

Madrona NEWSLETTER

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1991 Madrona Historic Home & Garden Tour

by Audrey Seale

This Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. marks the 11th year of the Madrona Home Tour. This annual event, the only fundraiser of the Madrona neighborhood, benefits the Madrona Community Council and this newsletter.

Our theme this year is Historic Homes of the Madrona Neighborhood. One featured home was built in 1891 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. This 3-story Victorian home has 4 fireplaces on the first floor, a library, a turret and a fence of over 900 individual pickets hand cut by the current owners. In this home, Mary McCarthy, author of *The Group* and *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood*, granddaughter of the original owners, the Preston family, lived the many adventures described in her famous book, *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood*. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the house, courtesy of Bek's Bookstores.

The newest home on the tour was built in 1912, and was the home of famous early Seattle photographer, Asahel Curtis.

The tour will be an easy walk (hardly any hills!) and along the route historic homes will be noted and described. Also watch for lemonade and root beer stands.

During the tour, visitors may enjoy a free cup of coffee at the Hi-Spot Cafe, the new Madrona Bistro, or the Epiphany Cafe which will be serving a light lunch. Historic displays will be featured in several locations. Babysitting services are available from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on a first come, first serve reservation basis and require prepayment. For volunteers working on the tour it is \$1 per hour and \$2 per hour per child for non-volunteers. If space is available the day of the tour, the cost is \$2 per hour. To reserve, send your child's name, age and your check for the hours you wish to Audrey Seale, 3516 E. Union, 98122.

Last year nearly 1,000 visitors enjoyed our walking tour of the neighborhood which begins and ends at Madrona Elementary School. We expect even larger crowds this year. We were featured this year in a color photo report in the *Sunday Pacific* section of the April 21st *Seattle Times*.

Tickets are \$7.50 in advance at the Bek's Bookstore, City People's Garden Store, Hi-Spot Cafe, New York Deli and Madison Park Books. Tickets the day of the tour are \$10 and will be sold at Madrona Elementary, 33rd and E. Union, where the tour begins.

Call Audrey Seale for additional information at 329-8775 or 324-0000.

Mayfair Set for Memorial Day Weekend

An herb sale, storytelling, a talent contest including lip-synch and rap complete with **cash prizes**, crafts, a jumble sale, backyard wildlife sanctuary packets, commuter information, Deano, crime prevention and block watch information, Madrona T-shirts, great music and food and much, much more. It's Memorial Day Weekend and it's gonna be big!

Madrona Mayfair will be held this year on Saturday, May 25 in the Madrona Playfield at 34th & E. Spring. This traditional neighborhood affair is a great place to come and relax, meet your neighbors, enjoy great music and just hang out. There's always food, sunshine and those traditional favorites the bike and trike parade and the teddy bear contest. It starts at noon. Call Marty at 325-1224 or Jill at 329-9836 if you want to help out. See you there!

Madrona Community Calendar

April 27 **Madrona Home Tour**
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 7 **Board Meeting**
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary

May 25 **Mayfair**
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH

Letter to the Editor

Months ago in my column, Neighborhood Beat, I talked about how Madrona Elementary is the heart of the neighborhood and how this has been diluted little by little over the past several years. Just to keep you up to date, there's a strong likelihood that the coup de grace is about to take place.

Madrona hosts the school district's APP elementary program. Currently enrolled are over 260 APP students who are bussed in from throughout the district. A very small percentage of these children are neighborhood children. At the same time, less than 200 students are enrolled in the Madrona Early Childhood program, commonly known as the "regular" program. The Seattle School District, in its infinite wisdom, has decided to make offerings of new APP slots within the school to 256 new students! This doubles the size of the APP program and could mean the end of the regular neighborhood program at the school.

The obvious conclusion for an outside observer to reach would be to close the regular program, make Madrona all APP and place our kids in other area schools; Leschi, King, Montlake. Does that help further integrate our neighborhood, continue the neighborhood-school partnership or extend the vital role a neighborhood school can play in a community?

The school district should remember the support the neighborhood has given the school before it decides to close our neighborhood school. While our community has traditionally gotten the short end of the stick from the district, this, as I mentioned in the opening, could be the coup de grace and the end of our school as we know it. We welcome an open dialogue with the School District.

-Marty Liebowitz

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This newsletter welcomes letters to the editor.

Madrona Elementary School News

By Margie Kates

Madrona will offer a workshop for parents this spring, "Preparing for the Drug (Free) Years" a drug-prevention program for parents of children in grades 4-7, aged approximately 9-12. The program is for parents who do not want their children to abuse alcohol and other drugs.

The focus is to provide information to help parents recognize factors that put their children at risk for drug abuse and offer parents skills and techniques for bonding with their children. The program consists of videotaped lessons which follow along with the parent workbook. The fee for the parent workbook will be waived for the first 15 families. Mary Hoy, school counselor, and Nancy Clemens, family support worker, will co-lead the parent workshop. It begins on April 23 and meets on five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and ends May 21. Childcare will be provided and space will be limited.

If you have questions, please contact either Mary or Nancy at 281-6590 or 281-6576.

Show Your Stuff: Wear the "Peaceable Kingdom"

Newly designed Madrona T-shirts and tank tops will be for sale at the Home Tour and at Mayfair. These elegant shirts are 100% cotton and come in a variety of sizes and colors. The shirts are adorned with our stunning peaceable kingdom logo. Adult sizes are \$10, Children's \$7.



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Community Bulletin

We Want You. Call and let us know if you're ready to become active in the community council next year. Make a difference in your neighborhood. Sally 324-9865, Shirley 323-1524.

Teaching Position Available. Madrona Co-Op Preschool. 329-1413.

Want a credentialed tutor for your child? Call Sally, 329-1413.

Madrona Historical Photos. The late Nora Wood's collection of Madrona Photos is on display at the Hi-Spot cafe. Come see the view down Madrona Drive at the turn of the century.

Outdoor-oriented fun. Summer program for 3 to 6 year olds June 17-July 26. Central Branch Pre-School, 723-1187.

Cash Prizes. Mayfair Talent Show and Rap and Lip Synch contest. Call Marty to register, 325-1224.

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Crime and Personal Safety Focus of Meeting

Did you know that last year, 53% of burglaries in the summer happened when people just walked right through an open door? Lock your doors, think about personal safety, keep nothing in your car when you leave it, join a block watch, use the hotline (325-BUST) and call 911. These things can help make the neighborhood a better place to live according to Sonja Richter, Crime Prevention Division, Gene McClanahan from the Community Police Team and Denise Harnly, East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, speakers at the most recent general meeting. McClanahan spoke about the concept of Community Policing which he describes as "not time restrictive"; having enough time to work with the community and stick with a problem until it is solved, including negotiating through the myriad processes of the various agencies and departments required to address problems on everything from "dead cars" to rock houses and unhealthy living situations.

There aren't enough block watches in the Central Area, according to Richter. Block watches work. They require minimum effort to set up and they reap big benefits. This fact was underscored by attendees' relating (unsolicited) block watch success stories. Block watch captains get regular bulletins from the police department

identifying crimes that have occurred in the neighborhood. These serve to alert neighbors to potential problems. If you want to learn more you can contact Sonja Richter at 684-7717.

Denise Harnly talked about the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition's monthly meetings where citizens can obtain information from police on crime prevention and community police team and patrol activities. 325-BUST, the non-emergency hotline, was established by the coalition for residents to report any activity which negatively affects the quality of life in the precinct. The coalition reports calls to the precinct and monitors police action. They have been active in helping to establish drug-free zones around schools. Madrona is represented at the coalition's meetings by Jill Gordon and Dave Black, co-chairs of the Block Watch Committee, who also organized the program for this general meeting.

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