

Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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Notes from the President

by John Capps

The Madrona Community Council would like to thank all of the Board Member for their time and efforts during the last year. We are blessed to have so many talented people living, working and sharing in the community. The Madrona Community Council Board Members for 1994-95 were voted in at the September general meeting. A special thank you to Lynn Iglitzen who retired from the Board this year and a hearty welcome to the new Board Members for the coming year. Our theme for this year will be "Madrona Diversity". Please see Shirley Solomon's article in this issue for more information.

Members of the Madrona Community Council have been involved for the last two years in the planning process for developing the Central Area Action Plan (CAAP). A recent letter from Mayor Norm Rice describes the progress that has been made towards meeting the goals of the CAAP:

• Support for newly formed community development corporations, through development training of 25 Central Area community activists and through the funding of three community-based groups for organizational and project development;

• Numerous youth employment and training efforts, including: working with community-based organizations to train youth in computers, holding a career fair, funding a Young Entrepreneur training program at Garfield, expanding the Hot Shotts program to involve more youth and setting up summer youth property maintenance crew;

• Establishment of a Central Area Good Neighbor Fund and support for developing a community plan to revitalize the Jackson Street corridor;

• Installation of two traffic circles, repaving of key Central Area streets and construction of the western end of the I-90 bike path;

• Planting new street trees and initiation of the Tree Steward Program care for them and maintain traffic circle landscaping;

• Improvement to eight Central Area parks, two of the projects using CAMP's Young Environmental Savers program.

Madrona residents Tony Case, Beth Purcell, Anne Knight and I serve on the CAAP Implementation Team (CAAP-IT). Please contact any of us if you would like to get involved.

Happy Holidays...and remember as you walk, shop and play in Madrona, say "Good Day!" to your neighbors.



Strengthening Community:

A Community Responsibility

by Shirley Solomon

Last month's meeting to discuss how the Madrona Community Council can better serve the community was small, but those who attended were most enthusiastic and creative. There was much energetic conversation about what "community" is and what can be done to foster it. We will continue to work on the new outreach effort we are calling "The Face of Madrona" and will report back to you every month in the newsletter. We would love to hear from you and welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions.

With regard to community, I think about such things a great deal. I also talk to many others who are similarly preoccupied. There seem to be certain "truths" that emerge from all the discussions. These are that community is generated not in exclusion and not in competition, but in connection, commitment and mutual support. It needs a strong sense of identification with a particular place in order to flourish. Where do you live? I live in Madrona. It seems that identification in the geographic sense brings about identification in the social sense. Hi neighbor! It requires a bonding with those around us. Whether we agree or not. No matter how different we are. Because community is about people and their range of interactions, organized or spontaneous, heated or congenial, hostile or welcoming. It's about people doing things together, being neighborly, helping each other out, working together for the good of their shared place. It's about people who perhaps would not know one another or associate with one another but for the fact of being part of the same neighborhood.

So being part of the community demands a level of interaction and participation, a measure of giving and

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Community Calendar



Dec 2 Opening of Madrona Holiday Arts Show
5-9pm Arts and crafts in Galleries and Studios in the Madrona Business District. See articles.

Dec 6 Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Working Meeting - Board & Committees
Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone Welcome!

Jan 3 Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Working Meeting - Board & Committees
Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone Welcome!

Jan 4 Madrona Gardeners
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone Welcome!

Jan 31 Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Program Meeting . Everyone Welcome!
Topic and location to be announced.

A Community Responsibility

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receiving. It means tutoring at Madrona Elementary, shopping for your house-bound elderly neighbor, keeping an eye on the latch-key kid down the street, tolerating the loud band practice next door, getting to know all the people on the block. It means buying local in support of our neighborhood businesses, looking after the local park, keeping our own streets clean, donating money to the newsletter, expressing our opinions by writing for the newsletter, and not only working on but also coming to neighborhood-sponsored events. It's that elderly neighbor serving as the "eyes" of the street. It's the pleasure and memories that Mayfair provides for our children. It's our businesses serving the community by giving us what we want and can afford. Because the formula for community is surprisingly simple: You gotta give to get.

We all want to live in a better world. We all want a safe and happy environment for ourselves and our children. And in our heart of hearts, we all know that the quality of life in this lovely Madrona neighborhood of ours rests with us. Collectively. And individually. We know that we cannot hand the responsibility over to the City, Community Council, or the person down the street. We know we have to step forward ourselves. Each and every one of us. Despite the other enormous demands on our time. Despite a reluctance to "get involved." Despite the fear and uncertainty. **Your involvement is important, and we welcome it at any level that suits you.** Please call me at 323-1524.

Madrona Matters

by Terri Spaccarotelli

Madrona belongs to you! All of us play a role in making the neighborhood a wonderful place to live. What is it that attracted you and your family here in the first place? What would you like to see happen in Madrona? A new business? Do you find the need to travel out of the neighborhood for something you wish were here...like flowers, cards, gifts, entertainment, a neighborhood gathering spot, classes, activities for adults and children, a general store? I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. Do you have a talent or experience you would like to share...like teaching adult art classes, making holiday decorations, performing arts, travel experiences, etc?

Please feel free to call Terri Spaccarotelli, 329-3556, with your ideas. We can all make a difference because Madrona matters to us!

When Good Fronds Get Together

by Deirdre McCrary

The November meeting of the Madrona Garden Group featured a slide presentation by Judith Jones, owner of Fancy Fronds, who shared her encyclopedic knowledge of ferns. The slides were followed by a hands-on session with a table full of her travelling specimens. Any interested gardeners are invited to attend the January meeting for a presentation on garden design by local designer Jean Albrecht. **Join us at the Shelter House, 34th & Spring on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30pm.** Those interested in attending the December garden meeting should call Kay Gordon (329-1327) for details.



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323-5356

Madrona Holiday Arts Show

by Susan Roberts

It's the last hurrah for Sky Visions. Vickie Vellinga has decided to take a year off to write, but before she moves on (and before Plenty takes over with their expanded deli), she will be having one last Madrona Holiday Extravaganza for the month of December, with the opening on Friday, December 2 from 5-9pm. Come support Vickie, who has done so much to support the Madrona business community. There will be food, wine and the visual treats (priced for holiday giving) of four Madrona artists. Vickie's works in wood, Loretta Werner's glass and watercolors, Ellen Parker's lino prints and Susan Roberts' drawings and paintings will all be on display. On Sunday, December 4, Susan Roberts will be doing portraits and caricatures at Sky Visions (bring real people and/or photos). The show will continue through December 24.

The Hi-Spot is a Hot Spot

by Susan Roberts

The Hi-Spot is not a new Madrona business, but it has been transformed by its new owners Mike Walker and Joanne Sugura (formerly of the Pink Door). The scones are the same wonderful scones, but the atmosphere and food are Mike and Joanne's creations. Their clientele come from the neighborhood, the rest of Seattle and the hinterlands. And now the Hi-Spot is open for dinner. The evening ambiance is quite different from the daytime...candles flicker, lamps are dimmed and the food is great. I forced my husband, Jack, to fork over half of his veggie cutlets with cilantro yogurt sauce in exchange for half of my succulent eggplant tart. On another occasion we were served the best mussels either of us had ever tasted. The mussels were from Lopez Island, served in an indescribably good broth, perfect for dunking bread. Michael is a great host and Joanne's artistry in the kitchen is evident...and all within walking distance, for a great evening in the neighborhood. Come visit the new Hi-Spot...for breakfast, lunch and now delicious dinners.

Conrow Porcelain Expands

Ginny Conrow's Porcelain Studio and Showroom at 1429 34th Avenue is expanding forward to the sidewalk. After 11 years in the Madrona business district her small studio will double in size with more room to make larger pieces, teach a few students and share her studio.

The studio will reopen on December 2 with an open house and holiday show from 5-9pm. The show will continue on Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas. The showroom will be open year-round by appointment only. She finds it hard to be a shopkeeper and potter at the same time, but enjoys visitors to the studio as a welcome diversion from the clay.

Ginny spent April of 1994 teaching porcelain workshops in Australia, then visited potters in New Zealand and Indonesia. She shows her work at the Smithsonian Museum shops in Washington DC and at gallery shows nationally, most recently in San Diego and Sausalito, California.

Stop by this holiday season, visit the expanded showroom, and see the work of this nationally recognized artist in her Madrona studio.

Madrona Holiday Extravaganza

Friday, Dec. 2, 5-9pm

Sky Visions 1406 34th, 328-4246

Vickie Vellinga - picture framing & related gifts. Tiny frames & woodwork.

Loretta Werner - glass gifts & watercolors.

Ellen Parker - linoleum prints & cards.

Susan Roberts - drawings & paintings. She will also be doing portraits & caricatures on site Sunday Dec. 4th. Bring photos or bring real people.

Dee Dee Rainbows 1704 36th, 323-7787

Dee Dee Rainbow - hand built sculptures with crystals, gems & blown glass. Angels, dragons & turtles featured this season!

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Jill Hearne Heads Madrona Elementary School

by Susan Stocking

Under the direction of a new principle, Madrona Elementary School is in full swing for the 1994-95 academic year. Dr. Jill Hearne comes to Madrona from the Seattle Public School District Office where she served as a director of elementary education. Dr. Hearne also brings us her experience as the principal of a large Federal Way elementary school which housed two programs. **We would like to welcome Dr. Hearne to the neighborhood** and we look forward to continuing and strengthening the relationship that the Madrona Community Council and the school administration have enjoyed.

Marge Kates, Madrona's previous principal, has accepted the position of principal at Beacon Hill Elementary. Ms. Kates has made a wonderful contribution to Madrona Elementary during her years here. **Thank you Margie!** We hope the folks at Beacon Hill appreciate their good fortune.

Madrona School enrollment, as of the official October 1st count date, was 675 students. Of those, 240 students are in the Early Childhood Model Program and 455 are in the Accelerated Progress Program. All students enjoy the benefit of great instruction in art and music and a newly upgraded computer program. Extra-curricular programs include chess club, choir club, foreign language, art, and computer lab.

Madrona Community Council has elected Mark Hall and Susan Stocking as neighborhood representatives to the Madrona School Site Council. The Site Council acts as a support and governance group for the school. Some of their concerns include reducing disproportionality and activities to encourage interaction between the two programs. Site Council meetings are open to the public. If you are interested, please call Mark Hall (329-7608) or Susan Stocking (324-9943).



Opening doors in the Madrona neighborhood...

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Madrona History Focus: Neighborhood Beginnings

by Kay Gordon

What was Madrona like when folks drove horses not cars, crews carved roads out of the sides of hills, women had visiting days, and children played in fields, marshes and streams between their homes? Early residents led vastly different lives than busy residents do today. This year the Madrona History Committee looks forward to learning more about our neighborhood's development.

Junius Rochester, a Madrona resident and professional historian, has graciously agreed to prepare a piece about Madrona's early days. Using the now organized community archives and personal materials contributed by other neighbors, Mr. Rochester will reconstruct what Madrona looked like, who lived here, what issue people were dealing with, and more in the first part of the century.

The History Committee encourages anyone living here then or having family materials from that period (photographs, letters, maps, newspaper clippings, etc.) to talk with **Mr. Rochester (860-2153)** about what you know or where additional information might be available. The more details and personality he can incorporate, the more interesting his product will be. The form of Mr. Rochester's presentation of his findings will be announced next spring.

Born and raised in the Madrona area, Mr. Rochester majored in political science at Whitman College and went on to Harvard Business School. He has authored numerous articles for local publications and written several books on regional history including "Roots and Branches, The Religious Heritage of Washington State". He is President of Washington State Historians Guild and the history commentator for KUOW-FM Seattle's public radio station.

In addition, **committee of St. Therese's parishioners is gathering information on the church's history**, from its formation in the 1920's to the present. Anyone with information to share or interest in joining the project should call Mary Kenny (323-6389).

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Trees Over Madrona by Curt Miller

"Those that plant trees
love others beside
themselves"
Fuller (1732)



"One does not plant
a tree for oneself; one
plants it for posterity"
Smith (1863)

The Madrona Community Council is working with Seattle City Light to replant several of our neighborhood streets with trees. Over the past several years, City Light has removed trees that were in conflict with overhead power lines, resulting in the lack of trees on many of our neighborhood streets. The planting of new trees will occur in phases over the next several seasons.

The first planting will occur on 31st Avenue between Spring and Pike, and on 29th and 30th Avenues between Union and Cherry. Smaller trees are proposed in locations where there are power lines. In those places where there are no power line conflicts, the Council proposes trees that will eventually gain majestic stature and reach proportions similar to our other "grand old trees". Homeowners in the planting area will be contacted by Community Council members and City Light staff to help select a tree type for their planting strip.

The first phase of planting is planned for the spring of 1995. City Light will provide the trees and dig the holes. Community members, homeowners and neighbors will be asked to plant and care for the trees. Volunteers will be sought once the schedule for planting is finalized.

The Madrona Community Council views this project as an opportunity to create a significant legacy, one that will begin to visually tie the community together. Additional information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Our Community Bulletin Board

Thanksgiving Giving

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and in the true holiday spirit Kuri Teshome of Cafe Soleil will be preparing meals for 20 homeless people. Can you help her with donations of food, time or cash to offset her costs? Call Kuri, 325-1126, or Terri Spaccarotelli, 329-3556, to help.

Madrona Windsocks

Madrona windsocks make wonderful gifts for the coming holidays. They are handcrafted and handpainted by Dolores Benson with the Madrona Peaceable Kingdom logo and are specially priced for our neighbors at only \$30.00. To place an order or for more information, please call Terry Spaccarotelli at 329-3556.

Central Branch Preschool

Seeking part-time Director for Central Branch Preschool, small, not-for-profit diversified school. Need early childhood credentials and teaching experience. Begins Fall 1995. Send resume to 3605 S Mt. Baker Blvd, Seattle 98144.

Central Branch Preschool Annual Craft Sale to benefit its scholarship fund. December 1, 7:30-9:30pm, December 2nd and 3rd, 10am-5pm, 2615 Mt. St. Helens Place S. Call 723-1187 for more information.

Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

A Grand Success by Terri Spaccarotelli

The Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival on November 5th and 6th was once again a great success. More than \$2000 was raised by the Madrona Community Council to use for neighborhood projects over the coming year. Before the show, Jill Hearne, principal at Madrona Elementary, informed us that there are students at Madrona who want to take music classes but their families are unable to afford the instrument rentals. A donation from the Craft Festival proceeds will be given to assist with musical instrument rentals. What a great feeling to know we are all going to impact the lives of these children. Who knows, we could be assisting the next Quincy Jones!

The Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival is a true neighborhood event that could not have happened without a lot of volunteer and raffle donors. For the second year in a row, Madrona businesses overwhelmed us with their incredible donations of goods and services. Please help support these generous people with your business throughout the year and let them know you are glad they are here: Sky Visions, Plenty, Hi-Spot, Cool Hand Luke's, Cafe Soleil, Madrona Nursery, Carol's Essentials, Wilridge Winery, Moss Alley Motors, Chocolate Works, Amanda Sargent, Elephant's Gerald, Wild and Scenic River Tours, Fantastic Windows, Carol Olsen, Dick and Mary Kogita.

A big thank you to the following people who are all responsible for making this a fun, successful project: The Capps Family - John, Emily, Jacob and Jessica, Jerry Arbes, Jill Gordon, Sonja Griffin, The Pew Family - Nancy, Patrick, Tim and Caroline, The Ruskin-Merrill Family - Geoff, Vicki and Lexi, Brian Reich, Mary Jo Pietromonaco, Deborah Raible, Maria West, DeeDee Rainbow, Monad, Erika Davis-Pitre, Susan Roberts, Orlando Nuckols, Ron Smith and Roger's Thriftway, Grey Peterson, Anabel Cole, Joan McNabb, Daisy Christianson, Jinny Larkins, Christina and Mike Lorenz, Jill Hearne and Hal Kimball. Biggest thanks to Chris Spaccarotelli for his constant support through months of planning, phone calls, labor and strange meals.

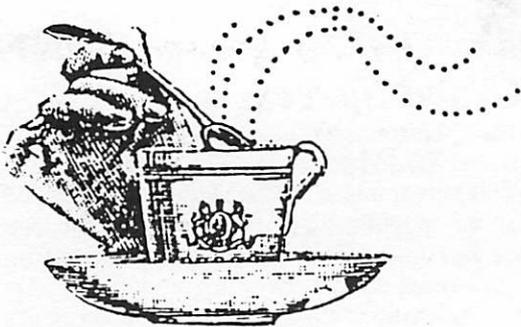
Editor's Note: A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Terri Spaccarotelli for her incredible dedication, hard work, thoughtfulness, patience and good humor in pulling this event together. Many of us helped with a few hours, a few days, or a few weeks, but Terri has worked throughout the last year to produce yet another successful Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival for Madrona. As you read this give a round of applause to Terri and she may hear it thundering throughout the neighborhood.

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