

Madrona NEWSLETTER

March-April 1991

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1991 Madrona Historic Home & Garden Tour

by Audrey Seale

The 1991 Madrona Home & Garden Tour is nearly here. Check your calendars to make sure you have marked the date: **Saturday, April 27** from 10 am to 4 pm.

For this 11th year of the tour, our theme is Historic Homes of the Madrona Neighborhood. One featured home is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and wants you to come and visit! The youngest home on the tour is a mere 79 years old. We will be highlighting interesting historic information all along the tour route about the homes and about our neighborhood. How could you even think of missing it?

This is our neighborhood's only fundraising event of the year. It pays for this newsletter which arrives in every home in Madrona free of charge. We need your involvement to make it happen. Please tell friends at work and play to join you on the tour. Perhaps you would like to get together with neighbors to volunteer during the day of the tour. And isn't this a perfect time to call the new neighbor on the block and include them?

Two special treats for volunteers this year: We have babysitting arranged at Epiphany for up to 25 children of volunteers each hour, at only \$1 per hour. Those are truly historic babysitting rates! You must make a prepaid reservation to secure a place for your children while you volunteer and then enjoy the tour. To reserve, send a check payable to Madrona Community Council, c/o Audrey Seale, 3516 E. Union, 98122. Include a note with ages of children and hours requested.

The post-tour party for volunteers will be a special pre-opening tasting party at the Madrona Bistro...and only volunteers are invited. So won't you think of a way that you would like to be involved?

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

Questions or calls to volunteer: Audrey Seale, 329-8775 or 324-0000. If you can leave a daytime phone number, it is often helpful. See you on the 27th!



Pre-Tour Clean Up Scheduled

One way you can help the neighborhood as it readies for the 1991 Home Tour is to help clean up the business district. A couple of weeks before the Home Tour, on Saturday, April 14, at 10:00 a.m. we will meet to pick up trash, paint out graffiti and generally spruce up the area. If you have any pet projects and can give a hand, call and we will try to figure out a way to get the job done. Meet at the Group Health Parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and goodies will be provided by the Madrona Community Council. Call Susan Stocking at 324-9943.

Mayfair is on May 25

The morning will start with the traditional bike decorating, followed by a parade along 34th from Pike Street to the Madrona Playfield. There'll be new surprises (remember last year's Wild Red Bat?) to stimulate the imagination. Needed are some local entertainment (rappers and lip synch performers especially encouraged) and people interested in hosting a booth. Booths can be operated for almost any purpose--a new invention, a cherry pie, hand embroidered knickers, etc. We encourage the whole community to participate. Call 329-9836 or 325-1224 for info.

Madrona Community Calendar

March 25 Site Council
Monday, 7:00 p.m. Madrona Elementary School

March 26 General Meeting
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary School
(see related article this issue)

April 2 Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary School

April 13 Pre-Tour Clean-Up
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

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

News From Madrona Library

By Nancy Pew, Librarian

This year the Seattle Public Library is celebrating its 100th Birthday! Special events will be happening in April at libraries all over the city. Two special events at the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library are:

Evening Read-in For Kids, Friday April 26, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Children in grades 3-6 who enjoy quiet time to read are invited to a special evening of reading fun. We will have one book-related craft activity and some refreshments but most of the evening will be devoted to quiet reading. Bring a favorite book or we'll help you find one when you get here. Space is limited, so please sign up in advance. Come by the Library or call Nancy at 684-4705 to register.

Open House, Saturday, April 27, 1:00-6:00 p.m. This is the same day as the Madrona Home Tour, so stop in any time during the day to find out about the library and enjoy some refreshments. We will have special entertainment at 3:00 p.m. Final arrangements are being made now, but we expect to have a magician, clown, or storyteller.

We are continuing our preschool storytime series on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through April 10. Our afterschool activities for school-age children continues and we welcome children who come to read, do homework or participate in the planned activities. With the coming of warmer weather, however, more and more children are using the library grounds to "hang out" or play. If your children are coming to the library to play outside, please have them go to a park or other places that is suitable for outside play. Thank you for your help.

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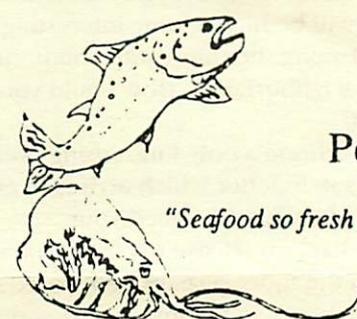
By Margie Kates

Something new is coming to Madrona School this month!

Because of the many long hours of work by our dedicated parents and community council members, we are getting a new play structure and children's art mural for the playground. Work parties will begin putting the structure together in April. The mural committee is already at work organizing our wonderful student's art into a display, which will cover the cement wall on the southwest corner of the playground.

We are very appreciative of the many parents who made this happen. Marty Liebowitz, Karen Weisman, and Jeff Johnstonbaugh for writing a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant, Susan Roberts and Kristy Johnstonbaugh for coordinating the mural project and Mark Weisman and Richard Polterbeck for their wonderful design and overall coordination for the project. The students at Madrona feel very lucky and excited!

Please call the school at 281-6590 if you would like to join us in April to help install the new play structure.



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Neighborhood Beat

By Marty Liebowitz, President

Mayfair is May 25 this year--mark your calendars. We are looking for neighborhood talent for some of the entertainment slots in the afternoon, as well as people interested in having booths. As usual, we will have a Teddy Bear Contest for the kids and our old friend Deano the Clown will lead the parade. If you are interested in helping or have a question call 329-9836 or 325-1224.

The Board voted to donate \$150 toward the new play equipment at the Madrona School. At the same meeting, Bobby Stenson offered to spearhead a Neighborhood Matching Fund proposal to provided for a public sculpture at the foot of Madrona Drive at the Lake. The artist she is working with is Doris Chase whose interactive sculpture, "Changing Form" already graces Kerry Park in the Queen Anne neighborhood.

The Site Council of the Madrona Elementary School will meet this month on March 25 at 7:00 pm. in the library of the school. Michael Pitre and Marty Liebowitz offered to be the interim neighborhood representatives until the elections in May.

The "Creative Touch of the Month" award goes to the Hi-Spot Cafe for their new landscape edging in front of the restaurant. Every new little detail adds to the neighborhood fabric. Good going guys!

Community Bulletin

Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary. Join the neighborhood network of wildlife sanctuaries. Call Shirley at 323-1524 for more info. Reminder: If you picked up a packet at the last general meeting, make sure and fill it out!!

Wanted: An Old Cookie Jar. 325-1224.

Adult Ceramics & Sculpture Classes. Tuesday Eves 7:30-9:30. Center for Creative Expression, 1404 34th. 726-9342.

Kids' After School Art Classes. Mondays, 3:30-5:00 Center for Creative Expression, 1404 34th. 726-9342.

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TO MR. MOORE AT THE DOLL HOUSE!

(SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BIZs!)

Block Watch Topic of Next Meeting

Crime statistics for 1990 are very good for our neighborhood. In fact, they are lower than any area around us. However, crime moves around and with summer approaching, who knows what this year will bring? The Madrona Community Council thinks that this is an excellent time to get our block watch programs in order and has established a goal of an active block watch for every block in the neighborhood.

The Block Watch committee is attempting to survey all current Block Watches. Contact Dave Black at 322-0242 or Jill Gordon at 329-9836 if you are part of an active block watch or want information about starting one. We need to take responsibility for our own safety and the safety of our neighborhood.

Other things we can do to reduce crime in Madrona will be discussed at the next General Meeting Tuesday March 26 when Sonja Richter, Crime Prevention Division, and the Community Police Officers will present a program on Block Watch and community safety.

Block Watch is sharing responsibility for crime prevention. The police department cannot do it all. Block Watch can help you make your home safer, get you access to special crime alerts and it's a good way to meet your neighbors. Come to the next General Meeting.

Open Space Discussed at Recent Meeting

At a recent general meeting, Bill Blair from the City of Seattle Parks Department Open Space Program, described the city's "natural areas" program, designed to secure areas outside green belts which enhance the natural setting of a neighborhood. Several areas in Madrona-Leschi have been nominated as potential sites, including the ravine at 38th and Spring.

Jerry Arbes and Curt Miller of the Madrona community presented an inventory of open space and natural habitat areas in Madrona, which included areas along the boundary of Madrona and Leschi, the steep slope above Lake Washington Blvd., and some areas adjacent to the Harrison Ridge green belt. The citizens committee and city's staff recommendations included the Madrona ravine and the James Street corridor as some of the highest priorities for the Central Area.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 8 to gather input on use of Opportunity funds to acquire high priority open space. Raye Tufts (684-7045), Seattle Parks Department, manages planning of the Open Space project. Questions about process or location and times of public hearings can be addressed to Katherine Anstett (684-7046), public information officer for this project.

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