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Community Arts Night: An Evening of Great Talent *by Lio Skye, Madrona-Sally Goldmark Librarian*

The Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, in partnership Madrona K-8 School, sponsored a Community Arts Night on December 4. Everyone in the neighborhood was invited to attend and share their special talents with friends and neighbors. The crowd was small but appreciative of the seven artists who shared their works.

Performers included:

- Vivian and Phil Williams who played historic songs from around the world on the fiddle and guitar
- Allen Sanders read an excerpt of his short story "The Rescue of Alfred Marconum", which was recently published in the northwest anthology *Scent of Cedars*
- Grego Rachko showed slides of his art works and discussed his portraits and still-lives
- Sandy Ibrahim played guitar and sang her own songs
- Monica Tate sang alongside Stevie Wonder's "Ribbon in the Sky"
- Gina Jonas displayed her calligraphy works
- Michael Read sang international tunes while accompanying himself on the guitar.

All performers received a gift certificate from a local bookstore. This was the first time such an event was held and there is much interest in having another Community Arts Night in 2003.

MCC President's Corner Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

Work will began shortly on the much-needed improvements to the Shelterhouse in Madrona Playfield. Local experts are donating most of material and labor for the Shelterhouse work. Unfortunately, as we learned at the December Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting, the landscape bids came in \$30,000 over the estimate for the remaining Playfield renovations. Consequently, we will have to seek additional donations to complete the Madrona Playfield landscaping. Please help if you can.

On an unhappy note, Robert Bass the former principal of Madrona School passed away on November 24. Although he retired from the district a decade ago, he had an enduring commitment to Seattle public schools and the children who attend them. Just a couple of weeks before his death, Bob was still passionately arguing his views before the School Board, with whom he was not afraid to clash. A life-long proponent of equal education for all, he was the district's main diversity advocate long before

"diversity" became a widely accepted goal and a politically charged word. Bob attended our MCC meetings frequently and his sage advise and comments will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

On a happy note, the Christmas ship is coming to Madrona Beach on Wednesday, December 18. As usual there will be a big bonfire on the beach and lots of Christmas carols. Garfield students will sell refreshments to benefit their youth groups.

Judy Honican has volunteered to organize the 2003 Madrona Home Tour. Thank you Judy! Also, at our December meeting, Judy presented the MCC with a sizeable donation from a recent real estate commission. Thank you both, agent Judy and seller Betty Wagner.

History House is looking for volunteers to put together Madrona neighborhood history displays. The displays can tell the story of a neighborhood, a school, a church, business,

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Christmas Ships at Madrona Beach *by John A. Capps, MCC, VP*

Picture yourself with your family and loved ones.... You've gathered around a warm bon fire at Madrona Beach...sipping hot chocolate and listening to Christmas carols...everyone enjoying the holiday moment....

That's no daydream! That's just what's in store for you on December 18 from 7:55 to 8:25, when the Christmas Ships make their annual stop at Madrona Beach. The entire community is invited out for this joyous occasion—I hope to see you there!

The Seattle Parks Department will set up the bonfire, Argosy Tours will lead the parade of boats, the OK Chorale will entertain from the water, and the Garfield Community Center Teen Youth Group will have refreshments for sale.

I hope you and your family will have a great holiday season. Remember as you walk, shop and play in Madrona say 'Good Day' to your neighbors. Merry Christmas!

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group or individual. The History House is a museum of greater Seattle Neighborhoods located at 790 N. 34th Street in Fremont. They plan an open house on March 1 to introduce the new displays. If interested contact Ron Richardson at 675-8875 or rasr@attbi.com.

February's Neighbor Appreciation Day is fast approaching and MCC vice-president John Capps is seeking nominations for the following awards to honor Madrona residents and organizations for their community achievements

- **The Nora Award:** Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Previous winners include Mary Holm, Dorothy Grant, Dee Dee Rainbow, and Dr. Samuel B. McKinney.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity. Previous winners included Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, and Ann Lennartz.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. The Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, and Wayne Melonson are previous winners.

We have a huge number of outstanding people working hard to make Madrona better and better. This is an excellent way to call attention to them and their contributions. If you know someone who deserves recognition, please submit his/her name and a brief explanation as to why you think they qualify to John Capps, 1419 - 31st Avenue, 98122. A committee of community residents and past recipients will review all nominations and select the recipients.

I hope you have a happy holiday season and a great New Year! This is the perfect time to make a resolution to get involved in your community. A great way to start is to attend our next MCC meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at the Shelterhouse in Madrona Playfield, 34th And East Spring Street. Hope to you there.

Don't Miss "Stainless"

by Gail Davis

If there are singers in the neighborhood, they should definitely come on out and see one of the most amazing local talents. Frank "Stainless" Steele, a long-time Madrona resident, offers up first-class entertainment at St. Clouds Restaurant on 34th most every Wednesday evening from 8:30 to 11:30. Anyone who loves live entertainment should come and meet Frank. He has played with musicians such as the late Grover Washington Jr., Ronnie Laws. Najee, and others. Frank performs a very versatile show and it's just the mid-week break that you might need to make it through to the weekend.

New Pharmacy on Union

By Rachel Johnston, OperTuneUs

Chesterfield Services, a Washington-based Healthcare company, is expanding its services in the community. On December 21, the Chesterfield Pharmacy will open at 23rd Avenue and Union.

The community is invited to a Grand Opening from 9:00am to 5:00pm on December 21. There will be special giveaways for the first 200 prescriptions filled. Joseph Smith, author of "The Teacher in Every Parent," will be on-hand to sell and sign his book. Neighborhood relationship therapist Sheryl R. Brown, MS LMFT will also be there making appointments for a FREE 15-minute consultation. Even Santa will be there so bring the kids!

Chesterfield Services has supported this community for many years as an employer and service provider of home healthcare services. To continue this support, Stella Ogiale decided it was time to bring basic services back to the community.

Chesterfield Pharmacy will fill prescriptions, and provide medical equipment such as wheel chairs and breast pumps, and travel medicine services. It will accept prescription transfers, and have both prescription drop-off and mail order services. Store hours will be Monday through Saturday, 9:00am to 7:00pm; closed Sundays.

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Taste Wilridge

By Paul Beveridge, Wilridge Winery

Madrona's neighborhood winery, Wilridge, is proud to announce the opening of its new tasting room in the Pike Place Market at 1924 Post Alley between Stewart and Virginia (next to Kell's and across from the Pink Door). Now you don't have to wait for our annual neighborhood release party to try Wilridge wines.

The Wines of Washington Tasting Room is Washington State's first cooperative wine tasting cellar. For a small fee, visitors can sample wines from participating independent wineries including Camaraderie Cellars, Harlequin Cellars, JM Cellars, and Wineglass Cellars, with more to come soon. Tasting Room hours are 11:00 to 7:00 Tuesday through Sunday, and the Tasting Room is also available for special events. For more information call Wilridge at 389-6122 or the Tasting Room at 770-9463 and www.winesofwashington.com

Infant Playgroup Forming

By Janet Walsh-Helton, Madrona Moms

Last month I suggested that Madrona moms of infants write to me and I would help put them in touch with each other. The response was great, and there are now nine women motivated to meet and share their experiences! It's so helpful to have company through those first, dynamic—but sleepless—months. I also heard from two moms who are expecting their first children in January. I put them in touch, as they are curious about neighborhood PEPS groups. And speaking of babies, the Madrona Moms would like to welcome:

- **Alexander Jason Weiss** born May 20 to happy parents Michelle Nitz-Weiss and Jason Weiss.
- **Olivia Nicole Wise** born at UWMC on August 16 weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz. Proud parents are Randy and Christine Wise.
- **Lily Anna Anderson** born August 16 weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz. and measuring 18-inches long. Congrats to first time parents Rose and Charlie Anderson.
- **Owen David Averill** born November 19 to first-time parents Kelly Mulligan and David Averill.

Madrona Moms is a great email resource for child and baby-related information, specific to Seattle, and often unique to Madrona. If you would like more information about Madrona Moms, the new infant playgroup, or if you are expecting and would like some camaraderie, contact me at 324-7832 or planet58@qwest.net. Happy Holidays

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Make A Gift to Your Playfield!

By Marie Doyle, Friends of Madrona Playfield

We were so close! We were ready to break ground for the Final Phase of Madrona Playfield's renovation this fall. Until the contractor bids came in—and the lowest was \$30,000 more than our landscape architect-projected costs! So, we must delay construction on the grand stairway, the Shelterhouse gardens and lawn, and the new tennis court fencing until we can raise the final funds.

If you haven't had a chance to chip in yet, this delay allows **you the opportunity to make an investment in your neighborhood's future!**

The park that you and your family enjoy today—the grassy playfield, the basketball court, the children's play areas, the kiosk and plaza areas—were completed in the summer of 2000. Your Madrona neighbors contributed nearly \$80,000 of the \$400,000 it required to make those improvements. They also volunteered their time to build the play equipment, plant the trees and shrubs, spread tons of wood chips, and lay the bricks of the stage.

Please join us as we finish building a great place for Madrona. **Consider how much you appreciate the park**—for family play, for meeting friends, for gatherings with your neighbors—**and then consider making a gift to the Friends of Madrona Playfield.**

Help us complete our “village green”—a safe, clean, vibrant, and welcoming place for everyone. Donations by check, company matching gifts, and stock are all tax-deductible. Make checks payable to *Friends of Madrona Playfield MCC*, and send then to Treasurer, 1614 33rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Questions? Please contact Steve Orser at 423-1412

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Crosswalks Back on Union

After several complaints from concerned members of the community, MCC President Bill Hanson contacted the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) regarding the crosswalks near Madrona School. The marked crosswalks on Union—at 33rd and 32nd avenues—were removed during the Union Street repaving 2 months ago. The crosswalk signs were left but the absence of markings on the pavement created an extremely unsafe situation for the children at Madrona School and the residents of Madrona. As students walked to and from school, motorists often ignored the crossing guard's flag and whistle. There were reports of several child-car near misses and even a couple of accidents at that busy corner.

Sandra Woods, SDOT Project Manager, explained that those crosswalks were scheduled to be remarked when the 23rd Avenue and East Union Street improvement was completed. That project is taking longer than anticipated, and so our crosswalks have also been delayed. However, the SDOT recognized the need and the crosswalks have now been reinstalled and are a compliment to the new pavement on Union. Thank you, Bill, for attending to this important issue, and thanks too to everyone who raised the flag of caution.

MCC Grateful for Donation!

Last spring, Coldwell Banker real estate agent Judy Honican came to the MCC and pledged a percentage of her commission for any homes she sold in Madrona. At the December meeting, Judy and Betty Wagner presented the MCC with a check for \$2,400!!! It seems that when Betty decided it was time to sell her home of 30+ years at 36th and Union, she elected to work with Judy because of a shared commitment to the neighborhood. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Betty, and thank you to Judy for your participation in Coldwell Banker's Community Partnership Program. You can reach Judy at judyhonican@cbbain.com.

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Amanda Sargent
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Madrona Printmaker Takes 1st Prize

By bringing together her passion with her vocation, printmaker and medical nurse Valerie McEvoy created a piece of art that was judged the best of the best at Pacific Prints 2002 in Palo Alto, CA, considered the premier original print competition and exhibition in the West. 193 artists from west coast states submitted 572 entries and of those, only 45 pieces were selected for exhibition, and Valerie's etching, "Pivotal" took the \$500 first prize.

"As a trained nurse, I have found medical imagery to be a useful metaphor for past experiences," says Valerie. "For my current suite of drawing and prints, I drew inspiration from an old medical text that contains photographs of old x-rays. My objective was to transform these images so that plain bones become more reminiscent of a landscape or some arcane industrial machine."

Indeed, "Pivotal" with its fuzzy dark images against a simple white background could either represent bones meeting and bending, or a stark winter landscape of trees and dark horizons. It has the dreamy edges of a watercolor, although it is an etching, created with a technique called chine coile, which fuses tissue paper onto thicker paper and prints simultaneously to soften the image.

"Pivotal" and the rest of Valerie's most recent suite of creations are not yet available for public display. However, you can see other examples of Valerie's work at the Baas Gallery at 2703 E. Madison.

CoRRRECTIONS

Janet Walsh-Helton and the Madrona Moms wish to thank one of their own hardworking Moms, Grace Schlitt Lenz, for throwing the Halloween party. Their appreciation was edited out of the November issue.



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Happy Kwanzaa!

This holiday was created in 1966 to celebrate culture, community, and family. The name comes from a Swahili phrase that means “First Fruits.” Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 through January 1, with a special feast on December 31.

Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa commemorates one of seven values, also called Nguzo Saba, Swahili for Seven Principles. The purpose of the Nguzo Saba is to reaffirm and reinforce the common bonds, identity, purpose and direction between African people, and to strengthen community. These universal principles can make a difference for everyone, everyday, whether or not you formally celebrate Kwanzaa.

1. Umoja—Unity
2. Kujichagulia—Self-determination
3. Ujima—Collective Work & Responsibility
4. Ujamaa—Cooperative Economics
5. Nia—Purpose
6. Kuumba—Creativity
7. Imani—Faith

Madrona Christmas Eve Services

All the churches in Madrona wish you blessings of the season and hope that you join them for a special Christmas Eve service.

Epiphany Parish, at 1805 38th Avenue, will have a 5:00 Family Eucharist, a 9:30 service with anthems and carols, and a 10:00 Festival Eucharist on Christmas Eve. A Eucharist will also be celebrated at 9:00 on Christmas morning.

Madrona Presbyterian Church, at the corner of 32nd Avenue and East Marion, will have two services on Christmas Eve: a candlelight service at 7:00, and a vigil service at 11:30. The one-hour candlelight service will consist of lessons (scripture readings of the Christmas story) interspersed with carols, and be followed by a coffee hour. The half-hour 11:30 vigil will consist of music, meditation and candle lighting.

St. Therese Catholic Church, at the corner of 35th Avenue and East Marion, will celebrate mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00pm, and at 10:00 on Christmas morning.

Madrona Presbyterian Church
paste-up

Christmas Eve Dinner

After all the shopping, cooking, wrapping and traveling, eating Christmas Eve dinner out is the perfect way for everyone to gather with no additional work for anyone. And it's even easier if you eat right here in Madrona, where there are lots of delicious choices. Enjoy!

Café Soliel (325-1126) will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Dulces Latin Bistro (322-5453) will not be open on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The Hi-Spot (325-7905) will be open as usual for breakfast, coffee, and goodies on Christmas Eve morning from 8:00am to 2:00pm. They will be closed on Christmas Day.

Indian Bhojan will be open regular hours serving its regular delicious vegetarian menu on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas Day.

Madrona Eatery & Ale House (323-7807) will be closed both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—happy holidays!

St. Clouds (726-1522) will be open Christmas Eve for dinner. They will be serving the long-standing traditional Christmas Eve dinner that owner John Platt's family enjoyed at a local restaurant near his home back East. They will be closed Christmas Day.

Supreme (322-1974) will be closed for the holidays on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Villa Victoria (329-1717) will be taking a holiday break and not open on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Epiphany Parish Welcomes You!

As an Episcopal Church, Epiphany belongs to that worldwide body known as the Anglican Communion, which celebrates the “middle way” between the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions. Located in the Madrona neighborhood, Epiphany is one of Seattle's oldest congregations, founded in 1907.

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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Family Sporting Events

By *Burke Shethars*

The T-Birds! On November 17, 21 of the Madrona Alehouse locals were chauffeured via a chartered bus to Key Arena for a Seattle Thunderbirds hockey game. After an afternoon round or two at the Alehouse, several families including the Orsers, Hughes, Shethars, Stephen Brown and son, Darren, Todd, the Lenzs, the Vierlings (sp?) among several others assembled for a highly entertaining event. Try to explain to a four year old why everyone is cheering for two people fighting when all he knows is that fighting is supposed to be bad.... Anyway, we all had a good time.

This is the second event for this group—we took a trip to see the Everett Aquasox in August. We may see a ladies basketball early in the New Year. If you are interested in this kind of kid fun, please email Burke at shethars@aol.com to be put on the announcement list.

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Neighborhood Congrats

More special people doing special things....Kudos to:

- The **congregation at Mt Zion Baptist Church** for sending out 175 Thanksgiving meals to seniors and serving 300 more to those in need, and also donating some \$6000 to local foodbanks to help them bring Thanksgiving to others in our community.
- **Miriam Driss**, Madrona-Sally Goldmark head librarian, for her decision to take a break from that career and follow a long-standing dream of attending culinary school.
- **Eileen Gray**, St. Therese School principal, on being presented the St. Joseph Elementary School alumni award.
- **The Hi-Spot** for being recognized by Penelope Corcoran of *The Seattle PI* as one of the best inexpensive neighborhood breakfast eateries in the city.
- **Judy Honican and Peggy Wagner** for their very generous gift to the Madrona Community Council.
- **Valerie McEvoy** for winning First Prize at Pacific Prints 2000 with her etching "Pivotal."
- **Chris Robert**, Madrona K-8 teacher extraordinaire, on his Golden Apple award.
- **Rev. Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir** for their 5th year of bringing to life "The Black Nativity."

Bowling Green Paste-Up

FREE Home Energy & Repair Assistance

Last year the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program served some 6,000 households by providing payment assistance, minor home repair, and weatherization referrals. As the chilly weather blows into town once again, the Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP) is again offering these services to those most in need.

The program focuses on families with young children, the elderly, and the disabled. Participants must meet eligibility requirements including income and residency. A family of two must have a monthly income below \$1,244 a month, and a family of five can't make more than \$2,206. Payment assistance covers heating oil, gas, and electric bills, up to a maximum of \$750 per month. Emergency shut-off help is also available, as are furnace repairs and chimney cleanings.

To find out more or to apply for assistance, contact CAMP at 328-2356 and make an appointment. The federal government funds this program and once CAMP's annual allotment is gone, the program ends for the year so don't delay!

If your home is in need of repairs that go beyond the furnace, consider contacting Rebuilding Together Seattle, an organization that helps elderly homeowners maintain their homes so they can stay in them as long as possible. Right now this agency is seeking 50 homes to repair for free next April. They are specifically looking for homes in South and Central Seattle.

This is the 13th year this service has been offered. They handle simple home cleanups, like pulling weeds and tiding the yard, to more extensive repairs including plumbing, painting, building stairs and ramps, and removing or installing carpet. They perform these services for free—no strings! If you, or an elderly parent or neighbor is in need, call 682-1213 or visit www.rtseattle now and give yourself and your home a treat this spring.

Vanderspek paste-up

That (Unhealthy) Cozy Fire *By Julie Wroble*

While I like to keep my Madrona home as warm and cozy as anyone, my work at as a toxicologist with US EPA also makes me aware of the health impact of fires. This time of year, Seattle frequently suffers from stagnant air conditions and inversions. When the weather is especially cold and still, air pollution is trapped close to the ground. What can you do to help? Avoid burning!

Fireplaces and wood stoves release fine particulates that are especially harmful to the health of infants, children, pregnant women, smokers, and anyone with allergies, asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, pneumonia, or other heart or lung illnesses. The fine particulates in wood smoke are inhaled deep into our lungs where they can remain for months, causing structural damage and chemical changes to our lung tissue, and reducing resistance to infections.

Wood smoke also contains many toxic compounds, including carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, organic gases, and nitrogen oxides. Wood smoke fumes are released directly into your home when you use your fireplace or wood stove; it also gets into your home when your neighbors burn. If you choose to burn wood, state law dictates that you:

- Observe burn bans; fireplaces and wood stoves should be used only if they are the only adequate source of heat.
- Burn only manufactured logs or seasoned firewood.
- Not burn plastic, foil, or other garbage.
- Operate your wood stove or fireplace correctly.
- Keep your equipment in good working order.

TV and radio weather reports are a good source for weather conditions and burn bans, and the newspaper's Weather page lists particulate levels. For more information, contact the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at 343-8800 or www.pscleanair.org.

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Frederick's Landscaping
paste-up

Neighborhood School News

St. Therese School News

By Janice Davis-Niles, Director of Development

The St. Therese community was very successful with our book and dictionary drive in support of our sister school in South African. We are sending 1,000 new dictionaries (our goal), many new and gently used books, and several first aid kits to Triumpf Primary School in Port Elizabeth. Many thanks to all who made this dream a reality.

Kim Brown, our Chess Club coordinator, is testing the feasibility of on-line chess tournaments between St. Therese students and Triumpf students. The time difference will require that our students start 30-45 minutes earlier than usual and that Triumpf students stay late. Still, Mr. Brown is sure the tournaments are possible. The chess champions at Triumpf Primary already have a beautiful trophy so St. Therese students know they face some stiff competition!

As part of our school communications initiative for 2002-2003, we recently introduced Fireside Chats with Principal Eileen Gray. She has hosted chats with kindergarten parents, parents of students in grades 1 – 3 (primary), parents with students in grades 4 and 5 (intermediate), and parents of middle school students. The chats have focused on issues, both academic and developmental, unique to each level. The Fireside Chat for middle school parents featured Dr. Janine Jones, a psychologist who specializes in working with children and families. Dr. Jones focused on identity and developmental issues experienced by middle school youth. All of the Chats have been well attended and well received. Mrs. Gray may, if scheduling permits, host more chats in the second half of the academic year.

Another part of our communications initiative is the publication of a monthly newsletter for parents. This also has been a great success! The content is geared to parents, and we've had very positive feedback, even people who do not have children at St. Therese School. If you would like to be on the newsletter mailing list, please call me at 720-7277.

Congratulations to these students who competed in the Bishop Blanchet High School 26th Annual Math Competition. The competition included written, oral and group exams. Jaron Colas took 2nd place, and Michael Gehlke placed 3rd. Both of these 8th grade winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Bishop Blanchet High School. Kudos also to the rest of the St. Therese team: 8th grader Justin Greenlee, and 7th graders Kristin Jones and Claire Penhale.

Busy Times at Madrona K-8

By Mary Myslewicz, Volunteer Coordinator

December is a busy month at Madrona K-8. We are finishing up our holiday fundraiser, which raised about \$5,000 for the Madrona PTSA. Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing holiday gifts from Madrona students or online, or by joining our newly rejuvenated PTSA. Membership is \$8 per person per year, and \$10 per couple (donations appreciated!)

Thank you to all the community members who volunteered to help label books on December 10. Labeling is an ongoing process so we are looking for volunteers to help label a couple mornings a week.

Our Winter Celebration is December 17 at 7:00. Many of the classes will participate and celebrate the holiday season through songs, poetry, music, and dance. The PTSA will also be there in full force selling raffle tickets and holding a bake sale. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to attend.

In January, Madrona K-8 will implement a supplementary reading program called Accelerated Reader. Again, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers from the community who tutor on a regular basis.

Madrona is blessed to have such a dedicated group of people helping children succeed in school. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming involved at Madrona K-8, please contact me at 252-3102 or mlmylewicz@seattleschools.org



Madrona K-8 Teacher Awarded

Golden Apple

By Jon Hughes

Madrona K-8 teacher Chris Robert is the recipient of the distinguished 2002 Golden Apple Award. Each year, five teachers and five school programs in the state are honored for their exceptional teaching and innovation.

Parents, teachers, students, and staff have been aware of Mr. Robert's excellent teaching skills for years. This statewide recognition is an honor to Mr. Robert and Madrona K-8. The Golden Apple Awards ceremony will be presented on KCTS television in January.

Mr. Robert has taught kindergarten and first grade at Madrona. This year he became the K-5 Literacy Coach, working with both reading and curriculum. "He is simply one of the best teachers I have come into contact with in my 30 years of working in education," said Principal Rickie Malone proudly.

Since its inception, the Golden Apple Awards program has recognized more than 100 individuals and programs. This year's winners were selected from more than 150 nominations statewide. A panel of representatives from the Washington Education Association, Washington State Parent Teacher Association, the YMCA, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Alliance for Education, and previous Golden Apple Award winners evaluated the nominees and selected those to be honored.

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Neighborhood School News

Epiphany School Plans to Grow

In the fall of 2003, Epiphany School will begin increasing enrollment by adding a section of Kindergarten, and then will add one class section per grade each year until there are two class sections per grade from Kindergarten to the 5th grade.

The decision to increase enrollment of the school was made after months of thoughtful consideration by the Board of Trustees. It is their conviction that by increasing the size of the student body in this methodical way, the school will be strengthening many of the goals of its mission:

- To provide a high quality, nonsectarian, coeducational basic education with an enriched curriculum;
- To serve the metropolitan community;
- To provide small classes;
- To seek and encourage socio-economic, cultural and racial awareness and diversity;
- To provide a positive environment conducive to the development of each student's intellect, social skill, ethics and self-esteem.

This is one of the most important decisions Epiphany School has made in its 44-year history, one that affirms its strengths and provides opportunities for growth and diversity.

Epiphany School is now accepting applications for pre-K through 5th for the 2003-2004 school year. Please call the Admission Office at 720-7663 for information.

Epiphany Students in Seattle Marathon

Eleven Epiphany School students participated in the 2002 Seattle Kids' Marathon. Each student ran the first 25 miles in a month before the marathon and then did the last 1.2 miles in the actual marathon.

Those who had the fun of running with all the actual marathon runners the last 1.2 miles were: Alex Anderson, Emily Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Max Coyle, Gus Kitchell, Murphy Kitchell, Kate McCaw, Katherine Myhre, Rebecca Myhre, Elliott Voss, and Charlie Wyman.

Principal Gray Recognized

by Jeanne Stephens, St Therese Parent

On September 27, Eileen Gray, St. Therese School principal, was presented the Alumni Award from St Joseph Elementary School in Seattle. For the last ten years St. Joe's has recognized one or two alumni who demonstrate outstanding leadership and a sense of giving back to the community. Previous recipients include: ex-Governor John Spellman, restaurateurs and philanthropists Tucker McHugh and Tim Firnstahl, Mayor Greg Nickels, former-Oregon Provincial Fr. Bob Grimm, SJ, US Attorney John McKay, and founders of Mostly Muffins, Molly Bolanos and Ann Marie Flaherty.

Eileen induction into the St Joseph's Alumni Hall of Honor occurred at the annual Celebration Dinner held at the Seattle Sheraton Cirrus Room in the presence of 180 people. As he introduced Eileen, George Hofbauer, St. Joseph's principal for the past 28 years, said that she has become not only a valued colleague but also a great personal friend in the thirteen years since they met. Eileen is noted as a dynamic leader in the field of Catholic education, and a long-time supporter of the Rainbow School Coalition. A table of St. Therese friends and family attended the evening alongside St Joseph leaders and donors. "It was a nice mix of these neighboring Catholic communities," Mr. Hofbauer commented.

Christmas Break Day Camp

Having your kids off from school over the holidays is a treat, but you still have to work, that can add another dimension to the usual holiday stress. However, you need not look far for two excellent opportunities for holiday break day camp.

Make your reservation NOW!

- Community Day School at Madrona K-8 (709-8887) offers care for kids ages 5-12 from 7:00am to 6:00pm on December 23, 26, 27, 30, and January 2 and 3. No camp on December 24, 25, 31 or January 1.
- Garfield Community Center's (684-4788) Winter Break Camp runs December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and January 2 & 3 from 7:30am to 6:00pm for kids in grades Kindergarten through 6th. No camp on December 25 and January 1.
- Meredith Matthews-East Madison YMCA is not offering camp this year.

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Community Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY 4:00-5:00, PUBLIC SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8:45pm, ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 6:30-8:00pm, PUBLIC SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30, TODDLER (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7-8:45pm, ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7:30, TOTS (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486

THURSDAYS 7:30, AA/ALANON MEETING—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 324-2573

SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30 & 3:00-4:00 FAMILY FLOAT SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550

December 17, 7:00 WINTER HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE—Madrona K-8, Rickie Malone 252-3100

December 17-25, SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES CLOSED. Information: 684-4705

December 18, 9-1:00 HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522

7:55-8:30 CHRISTMAS SHIP AND BONFIRE—Madrona Beach, John Capps 324-6847

December 20, 5-7:00 FREE HOLIDAY PARTY—Garfield Community Center 684-4788

December 21, 9-5pm GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING—Chesterfield Pharmacy 23rd & Union, Stella Ogiale 323-0147

10:00 MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY—38th & Marion entrance, Mary Casey 328-5508

8-12:00am HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA—Garfield Teen Life Center 428 23rd 684-4550

December 23-January 3, SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

December 26-January 1, KWANZAA

Ends December 28, TOTAL EXPERIENCE GOSPEL CHOIR IN "BLACK NATIVITY"—Seattle Center Intiman Theater 269-1900

January 7, 7:15 MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450

January 4, MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROUP—Indoors in Madrona homes, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832

January 14, 7:00 MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING—1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851

January 16, 9-1:00 HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522