulces, 1430 34th Avenue, 322-5453.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Bible Study—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
- THURSDAYS 9:00 AM Valley School Tours—Tours run through February. Reservations required. Lynn Addison www.thevalleyschool.org
- THURSDAYS 11:00 AM Family Story Time—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library 684-4705
- THURSDAYS 7:30 PM AA/ALANON Meeting—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- FRIDAYS 7:30 AM Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker www.kbarker715@comcast.net

- Nov 15 Madrona Toys for Tots Drive Begins—Donate new, unwrapped toys for kids in need; drive continues through December 17. Edward Jones Investments, 3304 East Spring St., Barbara Banon 323-0440.
- Nov 27 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party—Meet at Spring & Grand, deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com.
- Dec 3 9:00 AM BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting—All welcome! Amara conference room, 34th & Union, Soni Davé soni@bottlehouseseattle.com.
- Dec 3 4:00-9:00 PM Conrow Porcelain Studio Open House & Holiday Sale – Explore the working studio and enjoy fine handmade crafts. 1429 34th Avenue, (206) 427-1941, www.ginny@conrowporcelain.com.
- Dec 3 6:30-9:30 PM Seward Park Clay Studio Holiday Sale— Opening Night Preview Sale. \$10 requested donation. Sale continues daily through December 24. 5900 Lake Washington Blvd. S., 722-6342 www.sewardparkart.org/.
- Dec 3-5 BOOM Extended Shopping Hours in Madrona—Stores will be open late to kick off the holiday shopping season.
- Dec 4-5 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Conrow Porcelain Studio Open House & Holiday Sale – 1429 34th Avenue, www.ginny@conrowporcelain.com.
- Dec 4 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Santa Visits Madrona— Bring your wishlist and a donation of non-perishable food. Lakeview Kids Dentistry 703 34th Ave (34th & Cherry), Dr. Stephen Stuehling 251-7638.
- Dec 4 6:00-7:30 PM Leschi Community Holiday Potluck- Community Council. provides turkey, ham and punch; guests provide appetizers, salads, desserts, and vegetarian dishes. We all listen to music, eat heartily and commune with our neighbors. Central Area Senior Center 500 30th Ave S., Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net.
- Dec 4 9:25-9:45 PM Christmas Ships Perform Off Madrona Beach— Join your neighbors for a bon fire and good cheer!
- Dec 7 7:15 PM Madrona Community Council –Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Cynthia Stross, cynistr@gmail.com.
- Dec 17 Madrona Toys for Tots Drive Ends—Edward Jones Investments, 3304 East Spring St., Barbara Banon 323-0440.

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