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## Appreciating the People Who Make Madrona Special

By Bill Hanson, MCC President

As did many Seattle neighborhoods, Madrona celebrated Neighbor Appreciation Day on Saturday, February 8. A ceremony was held at Supreme to honor just a few of the people who make our neighborhood the special place it is. Madrona Community Council VP of Events John Capps organized the event. Supreme provided the delicious goodies, Jerry Arbis made the award certificates and Steve Parker was at the piano tickling us with a variety of tunes.

This year we awarded the Nora Award posthumously to **Robert Bass**, the former principal of Madrona Elementary who had an enduring commitment to Seattle public schools and the children who attend them. As 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. He was also a regular attendee of MCC meetings and we learned a lot from his expertise on education, as well as life in general. Bob passed away this fall and so the award was accepted by his wife Nadean and daughter Mary.

The Local Hero award went to **Sayre Combs** for her efforts to create and organize our Madrona BBQ. Sayre had a vision and a desire to have a neighborhood party that everyone would want to attend, feel welcome and enjoy and she has worked hard to do just that. Sayre has organized the Madrona BBQ for the past 4 years and the event is a labor of love. Each component, from the icebreaker treasure hunt to the music stage to the cakewalk to the BBQ competition and judging is carefully orchestrated to make it extra special for everyone in attendance. Thanks to Sayre's community involvement, the Madrona BBQ is now a recognized and much-anticipated neighborhood event—one people look forward to contributing to and attending.

The Unsung Hero Award was given to **Jon Hughes** for his positive approach, energy and commitment to make Madrona K-8 one of the most diverse, vibrant neighborhood schools in the city. Jon has spent the last couple of years championing the school and encouraging neighborhood parents to invest their time and their children in it. He has personally volunteered countless hours at the school to help make it the neighborhood school we all want it to be. Every chance he gets, Jon sings the praises of Madrona K-8 and his positive energy and neighborhood spirit are contagious and we thank him for that.

We have such a huge number of outstanding people living in Madrona and working hard to make it better and better. It's great to have Neighbor Appreciation Day to call attention to them all and the contributions they make.

## MCC President's Corner

### Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

A special thank you to John Capps, Madrona Community Council (MCC) VP of Events for organizing our 9<sup>th</sup> annual **Neighborhood Appreciation Day**. Congratulations to this year's honorees, **Bob Bass**, **Sayre Coombs**, and **Jon Hughes**. This is the day we honor past and present Madrona residents and organizations for their community achievements. It is indeed

a special day to celebrate the goodness of those around us, and to reach out and strengthen our bonds to each other.

As I have said many times before it is really the people that make Madrona such a great place to live and work. When some thing needs to be done they pitch in and help out. When we needed a new web site, two

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## Welcome Eritrean Women

By Kim Herber

Madrona prides itself on its diversity and acceptance of all people. Perhaps this is why the National Union of Eritrean Women in Seattle recently moved into a small space on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Lette Hadgu leads this non-profit organization, and its mission is improving the quality of life of Eritrean immigrants and refugee women and creating and maintaining a lasting relationship with the struggling mothers and sisters back in Eritrea.

Eritrea is an Eastern African country located on the Red Sea between Djibouti, Sudan, and Ethiopia. It is emerging from the effects of a 30-year war of liberation from Ethiopia and remains one of the world's poorest nations. In what was once a very traditional society, women took a very active role in the fight for independence, comprising 30 percent of combatants. The war officially ended in 1991, and in an internationally supervised referendum in 1993, 99.8 percent of the Eritreans voted for independence, which was officially declared on 24 May 1993. However, the country still has UN Peacekeepers due to border disputes with Ethiopia. The two countries signed a peace agreement in December 2000, but disagreements over the border keep relations tense.

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college students, **Jennifer Strand** and **Joni Larned** stepped forward. Then when we needed a permanent Webmaster, **Ester Ervin** volunteered. If you haven't visited our new website, it is well worth a look. You can check it out at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us)

We are making progress in trying to improve the architectural character of the apartment building being planned for 2812 East Spring Street. The community comments at the February 5 DCLU Design Review Board meeting on needed improvements including the quality of material and finishes were well received by the Board. Many thanks to **Kathleen Gillespie** and **Steve Groves** for heading up this effort and agreeing to co-chair our Apartment/Commercial Development subcommittee of the Land Use committee under Joe Garcia's leadership.

Also, a special thank you to **Larry Gossett**, our King County representative, for attending our February MCC meeting. He painted a very grim picture of the county finances. Currently, the sheriff office and jails are consuming about 75 percent of the budget and the amount is increasing. I was surprised to learn that these departments received a 6 percent pay increase last year when the rate of inflation was around 1 percent. A recent newspaper article mentioned that an increasing numbers of cities are sending their prisoners to Yakima rather than contracting with King County because of the high costs.

The **VoiceSteam wireless antenna** panels are expected to be installed at Madrona Presbyterian Church this summer. Based on current designs, the antenna panels are not noticeable. The income from these antennas will provide the church with funds needed for painting and building restoration. Comments on this project can still be made to DCLU.

Our next **Madrona Garage Sale** will be in April. The exact date is still TBD. We are still hoping to have our **annual Mayfair celebration** for the neighborhood children. But unless someone comes forward to plan and chair it, it won't happen. If YOU are interested in ensuring this traditional neighborhood event happens in 2003, please contact me or call previous chair Janet Johnston at 726-6069.

Plans for the **Madrona Home Tour** on July 12 are right on schedule. We could still add two additional homes. Also volunteers to help out in homes are needed. Please contact Judy Honican at [judyhonican@cbbain.com](mailto:judyhonican@cbbain.com) if you are interested.

Our next **MCC meeting** is **March 4 at 7:15pm** in the shelterhouse in Madrona Playfield at 34<sup>th</sup> and East Spring Street. Please come and be part of your community.



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## Eritrean Women (cont'd from page 1)

In this chaotic situation, thousands of refugees, the majority women and children, left home looking for a safer place to live. Many women eventually found their way to Seattle, arriving with no formal education, few marketable skills, no understanding of English, and usually several children in tow—the average Eritrean mother has 5 or 6. To help integrate these women and their children into American society, the Union of Eritrean Women in Seattle was formed in 2000. Since then, the group has been meeting in various locations to assist the newly arrived in getting a toehold in the American dream.

In their new Madrona location, the group is already holding classes, hosting dinners, and creating a supportive atmosphere where women socialize, share concerns, frustrations, hopes and successes. The group has 100 registered members, but nearly 200 women attend periodically. With an all-volunteer staff, they offer tutoring and mentoring in English and native Eritrean languages. Over traditional coffee, the women are learning to understand American culture while preserving what is wonderful and special about their own country and traditions.

If you meet an Eritrean woman in the neighborhood, welcome her and let her know that Madrona is glad to help her any way it can. To get to know the women of the Union of Eritrean Women in Seattle, you can also attend their upcoming International Women's Day Celebration March 8 at 6:30 at Immaculate Conception Church, corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia. There will be plenty of ethnic food, good music and dance, arts and crafts, cultural shows and more! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youths ages 12-18. For more info, stop by 1114 34<sup>th</sup>—between Ruby Cleaners and Conley's Hats—or call 329-3536 and say HELLO!



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## Busy Month for Moms *By Janet Walsh-Helton*

January and February is a busy time for many Madrona Moms and Dads. That's when the school scramble really begins as parents race to visit potential pre-schools and elementary schools. Most schools have February sign-up deadlines for the fall school year and parents do all they can to be sure they make the right choices for their kids.

This year, The Madrona Moms pitched in to try to help those searching, stressed-out parents by sharing our collective knowledge. We put out the call for information and recommendations on pre-schools and elementary schools and then assembled the results. We now have a contact list of parents who have agreed to be spokespeople for their children's schools and talk to prospective parents about their experiences. The daycare, pre-school, and elementary school contact lists were emailed to all 115+ members of the Madrona Moms group. I've already received many letters of thanks from members who have used these resource lists and found the information provided by other neighborhood parents very helpful. Thank you to all of the moms and dads who participated in creating the lists, and who have since taken the time to help prospective school parents!

Our weekly playgroup continues to help us make connections. Our thanks to Kate McIntyre for hosting a gathering at her beautiful home in January. And our best wishes to these beautiful new little ones and their growing families:

- **Madison Hite**, born December 6, at 7 lb. 10 oz. and 20 inches long to Carrie Hite and Patrice Jackson.
- **Eleanora Mae Snyder**, born on January 21 to adoring parents Katie and Alfred Snyder.

If you would like more information about the Madrona Moms group, please call me at 324-7832, or send an email to [planet58@qwest.net](mailto:planet58@qwest.net) All are welcome!

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## Neighborhood Congrats!

More special Madrona people doing special things! Kudos to.....

Villa Victoria's **Naomi Andrade Smith** for sharing her personal culinary history in a front-page article in the *Seattle Times* February 8 *Pacific Magazine*. Just reading that story made me hungry!

**Alexander Conley III**, called "Madrona's Hat King" in a story about him and his business in *The South Seattle Star*.

6th grader **Sarah Greiner** whose play, "The Dance of the Flowers", will be performed during ACT Theatre's FringeACT Festival of New Original Work.

**Jon Hughes** for expressing his views in praise of Madrona K-8 in a Letter to the Editor of *The South Seattle Star*.

The artists of **Lelavision, Leah Mann, Ela Lamblin, and Sheli Potmesil** for their incredible "Rhythm of the Landscape" production that was pictured and praised on the front page of the January 16 *Seattle Times* Northwest Life section.

**The Madrona businesses** named in the *South Seattle Star's* Holiday Shopping Guide: **The Conley Hat Manufacturing, Pure Manifestations, Indian Bhojan Café, Conrow Porcelain Studio and Showroom, Kathryn Allen Clay Studio, and Fetch.**

**Madrona residents** who joined with the **Central Area District Council** to send letters to Seattle City Attorney Thomas Carr to encourage a thorough investigation into the actions of Judge Jerome Ferris regarding the destruction of 100 trees in Coleman Park.

**Shannon MacDonald** and the **Madrona Moms** for answering an array of Christmas wishes—from socks to pet food—for homeless kids associated with Peace on the Streets by Kids on the Streets.

Madrona K-8 teacher **Christopher Robert**, one of six educators who received the prestigious Golden Apple award for their work in education. The awards ceremony will be shown on PBS Channel 9 at 8:00 on February 27.

Madrona painter **Nancy Schutt**, profiled in a *Seattle PI* story, for speaking up for those who stand to lose their state-provided health care if proposed state budget cuts are approved.

### Just Published!

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## Madrona Artist at Governor's Mansion

By Maura Hoss

The original serigraphs and luminescent pastel-on-copper landscapes of Madrona artist Martino Lyell Hoss recently began a year-long exhibition at the governor's mansion in Olympia. A gala artist's reception hosted by First Lady Mona Lee Locke marked the opening.

Martino, a printmaker by both education and passion, is a leader in the comparatively little-known field of "original serigraphs." Unlike typical serigraphs, which are volume reproductions, each of his serigraph is created using a process that dissolves the stencils during printing. As a result, none of his pieces, which depict the diverse beauty and natural drama of Washington, can ever be recreated; each is an original.

While color is the primary emotive element that drives his work, Martino also experiments with light, texture, and depth to express his sensual reaction to places in nature. His landscapes express a blend of natural memories that conjure up a specific, personal response. The diverse pieces in the governor's mansion exhibition capture the stunning beauty of many less familiar parts of the state.

Martino's active portfolio also includes paintings, monoprints, etchings, pen & ink drawings, mobiles, and murals. He is represented by Mahler Fine Arts of Seattle and several galleries in California. For more information on the Olympia exhibit or other

## Baby Yoga

by Sarah Westneat

Since Pranaworks yoga studio on 34th closed, a small group of moms with babies have been doing yoga together in a Madrona home. We hope that before too long another real yoga studio will open in Madrona. But until then, we will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 11:00. We really enjoy it and think that other moms with babies might like it too. The cost is \$10 on a drop-in basis. Please bring your baby and join us—or just come yourself, so long as you don't mind babies! Call instructor Jessica Timins at 721-2291 for details.

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## Cool Pool Events

While it's cold and wet outside, inside Medgar Evers pool it's wet and cozy. To help pass the winter drearies, the Garfield Community Center Teen Life Center and the pool staff are hosting several special events. Call 684-4550 or 684-4766 for more info.

**Late Nite Teen Swim Parties**—On Friday February 21, March 28 and April 25 from 8:00-10:00pm kids are invited to come and enjoy an evening of relaxation, listen to some good music, and spend time with other teens and friends. Admission is free but registration is required.

**Dive in Movies**—Enjoy swimming with all the lights out while watching great movies. Family entertainment scheduled for March 7 from 6:30-8:30. Teen films up on February 21, March 28, and April 18 from 8:30-10:30pm. Free.

**Jazz Nights**—Come and enjoy live jazz music by local musicians while lap swimming, participating in the aqua jogging class, or playing at the public swim. Free with regular pool admission on Friday February 28 and April 25 from 6:00-8:00pm.

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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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## Community Bulletin Board

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- MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS** 7-8:45pm, **ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS** 10:30-11:30, **TODDLER (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP**—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
- WEDNESDAYS** 8:30-9:30 **ST. THERESE SCHOOL TOURS**—Parish Center, 3416 Marion 720-7277
- 10:30-11:00 **PRE-SCHOOL STORY/SONG TIME**—Madrona Library, Lynn Lorenz, 684-4705
- 3:30-5:30, **MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROUP**—Indoors in Madrona homes, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832
- 5:30-7:30, **TOTS (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP**— YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
- THURSDAYS** 9:15-10:15 **MADRONA K-8 TOURS**—Madrona K-8 main hallway, Andhra Lutz 252-3100
- 7:30pm **AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38<sup>th</sup> & Denny, 324-2573
- SATURDAYS** 10:00-1:00 **COMMUNITY QUILTING CLASS**—Garfield Community Center Senior Adult Programs 233-7255
- 10:30-11:30 & 3:00-4:00 **FAMILY FLOAT SWIM**—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550
- SUNDAYS** 11:00-12:30 **PEACE VIGIL**—34<sup>th</sup> & Union and MLKing Way & Union, Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War [Jonis6@cs.com](mailto:Jonis6@cs.com)
- 1:00-3:00 **ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- 1:30 **MULTI-FAITH AIDS SUPPORT GROUP**—Epiphany Parish Library 38<sup>th</sup> & Denny, 324-2573
- February 19,** 6:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: WOMEN & MONEY** (part 1 of 3)—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- FINE ART PHOTOS BY JESSICA LEVINE—Madrona Ale House, [jessicacaronlevine@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicacaronlevine@hotmail.com)
- February 21,** 10:00-4:00 **SENIOR TRIP: NW FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW** (Transportation provided)—\$18.00 Senior Adult Programs 684-4240
- 8:00-10:00pm **TEEN LATE NITE SWIM PARTY**—Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- February 21 to 22,** **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT KIDS' SLUMBER PARTY**—Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, Mario Concepcion 322-6969
- Feb. 24-Mar. 7,** **TESTING: DIRECT WRITING ASSESSMENT (DWA)**—Grades 3, 5, and 6, Seattle Public Schools
- February 25,** 7:00-9:00 **OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION: Plainsong** by Kent Haruf— Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- February 26,** 6:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: WOMEN & MONEY** (part 2 of 3)—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- February 27,** 7:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: YOUR CUP OF TEA**—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- 8:00pm **GOLDEN APPLE AWARD CEREMONY FEATURING MADRONA K-8'S CHRIS ROBERT**—PBS Channel 9
- February 28,** 10:00-3:00 **SENIOR TRIP: BOWLING AT IMPERIAL LANES** (Transportation provided) —\$3.50 Sr Adult Programs 684-4240
- 6:00-8:00pm **JAZZ NIGHT**—Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- March 1,** 9:00-3:00 **LESCHI NATURAL AREA**—36<sup>th</sup> & East Terrace, Fran and Bunny Wood 323-2296
- 6:00 **MARDI GRAS PARTY & GUMBO COOK-OFF**—St. Therese School, Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
- Mar. 3-Mar. 28,** **TESTING: IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS (ITBS)**—Grades 3, 5, 6 and 8, Seattle Public Schools
- March 4,** 7:15 **MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
- March 5,** 9:15am & 7:00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY**—St. Therese School, Janice Davis-Niles 720-7277
- 6:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: WOMEN & MONEY** (part 3 of 3)—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 6,** 7:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: YOU CAN BE AN ENTREPRENEUR**—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 6-9,** **FRINGEact FESTIVAL OF NEW ORIGINAL WORK**—ACT Theatre, FringeACT Festival, 292-7676 or [www.fringeact.org](http://www.fringeact.org)
- March 7,** 10:00-4:00 **SENIOR TRIP: FT LEWIS MILITARY MUSEUM** (Transportation provided)—\$6.00 Sr Adult Programs 684-4240
- 6:30-8:30 **FAMILY DIVE IN MOVIE**—Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
- March 8,** 6:30pm **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**—Immaculate Conception Church, corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Columbia, Union of Eritrean Women in Seattle Lette Hadgu 329-3536
- Mar. 10-Mar. 22,** **MEDGAR EVERS POOL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE**—684-4766
- March 11,** 7:00 **MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**—1426 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851
- 7:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: CONFLICT RESOLUTION—WORKING IT OUT**—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 12,** 7:00 **MADRONA K-8 PTA MEETING**—Madrona K-8 library, Jon Hughes, 219-1441
- March 15,** 10:00 **MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY**— 38<sup>th</sup> & Marion entrance, Judith Starbuck 322-2640
- 7:00-9:00 **FREE CLASS: HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP**—Neighborhood Academy 23<sup>rd</sup> & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
- March 19,** 9-1:00 **HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522

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## Seeking Mayfair Leader!

*By Bill Hanson, MCC President*

In May the Madrona Community Council (MCC) hopes to have our annual Mayfair celebration for neighborhood children. Finding volunteers to help has never been a problem, but we do need someone to chair the event this year. Janet Johnston, who chaired the past two years, will be available for advice and consultation, plus we have lots of written guidance on how to organize the event.

Normally, Mayfair consists of the children's parade from Al Larkin Parks to Madrona Playfield. Once at the park, the kids enjoy Deano the Clown, games and prizes, and edible goodies—all for free! The MCC has already budgeted the money to host this event; we just need someone to take the lead. If you're interested, contact me at 323-3450 or call Janet at 726-6069.

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## Roadshow Revelation!

If you live in an old neighborhood like Madrona, you probably have an interest in history and appreciate the beauty of times past. And if you do, perhaps you are also a fan of "Antiques Roadshow," a program that allows ordinary people to have their (potentially) extraordinary treasures appraised by experts.

This summer, the Roadshow visited Seattle and hundreds of people got a chance to find out just how special their heirlooms and whatnots really are. That 1-day visit yielded three installments of the show, which recently aired on PBS. For some, their trip to the Roadshow was a disappointment when Grandma's cut crystal vase was declared to have the value of a Puyallup fair ashtray. But for others, like Madrona's Marty Reinhart, it was a revelation.

The item Marty took to the appraisers was an old walking cane inscribed "To Spring Harbaugh from your friends in California 1861". She found the cane at a thrift shop, was attracted to its unusual octagonal brass and crystal head, and bought it for \$1. When her husband tried to convince her that what she thought was brass was really gold, she just laughed.

But after her visit to the Roadshow, Marty has new respect for her husband's eye. The head of her \$1 cane turned out to be California gold quartz set in gold, an unusual product of the California Gold Rush. As she listened in amazement to the appraiser, she heard the news every Roadshow junkie longs for—her cane is worth many MANY times what she paid for it—in fact, it was appraised for \$4000! Yureka!

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## Shelterhouse Spruce-up

*By Steve Orser, Friends of Madrona Playfield*

A key element of the final phase of the Madrona Playfield improvement is the renovation of the Shelterhouse to make it more inviting and user-friendly. We have full approval from the Seattle Parks Department, the building permit from the DCLU, and expect to begin work in late April.

To help integrate it with the rest of the park, the Shelterhouse will be reoriented. As depicted in this rendering, the little “mouse-hole” entry on the west side facing the tennis courts will be replaced by new doors on the building’s east side. These “French doors” will actually consist of two doors, a smaller one for every-day access, and a larger one that can be opened wide to invite the outdoors inside.

Shelterhouse PDF picture paste-up

The new doors will open out onto a paved patio and toward the new stairwell at 34<sup>th</sup> and Spring that will link the park with Madrona’s retail “downtown.” A lawn area surrounding the patio will offer park visitors a place to picnic or enjoy other quiet activities. A curving concrete seat wall will edge the lawn area, echoing the popular design element from the children’s play area.

Thanks to everyone whose donations have made this playfield improvement possible—and a special thanks to the neighborhood building professionals who will be doing the actual work. We couldn’t do it without ALL of you!

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## Ravine Revival Phase II

*By Linda Hanson*

At the February MCC meeting, Linda Hanson reported that the Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) have applied for a Phase II grant from Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Matching Funds. The grant will focus upon expanding the removal of invasive plants in the ravine and replanting with native species that will help restore the area for wildlife. In March, FORM members will learn whether their application will be funded. Linda said that the community support for the ravine work has been wonderful!

Consistent with the Madrona Drive Ravine Vegetative Management Plan prepared in Phase I, this work will concentrate on bird, bat and butterfly populations that may be viewed and enjoyed from the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge. Linda is currently talking to a science teacher at The Bush School about involving a class in building bird and bat houses as a community service project.

## Home Tour Date Set

*by Judy Honican, 2003 Madrona Home Tour Chairperson*

While summer may seem far away, the Madrona Home Tour Committee is already making plans for a great event on July 12. Based on feedback from last year, the homes on the 2003 tour will be open from 11:00 to 4:00 so everyone gets a chance to visit them all.

The committee already has a few homes in mind but if you would like to nominate your home or someone else’s to be considered for this year’s tour, please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to help the day of the tour. Don’t miss this opportunity to be involved in a really fun day that helps our community. For more info, to suggest a home for the tour, or to volunteer call me at 551-2959.

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# Neighborhood School News

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## Young Madrona Playwright Debuts

*By Jacqui Burke*

The FringeACT Festival of New Original Work will be held at ACT Theatre March 6 through 9. During the festival, adult and young playwrights will have their plays performed. Among the original work to be presented will be a play by Madrona resident Sarah Greiner, a 6th grader at Seattle Girls' School. The play, called "The Dance of the Flowers", was written during a school play-writing workshop taught by Amy Wheeler. It is about friends going through tough times together.

The young actors appearing in the production are Anna Dawson and Hannah Page-Salisbury, who are also from Seattle Girls' School, and Ryan Rautereau of Washington Middle School. The play, which is directed by Kassie Misiewicz, also includes three adult actors.

Day tickets or a 3-day festival ticket are available for \$12 and \$36, respectively. For more information contact the FringeACT Festival at 292-7676 or [www.fringeact.org](http://www.fringeact.org)

## Madrona K-8 Students Win Essay Contest

*By Jon Hughes, Madrona K-8 PTA*

Congratulations to the following Madrona K-8 students who were the 2002 Veterans of Foreign Wars Essay Contest Winners:

- 1st Place Mark Kleinsasser, 5th grade
- 2nd Place Marcus Williams, 4th grade
- 3rd Place Leasha McNary, 6th grade
- Honorable Mention Jasmine Caston, 8th grade
- Honorable Mention David Thomas, 3rd grade

Madrona K-8 Librarian, Hazelynn Floyd, coordinated the essay-writing contest and the topic was "What is my Pledge to America." The winners of the contest went on to do very well in the District competition. Mark Kleinsasser took 2nd place in District while Marcus Johnson and Leasha McNary both took home 3rd place honors. Way to go!!!

## Les Bon Temp Rouler! *By Janice Davis-Niles*

It's time to kick up your heels and dance the night away!! St. Therese School joins this year with the St. Therese Committee on Fun to invite you to the annual Mardi Gras Bash—OK it's only the second one but we hope to make it annual. The festivities commence at 6:00pm on March 1 in the school social hall.

We will have great food, the first "Taste of St. Therese - Gumbo Cook-off and Corn Bread Bake-off." Live music will jazz up the evening, and a great wine bar will add a little pizzazz. We hope to raise some money for the school so we are asking for a donation of \$30 per family, or \$15 per individual. You will get some great food, great music, and a lot of fun in return!

Let us know soon if you can make it so we can make sure there is enough GUMBO for all!! RSVP to 325-2711.

## Madrona CDSA a Happy Place!!!

*By Jon Hughes, CDSA Board*

The Community Day School Association (CDSA) is a non-profit organization that has been providing pre-school and before- and after-school programs in Seattle for over 25 years. CDSA operates in six elementary schools, with pre-school programs for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 at Madrona K-8 and Leschi. CDSA works hard to provide tuition assistance to parents with need, and focuses on catering to students of all economic levels and backgrounds.

The Madrona CDSA has had a great year after returning to the newly remodeled Madrona K-8. Center Director, Esther Booker has been with CDSA for many years. The majority of the children in the before- and after-school program are Madrona K-8 students, however, the program also serves numerous students from St. Therese. The CDSA and Madrona K-8 teachers work together in various ways, such as the after-school Homework Club, to promote the education of the students.

The Madrona pre-school teachers have been with CDSA in some capacity for a decade. The pre-school has been using information from Madrona K-8 Literacy Coach Chris Robert as part of its kindergarten readiness program. The pre-school is focused on serving a diverse group of students and having an excellent kindergarten readiness curriculum.

Registration for summer programs, as well as the 2003/2004 school year, is on-going. For more information, call Madrona CDSA at 709-8887 or the CDSA main office at 726-7972.

## School Enrollment and PTSA Happenings

*By Jon Hughes, Madrona K-8 PTA*

February is always a busy month at the school. The central and south cluster kindergarten fair was held on February 1 at Mercer Middle School. "Team Madrona" was represented by the two kindergarten teachers, Ms. Adams and Ms. Cameron, K-5 Literacy Coach Chris Robert, Principal Rickie Malone, Asst. Principal Andhra Lutz, and several PTSA parents. Kindergarten tours continue throughout February every Thursday at 9:15a.m., no RSVP required. There will be no tour February 19 as the school will be on mid-winter break.

March is the enrollment period for middle schools and Madrona will continue the Thursday tours for those looking for middle school. Right now we have a very small middle school—only 150 students! Despite other schools being almost six to ten times larger, the Madrona boys basketball team went undefeated at home this year!

The PTSA has been very active in goal planning for next year. With the school district budget crisis, fundraising for the school is more important than ever. Currently, we are seeking contributions to help fund our foreign language and music programs for next year. Your help in enriching the students' educational experience is needed! General PTSA meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 in the school library. There will not be a meeting in March. Please contact me at 219-1441 for more information.

By Raul & Christine Mustelier

### Madrona School News

by Mary Myslewicz, Madrona K-8 Volunteer Coordinator

Our boy's basketball team pulled off an impressive win against Meany Middle School February 6 at our last home game. The girls also played well against Meany. Both teams qualified for the playoffs.

All Madrona 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are being tutored after-school twice a week for six weeks to help better prepare them for the WASL. The tutors are trained UW students who work with one or two students at a time.. This program was so successful last year with our 7th graders that we expanded it to include 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Other schools are looking to model their WASL preparation classes after our program.

The winter session of the middle school after-school activities program recently with many new classes. Students may choose from Web Design, Creative Writing, Painting, Spanish, Track, or Basketball. We are also starting a choir! The intermediate grades (3-5) can choose from Brazilian Dance or a Jacob Lawrence art workshop.

We celebrated Valentines Day with our annual sock hop on February 13. Thank you to all who helped decorate and make the event a success. There was food and oldies music—perfect to get all Madrona families up and dancing. What a great way to begin mid-winter break!!!!

### St. Therese School News *By Janice Davis-Niles*

The St. Therese School and Parish celebrated Catholic Schools Week and our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee the week of January 26. We hosted school alumni for our annual Open House and our first All-Alumni Reunion on Sunday, January 26. The alumni enjoyed the scrap-books featuring photos and memorabilia from each graduating class since 1929. Many trips down memory lane!

The rest of Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with a coffee hour for our Madrona friends and neighbors, Principal for a Day, a Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service and Luncheon, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Seventh grade student Kristin Jones was Principal for a Day on January 29. As “the woman in charge” Kristin treated the entire school to doughnuts and maple bars after lunch, extra recess, and a homework free day. Thank you, Kristin!

Congratulations to parent volunteer Tony Rosario, father of 4<sup>th</sup> grader J.J., and to community volunteer Tom Sifferman, who were both honored as our Volunteers of the Year at our Volunteer Prayer Service and Luncheon on January 30. Thank you Tony and “Mr. Tom” for everything you have done and continue to do for our children!

Catholic Schools Week also marked the blessing of the St. Therese Delegation led by Pastor Paul Magnano and Principal Eileen Gray that is traveling to our Sister School in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Next month we will share a full report of their adventure!

Voicestream Wireless (aka T-Mobile), which has been in the process of getting approval to place six 8-foot-high panel antennas on the façade of Madrona Presbyterian Church's steeple since last summer, has posted a Revised Notice of Application. The application requires, among other things, an Administrative Conditional Use permit to allow construction and operation of the facility in a single-family residential zone. Section 23.57.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code requires Voicestream to “minimize negative visual impacts on adjacent or nearby residential areas to the greatest extent possible.”

According to Voicestream's representative, Paul Wozniak, the antennas will be incorporated into the structure of the church steeple in accordance with plans and drawings shown at a neighborhood meeting last July. If the antennas are installed, the church will receive compensation that it will use to make much needed improvements and repairs to its aging building. You can reach Paul Wozniak at 793-1077. You can also query Christine Dickerson, pastor at Madrona Presbyterian, at 328-2704.

The initial comment period runs to February 26. You can submit comments on Project #2201422 to the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU) via fax at 233-7901, email at [prc@seattle.gov](mailto:prc@seattle.gov), or mail at DCLU, 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000, Seattle 98104-5070. For tips on the kinds of comments taken into consideration, check out [www.cityofseattle.net/dclu/publications/landusenotices.htm](http://www.cityofseattle.net/dclu/publications/landusenotices.htm)

The DCLU Public Planner assigned to this application is Carol Proud at 233-7197. Carol can put you on a mailing list for future developments. An additional resource is [www.seattlechannel.org/issues/celltower.htm](http://www.seattlechannel.org/issues/celltower.htm), which provides information on how Seattle's neighborhoods are coping with the influx of cell phone towers in single-family residential zones.

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