

Madrona Newsletter

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1992 Madrona Home and Garden Tour Spans a Century of Homebuilding

Six Homes Featured

Proof that "Madrona Spans the Ages" will be on view Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the 12th annual Madrona Home and Garden Tour. The Tour is the Madrona Community Council's annual fund raiser providing financing for community improvement projects and the newsletter.

Six homes will be featured ranging in age from a century-old residence on 36th Avenue to a less-than-year-old home on 31st and East Pike. Other tour homes are on 35th Avenue along with a 1920's William Bain-designed home on Grand Avenue and a contemporary townhouse on Newport Way.

Epiphany Episcopal Church at 38th and E. Denny Way will offer lunch and child care for tour-goers.

Also featured this year will be the grand re-opening of the Madrona Playfield Shelter House, a sturdy, well-built landmark in the park at 34th and Spring built by the WPA in 1938. Its restoration is a project of the Madrona Community Council.

Tickets are on sale in advance for \$7.50 at the Hi Spot Cafe, the New York Deli in Madison Valley, Bek's Bookstore, City People's Garden Store, Cool Hand Luke's and Madison Park Books. Tickets are \$10 on the day of the tour and are available at Madrona Elementary School where the tour begins.

To help with the tour, call Tour Chair Barbara Stenson at 324-9215 and volunteer for a shift. There is no better way to meet neighbors and other fans of unique lifestyles.

You Can Help with Spring Clean '92 and Spruce Up the Place!

Not to be confused with the famous annual fall neighborhood cleanup which will be held as usual this year, Madrona residents have an opportunity to organize and participate in neighborhood cleanup efforts during April 18-26, Spring Clean '92 Week in Seattle. Volunteers will work to clean up the public areas of our city and neighborhoods including public sidewalks and stairways, parks, school grounds, streets and alleys. Spring Clean '92 is sponsored by the Seattle Solid Waste Utility which will provide bags and pick up the litter and debris collected by volunteers. Last year, more than 70 tons of litter were bagged by 7,000 volunteers throughout Seattle.

In Madrona, the Community Council is planning to coordinate a clean up of our neighborhood business district and public sidewalks and stairways on the weekend of April 18 in preparation for the Madrona Home Tour scheduled for the following weekend. Please plan to contribute a couple of hours that weekend and organize a clean up team for your block or join a team to help clean up the business district. Help make walking in the neighborhood easier and more pleasant. To volunteer or help organize, contact Council liaison Jerry Arbes, at 329-9329.

Goldmark Overlook Dedication

The Goldmark Overlook, on the lake shore at the end of Madrona Drive, will be dedicated on Saturday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m. The overlook is named in memory of Charles and Annie Goldmark, longtime Madrona residents and community activists, and their sons Derek and Colin. The Overlook, planned as part of the Lake Washington Boulevard improvements, features a rusticated stone wall and bus shelter, new landscaping and the Goldmark Overlook memorial plaque designed by Madrona resident, Anne Knight; improvements were funded in part by the Goldmark Foundation. Dedication activities are being planned by the Goldmark Foundation and the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, along with the Madrona Community Council. All Madrona residents are invited and urged to attend this dedication ceremony.

It's That Time of Year

Gardening in Madrona is the topic of the next General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at Madrona Elementary School. Drought-tolerant landscaping, composting, chemical-free lawns and edible landscaping are among the topics to be discussed. Information from a Master Composter and a Master Gardener from the County Extension Service will be available as well as tips and techniques from Madrona gardeners and program coordinators Susan Stocking and Sally Alhadeff. Come, share your information, learn some new techniques and pick up some great resources. General Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Madrona Community Calendar

Sunday, March 29 **Neighborhood History**
Sally Goldmark Library, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 **General Meeting**
Madrona Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 18 **Overlook Dedication**
Foot of Madrona Drive, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18 **Neighborhood Cleanup**
All over the neighborhood, all day

Saturday, April 25 **Home Tour**
Starts at Madrona Elementary, 10:00 a.m.

Neighbor Saved by Bruce the Dog

Karla Neugebauer was saved recently from walking in on a burglar by her faithful companion, Bruce the Dog. Bruce met Karla at the front door one night, hair raised and barking loudly. Alerted that something was amiss, Karla walked back outside with Bruce and looked up at the front window. They saw the shadow of a man rifling through her belongings. A neighbor called 911. Twenty minutes of searching by none other than a canine cop (Bruce was favorably impressed) uncovered the burglar hiding in the basement. (Bio note: Bruce was adopted at 4 months, sick and abandoned. He has grown into a loving and responsible dog).

Campaign Against Urban Blight

The East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition is inaugurating a campaign against urban blight in Seattle. Are there abandoned houses in your neighborhood? Vacant lots strewn with litter and trash?

Don't drive by these eyesores; report addresses of abandoned houses or litter-filled lots being used for dumping grounds by calling 325-BUST, the non-emergency hotline for the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition.

The Coalition is sponsoring a clean-up in several East Precinct neighborhoods this spring and we want to encourage enforcement of regulations regarding maintenance of properties. We are compiling lists and creating maps of the blight areas in the city. We need your help. By reporting abandoned or unsightly properties in your neighborhood you will contribute to making Seattle a more livable city.

Espresso Comes to Roger's Thriftway

Uli Johnson and her Caffe' Carretto Espresso cart are coming to Roger's Thriftway this month. Ms. Johnson wants all coffee lovers out there to know she will be serving a variety of pastries and popcorn and Caffe' Mauro blends--voted best espresso in Seattle by Seattle Weekly readers. A number of specials will be offered during April to celebrate the Grand Opening. Anyone out there who has yet to try Seattle's favorite drink--this is your chance to support a neighbor while treating your tastebuds, too.

Madrona Community Council

Please call your neighborhood representatives. They are out there to answer questions and to represent your point of view to the community council.

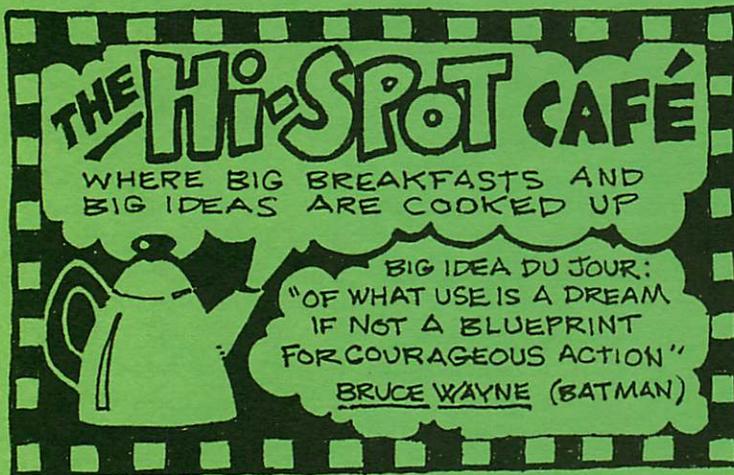
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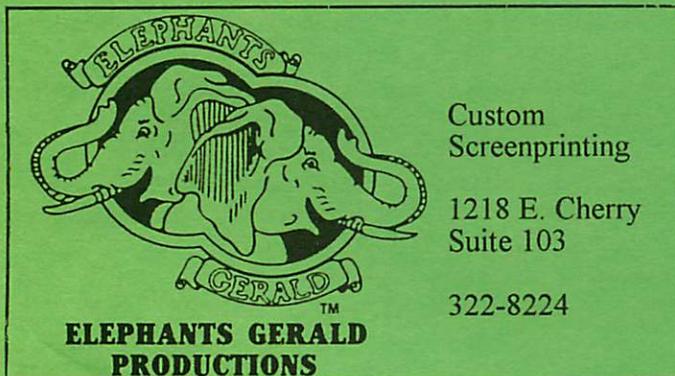
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Madrona History Group Organizing

Madrona neighbors are getting ready to launch a community history project. In a recent exploratory meeting convened by Kay Gordon at the Sally Goldmark Library, neighbors suggested sources to tap and had a myriad of ideas.

Madrona, with its wonderful assortment of residents, is a distinguished and distinctive community with a history of stories about how individuals, families, organizations and institutions contributed to the community and city we know today. Compiling this history, in addition to being gratifying to the participants, may provide valuable knowledge for others.

To begin the process, a community gathering has been called for Sunday afternoon March 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Sally Goldmark Library so that long-time residents can come, meet old friends, begin sharing stories of Madrona experiences and provide feedback on what might be of most interest: early settlement, the depression, the war years, the quiet 50's, the activist 60's and 70's, history of Madrona school, role of churches, neighborhood notables, etc.

Other possibilities for this group include establishing a community historical society; sponsorship of other gatherings which focus on specific periods or issues; establishment of community archives at our library; collecting oral histories; support of community history efforts in school and perhaps even some publications.

Interested? Like to be involved in organizing? interviewing? writing? or other? Or, would you just enjoy reminiscing with old friends and fellow residents? Attend the first community history gathering and tell your friends who moved out of Madrona they are welcome as well.

Some of the project's initial supporters include Betsy Darrah, Kay Gordon, Dorothy Grant, Ralph Hayes, Aki Kurose, Mary Kenny, Nan Pettitt, Gray Pedersen, Carol Richman, and Jeri Ware.

GOLDMARK OVERLOOK



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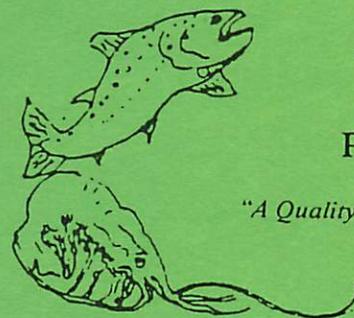


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Madrona-UW Survey Results

As Seattle celebrates March with Oil Smart activities, the Madrona Commuter Committee thanks all of you who are not driving alone and encourages you to keep it up and talk it up with neighbors and co-workers.

Results of our fall survey of Madrona-UW commuters documented long-standing frustration and revealed some encouraging data on neighbors' present commuting patterns. A respectable 77% of those 47 people surveyed returned our survey. A number of respondents included suggestions and documentation of their prior efforts to improve commuter options from this neighborhood. The survey asked what modes of transportation people currently used to get to the campus, how they felt about using more "oil smart" modes in the future, and what modes would be of most interest.

An impressive 40% of respondents are already oil-smart, making less than 3 trips per week in a single occupancy vehicle (SOV). On the other hand, another 40% of respondents made eight or more trips to the U in an SOV; but bus transportation was of interest to 86% of them. Ride-sharing, vanpools and exercise (biking and walking) options were also of interest.

It was no surprise to find Madrona residents as a whole are receptive to alternative commuting modes; 77% said they would consider oil smart options in the future. Only one person would not consider an alternative and the remainder were undecided.

The committee will use the data and comments in discussion with University and Metro transportation planners about improving future Madrona commutes.

Urban Ministry Offers Summer Program

A group of local pastors in the Greater Rainier Urban Ministry Program and neighborhood churches along with TOUCHSTONE, an alliance of eight local communities of color have a mission: to offer a Summer Academy Program for at-risk children. Last year the summer program which was offered in six locations, tutored 140 children.

Madrona Presbyterian is one of the sites for the six week program that starts in July. An academic program taught by a certified teacher is offered in the morning and the afternoon is for recreation and every Friday there is a field trip.

The program works with area schools to help identify those children in need of summer school. Please call Connie Jones at 722-3033 for more information about the program.

Community Bulletin

- **Attention Students:** Interested in a neighborhood history project about Madrona? Check with your Social Studies teacher and see if he or she would like you to learn more about the history of this famous neighborhood. (See meeting notice.)
- **Long Time Madrona Residents.** Come, meet neighbors and begin the process of collecting and sharing our community history. Sunday, March 29, 3:30-5:00 at the Sally Goldmark Library. Refreshments.
- **Madrona Playfield Pictures and Stories Wanted.** The Shelter House and newly completed renovation project will be featured at the April 25 Home Tour. Do you have any photos or stories about its history? Call Gray at 325-6156.

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