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Neighbors Forming Block Watches to Crush Crime

By Shelly Edwards, 30th Avenue South

The past couple months there have been many break-ins in the Madrona, Leschi, and Mt. Baker area. It seems like everyone knows someone who has had a car broken into, a window smashed and valuables snatched, or a bike or tools stolen from a yard or porch. It all happens so quickly that it's understandably difficult to catch whoever is perpetrating these crimes. No matter how small the crime or suspicious activity, you should call 911 and file a report. Police prioritize their resources based on demand and non-911 calls are not logged and tracked.

The police can't be everywhere so one of our best safeguards against being victimized is, as neighbors, to look out for each other. Most of us do this informally already, but taking the time to organize a Block Watch makes casual watchfulness more systematic and powerful. Block Watch is a national program that is based on the principle that, "Neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime."

Madrona belongs to the East Precinct of the Seattle Police Department, and their Crime Prevention Coordinator Officer Sonja Richter can help you start a Block Watch on your street. There are three main aspects to the program: 1) providing information about improving home security, 2) engraving ID numbers on your property and 3) promoting the concept of neighbors watching out for neighbors. This does not mean invading other people's privacy. It simply means being mindful of your surroundings and getting to know you neighbors well enough to identify someone who does not belong in the area.

Officer Richter can help you plan and then attend your first Block Watch general meeting. The police can share with you crime statistics from your block, and help create and distribute a block map with neighbors' names and telephone numbers in case of an emergency. Once kicked off, a Block Watch does not require that you attend a lot of meetings or do any extra work other than be more alert and aware when you walk to your car or close your curtains at night. Occasional maintenance will suffice unless there is a specific issue that requires a special meeting. Of course, not all meetings have to be dull and formal. The National Neighborhood Night Out, usually the first Tuesday evening in August is one fun way to stay in touch with the neighborhood—a key to Block Watch success—and have a great time.

Block Watch information as well as crime statistics are available on the SPD website at www.cityofseattle.net/police/prevention/Blockwatch/default.htm or from Officer Sonja Richter of the East Precinct at sonja.richter@seattle.gov or 684-7717.445

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson, 32nd Avenue

A special thank you to all who braved the snow to attend our January Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting. We had several spirited discussions!

I'd like to give a GREAT BIG thanks to Laura Yurdin, Mark Melroy, and Jon Hughes for agreeing to organize our February 7 Neighborhood & Madrona School Appreciation Day. Please mark your calendars for this great community event, which will be held at Madrona K-8 School

at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be provided, complements of Suzanne Sheppard and The Executive Conversation. Come and meet and thank the people who really make a difference in our community.

Mary Gallwey suggested we lay out a walking circuit around the neighborhood to encourage fitness. Maps could be posted in local businesses and the Playfield kiosk, and benches placed along the route to create a

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My Big Great Madrona K-8 Wedding

By The Madrona K-8 PTSA

What will be the biggest event of the year at Madrona K-8? Only one choice—the very romantic on-campus Valentine's Day wedding of Principal Rickie Malone and James McClinton. Ms. Malone, an educator for 34 years, has spent the majority of her life working with kids and so can't imagine a better wedding guests than the students and staff of Madrona K-8. The groom is completely supportive of taking his vows at the school.

But even a wedding can't take the educator out of Ms Malone. While all the kids at the school are WELCOME to attend her wedding, only those who read at home each night and submit three months of reading logs to their teacher will receive an invitation for themselves and one adult guest. Ms. Malone's passion is literacy and reading logs document Madrona's goal of every student reading 20-30 minutes each night, with parents responsible for monitoring.

The wedding caps off Ms Malone's extraordinary career of educating children in the Central Area. What better way to demonstrate her passion for kids and education than surrounding herself with successful students on her very special day. Congratulations to James and Rickie!

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wonderful place for us all to enjoy. This certainly sounds like something we should do! If you'd like to work with Mary, contact her at gallwey@earthlink.net.

Suzanne Sheppard has agreed to explore various ideas for sprucing up our business district. Possibilities being considered are hanging planters, banners, and lights. If you have any suggestions or want to help, contact Suzanne at suzanne@conversation.com.

Richard Silverstein raised the idea of creating a Madrona Historical District and Suzanne Edison updated us on the recent rash of neighborhood daylight burglaries. We will explore both of these topics further at our February meeting when a representative from the Seattle Historical Preservation office will provide details on how to start a historical district, and Sonja Richter from the Police East Precinct will discuss how to start a Block Watch and other ways to protect your home. In the meantime a few crime-fighting tips are:

- Engrave your property with your Washington driver license number. Post Operation I.D. decals on windows and doors. Make a home inventory.
- Lock your doors and windows whenever you leave home, even if it's just for a short time.
- Update security by installing deadbolt locks on exterior doors and additional locks on vulnerable windows.
- Use electric timers on lamps and radios.
- Light up the front and back entryways at night, whether you are home or not!
- Be sure your house address is visible from the street.
- Keep tools and ladders in a locked storage shed or garage.
- Have a trusted neighbor keep a duplicate house key. Do not hide it on the front or back porch.

Plan to attend our next MCC meeting at 7:15 on February 3 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34th Avenue and East Spring Street.

CORRECTIONS

Senator Adam Kline REALLY does want to hear from you. Please use this corrected email to send him your thoughts—kline_ad@leg.wa.gov.

Arts Corps on 34th has been in Madrona FOUR years, not just two.

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MCC Treasurer's 2003 Report

By Steve Orser, 33rd Avenue

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) ended 2003 with total assets of \$14,106, about \$2,800 more than we started the year. That is in large part due to several extremely generous donations from Judy Honican and Coldwell Banker Bain, and Nathan Goderstad and Qwest, who we are due special thanks. The total does not include \$1,782 slated for the Madrona Woods project, which raised and spent almost \$8,000 this past year. Appreciation also goes to other contributors who gave generously to the MCC during the year: Pamela Charles Brown, Kevin Cottongim, Alice Cunningham, Cynthia Porter, Frank & Anita Rowe, and E.A. & K.A. Zickler.

The MCC raises and uses its funds to print and deliver *The Madrona News*, and fund annual neighborhood events such as Neighbor Appreciation Day, the spring garage sale, Mayfair, the summer BBQ, the Home & Garden Tour, and the children's Halloween party. Funds also cover other MCC expenses, including the Shelter House.

The MCC has also provided grants to on-going neighborhood projects. In 2003, The Friends of Madrona Playfield received \$3000 to complete the shelterhouse renovation. This year we are again in the happy position of being able to help support good work being done in Madrona. If you have ideas, suggestions or comments on projects the MCC could support, please forward them to me at steve.orser@quadrantcorp.com or MCC President Bill Hanson at hansonwillim@msm.com. This will also be a topic at the February 3 MCC meeting. As always, everyone is encouraged to attend these community meetings, which are held at the shelterhouse on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15.

Vanderspek paste-up

Madrona Appreciation Day

This year, the Madrona neighborhood and Madrona K-8 are joining forces to celebrate Neighborhood Appreciation Day at 10:00 on February 7 in the Madrona K-8 library. Awards will go out to three winners from the neighborhood and three from Madrona School.

Please join us for the ceremony to celebrate those people that really have made our community so strong. For more information contact Laura Yurdin at lyurdin@pointb.com, Mark Melroy at mmelroy@yahoo.com, or Jon Hughes at jon@hugheslaw.net.

Seeking Women of Power and Compassion

By Jennifer Martin, East Cherry YWCA

The YWCA Leaders in Progress (LIP) is a unique program that encourages low-income teen women to realize their personal goals and become self-determined individuals. Currently we are recruiting life-experienced women to participate as mentors for the 2004/05 class of LIP, which will begin in June.

The LIP program creates a community forged between girls and their adult volunteer mentors, and the core program is the monthly daylong Challenge Day. Each Challenge revolves around a distinct theme, for example, "Women & Money" or "Creativity". The coaching relationships help girls expand their horizons, learn life-skills and make empowering choices in education and careers. Paid summer internships in professional environments cap off this one-year cycle, giving young women a chance to earn money while increasing skills and self-confidence, and laying the foundation for a successful future.

Mentors must be at least 22 years of age and enjoy working with teens. The hours of commitment vary depending on the activities that the mentor and girl choose, but average about 15 hours a month. There is a considerable amount of driving required to transport girls to and from activities so a car and valid insurance are required. For information on orientation dates, call 461-4443 or e-mail lip@ywcaworks.org.

Environment paste-up

Susan Goedde paste-up

Environmental Education in Madrona Woods

Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

It's been a fickle fall and winter for keeping to a schedule with the students from St. Therese and Epiphany who are an integral part of our restoration effort. We've been rained out several times, and the New Year's freeze pushed our early planting back a bit. But by the holiday break, the plots were cleared, and the students had ordered native plants based on what's missing in their spots and what they think would look nice. By the time you read this, a good number of the plants should be in the ground and mulched for protection.

Games to help the students learn about the forest and its inhabitants have always been a part of our environmental education program, especially in the spring after the planting and mulching are finished. This year both schools will be participating in *Forest Survival*, a game designed to teach how native peoples used the forest for their survival. Each class is organized as a village and broken down into small "family" groups, with each family responsible for one of the essentials: food, clothing, shelter, tools, medicine, household items and art & ceremony. The students go out once each season to "gather" (by identifying and getting a card) the plants they need to meet their responsibility. At the end of the year the groups trade to get essentials gathered by others. The first "gathering" session was held in September, before the plants lost their leaves, and the second is scheduled for February, when identification will be based on different characteristics.

We continue our work parties from 10:00 to 2:00 most third Saturdays of the month; we meet at the 38th and Marion entrance. For more information or to comment about the Spring Street Stream Daylighting Project, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468. To get on our e-mail list to receive notices of work parties and other activities, send your e-mail address to Patrick at shadydogs@msn.com. For more information on any of the above, watch the kiosks for announcements or contact me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com or call Ann Bucher at 323-8325.

Church Renovation is Reconciliation

By Sara Levant, Madrona Presbyterian

There will be no Sunday services at Madrona Presbyterian Church on February 1 or 8—but there will be plenty of activity. Major renovation will be taking place inside and outside the church as building-trade professionals volunteer their time to make urgently-needed repairs and restoration.

The work is coordinated by members of Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. It's part of its recognition and reconciliation that the seed money used to build the Mercer Island Church 50 years ago was originally intended to help Grace Church members. Back then, when Grace church's African-American members were forced to join the then all-white Madrona Church, many of the Madrona members left the congregation and the church fell on hard times.

A much shortened list of renovations includes moving a wall, rebuilding stairs, replacing carpets, reorganizing the kitchen and washrooms, painting the entire interior, making major changes to the sanctuary, rewiring and repairing lighting, supplying the latest kitchen equipment, and improving the exterior. Madrona Church members will do what they can to support the professionals—run errands, sweep, serve food etc. February 1 and 8 will be at 10:30 at Mercer Island Presbyterian. Church members will provide transportation from Madrona. Call 232-5595 for more information.

Neighborhood Congrats

Madrona people being recognized for doing amazing thing. Kudos to:

- **Mary Bass** on her election as School Board president.
- Madrona businesses **Jody Hall & Kim Thomas** of Verite Coffee, **Mike Walker** of the Hi-Spot, **Suzanne Sheppard & Theresa Carlson** of décor, and **Marty Liebowitz** builder of Bowling Green, for singing the praises of Madrona in the Business section of the *Seattle PI*.
- Madrona K-8 Principal **Rickie Malone** on the *South Seattle Star* story highlighting the accomplishments and challenges of her school as it seeks to Leave No Child Behind.
- **Madrona K-8 Students** who collected, cleaned, and polished more than 170 pairs of **Shoes for the Homeless**, which were distributed during the holiday season by ROAR, aka Referrals, Opportunities, Advocacy, and Resources, a non-profit that assists the homeless.
- The dancers and artists of **Spectrum Dance Theater** at Madrona Dance Studio for their benefit performance of The Nutcracker, with proceeds going to support the Gift of Dance Scholarship Fund, and the front page story about their good work in *The Facts*.
- **Vérité Coffee** for bringing great coffee and free Wi-Fi access to Madrona just in time for customers like Madrona's **Jennifer Wells**, and **Emily Rima** of Madison Park who the *Seattle Times* found plugged in and plugging away during our January snow days.
- **Pastor Pat Wright** who celebrated her 60th birthday with a bash/celebration/benefit fundraiser, with ALL proceeds donated to the UJIMA Family Community Services, the only African-American Adoption/Fostering Service in Washington.

No Bored Kids this Summer

By Marilyn Ferguson-Wolf, The Bush School

The Bush School's 9th annual Summer Opportunities Showcase, a free public service offered to the families of Seattle, will be held February 10 from 6:30 to 9:00pm at the Bush campus, 3400 E. Harrison St. Although this "camp fair" highlights summer activities geared toward kids 11 to 19, there will also be lots of information on programs for children 7 to 10. 50 exhibitors will be on hand with information on a huge variety of summer program, and all kids will certainly find something to look forward to enjoying this summer. Consider:

TRAVEL

- Explore Antarctica or the San Juans
- Work on a farm in Greece or learn Spanish in Mexico
- Assist with research on koalas in Australia or study butterflies in Costa Rica

ADVENTURE

- Kayak on Lake Union or go rafting in the Grand Canyon
- Rock climb on a wall or on a mountain
- Sail a schooner or explore a tidal pool
- Scuba dive in the Caribbean or hike the Rockies

VOLUNTEER

- Staff a teen helpline or bag food at a food bank
- Be a tutor or help build a trail
- Help at the Red Cross or at a hospital

LEARN

- Study French in Paris or the SAT in Seattle.
- Assist a Veterinarian or study computers.

WORK

- Be a camp counselor or share your sports skills

For more information about the Summer Opportunities Showcase or directions to The Bush School call Susan Holliday at 523-6809 or contact the school at 322-7978, www.bush.edu.



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If you are “of a certain age” and looking for something fun and different to do, considering checking out the upcoming inexpensive arts and crafts classes offered at the Garfield Community Center. Idle hands are the devil’s workshop so fill them with something creative and fun. Call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register.

- January 22—5 Wishes: Take the time to write down your last wishes, cherished memories, and long term care preferences for those who love you.
- February 3—Chocolate Truffles: Learn to make these decadent treats.
- February 5—Art Broach: Turn old jewelry into an artful broach to wear and love.
- February 12—Bob’s Fish: Use stamping, watercolor and embossing to create beautiful fish prints.
- February 19—Felting: Construct a potholder using this age-old technique.

Susan Stocking
paste-up

Judy Honican
Paste-up

Martin Luther King Observance

By Mary Elayne Dunphy, St. Therese Church Secretary

Madrona Presbyterian Church hosts the annual neighborhood ecumenical observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., January 18 at 3:00. The event is co-sponsored by St. Therese Church, Epiphany Church and the fellowship of Park Shore Retirement Community. The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, New Testament Scholar at Princeton and author of [Go Preach! Mark’s Kingdom Message and the Black Church Today](#). To honor Dr. King, the collective will share this prayer.

- Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness, and fear. May his struggle for social transformation continue to this generation.
- Dr. King pursued his dream for racial equality by appealing to the conscience of his enemies. May we continue to eradicate all injustice and inequalities in Seattle, in our nation, and in the world.
- Dr. King said that war is never a victory, regardless of the outcome. May there soon be peace in the world and in our hearts, we especially pray for peace in Iraq.
- Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land; and he reassured us that we will get there one day. We pray God will be with us on the journey, and with those who mourn the loss of friends and family.

Powell Barnett Legacy Project Seeks Input

By Truman Buffet, Cherry St. Association

A new volunteer effort is underway to improve Powell Barnett park, the 4.5 acre park on MLK Way. The Powell Barnett Legacy Project, headed by Maisha Barnett, is working with Seattle Parks & Recreation and the Leschi Community Council. Its goal is to make the park a safer and more inviting destination.

After receiving proposals from more than a dozen eager landscape architecture firms, the group chose S B & Associates to create a schematic design for the redesign of the park. The firm has created a survey to learn more about what residents want changed (or not) within the park. They are holding public workshops to first establish design criteria, and later collect comments on design concepts. The first workshop is scheduled for 7:00 on January 20 at the Central Area Senior Center in Leschi. Workshops are also planned for February and March. To find out more about the Powell Barnett Legacy Project, future public meetings, or to download a survey go to <http://homepage.mac.com/mindset/powellbarnett> or call Maisha Barnett at 721-6312.

Jennifer Sargent
Paste-up

“...A Sight as Lovely as a Tree”

By Janet Walsh-Helton, East Schubert Place

Everywhere I step in my house, some small object seems to get imbedded in my foot. My 3-year old son and 6-year old daughter walk through a room scattering toys like Hansel and Gretel's breadcrumbs. I keep hurting my feet because I'm not looking where I'm going. I'm looking at our Christmas tree. I'm worried about its health; it has stopped drinking water.

“Just one more day,” I plead with it. “You're sooo pretty!” I flatter it. I remove the heaviest ornaments, lightening its load. For a few days it worked, but now the branches look like they're melting. The tree is giving up, and I have to face the inevitable end of Christmastime.

What is it that sings within us when we search among so many potential Christmas trees, and find The One? Is it a song of where we've been, where we are, or where we're going? It is all of that. Christmas trees are gifts we give ourselves. We wrap them with lights and responsibilities, hanging our memories on them. As our children get older and realize that ornaments are supposed to stay on the tree, we make new memories with them.

Our kids decorate the lower half of the tree with their hand-made ornaments and other non-breakables. They are excited to pull last year's favorites out of the ornament box and introduce them to this year's new favorites. The upper half of the tree, beginning a few inches beyond my son's reach, is all mine. Here inexpensive glass objects become movable art pieces, dancing on their tiny wires.

The greatest excitement in our house is generated by the ceremonial placing of the tree topper: a fuzzy, 3-inch Felix the Cat. He was the lone decoration on my first college “Charlie Brown” tree, and has hung in with me all these years since. Felix, who is not truly an ornament, has two tiny paws that close with a terrific grip. Each year our tree must have one strange branch that shoots up from the top, askew, for Felix. He clings to his branch, above the lights, the world of ornaments below, and smiles.

Felix doesn't have sleep deprivation, job worries, health and safety issues. My Felix knows only Christmas, and that's as it should be. Every year he reminds me that we all have a magic bag of gifts within ourselves that we can reach into when we're challenged by life. Resourcefulness, knowledge, strength, humor, appreciation, love—even our theme song—it's all in there for the asking.

I wish you peace in this New Year, with much love and laughter!

The Madrona Moms group has grown to 180 members, and now includes families from Mt. Baker, Leschi, Madison Park, and Capitol Hill—all are welcome! We share information on child-rearing, community activities, and services via email. While we have grown too large to offer “open house” gatherings during the winter, we do have several playgroups for younger children. For more information, write to me at planet58@qwest.net.



Councilman Conlin Cruises Colorful Madrona on Cable

by Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

The true TV-aholic may have happened upon a December 18 program on the Seattle Channel that featured Councilmember Richard Conlin touring his Madrona neighborhood and talking about current issues. The rest of us, Conlin fans or not, can checkout this cool virtual neighborhood tour on the web at www2.cityofseattle.net/media/DispVideoListCC_SC.asp

The first five minutes of the program show Richard walking through Madrona and talking to an interviewer about recent changes in the neighborhood. As he ambles down 34th, sharing stories about “downtown Madrona”, a variety of store fronts including Dulce's, Fetch, The Hi-Spot, Wilridge Winery, and Madrona Auto flash across the screen.

From Madrona Playfield, he describes the grass roots efforts that led to its revitalization, and also points to the renovated Madrona K-8 and the new multi-use Bowling Green building as examples of healthy neighborhood growth. Eventually the piece moves into the studio and becomes a more standard interview, with Richard sharing his views on current topics from urban grown to public transportation.

The Seattle Channel, channel 21/28, is a public service of the City of Seattle created to inform citizens about their government and cable-cast government television programs. Programming and scheduling decisions are non-partisan, equitable, and determined on content.

Welcome, Little Ones

Congrats to Madrona families on these recent additions.

- ♥ **Maddalena Sarah-Eve Dowler**, born May 10 to Tony & Farida Dowler.
- ♥ **Benjamin Platt**, born July 23 at a weight of 7 lbs, 6 oz to Carilyn & Josh Platt, who recently settled in Madrona from Chicago.
- ♥ **Lucy Bluestone Gilbertsen**, born October 23 at 4:26 am and weighing in at a whopping 5 lbs 10 oz to happy parents Hira Bluestone & Todd Gilbertsen.
- ♥ **Ciara Hanson Drum**, born November 26 at the weight of 6 lbs 10 oz to Christi Hanson & David Drum, and Big Sister Fiona age 3.

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Coloring Outside the Lines with Cooper

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

What's in an artist's name? Michelangelo sounds heavenly and fine, Joan Miro whimsical and Gauguin exotic. When I first heard that an artist named Cooper Lanza was opening a studio in Madrona, I wasn't even sure if the owner was male or female. When paintings of dreamy nudes and gauzy flowers appeared in the studio windows I came to expect a woman. When we finally met, I realized that the name Cooper Lanza fits this 40-something classically trained artist and ruggedly free spirit perfectly. She is herself.

*Picture
paste-up*

Cooper took to colors and design early. She started painting at age seven and never really considered doing anything else. She studied art in Chicago and spent seven years living the true artist's life supporting herself—just barely—as a painter in Paris. When she came back across the pond she followed her creative nose wherever it led her—New York, Oregon, New Mexico, and finally Seattle.

After living and working on the east side for six years, Cooper decided that she and her 'tween daughter needed a more interesting and urban setting and found her way to Madrona. For awhile she made the reverse commute back to Kirkland to serve her growing client base. She painted murals in bars and restaurants, faux finished many living rooms for many adoring clients, and helped decorate a house on the Street of Dreams. When she saw the new Bowling Green building going up just a few blocks from her home, she decided to swivel her focus west and opened her studio at 34th and Marion.

Immediately she hit it off with her new Bowling Green neighbor, Jody Hall of Verite Coffee, and set to work creating a comfortable soothing atmosphere for the new café. When the café opened, visitors were treated not only to Cooper's watery walls and tough-but-tender table tops, but also to her playful paintings of muted landscapes and dreamy full-bodied women. Her mural "The Last Cupcake" is a delightful twist on a familiar scene and makes a dash to the bathroom worth the trip.

Already Cooper is developing a following in Madrona. Her clients turn her loose on their walls and floors and use her spirit to fill their homes with light and color. Several homes in Madrona have already felt the touch of her fixed surface work, lively trompe l'oeil paintings and custom portraits. While much of her work is "hidden" in private homes, her store front studio displays the variety and character of her art.

Some of the decorative techniques Cooper uses are easily shared with others, while some require years of practice to truly master. In February, she will offer Saturday classes in painting floor clothes, basic French washes, basic trompe l'oeil, portraits, and linoleum block printing. For more information about Cooper and her art visit www.cooperlanza.com. For class details and to register, call her at 271-7228 or, better yet, stop by the studio at 1105 34th and see what Cooper Lanza is all about.

Arts Corps First: TWO Fall Shows!

By John Abodeely, Arts Corps, 1423 34th Avenue

Arts Corps is a non-profit located right in Madrona that hosts free arts education classes for low-income kids throughout King County. They then track their success by measuring youth development outcomes such as increased self-confidence and communications skills. Each year, the Arts Corps Showcases exhibit the kids' artwork and give them a chance to perform their original work for the public. Recently, Arts Corps doubled the fun by packing the weekend of November 15 with two shows before 600 guests.

The Hip Hop All City Tech-Knowledge Showcase was enjoyed by a sell-out crowd of 300. Those lucky enough to get in witnessed 50 some teens from every corner of Seattle perform original hip-hop and spoken word, and strut the catwalk. There was dancing in the aisles, folks! Special props go out to the video production students from Garfield Teen Life Center for taping and projecting the entire event live.

The Arts Corps Short Cuts Showcase featured elementary and middle school students and the audience cheered in support of these talented drummers, dancers, actors, and musicians. Arts Corps' amazing teaching artists came out to lead their students in an explosion of creative fearlessness. 500 original works of visual art testified to the creative potential and recent success of our young artists.

Arts Corps can always use your help, donations, or participation. Go to www.artscorps.org or call 329-4442 to find out more.

Learning in South Africa

By Sara Levant, Madrona Presbyterian

As this newsletter hits the mail, Madrona Presbyterian Church Pastor Flora Bridges and two members of the congregation are returning from two weeks in South Africa. They were part of a 16-member delegation that met with church and government leaders to learn their techniques for dealing with racism. The local group, sponsored by the Seattle Presbytery, was part of a major effort by the Presbyterian Church USA to fight racism throughout the U.S. and within its own churches.

The group met with experts on AIDS and AIDS orphans, and visited Black churches, which are the poorest in South Africa. The Americans learned the processes of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and each member of the visiting delegation is committed to follow-up projects back home in Seattle.

*Amanda Sargent
paste-up*

Neighborhood School News

Art & Flowers at Madrona K-8

By Shelley Huestis, 31st Avenue

Thanks to the generous donations of neighbors and friends, the Madrona K-8 arts program is kicking into high gear as we start 2004. This new in-school program offers students a variety of artistic endeavors in addition to those funded through the school's regular budget and provided in their regular art class.

In December, after reading the story in class, Madrona students enjoyed an in-school Seattle Rep/Book-It performance of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Students met the actors to ask questions about the performance and the world of theater. This was such a hit that another school-wide performance is planned for spring.

In February, Madrona neighbor Mollia Jenson and her colleague Gillian Jorgenson, both teachers at The Seattle Children's Theatre, will begin new drama classes. All students will participate in the classes and then those who are interested will meet after school to practice and then perform a play at the end of the year. Everyone will be invited so stay tuned for details.

When the weather warms up a bit, students will transform the barren space on the south side of the school to a magical area called the Children's Learning Garden. Pre-school, First and Second grade classes will each have their own plots of earth that the students will plant and tend as part of their Science learning goals. All Madrona students will design, kiln, and paint a tile to decorate the Learning Garden's low wall. By the end of the semester, we will have an enchanted space that will grow more beautiful year after year!

If you'd like to help with the Learning Garden or the new drama program, or if you have arts ideas or supplies to share, contact Arts Committee Chair Kathi Webster at kathiwebster@cablespeed.com or 709-4338.

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Kindergarten & Middle School

Enrollment Begins *By The Madrona K-8 PTSA*

Seattle Public Schools enrollment for kindergarten and middle school students runs January 15 through February 28. Madrona K-8 is offering school tours for all 2004/2005 potential students and their parents on Thursday mornings at 9:30a.m. No RSVP required; just come to the office.

Madrona K-8 staff members have visited many churches and pre-schools in the Central Area to make sure that potential kindergarten parents are informed about this great neighborhood school. The all-city kindergarten fair will be January 3 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Stanford Center, 2445 3rd Avenue South. Parents can get information about various kindergarten programs and enroll their students at the fair. Madrona expects another waiting list for kindergarten this year and wants parents to know about the importance of enrollment deadlines and procedures.

The small middle school at Madrona K-8 is a very attractive option and some secondary students have transferred in to take advantage of it. Fortunately, for kids already at Madrona K-8, the transition from fifth grade to middle school is effortless. The fifth grade students already know all the teachers and are comfortable in the building. There will be limited space for middle school students transferring in so if your fifth grader is interested in Madrona, it is imperative that you meet enrollment deadlines and follow procedures.

While it's not difficult to register your child in the Seattle Public Schools, it can be confusing if you're not prepared. You can get more information about enrollment requirements at www.seattleschools.org and at the Madrona K-8 web site www.seattleschools.org/schools/madrona. In a nutshell, you need to understand that:

- Your child receives assignment priority when you choose your "reference area" school.
- On-time enrollment for all grades is January 15 to February 28.
- School assignments are mailed to parents at the end of March
- Two forms of address verification (telephone, utility, cable bills, insurance, mortgage or lease, court or other documents from public agencies) are required to register your child.
- Proof of current immunizations is also required.

For more information about Madrona K-8, contact the Parent Volunteer Coordinator Mary Myslewicz at 252-3102 or the Madrona PTSA at 252-3108.

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Design & Conquer Color Your World!

By Grace Schlitt Lenz AIA, Madrona Design Build

One of my favorite phases of a design project is choosing interior and exterior paint colors. Paint can have the most dramatic impact upon your home for the least amount of money. I love color and for our Northwest climate, especially on a day like today (gloomy and 42 degrees), sitting in my marigold colored desk nook is delightful!

Think of colors in terms of being warm or cool. As a general rule, warm colors make rooms feel cozy, alive and vibrant while cool colors create a calmer, more meditative state. But for every rule with color there is an exception; paint a room electric blue and watch it come alive, or paint it pale soothing pink and feel your blood pressure drop.

Not everyone wants to paint their rooms yellow, blue, or pink. This is where it gets fun! Some of the richest colors are categorized as neutrals, such as brown, grey and tan. Architecturally, using neutrals can enhance a building or room by crisply setting off a painting or treasured object. Mixing opposite colors on the color wheel creates some great neutrals. For example, mixing red and green results in a fabulous warm, earthy red color if you lean toward the red, or a deep forest green if you add more green. Mix both in equal parts and you get a lovely warm grey as rich as a double-tall latte and a perfect backdrop for a colorful sofa! Lighten that warm grey with white and you have a delicious cream, perfect for trim. Add some accents—a cool shade to play off the warm/cool notion or a bright color to pick up the warmth in the grey—and you start to create visual layers.

You do not have to mix your own paints, but knowing these colors are created will help you when you're standing in front of the paint chip display. You might even look at the greys and browns with a bit more interest, especially if you're thinking of highlighting that painting of poppies in your living room. As you work out your paint colors, try quart sample cans before investing in the many gallons needed for your project. Although this might seem expensive it will save you time and money in the process of selecting the right color. The samples that aren't quite right can be used to paint less visible areas like closets and utility rooms. Even those spaces deserve color.

Grace and her husband Brian Lenz are the owners of Madrona Design Build. They can be reached at 726-1186 or madronadesign@comcast.net

Winter Toddler Spanish Starting

The toddler years is a great time for children to be exposed to a second language. Early exposure allows kids to experience an environment that will facilitate language acquisition as they get older. Madrona Mom Catherine Rigor-Hammond offers you and your child an exciting opportunity to get acquainted with Spanish in the winter session of her Toddler Spanish Classes, which start January 21 at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse.

Studies show that children exposed to other languages at an early age acquire them more easily, even after a long break in their exposure. A positive experience singing and playing while listening and speaking makes this class a fun time for both parents and toddlers. For information on days, times and enrollment, contact Catherine at catherine@globallanguageclasses.com or 726-2002.

Coyote In Winter

Coyote (formerly Coyote Jr High) is back again with another slate of great classes for Winter 2004. Coyote's talented professionals conduct hands-on workshops for 5th to 9th graders in professional workspaces throughout the city, from the Central Area and Capitol Hill to Madrona, University District, and Madison Park. Coyote participants are challenged to create, problem solve, and discover their intellectual and artistic talents. Most Saturday classes begin on January 24. First come, first served; register early!

- Paint with a Professional in Whole New Ways (held at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse)
- Wire Sculpture for Serious Artists! (held at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse)
- Fiction Writing
- Learn to Debate: Be a Lawyer for a Trial!
- Acting & Improvisation
- Ceramic Sculpture
- Science Experimenting
- Desserts! Desserts! Desserts!
- Cartoon Animation
- Live Recording in the Studio
- Hats for Sure & Jewelry Too
- Swing Dance for Beginners & Advanced!
- Photography
- Hip Hop Dance with a Latin infusion!
- Cartoon Drawing & Tee Shirt Design
- Cooking with a Professional
- Magic

Winter session runs through April 3. Visit info@coyotejuniorhigh.org or call 323-7276 for more info or to register.

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Cinema Diaspora presents *“Uniting Communities”*
By *Stephanie Cholmondeley, Cinema Diaspora*

Cinema has the power to bring truth—truth of reality and the truth of community to reach out and connect us as one to one another globally. Cinema Diaspora has a commitment to the truth. To know that what effects one of us effects us all. Our soul cinema knows two things. That we refuse to ignore less visible and needier humanitarian crises in favor of highly politicized media events.

True to itself, Cinema Diaspora presents *“Uniting Communities”* film screenings and events at Central Cinema, 1411 21st Avenue. The 4:00 January 17 matinee is “Shouting Silent” and “Nazrah” shows at 7:00pm. On January 18, “Nazrah” screens at 4:00 and Shouting Silent” at 7:00.

SHOUTING SILENT (Renee Rosen & Xoliswa Sithole, S. Africa 2002): This award-winning documentary explores the South African HIV/AIDS epidemic through the eyes of Xoliswa Sithole, an adult orphan who lost her mother to HIV/AIDS in 1996.

NAZRAH, A MUSLIM WOMAN’S PERSPECTIVE (Farah Nousheen, USA 2003): Muslim women are often spoken about but rarely do they speak for themselves. This local production changes that by allowing 12 Muslim women from different backgrounds, professions, and generations speak on many aspects of their lives including faith, family, ethnicity/culture, marriage, careers, and feminism. Most of the women reside in the area, and the film also features the Central District area Islamic School of Seattle. Members of crew and women featured in the film will be present for the screening. Farah Nousheen and local filmmaker Malik Isasis, will hold a panel discussion after the film.

Tickets are \$7 (members, students and seniors \$5) at www.cinemadiaspora.com or 860-7764; food donations receive discount of \$5.00. Central Cinema is located at 1411 21st Avenue, at 21st & Union. Go to www.central-cinema.com to see how this raw industrial space and art studio is being transformed into a full-service independent movie theater.

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Theatrical Fundraiser for GV

Madrona-based Global Visionaries and the Seattle REP Theatre invite you to a special benefit performance of *“Living Out”* by Lisa Loomer and directed by Leschi’s Sharon Ott. This matinee fundraiser on January 24 at 2:30pm includes a post-play reception and discussion with special guests at an exceptional price of \$17.00 a person (a value of 35.00). All proceeds benefit Global Visionaries, thanks to this generous partnership with the Seattle REP Theatre.

In *“Living Out,”* Ana, an undocumented Salvadoran immigrant with children of her own, takes a job as a nanny to the newborn child of harried entertainment lawyer Nancy. This hilarious and heart-wrenching play looks at both sides of the very contemporary issue of who cares for your children while you’re out making a living.

Get your tickets at the Global Visionaries office at 1130 34th Avenue. For more info, call 266-9820 or visit www.global-visionaries.org.

Another Mailing Option Reopens

Did you know that the Post Office in Madison Park is open once again? It is located inside the Pharmaca at 4230 E Madision. While this substation can’t handle large or exotic mailings, it’s a great option for sending off simple letters and packages. The Post Office is open weekdays from 9:00am to 6:pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 to 2:00. They don’t accept credit cards and will only take three large or five small boxes from any one customer. Plan now for easier mailing NEXT Christmas!

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Community Bulletin Board

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

- MON & 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
- THURSDAYS 9:30 KINDERGARTEN TOURS—Madrona K-8 School, Mary Myslewicz 252-3102
- 9:30 SENIOR WALK: SOUND STEPS—Open to walkers age 50+ Garfield Community Center, call 233-7255 for weekly walk location
- 7:30pm AA/ALANON MEETING—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 324-2573
- 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

- Jan 18 3:00 ECUMENICAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE—with Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, Madrona Presbyterian 832 32nd Ave., Sara Levant 329-8851
- Jan 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY—Seattle Public Schools closed
 - 9:30am MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION—workshops, rally and noon march starting at Garfield High School, for info call CAMP at 812-4940
 - 6:00pm TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.—Total Experience Gospel Choir, Seattle Center House
- Jan 20 7:00 POWELL BARNETT LEGACY PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING—Central Area Senior Center, Maisha Barnett 721-6312
- Jan 21 9-1pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
 - SPANISH FOR TODDLERS— Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Catherine Rigor-Hammond catherine@globallanguageclasses.com or 726-2002
- Jan 22 1:00-2:30 SENIOR CLASS: FIVE WISHES—Garfield Community Center, Call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
- Jan 23 8:15am-5:45pm SENIOR TRIP: THREE TACOMA MUSEUMS—Transportation provided from Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register (\$7.50)
- Jan 27 9:45 SENIOR WALK: EXPLORE A SEATTLE PARK—Transportation provided from Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
- Jan 30 10:15am-4:45pm SENIOR TRIP: SHOPPING & LUNCH AT IKEA—Transportation provided from Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register (\$6.50)
- Jan 31 9-1pm SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN FAIR— Stanford Center, 2445 3rd Avenue South www.seattleschools.org
- Feb 1 NO SERVICES; MAJOR RENOVATIONS—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 10:30 services moved to Mercer Island Presbyterian and transportation from Madrona provided, 232-5595
- Feb 3 10:30am-12:30pm SENIOR CLASS: CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES—Garfield Community Center, Call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
 - 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450

- Feb 5 12:30-2:30 SENIOR CLASS: ART JEWELRY BROACH—Garfield Community Center, Call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
- Feb 6 3:15am-8:15pm SENIOR TRIP: MYSTERY DINNER TRIP—Transportation provided from Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register (\$20)
- Feb 7 10:00 MADRONA NEIGHBORHOOD & SCHOOL APPRECIATION DAY— Madrona K-8 School, Jon Hughes 219-1441
 - 7:00 BINGO (for adults only)—St. Therese School, \$10 to buy in, \$5 for add-ons and \$3 for special games; social hour at 6:00, Lou or Marcellina 725-4859
- Feb 8 NO SERVICES; MAJOR RENOVATIONS—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 10:30 services moved to Mercer Island Presbyterian and transportation from Madrona provided, 232-5595
 - 3:30-5:30 FAMILY CONTRA DANCE— Mount Baker Community Club, music and calling especially for kids 3-7, \$5 per person or \$15 per family, Mount Baker Preschool Tiffany Larscheid 709-9546

- Feb 10 9:45 SENIOR WALK: EXPLORE A SEATTLE PARK—Transportation provided from Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
 - SUMMER OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE—Summer camp & adventure fair, The Bush School 3400 E Harrison St, Susan Holliday 523-6809 or the school at www.bush.edu, 322-7978
- Feb 11 6:30pm MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING—School library, Jon Hughes 219-1441
- Feb 12 12:30-2:30 SENIOR CLASS: BOB'S FISH PRINTS—Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register
- Feb 18 9-1pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- Feb 19 12:30-2:30 SENIOR CLASS: OLD-FASHIONED FELTING—Garfield Community Center, call Clo Bakari or Cheryl Brown at 233-7255 to register

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