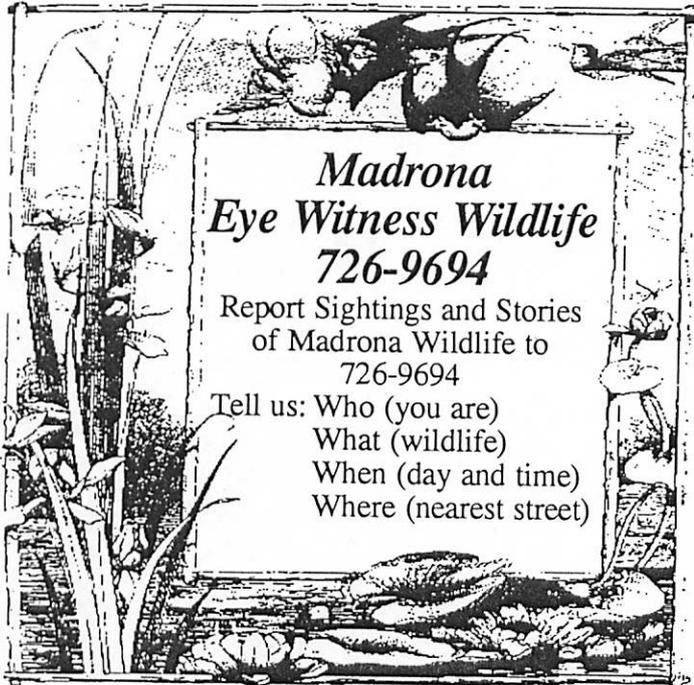


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Eye Witness Wildlife

by Zorah (Zoe-ray) Hahji-Agha and Mike Gordon

Zorreh Hadji-Agha, Madrona resident, is waiting for the #2 bus at Denny Blaine Pond one early spring morning, as two doves floated down to the water's edge. The mist was rising off the surface as the pale sun streamed through the fog. It was breath-taking as the pair of morning doves took their morning bath, sending water spray that reflected the morning light. The doves cooed in chorus oblivious to the increasing traffic and passers-by.

Start a conversation about local wildlife with your Madrona neighbors and you are sure to hear stories like this. A bald eagle was mistaken for a man in a tree near 37th and Marion. A peregrine falcon was spotted perched on a rooftop this winter. A mother possum was killed in January crossing Madrona at Pine.

Each month we would like to fill this space with eye witness wildlife sighting reports and stories about Madrona wildlife. So we ask you to cut out the "card" above, keep your eyes peeled and call in your sightings. Encourage your kids to do the same.

What counts, you ask? Anything you believe deserves monitoring, perhaps because, like crows, they are displacing other species, or perhaps because they are rare or disappearing. What you report, we'll record — though not all sightings will make the newsletter each month. In the wake of Seattle's rapid growth we want to document the diversity of wildlife that has acclimated to urban living. We want our children to recognize and care about wildlife, we want to see the fruits of the Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary program, we want more hummingbirds, we want posterity to know.

Madrona Sally Goldmark Library 20th Anniversary Celebration

Please join your neighbors and the library staff on Saturday, March 20 from 1pm to 6pm, as we celebrate the library's twenty years of service to the community. Events will include a magic show at 1:30, dedication of the Madrona Authors' Shelf at 3:00 and a reception with music at 4:00.

P.S.: Story times for preschool children are scheduled at the Madrona Library for Wednesdays in April at 10:30am.

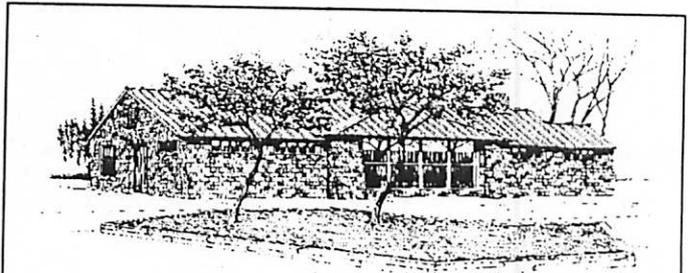
Madrona To Honor Its Authors

All Madrona readers and writers are cordially invited to an Authors Reception at the Madrona Goldmark Library on Saturday, March 20 at 3:00pm. An informal program will introduce the authors and inaugurate the newly established Madrona Authors Shelf with autographed books contributed by the authors. Afterward there will be time for everyone to meet, peruse the books, and enjoy some refreshments and music.

Forty-five, and still counting, published book authors have lived or are now living in the Madrona area! This number doesn't even include writers who have published in other forms, newspapers, magazines, poetry collections, etc.

The range of subjects addressed by our authors is wonderfully reflective of Madrona's diversity. A specially developed booklist entitled "Madrona Heritage Series: The Authors Next Door" groups a selection of publications into six categories ranging from picture books for young children to highly technical and academic textbooks. Copies of the booklist will be available at the reception and afterwards at the library. Most of the books are available either at the Seattle Public Library or the University of Washington Library.

Besides honoring talent, the reception will be a grand time to show support for our neighborhood library. The Madrona Community Council will forego its usual monthly general meeting in order to encourage everyone to attend the Library celebration. Join us in the celebration.



Community Calendar

- Mar 20 Plant Amnesty Gardening Workshop**
10am Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring.
Workshop on proper pruning and gardening techniques. See newsletter article.
- Mar 20 Madrona Sally Goldmark Library**
1-6pm **20th Anniversary Celebration**
- Apr 6 Madrona Community Council**
7:30pm **Working Meeting**
Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone welcome!

Briarpatch Park Redesign: Accommodating Kids and Wildlife?

Concerned about safety, the Parks Department has removed the deteriorated treehouse structure in Madrona Briarpatch Park at Pine and Madrona Drive. The Parks Department is open to neighborhood ideas about the best use of the hillside site. Suggestions for redesign of the site include planting part of it as a wildlife sanctuary and dedicating another part as a naturalized play area for young children. Funds are available for plantings if we act quickly. People interested in developing a new plan will meet in the park on Sunday, March 21, 1993 at 12:00 noon, rain or shine. If you are interested but cannot make it, please call Kay at 328-1327.

Community Council Elects New School Site Representatives

At the last council meeting Susan Stocking and Mark Hall were elected to represent the community on the Madrona Elementary School's Site Council. This council functions as a representative body and helps to develop long-range school policies. In representing the community, Susan (324-9943) and Mark will have a regular opportunity to express ideas and concerns about the school as they are voiced by community members. We wish them well in their new roles on our council.

Mayfair

Mark your calendars! Mayfair is just around the corner. Madrona's annual spring party is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 1993. *Note that this is a week earlier than usual and is not on Memorial weekend.* We have Dino the Clown, the kids' parade, and great jazzy music. This year's event will also feature a revival of the Maypole dance by the Spectrum Dance Group.

We are still looking for committee chairs, and people to help with set up, clean up, booths and food. This is a great opportunity for all Madrona residents to get involved in their neighborhood. If you would like to help, even just for a few hours, please call Jill at 329-9836 to volunteer. We also have booth space for locals to sell their wares. Don't be left out of this great community event. Call today for more information.

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Meeting on Future of Madrona School Building

You are invited April 1 from 7:00-9:00PM at the Madrona School lunchroom to attend a working session concerning the future of Madrona School. Seattle Public Schools and their program management consultants are conducting planning work sessions at the 37 schools being considered for replacement, modernization or historic renovation. There will be a presentation of evaluation teams findings, followed by an open discussion. Displays will be available for viewing at the school from 1:00 to 3:00PM if you are not able to attend in the evening.

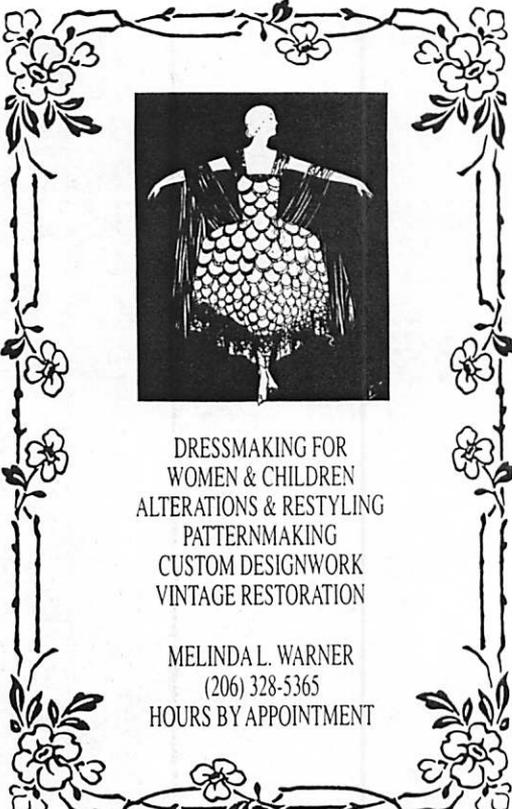
We need your ideas and comments on the various planning options available for the school. You will have an opportunity to review and comment on:

- * the adequacy of the school buildings to house the educational programs,
- * the historic value of the buildings,
- * the options of replacement, modernization, or partial renovation,
- * the adequacy of the site to accommodate school needs,
- * and other neighborhood and community issues.

Parent Workshops Continue at Madrona School

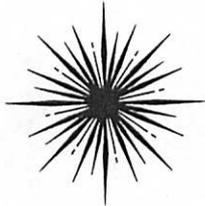
Parents who want to help their children succeed in school will enjoy the second in a series of free workshops held at Madrona Elementary School. Dawn Mason, head of the "Students for Success" Center in Seattle will be the workshop facilitator. Her extensive work helping families with school-related issues has made her a leader in educational training in Seattle's Central Area. This workshop will be about "Home Supported Learning," and will focus on ways parents can make learning an enjoyable experience for children during their hours away from the classroom.

The workshop hours are 6:30-8:30pm, Thursday March 25 in the Madrona School Library. Child care and refreshments will be provided.



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Oil Smart in the Early 1900's

As remembered by Haydee Newman and Frank Preston

In Madrona's early days, few residents had cars, and those who did had few and muddy roads to travel. Getting downtown for work or shopping, residents relied primarily on electric trolleys and cable cars. Fares were five cents and ticket were four cents. To collect fares, cable conductors walked along a platform on the outside and held on to the stanchions. Open trolleys in the summer and a closed car in the winter sat passengers in rows of 4 or 5 across.

Turn of the century Madrona commuters started for home in one of three cable cars coming east from downtown: one on Yesler, one on James and one on Madison Street. From the power station hub at Broadway and James, Madrona-bound passengers transferred to the electric trolley line. The power house was a large building with a waiting room, tobacco and candy shop and newspaper stand. The Madrona trolley ran on a double track as far as Denny Blaine Station (Madrona Drive and Denny Way), then on one track to the end of the line. Originally this last section was on an elevated track to avoid the quick sand at Madrona and Pine. Madrona trolleys were double-ended to go up and down without turning around. The cable car on Madison had to be turned on a turntable at the end of the line.

At the end of the Madrona trolley line, a trestle extended out over Lake Washington. In the summer months an early morning freighter car would come down the Madrona line, ease out on the trestle, and load up the berries, vegetable and fruits brought across the lake on launches. The produce was then transported to the Public Market for sale there.

Stone and Webster, the East Coast group that owned Seattle Electric Company, enticed people to use the street cars, especially on weekends, by laying out parks at the ends of their lines. Madison Park had a pavilion for concerts; Leschi had a pavilion on piles over the water where popular dances and parties were held and Sara Bernhardt appeared. Madrona Park had canoe,

sailboat, and rowboat rentals. Our park also had paths through the woods, shelters with tables for picnics, and a hotel, which was destroyed by fire about 1910.

For other leisure travel, launches transported people up and down the lake shore. From a pier at the end of 39th Street, two beautiful snow-white boats, the Silene and Xanthus, took up to 100 people out for evening cruises. In 1903-04 a cinder bike path ran through the woods along or near the current 36th Street from Yesler Way all the way to Madison Park.

Oil Smart organizers this month encourage all of us to rethink our transportation patterns and to consider more efficient, less wasteful modes of transportation. Interestingly, looking back may give us a glimpse of what may be ahead...more options for walking, better bike routes, expanded local transit service, light rail train service.

March is Oil Smart Month

Remember: Be Oil Smart Every Month!

Walk, Bike, Carpool or Ride the Bus!

Gardening Workshop March 20

10am to 1:30pm at the Shelter House

There are still a few spaces left for enthusiastic gardeners in Madrona's first gardening workshop with PlantAmnesty President, Cass Turnbull. "Six Solutions to the Overgrown Yard" will include a slide show and lecture by Cass focusing on effective and healthy pruning of shrubs and small trees. A demonstration of the techniques will follow in a nearby mature and overgrown Madrona garden. Join us for a lively session with one of the nation's foremost plant personalities (see last month's cover article for more details). Refreshments will be served. Fee: \$10/person, \$15/household at the door. Phone Karla to pre-register 323-3078.

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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first Tuesday (Working Meeting) and the last Tuesday (Program Meeting) of the month at 7:30 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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