

NEWSLETTER

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Member of Central Seattle Community Council Federation

MADRONA COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS HOST FOR WILDLIFE

With the assistance of a small grant from the Washington State Department of Wildlife, the Madrona Community Council has launched a community-based project to enhance the natural setting of the neighborhood. The project will utilize and build on the Department's Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Program.

We have targeted three specific elements, individual yards, neighborhood parks and street rights-of-way, around which to build our project. During the first year we hope to: 1) introduce the concept of habitat creation to members of our community and build a broad base of understanding and support for the project; 2) recruit a large number of participants and assist them in creating their own wildlife sanctuary; 3) work with the various departments within the City of Seattle to target public spaces that lend themselves to enhancement; and 4) develop our own Madrona Neighborhood Nature Walk.

We intend to showcase our progress at the 1990 Home and Garden Tour.

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\$25,000 SOUGHT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG FREE ZONES

The Seattle Neighborhood Group, a non-profit entity directed by Kay Godefroy, and East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, have jointly submitted a grant application for \$25,000 to fund a pilot project to organize and mobilize communities within the East Precinct to establish "Drug Free Zones". Several Central Area neighborhoods which are most frequently the site of drug trafficking and gang-related activity are targeted: Miller Park Community (Meany School); the Garfield Community including Garfield High and Leschi Schools; and Yesler Terrace and Gazert School. In addition, Madrona School, Judkins Rejected and Washington Middle School and Squire Park will receive specific technical assistance to aid in mobilizing their neighborhoods.

The project's aim is "to fund additional staffing and resources to mobilize and empower the affected schools, businesses and neighborhoods in making a public declaration that substance abuse will not be tolerated in their communities."

Goals for each area will developed individually. A "recycling" project, using November election

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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 5 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEETING. GROUP HEALTH (back door)
December 12 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	EAST PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION COALITION Central Area Motivation Program 722 18th Avenue

Council Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of Each month; General meetings are the last Tuesday every other month (they will be announced in newsletters). All are welcome at both.

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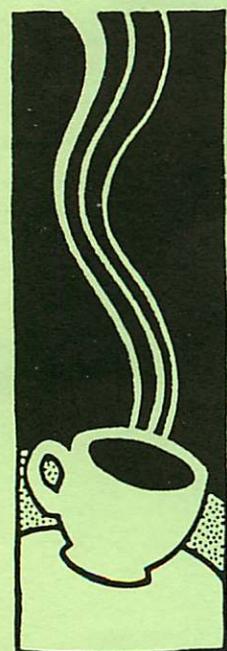
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Thanks to Audrey Seale's excellent organization, last year's ticket sales hit the 900 mark. As Audrey has gallantly agreed to take on next year's event we can expect the same turnout level and that will provide a high degree of visibility for our wildlife enhancement project.

What can you do to participate? Volunteer yourself. We are looking for people to carry the idea into the neighborhood, or to work with the City. Volunteer your yard. We hope to have 30 certified sanctuaries and 15 in the planning stage come the Home Tour next Spring. Recruit your neighbors and others on your block.

We will keep you up-to-date through regular articles in the newsletter and with presentations at the community meetings which are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Madrona School. Watch for the January newsletter; we will be surveying you to identify special places that can be featured on the nature walk. We also would like to talk to you personally, so call us with your information.

The poster we are developing will be available for distribution in February. It will be used to publicize and promote the project--and, hopefully, will raise money to buy trees and shrubs.

Shirley Solomon is spearheading the effort and can be reached at 623-7361 during the day, and at 323-1524 at night.

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yard signs reconstructed by young volunteers from the schools involved, will be used in the Drug Free Zone/Safe Haven Campaign. Activities include an evening social, door to door distribution of materials, monthly public forums and a "How To" workbook for other communities interested in developing a drug free zone/safe haven in other areas.

They should know before Thanksgiving whether the application is funded.

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1989 Holiday Show & Sale

Ginny Conrow · Porcelain vessels & wall pieces.

Chris Ann Shurtleff · Handwoven wearables.

Sandy Thatcher · Paintings on porcelain.

Linda Smith · Southwest series.

New work by students.

Opening: Fri. Dec. 1, 5-9 p.m.

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PRESERVED GREENBELT PROVIDES HABITAT FOR MANY SPECIES

Carolee Colter, local bird enthusiast and member of the reestablished Harrison Neighborhood Community Council lives near the Harrison greenbelt. In a recent conversation, Carolee mentioned many species as either resident birds or visitors to the greenbelt.

Flickers, downy woodpeckers, Wilson's warblers and black-throated gray warblers during migration can be seen as well as juncos and chickadees, red-breasted nuthatches and pine siskins, three kinds of sparrows; golden crowned, white crowned and song. Also house sparrows. Bush tits and ruby crowned and golden crowned kinglets, rufous sided towhees, Bewicks's wren, winter wren, cedar waxwings, Stellar's jay, and band-tailed pigeons (in serious decline) in migration. Tree swallows were seen while flying through this summer. Varied thrushes can be seen in the winter. Also, rock doves, robins, finches, crows and starlings. According to Carolee, the greenbelt is a sanctuary for certain species currently in decline in Seattle.

Carolee said that raptors such as the great horned owl, red tail hawk, sharp-shinned or Coopers hawk and even a bald eagle have also been seen.

You can also attract birds with a backyard seed or suet feeder. Red-breasted nuthatches and downy woodpecker will go for suet. Chickadees, house sparrows and finches will eat seed at a feeder and junco's will ground feed.

Fresh bird food and also bird feeders can be purchased through the Audubon Society at the home of Mike & Kathy Gordon at 1565 Madrona Drive. Call first to let them know you're coming. 328-1327.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

The Madrona Child Care Program has openings for children ages 5-12 in its licensed daycare. Activities include study time, art projects, cooking, sport and free time. The Program is located at 3710 East Howell in Madrona and operates from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday on a full-time, part-time and drop-in basis. Call 323-4366.

HOTLINE EFFECTIVE -- KEEP CALLING

Our neighborhood can already see the benefits of active participation in the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition. The Coalition is aware of our concerns about Madrona Playfield and the activities around it and is focusing attention on these complaints. Madrona School and the Playground are also included in a grant leading to the formation of Drug Free Neighborhoods. (See related article this issue.)

The Coalition's main source of information is the Hotline, 325-BUST. It is important to call the hotline with any information about illegal activity so that the Coalition can continue to help our neighborhood effectively.

Madrona's representatives on the Coalition are Gerri Nelson @ 323-3600 and Mary Kenny @ 323-6389.

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The Madrona Newsletter is published bi-monthly except for the summer months. Community notices and neighborhood news are welcome. Send your handwritten or typed copy to Sally Alhadeff, 922 34th Avenue, Seattle 98122. Or leave a message on the machine, 324-9865.

Ads in the newsletter are \$6 per column inch, camera ready. Call Susan Roberts @ 329-7322.

MADRONA SCHOOL CORNER

By Margie Kates

Can you believe an overnight with 180 fourth and fifth grade students? Well, that's exactly what took place at Madrona on October 26! Needless to say, students had a wonderful time playing volleyball, working with computers, watching videos, playing board games, reading, and preparing their own version of "The Gong Show." Their "Teddy Bear Candlelight Dinner" (complete with a guest magician from Eckstein Middle School) was magnificent as well. None looked the worse for wear the next morning! Most important, however, was the opportunity this evening provided for building a sense of community among our students, teachers, and parents.

November is a very busy month for us as well. Students have enjoyed a Veterans' Day Assembly with the U.S. Navy Band's Brass Quintet, a visit from Pioneer Farms to learn first hand what Washington settlers experienced 100 years ago, and celebrated our states' Centennial with a birthday party and tree planting ceremony.

Parent/teacher conferences will occupy seven days this month, with early dismissal for students during this time.

We are also thrilled to be one of the schools chosen for the Seattle Children's Theater production of "Adventures of Wanda the Wonder Water Watcher," on November 27.

We all appreciate your suggestions, support and offers to help our students. You are always welcome to visit the school and our PTSA which meets on the third Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m.



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CONROW'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW FILLED WITH LOCAL ARTISTS' WORKS

"Transformed. Like magic." That's how Ginny Conrow describes what happens as her studio, kiln shed and even her living room are turned into galleries in preparation for the 1989 Holiday Show and Sale.

Beginning with a gala opening complete with food and wine on Friday, December 1 from 5-9 p.m., the opening continues through Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Regular hours for the show will through December 23 are from Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Ginny will show a full body of work including porcelain vessels and wall pieces and a series of hanging mirrors, sushi dishes, trays and sake bottles and lots of vases in many forms.

Other artists' work including handwoven wearables, paintings on porcelain, fused glass Christmas tree ornaments and a small display of some of Ginny's students' work will also be featured and give the show variety. Prices on the items for sale will range from \$10 to several hundred dollars.

Ginny has been in her Madrona location at 1429 34th Avenue since 1983. A potter for 20 years starting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, her first Seattle location was in what is now the Surrogate Hostess retail shop. Local galleries and events where Ginny's work can be seen include the new Issaquah location of the Northwest Gallery of Fine

Woodworking, and the Bellevue Arts Fair. She also shows her work in the Lawrence Gallery in McVeety Shalishan, Oregon.

Even though Ginny's studio appears to be closed many months of the year, she is always available by appointment. That is, of course, unless she's off travelling in Australia, France or Shalishan, Oregon; some of the places she's been this year for both work and play.

She made a conscious decision to move her career away from being a production potter. She "got great at making pots" and earned a national reputation, but there didn't seem to be a balance in her life. Now, she gets up nearly every morning and goes to a Yoga class on Capitol Hill, she has regular students who may stay with her for several years and she makes large wall-scale tile pieces on commission for custom clients. In addition, she keeps a regular studio schedule making porcelain pieces for gallery shows.

What about life after the show? She "has to go back to living" in her studio home. Working, teaching, listening to books on tape and, occasionally visiting the Hi Spot. After all, "if you're going to be an artist, you may as well be able to go out for a cup of coffee when you want."

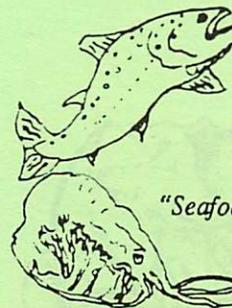
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GENESIS HOUSE ADOPTS NEW PLAN AND APPLIES FOR VARIANCE

At their November meeting, the Board of Directors of Genesis House discussed and adopted a plan for the admission of pregnant women as drug rehabilitation clients. Plans call for a maximum of 5 women plus their infants.

In preparation for a variance application to increase the client load, there will be an informational meeting at Genesis House 621 34th Avenue on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. All Madrona residents are welcome. For further information please call the director, Jeff Bott at 328-0881.

ANNUAL BENEFIT CRAFT SALE

The annual Craft Sale to benefit Central Branch Preschool's scholarship fund will be held Thursday, December 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, December 8 & 9 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Evergreen wreaths will also be sold for \$10.

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