

MADRONA NEWS

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St. Clouds Cooks Up Nourishment and Community

By Michelle Large

Many things ebb and flow within a city’s neighborhood, but one thing that remains consistent is the commitment to our community demonstrated by St. Clouds Restaurant and its owners John Platt and Paul Butler.

On April 2, dozens of Madrona neighbors and other volunteers gathered at St. Clouds on 34th Avenue, bringing with them cutting boards, an eclectic array of food, and even their own knives to produce a bountiful meal for 75 of Seattle’s hungry and homeless. Through the help of Dannette Allen from the Meals Partnership Coalition, two shelters, the Downtown YWCA and the Men’s Inn were chosen as the recipients of the donated meals. “It’s a unique kind of partnership to see a community restaurant and its residents come together to respond to hunger,” commented Allen.

Born out of last summer’s spontaneous gathering and feeding of Tent City residents during their stay in Madrona, this evening of cooking and community demonstrates executive chef and co-owner John Platt’s commitment to making the “city’s biggest potluck” an ongoing event. “For us, food is a gift of sustenance and community, gifts to be shared especially with those who need it so much,” says John.

On its “day off,” St. Clouds opened its doors and its kitchen to volunteers of all ages, encouraging them to unleash their culinary creativity—or simply their zest for peeling potatoes. The scene was lively with hazelnuts being chopped with passion, roasted ears of corn shedding their kernels for a delicious southwestern cornbread, and volunteers happily washing dishes. “This is a fantasy for many of these folks,” said co-owner Paul Butler. “The opportunity to create a meal in a professional kitchen doesn’t come around that often. Satisfying that curiosity while addressing the issue of hunger is such a great occasion – people can’t wait to do it again!”

And do it again they will. Details are still to be finalized but if you too welcome the chance to create a meal with and for others, St. Clouds plans to continue their good work and will need your help. For information on upcoming opportunities, call the restaurant at 726-1522 or email John Platt at john@stclouds.com.

MCC President’s Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

Mark your calendars for the Madrona Community Garage Sale on April 27. The proceeds benefit your Madrona Community Council (MCC), which uses most of the proceeds to pay for this newsletter. There will be many wonderful treasures, so plan to arrive bright and early. The hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. It will be indoors at 1421 34th Ave, near 34th and Union, across from the Hi-Spot restaurant. If you have any questions, donations of items to be sold or would like to rent a space to sell your treasures, call Kim at 325-9923.

Then on May 18 we will have our annual Mayfair celebration in Madrona Playfield at 34th and East Spring Street. As usual at

10:00 am there will be the children’s parade from Al Larkins Park (34th & Pike) to the Playfield starting . The fire engine will be leading the parade followed by Deeno the Clown. This is a great event for children of all ages. Remember we are never too old to enjoy the wonderful antics of Deeno. At the playfield there will be food and games for all. Volunteers especially teenagers are still needed for this community celebration. To help out, please call Janet Johnston at 716-6069.

At our April community council meeting we had a presentation on the need for affordable housing and the upcoming Seattle Housing
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Madrona 8th Grader Spells S-U-C-C-E-S-S

Quick! Spell vituperative! Or dvandva! Or curmudgeon. If you can, you might be in the same linguistic league as Rebecca Varon, the winner of the King-Snohomish Regional Spelling Bee. Her winning word was “simulacrum,” which means a semblance or likeness.

Rebecca, an eighth-grader at Washington Middle School, lives in Madrona with her parents, Ed Munoz and Janet Varon, and her younger sister, Laura. By out-spelling 69 other sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, Rebecca earned a \$1,000 donation from Pearl Jam for her school’s library and a trip to for two to Washington, D.C. in June to compete in the national finals.

Congratulations Rebecca!

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Levy. We learned that Seattle is considered a leader in proving housing for the less fortunate. While no one questioned the need, the issue of how much Seattle homeowners can be expected to pay was raised. The proposed levy represents an 87 percent increase over the levy passed in 1995. This compares to an average household income increase of about 40 percent. In view of the upcoming requests for a monorail tax, a 9 cent gas tax increase and a regional road tax package, I think we could be very well making Seattle a place unaffordable for many of us.

Also, at the last meeting Nathan Goderstad raised the issued of irresponsible dog owners. I must agree that there is nothing worse than walking along and suddenly realizing that you stepped in something soft and mushy. Yuck! Please remember to pick up after your pooch.

Our next MCC meeting will be May 7 at 7:15 pm in the shelterhouse at Madrona Playfield, 34th and East Spring St. Among other things, Mary Gallway will be discussing the possibility of bringing a Flex Car to Madrona. What's a Flex Car, you ask? See Mary's article in this newsletter. Please come and find out what is happening where you live. We welcome your input and ideas.

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Our church buildings and grounds have been designed and faithfully maintained in order to inspire those who enter. We hope such entry and inclusion will offer a gift of faith for all people whether they join the worship community or simply walk through the doors.

We believe that our campus is not for ourselves alone but for generations yet to come. Our church buildings, therefore, are not a monument to one or many, but are instead something that honors God's grace and way in the world.



As a congregation, we say that what we most deeply value is our connection with each other. Our church is a "home" and not an institution.

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Garage Sale

By Kim Herber

Whether you're a buyer or a seller, get ready for the annual Madrona Community Garage Sale on April 27. As always, there will be an amazing display of cool cast-offs, beguiling bargains, all-world odds & ends, magical miscellany and a little bit of just plain junk. From one packrat to another—this is an event NOT to be missed!

As it has been the last two years, the sale will be held in the garage at Madrona Plaza on 34th, across from the Hi-Spot. We'll start at 8:00 and go until 4:00, rain or shine in our cozy covered garage.

If you are interested in selling your own items, you can still rent a space for \$15, payable to the MCC. If you would like us to provide you a table, the total cost is \$20. Set up for sellers will begin mid-afternoon on Friday, April 26. We will be accepting donations at that time, too, and welcome anything you can bring us to sell for the benefit of the Madrona Community Council. For more information or to reserve a space call Kim Herber at 325-9923.

Bicycle Saturdays & Sundays

You know summer's coming when Lake Washington Boulevard prepares to close for another season of Bicycle Saturdays and Sundays. The first closures will be Saturday May 11 and Sunday May 19. From then until the end of September the road will be closed to cars on the second Saturday and the third Sunday each month. Grab your helmet and go!

Madrona Neighborhood

G A R A G E Sale

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April 27
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Ravine Revival Digs In

By Linda Hanson

FORM (Friends of the Ravine in Madrona) thanks the community for joining in on our first work party Saturday, April 13. FORM was recently awarded a Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Projects Matching Fund Grant and is working with EarthCorps to begin restoring the ravine adjacent to Madrona Drive.

"We really need and appreciate the help of all of our friends in the community who have enjoyed the open space views of the ravine from the pedestrian bridge or other vistas" said Linda Hanson, spokesperson for FORM.

Several Madrona volunteers come dressed to get dirty, and well-prepared for the weather. EarthCorps, an environmental training program for young adults, assisted FORM by removing English Ivy and clematis that are damaging the trees in the ravine. FORM provided snacks and light refreshments.

While the work is off to a good start, mark your calendars for FORM's future "Ravine Revival" work parties, scheduled for 10:00 to 2:00 on May 11 and June 8. For more information contact Linda Hanson at 324-5554.

Madrona News Archive Stored

A 10-year collection of *Madrona News* newsletters assembled by long-time *Madrona News* editor Jerry Arbes is now available to everyone in the Madrona Sally-Goldmark library. Over the years, the library has not always received the newsletter and the issues it did get were not always kept. However the new library staff is making it a priority to maintain this important neighborhood document in their reference section as part of Madrona's rich history. Jerry's collection of *Madrona News* issues published from 1982 through 2000 helps fill in many holes in their collection. Thanks Jerry for keeping (and publishing!) all these newsletters and thanks too to the library for making them a permanent and safe home.

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Master Gardener Plant Sale

Madrona's Kim Richards, one of King County's 650 volunteer Master Gardeners, would like to invite her Madrona neighbors to a great gardening event—the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale April 20 & 21. Hard-to-find plants from some of the region's best growers, time-tested favorites for the herb and vegetable garden and a select lineup of rare, native and ornamental varieties are guaranteed to excite and delight new and experienced gardeners. The sale offers hundreds of plant varieties selected for their suitability to the Puget Sound garden habitat, including native plants, perennials, annuals, herbs, ornamental shrubs and trees, alpine and rockery plants, and fruit trees.

More than a plant sale, this free "Right Plant, Right Place, Right Sale" event offers ready access to gardening know-how:

- Master Gardeners answer horticultural questions
- The Discovery Center features educational exhibits and demonstrations on urban habitats for birds and wildlife, plant propagation and tissue culture, lawn and garden maintenance, orchard mason bees, vegetables, fruits, roses, pruning and composting AND running a successful Urban Chicken Coop!
- Indoor, hands-on practice with planting, composting and trapping slugs for young gardeners

The sale and fair will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 4, and Sunday, April 21 from 10 to 3 at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 Northeast 41st Street, near the University Village. For more details, call the Master Gardener information line at 296-DIAL (3425), tape 118.



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Giving Thanks at St Therese School

By Janice Davis-Niles

The St. Therese School community extends our sincere thanks to our Madrona friends and neighbors who expressed condolences, kind thoughts and words, and prayers over the loss of our fifth grade student, Tiffany Granquist. Your kindness helps a great deal as we cope with our grief and sorrow.

The season of Easter is very busy time at St. Therese School. After preparing throughout Lent, the pace picked up Holy Thursday. For many, many years the students at St. Therese have celebrated Holy Thursday with Seder meals. The middle school students hold their Seders in advisory groups, with kindergarten students joining their 6th grade “buddies” for the celebration. The elementary and intermediate students celebrate in their classrooms. This year we were honored to have several guests from our parish and our neighborhood join us for Seder.

On Good Friday our 2nd and 8th grade students joined in the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross sponsored by the Madrona Clergy. We were delighted to join parishioners from Madrona Presbyterian Church, Epiphany Parish, St. Therese Parish, and residents from Parkshore for the procession through Madrona. Our thanks to Rev. Christine Dickerson (Madrona Presbyterian), Father Robert Williams and Father Dan Conklin (Epiphany Parish) and our own pastor, Father Paul Magnano, for inviting us to participate. We look forward to making this another Holy Week tradition.

While the 2nd and 8th graders joined the Stations of the Cross, the rest of the St. Therese School community participated in various church and classroom activities that focused on the Passion of Jesus Christ. St. Therese administration, faculty and staff presented all students with guardian angel pins as a symbol of safekeeping. We ended the day with treats of cinnamon rolls and chocolate milk, another long-standing tradition.

On April 8, we all returned from spring break refreshed and ready to continue our community celebrations with our New Family Dinner April 16, Grandparent/Grandfriend Day April 26, and our 9th annual auction on May 11. Our auction theme this year is *A Caribbean Cruise*. If you would like to join us for Grandparent/Grandfriend Day and/or the auction, please call the development office at 720-7277. Our Madrona neighbors and friends are always welcome at St. Therese School!

Preschool Available at Madrona K-8

By Julie DeChurch

Community Day School Association (CDSA) is very excited to reopen their preschool and school-age childcare programs at Madrona School this fall. For parents of young children looking to establish a relationship with the school, this is an excellent opportunity to be on campus everyday and experience Madrona.

CDSA, which has been part of the Seattle school-age childcare community for more than 25 years, provided before- and after-school childcare and preschool at Madrona for four years. The school PTA selected CDSA as the childcare provider at Madrona School in a highly competitive process.

“We really wanted to address needs expressed by the community when we began to design the programs at Madrona”, says Caryn Swan, CDSA Executive Director. “We knew the community felt it was important to have a quality preschool and kindergarten readiness-program located at the school. We went into the planning process with an enormous amount of enthusiasm and support from the community. As a result, CDSA at Madrona has become a great program and a true neighborhood organization. We welcome everyone’s input as we begin to shape how the new program will look. We want to be certain that we are meeting the needs of the children and families that we will be serving.”

Registration for the 2002-03 school year has begun. CDSA will offer preschool for children ages 3½ - 5 and before- and after-school care for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. For more information or to receive a registration form call 726-7972.

School Planning Networking

By Shelley Heustis

Are you interested in sending your kids to Madrona School? Would you like to talk with other Madrona parents to find out who is considering sending their kids to Madrona School in the next few of years? The Madrona School Friends group is building a database of Madrona kids’ names, birthdays, and parents contact info so families of same-aged kids can connect to discuss school plans.

So far, the database includes 194 kids from ages ten years to ten months. Information from this database will be used for no other purpose than to organize networking gatherings and potlucks, and to update parents on the many exciting things going on at Madrona K-8. If you would like to be added to this database, please contact Shelley Huestis at 322-8004 or shuestis@drizzle.com.

School Construction Includes Fun

If you have driven by the Madrona school construction site, you have seen the outside of the building taking shape. The new middle school fills the south-east corner of the block, right where the old play area used to be. In fact, the most common question about the new school is: Where will the kids play?

In the new configuration, the kindergarten and on-site daycare will have a play area with a big toy on the corner of 32nd and Union. The older kids will have their own big toy at the south-west corner, where the construction trailers are now. There will be basketball hoops under the covered play area and other games, such as four-square and tetherball, will be outlined on the blacktop. So, even with
4 all the new big building, there will still be plenty of room for fun.

Madison Park Coop Enrolling

Madison Park Co-op (MPCP) is taking enrollment for the 2002/2003 school year. Madrona families are encouraged to call now to ensure your child's spot in this interactive schooling experience with classes for tots, twos and three- and four-year olds. Children, parents and/or care providers will enjoy a collaborative environment with other parents, as well as quality teachers and parent educators. The co-op experience is also extremely affordable with low tuition and scholarships available upon request.

Each MPCP class supports upwards of 18 children, providing a terrific size for child interaction and stimulation. On Fridays there are two tots's classes, one from 9:00 - 10:30 and another from 10:45-12:15. There are also two 2's classes from 9:00 - 11:00 — one on Mondays & Wednesdays and one on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The co-op also offers a combined 3/4's class from 12:00 -2:45 Mondays through Wednesdays, with only the 4-year olds attending class on Thursdays so we can help them focus specifically on pre-kindergarten skills such as fine motor lettering.

There are only a few remaining spots so please act quickly. For more information call 324-7846 or check out our website at <http://www.madisonpark.org>. It's a wonderful environment for both children and parents so please join us today.

Madrona School to Help *Madrona News*

In response to the call for help with the monthly chore of putting the mailing labels on this newsletter, Madrona K-8 Principal Rickie Malone has offered up some kid-power. In May, Principal Malone plans to host a group of students at her Madrona home for dinner and labeling party. Then, next fall when the school comes home, the students and Madrona PTA will get together for a monthly labeling event with pizza. What a great way for the community to support the community!

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Spectrum Capital Campaign

The Madrona Dance Studio, home to Spectrum Dance Theater, is located on the shore of Lake Washington. Originally a bathhouse, this historic building was given new life in the early 1970's when it was refurbished and rechristened as the Madrona Dance Studio. Since then, it has been home to a variety of local dancers, and it is often used by touring companies as a rehearsal space.

No major repairs have been made to the facility since the 70's and so the studio is in dire need of some TLC. In 1999, Spectrum kicked off its capital campaign to raise \$1 million for building upgrades. Today they are halfway there and have already replaced the entire roof, updated the electrical wiring, and installed a new HVAC system. Next on the to-do list is to upgrade the dressing rooms and lavatories, enlarge the administrative space, and create a community meeting room. This work is scheduled to begin this summer, if fundraising reaches its goal of \$153,000 by July.

If you are interested in making a contribution or learning more about other ways you can help Spectrum, contact Cindy Reynolds at 325-4161.

By The Book

By *Miriam Driss, Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library*

Air Wars: The Fight to Reclaim Public Broadcasting is a riveting David vs. Goliath story in which a small Pittsburgh grass roots movement harnesses political savvy and unwavering persistence to successfully hold its local public television station accountable to its original mission and the community it serves.

This is not just another account about the increasing corporate takeovers of the public's airwaves. Instead, author Jerold M. Starr shares a readable and useful formula for watchdog groups all over the country to follow. If you have any doubt about your local public stations and want to create change, read this book! Starr

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4/18 Pilates Primer

4/20 Women & Money

4/23 Organic Container Gardening

4/25 Tips for Buying & Selling a Home

4/30 Open Book Discussion of *Wild Life* by Molly Glass

5/8 Women & Money (part 1 of 4)

5/9 Celebrate the Second Half of Life

5/14 Earthquake: Retrofit Your House

5/15 Women & Money (part 2 of 4)

All classes are open to everyone and reservations are suggested.

They are held at SAFECO's Jackson St Center, directly above Hollywood Video in the Walgreens/Starbucks Shopping Plaza at 23rd and Jackson. Call 521-1100 for more info or to register.

B-Day Party at the Y

If your child is getting ready to celebrate another Big Day and you dread the hassle of party planning and clean up, the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA has just the solution—bring your Birthday Kid to the Y!

Two Saturdays a month the Y offers birthday parties for kids ages 2-10. Parties for up to 16 kids are 90 minutes long and filled with great games, cool crafts and silly songs—they even include a cake!

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§ **Basic Party Package A:** \$125—cake, crafts, room rental, and staff

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A Flexcar For Madrona?

By Mary Gallwey

Should the Madrona community have a Flexcar? This could be the solution that lets us get rid of our families' second (or even first) car or downsize from SUVs that are rarely used for cargo-hauling, without losing the ability to carry the occasional bulky load—and save money.

What's a Flexcar? Flexcar is a program that places Honda Civics in various locations around Seattle. Once you are a Flexcar member, you make a reservation by phone or Internet, go to the car's location, drive the car, return it with the tank full, fill out a simple trip form, and go on about the rest of your life. To join Flexcar, you pay a small application fee and allow Flexcar to check your driving record to make sure you're an acceptable insurance risk. Once you're approved, Flexcar takes care of the rest of the financial responsibilities.

Imagine...you don't have to buy the car, service or repair it, insure it, or garage it. You just use it, paying for your gas and a small fee based on usage. Flexcar members get a key that fits all the cars, so you can pick one up anywhere it's convenient for you. Cars are already located in several Seattle neighborhoods, including Capital Hill and Fremont. You can also use Flexcars stationed in Portland, OR, or Washington, D.C.. Pickup trucks are also available. As a Flexcar member, you get access to two vehicle types without the cost of owning either one. There's 24/7 roadside assistance available by phone if car problems should develop—probably better backup than most of us have using our own cars.

For a neighborhood to get a Flexcar, we'd need a permanent parking place that's easy for members to reach, ideally by bus. Since the 2 and 3 bus lines both go through the intersection at 34th and Union, somewhere near there would be ideal. The parking place would be marked and reserved for our Flexcar at all times.

The Madrona Community Council is open to this idea if there is community need and support. Let us know if you would like to see a Flexcar in Madrona or if you can identify a good parking spot. Email your thoughts to Mary Gallwey at ?????????????? or call MCC president Bill Hanson at 323-3450.

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- April 17, 10:30 PRESCHOOL STORY TIME—Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 684-4705
March 30-April 20 CONTOUR: NEW DRAWINGS BY WELDON BUTLER—Visual Abstractions Gallery,
April 16, ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEW FAMILY DINNER—Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
April 17, ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristin Moss 324-0460
April 18, 7:00 POETRY NIGHT WITH COFFEE—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, Lio Skye 684-4705
April 20, 10:00 MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY—38TH Ave Entrance, Mary Casey 328-5508
April 19, 4:00 MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROUP—Shelly Heustis 322-8004 or shelley_m@compuserve.com
April 22-May 10, WASL TESTING FOR 4TH & 7TH GRADERS—Madrona K-8, Rickie Malone 726-6690
April 21, 1:30 AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH FAIR—Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Margaret Medley 615-2362
April 27, 11:00 WORKSHOP: HOOPLA REBAR GARDEN ART—City People's Garden Store 324-0737
April 23, 5:30 GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER STUDENT & FAMILY DINNER—Whitworth Elementary School, Seattle Public
Schools Lisa Love 252-0982 or llove@seattleschools.org
April 26, ST. THERESE SCHOOL GRANDPARENT/GRANDFRIEND DAY—Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
April 27, 8:00 MADRONA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE—Madrona Plaza Garage, Kim Herber 325-9923
April 27, 11:00 FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL: HEALTHY KIDS DAY—East Madison YMCA 322-6969
April 27, 11:00 FREE WORKSHOP: DESIGNING BEAUTIFUL SUMMER CONTAINERS—City People's Garden Store 324-0737
April 27, 1:00 WORKSHOP: ARRANGING BEAUTIFUL MAY BASKETS—City People's Garden Store 324-0737
May 1, ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristin Moss 324-0460
May 3, 4:00 MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROUP—Shelly Heustis 322-8004 or shelley_m@compuserve.com
May 5, ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS HARD WORK PARTY CELEBRATION—Madrona Woods, Kristin Moss 324-0460
May 5, CHILDREN'S DAY—Japanese Garden, Washington Park Arboretum
May 7, 7:15 MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
May 11, 10:00 FRIENDS OF MADRONA RAVINE "RAVINE REVIVAL"—Madrona Ravine Pedestrian bridge, Linda Hanson 324-5554
May 11, ST. THERESE SCHOOL *CARIBBEAN CRUISE* AUCTION—Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
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