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Madrona's African American Chefs Cook Up Success

by Naomi Andrade Smith, Villa Victoria Catering

Among giant recumbent rams and towering Chinese stone sentinels, Seattle's Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas (CDFAI) celebrated its 5th anniversary at the Seattle Art Museum on March 28. Founded by Stephanie Ellis-Smith, the CDFAI is a non-profit organization that promotes African American culture through lectures, book readings, forums, concerts, and film. The theme "Food as Art" was chosen for this anniversary gala event to celebrate Seattle's African American chefs and several talented food professionals from Madrona were honored.

Jim Watkins, former owner of Plenty, invited twelve chefs from different Seattle neighborhoods to participate. With his deep roots in Madrona, Mr. Watkins tapped Michael King of St. Clouds, Jocelyn Owens "The Cake Lady", Jamil Aziz of La Louisiana on Cherry Street, and Naomi Andrade Smith of Villa Victoria Catering. The chefs' tables were placed at different landings along the grand staircase so the 200 elegantly dressed guests could meander and graze.

Jim Watkins, who is currently executive chef and manager of 8 at McMahon at the University of Washington, presented a beautifully arranged table that groaned under platters of scallop ceviche, spring asparagus, and beet salad with orange and tarragon. He says he misses that small-town feel of being a merchant in Madrona.

St. Cloud's chef Michael King's contribution was a delicious jerk shrimp. John Platt, owner of St. Cloud's, was glad to donate the food for the event and give Michael the time off to participate.

Long-time Madrona resident and civil rights pioneer, Mrs. Owens was in attendance surrounded by her famous mile-high chocolate cake, Creole lemon cream cheese cake, and amazing coconut cake. Mrs. Owens broke the color barrier when she and her family bought a house on Madrona Drive fifty-five years ago. She recalled the time in the 70's when her Broadway restaurant, La Mediterranean, was vandalized. In spite of such setbacks, she

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MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson, 32nd Avenue

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) is pleased to announce many wonderful community events planned for this year—and plenty of ways for you to help out and become involved in your community. The Madrona Garage Sale is in April, Mayfair in May, and the BBQ in July—is this a great neighborhood or what!?!

The garage sale will be held on April 24 at Madrona Plaza, 1421 34th Avenue. Donations can be delivered there on April 23 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. If you would like to reserve a space to sell your own items, call

Kim Herber at 325-9923. She would also appreciate volunteers to help sort, price, and sell donations. Proceeds benefit the MCC and allow us to sponsor neighborhood events like Mayfair and the summer BBQ.

Shelly Edwards and Tina Shepard are putting together another great Mayfair celebration for neighborhood children on May 22. They would like to have about 22 volunteers so no one has to put in more than one hour. Contact Shelly at shelly@bluegecko.net or Tina at tinashepard@msn.com to help out.

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Neighborhood Congrats

Chris Bailey and Norm Taylor, who Bowling Green barbershop **Studio 206** was cited by Seattle Magazine as one of the city's Salon to Watch.

Publisher and Town Hall visionary **David Brewster** for sharing his world view and speaking his mind in an interview in the *Madison Park Times*.

Real Estate agent **Benjamin Chotzen** who was awarded The Landmark Group's, Top Individual Producer Award for residential sales in 2003.

Madrona teen **Emily Coyle** for saving the life of a young mare named Hailey and educating people about the pharmaceutical industry practice of using urine from pregnant mares to create replacement hormones for women though a story in the *Madison Park Times*.

The young artists from **Coyote Jr. High** for the colorful entry structure they made and installed in Leschi's Flo Ware Park.

Third grader **Hannah Ditty** for responding to an editorial cartoon by David Horsey with her thoughts on preparing for and taking the WASL test on the *Seattle Times* editorial page.

Madrona restaurants **Dulce's Latin Bistro**, the **Hi-Spot**, and **St. Clouds** for their

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prevailed and went on to join Mayor Royer's task force and worked for the rights of all business people. She also proudly participates in the Madrona BBQ each summer.

Mr. Aziz, from a New Orleans restaurant-owning family, served light and poufy crayfish beignets. Jamil thinks that African American chefs are a strong force in the foodservice industry.

Naomi Andrade Smith, owner of Villa Victoria Catering, made a tribute to artist Frida Kahlo's still life "Viva la Vida", by piling her table high with tropical plants and fruits to complement her plantains stuffed with black beans and mushroom-guajillo empanadas.

Madrona is fortunate to be the center of such fine cuisine from so many talented local chefs. Thanks to everyone who represented our neighborhood and helped make this Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas fundraiser a delicious success.

Neighborhood Congrats (cont'd from page 1)

support of the Lifelong AIDS Alliance Dine Out for Life fundraiser on April 29.

Domestic Furnishings' **Roy McMakin** for designing an amazing birdhouse that raised a tidy nest egg at the Stevens Elementary School auction.

Sculptor **Allan Packer** whose show at the Davidson Galleries in Occidental Square got a thumbs up from the *Seattle Weekly*.

Lakeside scholar/athlete **Stephen Redding-Fosha** who was sponsored by 37th District representative Eric Pettigrew and served as a legislative page in the state House of Representatives.

John Williams, III, on his reappointment to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which reviews nominations for the state and national register of historic places.

Vivian and Phil Williams whose album "Fiddle Tunes of the Lewis & Clark era" was lauded in the Seattle P.I.

The *young Madrona couple*, who prefer to remain anonymous, and their **airy modern 35th Avenue house** that was named the American Institute of Architects Home of the Year and profiled in *Pacific Northwest* magazine.

Madrona Computer pasteup

President's Corner (cont'd from page 1)

Also, Christine Wise at 709-2089 is looking for 25 families to donate baked goods. As always, Mayfair will be free, and again this year there will be pony rides for the children under 60 pounds. It was disappointing that our insurance company nicked us an additional \$500 for the insurance required by the Parks Department for our FREE event. However once again, Suzanne Shepard, MCC vice-president and CEO of The Executive Conversation, came to our rescue and donated \$250—thank you! If you would like to contribute too, send a check to MCC Treasurer Steve Orser at 833 33rd Avenue, Seattle 98122. Donations will also be accepted at the event.

Our 5th annual Madrona BBQ will be July 10. Sayre Coombs and Beth Purcell are well on their way to planning this BBQ to celebrate our neighborhood and bring neighbors together. They also need volunteers so contact Sayre at 328-7825 or Beth at 329-7952 to lend a hand.

I would like to thank Karen Covington for volunteering to represent Madrona at the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition meetings. These meetings deal with public safety in the East Precinct and help the police to know which areas need attention. If you've had a recent burglary, car prowling, vandalism, or even suspicious behavior, send an email to our Neighborhood Services Representative Ted Divina at ted.divina@seattle.gov with a cc to me at hansonwilliam@msn.com and Karen at karencovington@earthlink.net. Make sure to include the case number if the crime was reported.

Our next MCC community meeting is May 4 at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, 34th & East Spring Street, starting at 7:15 pm. Please come and meet your neighbors. This is the forum to share your opinions and concerns about what happens in our neighborhood.

Susan Stocking
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Homeless Cooking Expands

By John Platt & Paul Butler, St Clouds

Our monthly get together to cook food for the homeless has become so bountiful that we are ready to serve an additional shelter. We are especially delighted to announce that our food will now help people in our own neighborhood at the YWCA transitional housing shelter at Cherry and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. This shelter houses up to 12 families and all families include at least four people, including one or both parents. That bring the total of shelters to four, and the number of people we feed each month to 150!

If you would like to help out, either with the cooking on the third Wednesday of the month (9:00am to 1:00pm at St. Clouds) or serving the food (downtown at the Men's Inn downtown on Wednesday night, or at the YWCA Transitional Shelter in Madrona on Thursday evening) contact John Platt at St. Clouds at 726-1522 or john@stclouds.com. You can also donate food or make a tax-deductible monetary donation via a check made out to MPC-Boomtown Cafe. We hope you can join us sometime—there is a great community feeling in cooking the meal together. We also help provide a feeling of community to the people in the shelters when they sit down to break bread together over a meal made with fresh ingredients and warm hearts.

Madison Valley Art Show and Sale

By Cathy Nunneley, 33rd Avenue E

The Greater Madison Valley Community Council is pleased to sponsor the first annual art show and sale for neighborhood artists May 8 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the Bush School Commons. The goal is to bring together local artists so that they may become better acquainted and the rest of us can appreciate of the wealth of talent in our community. May 8 is the day before Mothers' Day and this event will present a great opportunity to find something special to honor the Mom on your list.

Thus far we have over 35 local artists slated to participate in the show. They represent many art forms: painting, ceramics, jewelry, woodwork, sculpture, collage and others. We have also invited performing artists and will provide an array of complimentary desserts.

We are grateful to the Bush School for their generous offer to use their airy space. The Bush School Commons is located on East Harrison Street at 36th Avenue East. Signs will be placed on the sidewalk to guide you to the event and parking should not be a problem. Please come out to meet and support your talented neighbors. If you would like to display your own wares, contact me at 329-4083.

Susan Goedde paste-up

Madrona Garage Sale Cleans House

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

I love junk—or more exactly, the treasures that often hide in the company of junk. Garage sale season is my favorite time of year as each weekend brings a new assortment of basements to explore, closets to investigate, and backyards to search. Some of the things I find end up on ebay and others—my husband would say “too many” others—fill the shelves and nooks of my Madrona home and delight me every day.

However, even I admit that once in awhile a person needs to clear out the old to make way for the new. So I enjoy hosting the Madrona Community Garage Sale to help everyone in the neighborhood (including me) easily dispose of those treasures from previous fads and follies. Some people just like to pack up their junk and be rid of it as quickly as possible. For them, this sale is perfect because the Madrona Community Council (MCC) is happy to sell donated household items, books, toys, and whatnot with the profits going back into the neighborhood through MCC-sponsored events and the monthly *Madrona News*. Other folks like to part with their goodies more gently by personally passing them on to others. Again, the sale accommodates this type of pack rat too in that you can rent a space and spend the day saying good by to your possessions and watching each one find a new home and loving owner.

Whatever your proclivity, if you find yourself loaded with odds and ends, plan now to support the Madrona Community Garage Sale on April 24 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Donations can be brought to Madrona Plaza, across from the Hi-Spot, on April 23 after 4:00. Contact me at 325-9923 or kdh5027@aol.com to rent a space for \$15, or a space with a table for \$20—last year we SOLD OUT so don't wait! And if there are any other junk hounds out there, I could sure use your help organizing and pricing donations on Friday evening and selling them on Saturday. Give me a call if you can help—it's fun and you never know what you'll find!

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Amanda Sargent
paste-up

Madrona Mayfair: Saturday May 22nd

By *Tina Shepard, E Union Street*

Saturday, May 22 is the date for the wonderful 2004 Madrona Mayfair Children's Parade and Activities. Plan now because it's a Madrona tradition that you don't want to miss!

Neighborhood children and their parents are invited to meet at Al Larkins Park (34th & Pike) at 10:00am to decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Crepe paper will be available at the park but we'd like to encourage families to get creative and turn those little vehicles into pint-sized floats! I've heard that someone is already hard at work transforming an ordinary wagon into a extraordinary bi-plane.

At 10:30, Deano the Clown, Dee Dee Rainbow, and a Seattle Fire truck will lead the parade down 34th Avenue to Madrona Playfield. At the playfield children's activities will include a show and fun games with Deano the Clown, pony rides, face painting, and lots of treats. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the day with together with their Madrona neighbors. The Madrona Community Council is sponsoring the event and so all Mayfair activities are FREE! We want everyone to come celebrate spring in Madrona!

The event desperately needs both volunteers and donations—there are lots of really fun things to do! The more neighbors who pitch in, the better the event will be and the less burdensome it is for individual volunteers who also want to enjoy the event with their own kids. All volunteer opportunities are one hour shifts or less! If you'd like to help, contact me at shelly@bluegecko.net or 720-7881. We also need lots of baked goods so if you'd like to donate a dozen or so treats contact Christine Wise at christine_wise@mindspring.com or 709-2089. To make donation for this wonderful event please send checks to MCC Treasurer Steve Orser at 833 33rd Ave 98122, and please mention Mayfair.

FORM Ravine Revival—Phase III

By *Linda Hanson, Madrona Drive*

HERE WE GO AGAIN! The Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) will soon begin Phase III to continue restoration of the ravine adjacent to Madrona Drive. We invite everyone to our first work party of the season on April 24, from 9:00am to noon. We meet at the bus stop next to the Pine Street pedestrian bridge on Madrona Drive. Bring your favorite tools and gloves and come see the wonderful progress we have made. It's fun and a great way to get to know your neighbors. Please mark your calendars for future Saturday morning work parties on May 22, June 26 and July 24. For more information, contact me at 325-5554.

Make Shelterhouse Reservations Via Parks

By *Steve Orser, 33rd Avenue*

As many of you already know, the renovated shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield is a great place to have a birthday party, get-togethers, classes, and of course our monthly MCC meetings. The building includes heat and water and the interior was recently painted by the Seattle Parks Department, and decorated with nice historical photos of the Madrona neighborhood thanks to Kim Herber. It features a beautiful entry designed and installed by neighborhood volunteers that faces the main entry, new lawn, and peaceful seating area. In good weather, the big glass doors can be opened up dramatically to "bring the outside in." In the shelterhouse we all have a wonderful, newly remodeled community asset.

Until recently, the MCC made this space available for events. But, as of April 1, the Seattle Parks Department now manages the rental of the shelterhouse. Costs are generally \$25 per hour plus a refundable damage deposit. For information about using the building, check the Parks' web site at www.seattle.gov/parks/reservations/rentalGuide/facilities.htm, or contact Michael Yasutake at the Garfield Community Center, 684-4788, or michael.yasutake@seattle.gov.

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BBQ 2004 Heats Up

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This year's Madrona BBQ Festival will take place Saturday, July 10th at Madrona Playfield. Live music, basketball tournament, cakewalk, raffle, BBQ competition, and even a dunk tank this year. Do you have other ideas for a fun event? Would you like to perform onstage? If you'd like to contribute or participate in any way, please contact Sayre Coombs at 328-7825 scoombs@uswest.net, or Beth Purcell at 329-7952 purcellbeth@hotmail.com. Keep your eyes peeled for fliers about the first planning meeting or contact Beth or Sayre to get on an email list.

Summer Programs at the Y

The sun is out and it's time to plan for summer vacation and summer day camps. At the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA summertime is no longer just about camping and swimming. This summer, in addition to traditional summer programs, the Y is offering an exciting new line of Specialty Programs that includes sessions focused on exploring music and rhythm, discovering the creative arts, learning to scuba dive and much more.

YMCA Specialty Programs welcome children between 8 and 11 years of age and weekly sessions begin June 21 with morning sessions from 9:00am to 12:00pm and afternoon sessions from 1:00 to 4:00pm. All groups are supervised by a trained YMCA group leader. For the convenience of working parents, extended care and a supervised lunch hour is available. Families may choose a week or attend for the entire summer. For more information or to register call Mary Bristow at 322-6969 or visit www.seattleyymca.org

*Judy Honican
Paste-up*

Fiesta de Guatemala!

By Chris Fontana, Executive Director

To help continue their mission of providing students with the opportunity to develop socially and globally conscious leadership skills that strengthen our democracy, Madrona-based Global Visionaries is holding its third annual auction fundraiser on April 24 from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at the Mount Baker Community Club, 2811 Mount Rainier Drive South. The theme is Fiesta de Guatemala and it will be a cultural event with a Central American flair. The evening promises to be a great one with excellent food donated by St. Clouds, Dulces Latin Bistro, and Galerias Fine Mexican Restaurant, an open bar serving good wine, microbrews, and champagne, and great salsa music from The Supersones!

Join the Global Visionaries for a spirited evening and make a difference in empowering our local youth to become the leaders of tomorrow. Tickets for the evening are \$40 and entitle you to bid on an abundance of incredible items valued from \$25 to \$4,000, including vacation packages both domestic and abroad, for bargain prices. Money raised will provide scholarships to 20 low-income, Seattle area students to participate in the program, build homes for 5 Guatemalan families, and support and strengthen our local leadership training and community service program for GV participants.

Global Visionaries is an educational non-profit organization that helps students develop a genuine interest and passion in bringing about social justice and peaceful co-existence in our community. Felicia Gray, a Global Visionaries participant reflected, "These experiences have formed me into a person who is committed to service because it makes me feel like an active participant in the world – an extraordinary feeling."

For information about Global Visionaries or the Fiesta de Guatemala auction, visit www.global-visionaries.org for call me at 322-9448.

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Madrona Moms – Who are we?

By Janet Walsh-Helton, E Schubert Place

When we hug our children for the first time, we begin a journey into a new state of being: Motherhood. The road we travel is well-worn. Our mothers walked here, as did our grandmothers, and their mothers before them. Green meadows brimming with flowers line our path. All is alive, around us. Everything has always been alive around us; everything has always had meaning—we were just too center-focused to see it, to hear it. With this child, we understand now that we belong to everything.

As we move ahead, it is our responsibility to carry our children, to hold their hands, to walk beside them, to run with them, to chase them, if necessary, and finally, to let them walk on their own. Along the way, we will feel tired, we may be lonely or crave the state of being alone, we will find much to cry about; but we will also find so much laughter, so much to enjoy and appreciate. There are hills to climb, along the road, more hills than we expected...but it's alright. The road curves, so you can never see too far ahead...but it's alright. Each of us is the most important woman in the world, to our child, and we are here, with them, through the days of this journey and beyond.

Once we are on the path as mothers, going backwards is never an option. Deciding when to begin this journey is a matter of personal choice, and occasional heartache, especially for moms like myself who wait until their late 30's or early 40's to try to have children. I celebrated in the news of a friend's new pregnancy, recently. She is in her mid 40's, and had been trying for years to conceive. Recalling her experiences, and my own, got me to wondering about the make-up of our own Madrona Moms group. I wrote to our members and asked them if they would participate in a survey, for the purposes of this article, and inquired about our members' ages, the age they conceived their first child, the age did they conceived their last child, and if they still trying for a child.

My thanks to the ninety-one moms who responded to my queries (plus two dads who wrote to share their wives' information.) This number is slightly less than half of our total membership, yet it is still an interesting representation. Of the writers, 11 fell between 28-32 years of age; 36 are 33-37 years old; 27 are 38-42 years old, and 19 are 43+ years old (including yours truly), with the median age of 35. The youngest birth age was 18; this mom explained that families begin earlier in Russia! For our oldest birth age, two moms tied, at age 44. Fourteen women had their first child at age 32. Twenty-two women had their first child before age 32.

Of the ninety-three respondents, thirty-eight have a second child, including two moms who conceived twins for their first go-around. There wasn't any sweeping number for the age at which members had their second children; age 34 would be the average. The latest

birth age for moms with second children was age 42. Only five moms among our writers have three or more children, including two families with stepchildren. Another mom is expecting twins, so she will jump from mother of one to mother of three very soon. Five of our writers adopted their children. At least two moms chose donor eggs to give birth to their children, naturally.

Within my poll I invited members to share their comments about birth age and child-rearing. I received many thoughtful letters and will share several in next month's *Madrona News*.

If you would like more information about joining the Madrona Moms group and sharing our email resources, email me at planet58@qwest.net. Among our members are moms in Capitol Hill, Madison Park, Madison Valley, the Central District, Leschi, Mount Baker and Seward Park. All are welcome!

Welcome Babies!

A thought from Oscar Wilde to all new parents:

"The best way to make children good is to make them happy."

Twins **Sydney Ava** and **Arthur Jacob** born to Rachel Katzenellenbogen and Barney Mansavage on October 2, 2003. Although they arrived weighing 4lbs 12.5oz and 4lbs 15.5oz, they both now weigh over 13 pounds and doing great!

Isabel Stevenson Munro was welcomed to the world by Mark and Beth Munro and Big Sister Katie on January 22. She was 6 lbs 10 oz and 18 inches long.

Liam Edberg, first child born to Kim and Alex Edberg of 35th Avenue, who was born on February 28.

Delphine Elliott Casper who arrived on February 29, nine days late so she could be a Leap Day baby, born to Corey and Therese Casper of 37th Avenue.

Ari John Bancroft who joined Big Brother Archer and parents Brenda Bancroft and Pete Brickner on March 18th. His birth weight was 9 lbs 4.5 oz he was 21 inches long.

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Madrona Woods Excitement

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

March brought two exciting events to the Madrona Woods. We got to show off our accomplishments to a delegation of foreign visitors from the German Marshall Fund (GMF) on March 17. The delegates were hosted by Tom and Tina Albro of Leschi and came to Seattle from Denmark, Holland, Poland, Romania, and Italy. As they walked through the woods they asked lots of questions about our process and the effect of our project on our community. We got to ask them about how things are done in their countries. We could have spent much more time sharing information about our different cultures, which is a major part of the mission of the GMF.

Our Madrona Park Creek day-lighting got a great boost from a community meeting held at the home of Mary Casey and Bob Welland on March 27. Many new people came in response to a letter telling the entire Madrona community about the project. Landscape architect Peg Gaynor explained that ours is the only day-lighting project in the city that will bring a complete stream back to the surface. Though it will be short, our stream will still offer significant opportunities for young salmon looking for quiet and nutritious places to grow. The contributions we receive now, will show community support when we approach funding sources for the larger grants needed for this \$500,000 project. If you'd like to make a contribution, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468.

Regular Madrona Woods work parties will continue on the third Saturday of each month, meeting at 10:00am at the 38th and Marion entrance. Watch the kiosks for announcements and more information on any of our activities, or contact me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com, or Ann Bucher at 323-8325.

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Columbia City Farmers Market Opens

The Columbia City Farmers Market puts down roots for its seventh season on May 19. Opening Day celebrations begin at 3:30 and will include live music, face painting for children in the Kids' Tent, and visits with real chickens and roosters. All events are free and open to the public and of course the main attraction is the wide assortment of tasty picks from the spring harvest.

Every Wednesday throughout the season, market shoppers will find a veritable cornucopia of fresh food from over 40 vendors. Puget Sound produce, Eastern Washington fruit, local berries, organic produce, farmstead cheeses, pasture raised beef, free-range chicken, fish, eggs, honey, farm bouquets, nursery stock, artisan breads and fresh baked goods will all be represented at the market. Fresh shellfish—oysters and clams—will be in abundance too!

The market is located outdoors at the Columbia Plaza, 4801 Rainier Ave South at South Edmunds, in the historic Columbia City neighborhood. Parking tokens are available for market shoppers, and street parking is also available near by.

Madrona Land Use Happenings

More information on these projects are listed is available at www.seattle.gov/dpd/notices/gmr/currgrmr.asp#2304856

1) Project 2307637—3625 E Howell St

Zone: SF5000

Date of Application: April 1, 2004

Date Application Deemed Complete: April 1, 2004

Written comments may be submitted through: April 21, 2004

Applicant Contact: Dana Warren 749-9484

Planner: Lauren Hirt 615-0736

Master Use Permit for future construction of a 689 sq. ft. stair addition and change of use of existing two-story single family residence to institution (classroom for private school, Epiphany) in an environmentally critical area. One parking space will be provided.

2) Project 2307976—115 29th Av E

Zone: SF5000

Applicant Contact: Julie LeDoux (425) 485-6222

Planner: Bryan Stevens 684-5045

Master Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 4,021.5 sq. ft. and B) 4,741.8 sq. ft. Existing structures to be removed. The following appealable decisions have been made based on submitted plans:

- Conditionally Grant - Short Subdivision to create two parcels of land.
- Conditions: Numerous conditions have been placed on this project. You may contact either the assigned planner whose name and phone number appears above, or the Public Resource Center (206-684-8467) or view the decision by clicking on the link in the left column.

Appeals of this decision must be received by the Hearing Examiner no later than April 22.

Note: This project will be discussed at the May 4 MCC meeting.

Madrona Sculptor Displays Sprues

In his second one-person exhibition at Davidson Galleries, Madrona sculptor Allan Packer continues his sly dissembling commentary on our culture and social constructs through the use of his remarkable *Sprues* series, giant-sized versions of the plastic model part kits popular a generation ago.

“Sprue” is a casting term referring to the chamber for gas to escape from a mold, enabling a fluid to fill the void. Sprues capture the exact moment of the transition from air to a solid form, or, essentially, the creation of something from nothing. Packer states, “A



Sprue grid provides a numbered system for assembly, basic to all analytical constructs. Content is extracted from the world arena of political, sociological, scientific and historical elements for composition.”

In addition to the Sprue works, Packer will exhibit a sculptural portrait titled *Michael in Halves*, a split bust of a man, cast in plastic. The jarring realism of a life cast is undercut by the awkward joins and limited palette consistent with an assembled model kit. By doing so, Packer initiates an open-ended dialogue between the viewer and the sculpture: we are left with associations ranging from the artificiality of human nature to art historical references from Marcel Duchamp to Damien Hirst.

This exhibit runs from April 2 through May 1 in the Davidson Galleries in Occidental Square. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 to 5:30; call 624-7684 for more information.

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*St. Therese paste-up
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Verite Goes to the Dogs

By Ron Henry, Seattle photographer

Ever see dogs parked outside the Verite Coffeehouse at 34th and Spring? Well in May, dogs will be dancing on the walls in the colorful and whimsical paintings of Madrona artist Nancy Schutt of 32nd Avenue. Everyone enjoys art, and Nancy’s paintings enhance whatever environment they inhabit. I have been to her studio and have seen how she brings life to the canvas. Nancy’s portraits bring a smile of joy with their bold colors and the lively personalities of her furry subjects.

With an MFA from the University of Oregon, Nancy has been a courtroom artist, a drawing instructor, and a general contractor; now she mostly paints dogs’ portraits. She has lived in Madrona for 19 years and currently shares her life with



Samson & Lilly

Willy, a rescue Beagle who has adapted quite easily to life with a couch, regular walks and great food. Through their daily constitutionals they have gotten to know many other Madrona dogs and dog-loving humans. Nancy has been featured on KING 5’s “Evening Magazine”, *Seattle Magazine*’s “Best Pics”, and on PBS’s “Pets, Part of the Family” with Gary Burkhoff, aka Radar from MASH. For a taste of Nancy’s work, visit www.gooddogart.com. To see the real thing, come to Verite after May 1 and enjoy a cup of coffee with the dogs!

Vanderspek paste-up

Design & Conquer: Look It Up Before You Leap!

By Brian Lenz, 34th Avenue

The first thoughts for those pondering an addition or home renovation are usually consumed by visions of efficient new spaces, improved natural lighting, and updated cabinetry, electrical and plumbing. An oft-forgotten component of the initial “design brainstorming” is a visit to Seattle’s Department of Planning and Development (DPD), formerly known as the Department of Design, Construction and Land Use (DCLU) to do some basic research.

Located on the 20th floor of the Key Tower, the DPD is the source for information regarding the history of the development of properties within the city limits. Using an address or property tax ID number, anyone can access the file of projects undertaken for a specific parcel or lot. Projects completed in recent decades will have microfilm copies of building plans and inspection reports.

There is a series of Client Assistance Memos (CAM) available at Seattle DPD, as well as on their website www.cityofseattle.net/dpd that explain all the steps necessary to obtain a building permit, as well as the specifics of required yard setbacks, height and lot coverage limitations and common building code issues. To talk to a Land Use or Building Permit Technician it is best to read the available information and then show up at the “Triage Counter” to sign up for a walk-in appointment. The wait times can be lengthy; so early in the morning is a good time to visit.

It is not uncommon for older Madrona homes to have some aspect that is “nonconforming” relative to the current city codes. Additions to or extensions of a nonconforming portion of a house require thorough investigation of the code restrictions and quite probably a professional survey. There are also some exceptions written into the code that allow homeowners credit for the nonconforming aspects of neighboring houses. For example, a house between two taller than legal homes may average the two heights to arrive at a maximum allowed height.

A good approach to take during the design process is to ask questions “early and often”. Seek feedback from the appropriate city officials at each stage of the design. Keep in mind that the staff at the DPD is there to help you complete your project, and if you ask enough of the right questions you will get the information needed to do so. It goes without saying that a smile and a double shot of patience go a long way toward finding the right answers!

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Special Events for Seniors

The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation offers an ongoing assortment of classes, events, and trips geared for people ages 55 and older through the Senior Adult Programs. Most programs are offered at community centers, including Garfield, Miller, and Yesler. To get on the mailing list for their quarterly catalog contact Trevor Gregg at 684-4951. Upcoming events include:

Healthy Eating, Healthy Aging: Enjoy a series of cooking demonstrations promoting good health and good aging through good nutrition. Learn to create a variety of quick, easy-to-prepare foods that are not only great tasting but good for you too! Workshops begin at 11:00am at the Garfield Community Center; call 233-7255 to register. April 20, May 18, June 15, FREE

Fifty-Five Plus Job Club Workshop: Assistance for those 55 and over who are looking for work. Job counselors are available to answer questions and schedule individual appointments. These workshops will help prepare you for your job search whether you have previous work experience or are a new entrant into the job market. Please call the Mayor’s Office at 684-0500 for location, time, and registration information. April 28 & May 26, FREE

2nd Annual Celebration of Aging: Come to the Seattle Center House and learn about various programs and services aimed at promoting health, nutrition, life-long learning, physical activity, financial planning, and community participation for senior adults. Come play, learn, and celebrate at this event full of valuable information and workshops. 9:00-2:pm May 4, FREE

Senior Day at the Aquarium: Enjoy lunch and walk through our world class aquarium at the 5th Annual Senior Day. Admission and box lunch are free but space is limited and registration is required so call 684-4951. May 16, FREE



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- Fiction Writing
- Swing Dance for Beginners & Advanced
- Drawing Fantasy Creatures
- Tree House Design & Construction
- Radio Broadcasting & Music Recording
- Hip Hot Scene Workshop
- Rocket Science
- Acting & Improvisation
- Furniture Building
- Cartoon Animation
- Desserts, Desserts, Desserts
- Soap Box Derby Cars
- Metal Jewelry & Other Metal Designs
- Hip Hop Dance with a Latin infusion)
- Cooking with a Pro
- Welding & Metal Fabrication
- Photography

Help Wanted: Web Guru

By Esther Ervin, 34th Avenue

Do you have a few spare hours a month? Are you looking for a way to contribute to your community? Have you ever built a simple website? We need YOU to share in the duties of maintaining the Madrona Community Web Site at www.madrona.us. Our site needs some new features and I don't know enough to be able to add them. I would like to learn, but my obligations have increased since I took over the site from Jennifer Strande and Joni Larned a few months ago. This site is already a good community resource and with your time and talents it could be great so please help! Contact me at 726-8091 or webmaster@madrona.us for more information.

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Guest Column:

Unimpressed by Undergrounding

On March 7, I attended the initial neighbors meeting for an underground wiring project covering 37th Avenue between Spring and Pine streets. A number of those attending were veterans of the underground wiring drama of 25 years ago—we are considerably grayer.

Other differences are the cost of the project, which appears to have increased ten-fold, and the legal method to accomplish it, which has changed from a Local Improvement District (LID) to a Voluntary Underground Project (VUP). Under the old LID, a simple majority of the home owners could have compelled the rest to participate. Under the VUP, if you don't want to participate, you can "just say no".

A real estate consultant addressed the meeting, and gave the opinion that any money put into undergrounding would be recouped by an immediate and on-going "multiple appreciation factor" in increased property values, which we were told would be a good thing. I was not persuaded by this argument. I believe that the effect of undergrounding is buried in the noise of much more powerful economic forces. Neither am I sure that increasing property values is all good. For me, they bring higher taxes and an increasing homogenization of our once richly diverse neighborhood.

In the meeting, it was proposed that the costs be shared equally among the properties, some of which would have their views improved while others will not. Why then should all homeowners bear the cost equally? I would like to congratulate my neighbors now sponsoring undergrounding, and Seattle City Light's VUP for adopting the voluntary approach, requiring 100% community agreement. Quite a difference from last time.

Sincerely,
Peter Stewart
3705 E. Pine
323-3953

Eating Out: A Review from Me to You

By Shelly Edward, 30th Avenue S

We are fortunate in Seattle to have scores of excellent restaurants. Now we are even luckier because Chef Jonathan Sundstrom, formerly of Dahlia Lounge and Earth & Ocean, where he gained national attention as one of Food and Wine magazine's top 10 chefs in America in 2001, has opened a new place on Capitol Hill called Lark.

Lark has only been open for 4 months and is already doing a brisk business. The 50-seat restaurant is romantic and inviting, with soft lighting and an open beam ceiling hung with sheer fabric to somewhat separate the center tables. I have been to Lark twice, once on a date with my husband and once in a group of eight. Both times the service was wonderful and attentive, not pushy or pretentious.

The food is the real reason to go, however. The menu is eclectic and changes weekly. Everything is served family style in the latest restaurant trend of the small cast iron serving dish. This makes it easy to try more dishes than you might in a traditional restaurant. I could recommend several items, but they may not be on the menu when you get there. My blanket suggestion is—it's all good! The wine selection is not huge, but it is carefully chosen and fairly priced. Ask your server to recommend something from the cheese menu, a great way to start or finish a wonderful meal at Lark. My advice is to go to Lark now before the Earth & Ocean crowd figures out their 10 chef has left the building.

Lark

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Community Bulletin Board



Neighborhood events are listed for FREE! Send your info to Kim & Christine (see back page).

- MON & WED 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEMON & WED 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUES & THURS 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- WEDNESDAYS 10:30am PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705
- 8-10pm PICKUP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS—Madrona K-8 gym, Steve Orser 423-1412 (\$3 “cover charge” supports the PTSA)
- THURSDAYS 9:30 KINDERGARTEN TOURS—Madrona K-8 School, Mary Myslewicz 252-3102
- 7:30pm AA/ALANON MEETING—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 625-0000 or www.seattle-al-anon.org
- THURSDAYS — MONDAYS Evenings LIVE MUSIC—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html
- SATURDAYS 10-11:00am & 3-4:00pm FAMILY FLOAT SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766
- SUNDAYS 2:00 STORY TIME—Izilla Toys, 2840 E Madison 322-8697

- Apr 20 11:00am HEALTHY EATING, HEALTH AGING—Cooking demonstrations for seniors, Garfield Community Center 233-7255
- 5-10:00pm DINE OUT FOR MADRONA K-8 & LESCHI SCHOOLS—Coastal Kitchen 322-1145, Corky Bohlen 325-6461
- Apr 21 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- Apr 23 10-5:00pm SENIOR TRIP: DESTINATION WHIDBEY—Explore Langley, Greenbank Farms, Meerkerk Garden, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$10.50)
- 4-8:00pm MADRONA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DONATION DROP OFF—Madrona Plaza, Kim Herber 325-9923
- Apr 24 8-4:00 MADRONA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE—Madrona Plaza, Kim Herber 325-9923
- 9-noon MADRONA RAVINE WORK PARTY—Meet at Madrona Dr & Pine St. bus stop, Linda Hanson 325-5554
- 10-1:00pm DECORATIVE PAINTING CLASS: SIMPLE WASHES & PARCHMENT EFFECTS FOR WALLS—1105 34th Avenue, Cooper Lanza 271-7228
- 12-4:00 HEALTHY KIDS DAY—Active fun for the whole family! Meredith Matthews East Madison YMCA, 322-6969
- 6-10:00pm JAZZ AUCTION— Epiphany Parish Great Hall at 1805 38th Ave, Epiphany Youth Group, Nichelle Hilton 709-9918
- 6:30-10:30pm GLOBAL VISIONARIES AUCTION— Mt Baker Community Club 2811 Mt Rainier Drive South, Chris Fontana-322-9448 or www.global-visionaries.org
- 7:00pm BINGO (adults only)—St. Therese, \$10 buy in, \$5 for add-ons, and \$3 for special games; social hour at 6:00, Marcellina 725-4859
- Apr 27 10-1:00pm SENIORS STEPPING THROUGH SEATTLE—Transportation to walk site provided, Garfield Community Center 233-7255
- Apr 28 55+ JOB CLUB WORKSHOP—employment preparation and counseling for job seekers 55 and older, Mayor’s Office for Sr. Citizens, call for registration and locations 684-0500
- Apr 30 9:30-4:00 SENIOR TRIP: TOUR UTILIKILT FACTORY—Followed by a traditional British lunch, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$6.50)
- May 1 COYOTE JR HIGH SPRING SESSION BEGINS—Pre registration required, Marybeth Satterlee 323-7276 or info@coyotejuniorhigh.org
- EXHIBITION CLOSING: MADRONA SCULPTOR ALLAN PACKER—Davidson Galleries, Occidental Square 624-7684
- EXHIBITION OPENING: MADRONA PAINTER NANCY SCHUTT—Verite Coffehouse, Nancy Schutt www.gooddogart.com
- May 4 9-2:00pm 2nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF AGING—Learn about programs and services for senior adults, Seattle Center House, FREE
- 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
- May 7 9-6:00pm SENIOR TRIP: OLYMPIC GAME FARM—Ferry to Sequim and lunch at Three Crabs Restaurant, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$13.50 plus admission)
- May 8 11-6:00pm MADISON VALLEY ART SHOW & SALE—Bush School, Cathy Nunneley 329-4083.
- May 11 10-1:00pm SENIORS STEPPING THROUGH SEATTLE—Transportation to walk site provided, Garfield Community Center, 233-7255
- 7:00pm MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING—1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851
- May 12 6:30pm MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING—School library, Jon Hughes 219-1441
- May 14 9-6:00pm SENIOR TRIP: BLOEDEL RESERVE—Ferry to Bainbridge and lunch, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$12.00 plus admission)
- May 15 10-2:00pm MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY—38th & East Marion, Ann Bucher 323-8325
- May 16 9-6:00pm SENIOR DAY AT THE AQUARIUM—includes FREE box lunch and admission, no transportation provided, Registration required! 684-4951
- May 18 11:00am HEALTHY EATING, HEALTH AGING—Cooking demonstrations for seniors, Garfield Community Center 233-7255
- May 19 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- 3-7:00pm COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY— live music and kids’ activities, 4801 Rainier Ave S at South Edmunds, Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance 632-5234
- May 22 10:00am MADRONA MAYFAIR PARADE & CELEBRATION—Parade from Al Larkins Park to Madrona Playfield, Shelley Edwards shelly@bluegecko.net

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