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Beautiful Home Tour a Great Success

By Judy Honican, Madrona Home Tour Co-chair

The 2003 Madrona Home Tour was held on July 12, a beautiful, sunny—we’re now thinking typical—Seattle summer day and the turnout was fantastic. Many Madrona neighbors, as well as neighbors from as far north as Edmonds and as far south as Des Moines, all enjoyed the tour. Very special thanks go to the homeowners who volunteered to open their homes: Jack and Rosemary Boyd, Mary Snapp, Jeannie Mucklestone and Michael Kenny, Lysle Wilhelmi and Paul Beveridge, Judy Striker Curan, and Suzanne Sheppard. Your homes were all incredible and we appreciate your efforts to get them ready for the tour.

After expenses, the tour brought in over \$5,100 for the community—more than double from last year! Ticket sales accounted for most of the profits but thanks also to Lysle Wilhelmi and Paul Beveridge, of Wilridge Winery who not only opened the winery as part of the tour and poured free samples, but also donated 10% of their sales that day to the Madrona Community Council (MCC). Junius Rochester, author of The Last Electric Trolley, was also very generous in giving the MCC half of the sales from 20 copies of his book that sold that day.

Thanks go out to all the neighbors and friends of neighbors who volunteered to help with the tour by selling tickets or welcoming tour guests to the homes—we could not do this without you! Extra thanks to Suzanne Sheppard and all the neighbors at Schubert Place who together hosted a thank you dinner for the homeowners and volunteers. They provided and prepared all the delicious food, and the wine was from Wilridge. And lastly, thanks to Home Tour Co-Chair Jill Friederich, Volunteer Chair Kristin Morgan and everyone who made The 2003 Madrona Home Tour a huge success. Please remember how much fun it was and be ready to volunteer your help or your home next year—and bring your friends!

MCC President’s Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

Many thanks to Marty Liebowitz for hosting our September Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting on the roof of **Bowling Green**, the new mixed use building at 3310 E Spring. Businesses including a coffee shop with bakery, massage therapy, photographic studio, custom art work, body presence, and a family dentist, plus many residents are already moving in. Bowling Green certainly makes a nice addition to the neighborhood and we are hopeful that the increased activity on this corner will eliminate the declining near-by drug problem completely.

Speaking of crime.... Unfortunately, there have been a number of **home burglaries** on

34th, increased car prowls throughout the neighborhood, and many children’s bikes—some with training wheels—stolen off porches. Remember to keep your neighborhood **Block Watch** active and if you do not have one, start one by calling the East Precinct’s Sonya Richter at 684-7717.

Lots of changes are happening to the businesses along 34th Ave. Suzanne Sheppard and Teresa Carlson are opening **décor**, a retail decorator and design store. They will have a collection of home furnishing, accessories, and unique gifts that will make everyone’s home a wonderful place to come home to.

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Linda Hanson Receives Award

By Debbi Wilson, Seattle Garden Club

At the June Annual Meeting, the Seattle Garden Club (SGC) presented the 2003 Certificate of Merit award to Madrona resident, Linda Hanson. The award is given to a community leader who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community in the fields of horticulture, conservation, and civic achievement. Ms. Hanson led the FORM (Friends of Ravine in Madrona) project during its Habitat Restoration Phase 1.

The Madrona Drive Ravine, a 1.2-acre open space owned by the City of Seattle, was overwhelmed by invasive plants that threatened the viability of the area’s old-growth trees. In cooperation with the Department of Neighborhoods and landscape architect Page Crutcher of Barker L.A., 40 Madrona “friends” committed 432 hours of service and \$3,000. With Linda Hanson leading the charge, they removed ivy, clematis, and blackberries, planted 400 native plants, and developed a future plan for the area.

The SCG, committed to the promotion of conservation stewardship, proudly chose Linda from among many talented community leaders.

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The Survey Says.....!

By Kim Herber, Madrona News editor

Tucked into the summer *Madrona News* was a yellow page of questions to survey “Madrona’s” opinions about its community newsletter. Of the 2100 surveys that went out, I got 83 responses—a very satisfying 4% return rate! As a special thanks, the Madrona BBQ committee donated 2003 Madrona BBQ T-shirts to the first 20 people who returned a survey. The winners are: Peter & Toni Haley, Marilyn Clement, Anita Degen, Ruth Bacalzo, Mary Kenny, Catherine Carr, Mel Minnis, Rod Proctor, Ann Bucher, Frances Brozil, Sue Lahti, Kristin and Kris, Vicky Simons, Ellen Li, Marissa Joinson, Averil Rothrock, Gail Eshom, and Katie Snyder. If I haven’t gotten your shirt to you yet, I have NOT forgotten. We ran out, more are being printed, and I’ll get yours to you ASAP.

I created this survey because I am always eager to hear your ideas, and get a sense of whether the newsletter gives you what you need. Along with lots of compliments (thanks, the strokes always feel good) came many constructive suggestions. To generalize, you enjoy the newsletter very much, but you’d like to see more stories about Madrona history and the people who live and run businesses here now. You are especially interested in land use issues, and would enjoy having guest columnists from time to time. While it’s good to know what’s going on at our neighborhood schools, Madrona seniors are also interested in what’s happening for them. I was surprised to learn that not many people know that *The Madrona News* and other neighborhood info is available on-line at www.madrona.us.

Your biggest complaints were events listed in the Community Bulletin Board that had already happened by the time the newsletter arrived, and simple (but important!) errors like wrong telephone numbers and event times—believe me, I hate those too! Several people suggested sending the newsletter out electronically to cut costs and save trees

President’s Corner (cont’d from page 1)

Mary Myslewicz, the Madrona K-8 Volunteer Coordinator gave a very enthusiastic update of the new school year. There are 390 students at Madrona K-8 this year, and Mary was very happy to report that monies had been raised to fund new Art and Spanish programs. The people of Madrona are very generous—thanks for helping our neighborhood school.

The easiest way to get involved with your community is to attend the next MCC community meeting at 7:15 on October 7. Steve Orser assures me that the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse will have its new French doors by then so come by and take a look.

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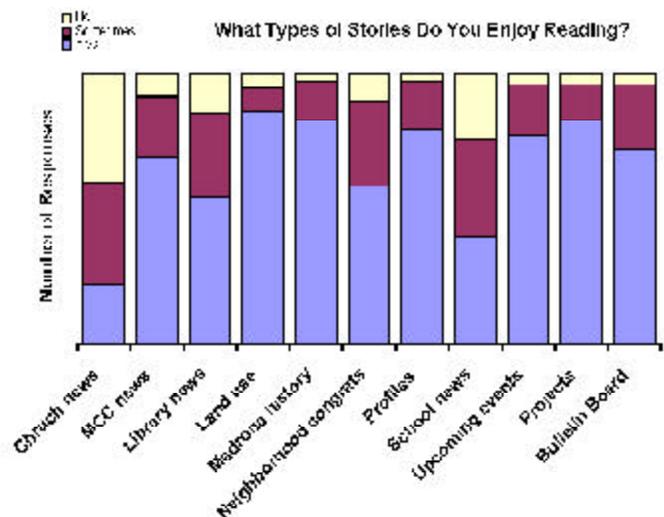


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but I hesitate to go that route. While many of us LIVE via email, others are not connected and it’s important to include everyone. Another draw back is maintaining a mailing list—tracking the names and email addresses of everyone coming and going from Madrona would be impossible. A street address may be rather impersonal but at least it’s stable!

I hope you’ll notice some improvements to *The Madrona News*, based on your comments. From now on, I’ll have more stories on Madrona history and people. Regarding stories about pets and plants and crime and traffic and restaurant reviews—HELP! I depend on lots of other people to write most of the stories you read but I can always use more. If you have a passion, hobby, area of expertise, or a burr under your saddle—contact me. If you want to do a regular column, one story, or if you’d like to follow up on leads I can’t get to myself—contact to me. I rely heavily on email but don’t let that deter you; I’m also totally open to good old-fashioned hard copy. I’d love more contributors and I seldom say no to any story with a neighborhood connection. Contact me—my info is on the back of every newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond. To see all the 2003 Madrona News Ready survey results, visit www.madrona.us



Smell the Coffee

Vérité Coffee will soon open in the new Bowling Green building on the corner of 34th & Spring across from the playfield. At this independent coffeehouse, you’ll find scratch-baked pastries and cakes served in a relaxing, comfy space. If all goes according to plan, Vérité Coffee will be open by Thanksgiving. Look for more updates on our progress in upcoming newsletters – or just pop in and say hello to Jody and Kim – the company founder and baker—as they transform the space. And what’s with the name, you ask? Verite means “truth” in French and is an oft-used term for documentary style films made with super-8 cameras and low budgets that represent truth in cinema: a happy parallel to what Jody and Kim plan for the coffee experience at this fresh and unpretentious hangout. For more information, go to www.veritecoffee.com where updates on the build-out and opening celebrations will be posted regularly.

Design & Conquer: Temporary Solutions

By Brian Lenz, Madrona Design Build

As homeowners and architect-builders in Madrona, both my wife Grace and I often imagine how we would tackle renovation projects that we see underway in the neighborhood. Everyone knows how critical design, budget, and schedule are to a successful project. But there is another equally important element that, unfortunately, is often the last thing considered — is the comfort of the residents of the house during the renovation.

This brings to mind a bathroom remodel I made ten years ago on a 1940s rambler. In the midst of the dissolution of a long-term relationship, I decided to undertake a simple shower repair. I figured I'd have things back in place in a couple of hours, let the caulking cure over night, and all would be "good as new" by morning.

Not surprisingly, very little went per plan. As I peeled back the pink plastic shower wall, a herd of wet slimy bugs slithered out. A failed caulk joint had created a moist spot for my creepy-crawly friends to live and happily watch the tub framing rot. I sat down in a heap of despair.

After a few minutes, my cloud of doom lifted and was channeled into anger as I raced to the garage for the sledgehammer. Two hours later the dust settled to reveal the entire contents of my bathroom in a jumbled heap in the driveway. None of the fixtures, flooring or wall surfaces was spared the wrath of the wrecking ball as I gutted my only bathroom right down to the studs. Sheepishly, I asked my neighbors if I might use their facilities until I figured out a temporary solutions.

Luckily it was a nice summer as I ended up creating a very simple but effective outdoor shower from some recycled plumbing parts, garden hose and a galvanized washtub. The old toilet could be installed in its original location (and removed as necessary) as the bathroom was renovated. The outdoor bathing experience didn't even become unpleasant until just before Thanksgiving, right when the new plumbing was finally in place.

The lesson learned here was that setting up temporary facilities can make a construction project much more bearable. By reusing the old fixtures, appliances and cabinets, and adding some properly sized extension cords, flexible drain lines and high pressure hoses, a basic kitchen or bath can be created quite easily. With basic eating and bathing needs taken care of, the mind is left clear to focus on the challenges of construction itself.

This is the first installment in a series devoted to the "hands on" issues of design, renovation, and home repair written by the owners of Madrona Design Build, who are available at 726-1186 or madronadesign@comcast.net

Frederick's Landscaping
paste-up

You Did It!

By Steve Orser, Friends of Madrona Playfield

Madrona did it! We matched the \$10,000 challenge grant put forth by one of our fantastic neighbors and so will be able to complete the Final Phase of the Madrona Playfield renovation. What a wonderful outpouring of support from the community, as we raised a matching \$10K to complete the park at the same time that Madrona K-8 PTSA raised \$30K! Thank you to all who contributed to the Final Phase of this great project over the last two years by donating money, sweat equity, or both. Extra thanks to those who also worked during the previous four years of renovation. We also really want to thank our anonymous angel who generously donated the money to create this final challenge campaign.

You've probably noticed the fences coming down as the contractors wrap up their work, and the landscaping going up thanks to several community work parties. The new shelterhouse door on the building's west side below the new trellis will be completed in the next few weeks with the help of volunteer contractor Fulcrum Construction and others. Five new lights will also be installed in this section of the park this fall. Before summer disappears completely, everyone should take a walk and enjoy OUR new park—it looks great!

Amanda Sargent
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Neighborhood Congrats!

More outstanding Madrona neighbors doing more outstanding things. Kudos to:

- **Jim Compton** on his endorsement from *The Seattle Times* in bid for reelection to the Seattle City Council
- Seven-year-old **Dequan Flight** who participated in this summer's reading program and represented the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library at the Breakfast of Champions at the Sheraton Hotel.
- **Peo Gudmundson** and **Alan Black**, whose home was featured in the August 17 issue of the Sunday *Seattle Times Northwest Magazine*.
- Sculptor and designer **Jennifer Heishman** for the plug *Seattle Magazine* gave her wonderful hand-crafted vinyl-covered switch plate covers.
- Madrona Home Tour organizer **Judy Honican** for encouraging the *Seattle PI* to run a story on this years tour on the front page of the July 12 Life and Arts section.
- Madrona lawyer **Jon Hughes** who volunteered his time to assist the editorial board of the *South Seattle Star* evaluate candidates in the upcoming election
- University of Phoenix graduate **Nataha Jones** for completing her Master's of Business Administration in Technology Management and being featured in a University of Phoenix ad in *The Facts*.
- Intuition Kitchen's **Mike Leavitt** for an article about his art and eclectic hand-made action figures in the *South Seattle Star*.
- **Lenny Rose** and the folks at **Union St. Red Apple Market** on their beautiful new signs.
- Seattle City Council candidate **Robert Rosencrantz**, who grew up in Madrona, on receiving endorsements from both *The Seattle Times* and the *South Seattle Star*.
- **Kevin Spitzer** and his new independent movie theater, **Cinema Diaspora**, now open at 21st & Union
- **Wim and Lisa Vanderspek** of Vanderspek Remodel & Build for winning two Master Builders Association REX Awards for remodeling excellence for building a brick terrace at Lakeside School, and a deck addition to a Madrona home.
- **Wilridge Winery** for its 15th anniversary (1988-2003).
- **Christal Wood** for an endorsement from by *Real Change* in her bid for Seattle City Council position 7.

Madrona Automatic
paste-up

St. Clouds Cooking Class

Tasty Snacks! If you have kids in the 6th to 9th grade range looking for something to do in the afternoons and maybe for the rest of their lives, consider a class John Platt is teaching with St. Clouds Webmaster Susan Hirasawa that combines cooking with computer/web work. First, we'll head to the kitchen to create the perfect snack. Then we'll head to the studio and use Adobe Photoshop and GoLive to create innovative packaging and a promotional web site for your snack. Class meets *Wednesdays 2:45 to 5:15, from September 17 through November 5. Cost is \$145 plus \$20 materials fee. For more info or to register, contact John at St. Clouds (by email, phone, or just come in).*

We invite any and all to join us for our monthly **Homeless Cooking** where we cook up a homemade meal for over 100 homeless adults and children at four shelters. We always hope for newcomers so bring yourself and a fresh food contribution. The point is for us to cook from scratch, so bring some raw materials and we'll together make it all sing.



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Milky Way Artifacts
paste-up

Columbia City Farmer's Market Paste-up

Of Snow-cones & Friends

By Janet Walsh-Helton, Madrona Moms

On September 14 I served snow-cones at St. Joseph's annual school/parish picnic. The school has 650 students and the picnic was also open to the neighborhood so many children came. I often had a very long line because the snow-cones were free. My daughter was thrilled for me. "You got to meet so many kids!!" she said. I laughed at the thought of how, in her eyes, my social world has just blossomed.

I am coming up on my second anniversary of joining the Madrona Moms group, and my one-year anniversary of hosting a toddler playgroup. I feel blessed to have met so many wonderful moms and dads, and *so many kids!* An address can be just numbers on a house, a house can be just a structure on a street, or it can be a connection to community. Madrona has an ever-changing identity as we move in to our homes and then into each others' lives.

The Madrona Moms group has over 150 members (including many dads) who share a wealth of information via email, from recommending preschools to finding a good window washer. Our group grows constantly, and we'd like to welcome these new babies:

- **Sophia Elizabeth Johnson**, born March 30, weight 8lbs 4oz to first time parents Cynthia Stross and Jeff Johnson
- **Isabelle Rugaber Oliveira**, born March 30, length 20 inches, weight 8lbs 3oz, first child of Leslie Rugaber and Gary Oliveira
- **Samuel Alexander Douglas (Sam)**, born April 7 to Bob Douglas and Robin Mentzinger of 35th Avenue
- **Sara Isabel Lippman**, born July 2 weighing 7lbs 7oz to besotted parents Michael and Kelly Lippman
- **Adrian James William Harris**, born July 18, length 21.5 inches, weight 9lbs 3oz to thrilled parents Steven and Susan Harris, and 2.5-year-old sister Evie
- **Orlando Solomon Day Impas**, born at home on August 2, length 19 inches, weight 6lbs 10oz with a full head of hair to proud parents Rom Impas and Stacy Lewis
- **Dashiell John Warren Fox**, born August 15, length 21 inches, weight 8lbs 2.5oz to mom and dad Meredith McMahon and Warren Fox, and proud big sister Gisele
- **Avalene Naomi Weiss**, born August 21, length 21.5 inches, weight 7lbs 5 oz to happy family Michelle Nitz-Weiss, Jason Weiss, and big brother Alexander
- **Gabriella Mary Elizabeth Hughes**, born August 31, weighing 9lbs 5oz, to the Hughes family Jon, Alix, adoring sisters Emma and Miquela, and dog Bogie

Madrona Moms try to meet, with our kids, at the Madrona Playfield the first Friday of every month from 4-5:30 p.m, though many of us are there with our kids much more often! If you would like more information about joining the group, call me at 324-7832 or send email to planet58@qwest.net.

The Joys of Toys

By Truman Buffett, Cherry St. Association

Neighborhood children and parents have yet another reason to rejoice now that Izilla Toys is open for business. The brand new toy store at Madison and 29th, across the street from Café Flora, celebrated its grand-opening on August 30, with snow-cones, popcorn, games, prizes, and toys — lots of toys.

But don't expect to find just any old toy at Izilla. Owners and neighborhood residents Jennifer Schneeweis and Jude LaRene say they stock only toys that they like. "Luckily, we like a lot of toys!" says Jude. Their son Isaiah also has some say in what gets put on the shelves and so there is a large truck section. "We are most interested in toys and games that inspire creative, open-ended, non-violent play. Art and Science are also great ways to explore the world and our place in it." They want the toys in Izilla to reflect the diversity of our community. There are already plans to expand the art supply and the science and nature sections.

The store itself, with its maze of narrow rooms filled with toys, is a great space to explore. Jen and Jude like to say that navigating their store is a voyage of discovery and hope Izilla will be an exciting destination for kids—not just for the toys but also for events such as story times, art projects, and play dates in the fenced-in front yard. They hope to have a lot of activities, including music and movement classes, going on before the long, dark days of winter arrive. They're also already planning a party for Halloween—Jen's favorite holiday.

Store hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 to 7:00. And be sure to ask about Izilla's toy recycle program to benefit local shelters and temporary housing facilities.

Vanderspek paste-up

Summer Reading Program

By Lynn Lorenz, *Children's Librarian*

An impressive 234 Madrona children participated in this year's Summer Reading Program, with almost half of them reading 10 books or more throughout the Summer. Seven-year-old Dequan Flight, a Madrona resident and student at ML King Elementary, represented our Library at the Breakfast of Champions at the Sheraton Hotel. Good job Dequan!

Young kids who love books will enjoy two excellent new picture books available at the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library. In the gentle, magical tale of *The Water Gift and the Pig of the Pig*, shy Isabel and a pig, who is just like family, accompany Isabel's grandfather when he works the water gift, following a Y-shaped divining rod to find water. Just when Grandfather fears he's lost the gift, "the pig of the pig" (who is last in a long line of family pigs) goes missing. Isabel encourages her despairing grandfather to help her find their pig with the divining rod. The subdued tones of the textured, acrylic illustrations communicate the sad but soothing story that is enhanced by the natural language of the New England setting. Author Jacqueline Briggs also wrote the award-winning children's nonfiction biography *Snowflake Bentley*. Recommended for ages 5 to 9.

In *I Can Do It Too* by Karen Baiker, a confident African-American toddler pours juice like her dad, puts on clothes like her big sister, and holds a book like her grandpa—all followed by the enthusiastic refrain, "I can do it too!" The simple, rhyming text sets the rhythm for bold, colorful illustrations reminiscent of finger-painting. This good read-aloud is recommended for ages 2 to 4.

Art and Creativity Class

If the changing season tempts you to try to capture its beauty, consider taking up a brush and joining your neighbors in a class taught by Madrona artist Jacqui Beck. Starting in September, this ongoing class for beginning and intermediate artists will meet on Thursdays from 12:00-2:30 in Madrona. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn or polish up skills in drawing, painting, and other media. There will be a chance to experiment with a variety of types of artistic expression. A parallel focus on developing and nurturing creativity in a supportive environment makes this a unique learning experience. Tuition is \$100 per month plus materials.

Instructor Jacqui Beck has worked as an artist since 1993, focusing on watercolor, printmaking, acrylics, and collage. Her work is in collections in the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. She has studied with many nationally known artists, including Polly Hammett, Pat San Soucie, and Michael Schlichting. Jacqui teaches art to adults and children, emphasizing a combination of theory and creative expression. She is a member of Seattle Co-Arts, and a lifetime member of the Northwest Watercolor Society. For further information or to register, contact Jacqui at 325-7267, jbeck@blarg.net, or visit www.jacquirebeck.com.

Senior Center Wine Tasting

The Leschi Community Council is holding a wine tasting fund-raiser for the Central Area Senior Center at **30th & King** on September 19 from 6:00 to 9:00. The event, Wines from Around the World, is being organized by local wine connoisseur Steve Shulman, of The Leschi **Mart**. Representatives from many national and international wineries will be on hand to pour generous samples of their wares and share their wine expertise. Admission is \$20 and reservations are recommended at 722-9225.

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New Pastor at Madrona Presbyterian

By Sara Levant, Madrona Presbyterian Church

The new minister at Madrona Presbyterian Church, Dr. Flora Bridges, an African-American, is already known to many in the community thanks to her powerful sermon to the combined congregations of St. Therese, Epiphany, and Madrona Presbyterian churches during last January's celebration of Martin Luther King Day. Formally installed as pastor in July, Dr. Bridges succeeds the interim minister Rev. Christine Dickerson.

Having Dr. Bridges as its leader is a coup for this small, racially mixed congregation. In Dr. Bridges the church has won one of its denomination's rare Black ministers, and one with a distinguished academic and pastoral background. Dr. Bridges was the first person of color to join the full-time faculty of Seattle University's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, where she serves as a tenure-track assistant professor of Pastoral Theology. She holds an MA in Religion from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt. She has served as a minister in Atlanta; Mount Vernon, New York; and Gadsden, Alabama. She was a dean and instructor of religion at Fisk University and at Spelman College and was the first African-American professor of religion at Colorado College. The many awards she has received include accolades for preaching, as well as for community and humanitarian services.

Assisting Dr. Bridges for three academic quarters will be lawyer-turned-theology student, Elizabeth Stanhope, the former director of the Washington Protection and Advocacy System. Stanhope was drawn to Dr. Bridges during a presentation Dr. Bridges made at a Town Hall meeting on peace and justice.

Madrona Presbyterian Church is on the corner of 32nd Avenue and Marion Street. The Sunday service is at 11:00, with adult Sunday School at 9:00. All are welcome.

Sound Mind and Body Paste -Up

Susan Stocking
paste-up

I Remember When...

By Junius Rochester, 32nd Avenue.

Distant Past Shapes Today's Madrona

Walking, bicycling or driving through Madrona is a pleasant if challenging experience thanks to our neighborhood's steep hillsides and ravines. During the age of glaciers—the Pleistocene Epoch—a last big icy push came from the Vashon Glacier, which covered our region up to a depth of 3,000 feet. Old Vashon, like a plow, carved Lake Tapps, Lake Sammamish, Puget Sound, Hood Canal, and our own Lake Washington. About 14,000 years ago, Vashon slowly receded, leaving behind sparkling lakes, huge boulders, and thick layers of soil, mud, vegetation, and gravel. Beneath our wind-blown, fertile mantle of madrona trees, sword ferns, and morning glory, Madrona's stratification once belonged to Canada, Idaho, and Montana. We are indeed perched upon debris that came a great distance—and stayed.

Our other major seismic heritage is a next-door neighbor called the Seattle Fault. This underground fissure, which runs more-or-less east and west under Leschi, is squeezed by subterranean pressure. Forests at the bottom of Lake Washington, pre-historic landslides, and a litany of wonderful Indian myths attest to the power of the "earth quake zone" we call home. Quakes in our region can cause tsunamis, or tidal waves. Evidence of these roiling waters can be found in lower Puget Sound, at Restoration Point on the southern tip of Bainbridge Island, and in our own neighborhood history. For example, in the early 1900s, Indians told of an island that suddenly disappeared of today's Madrona.

But don't let these startling geographic facts prevent you from enjoying Madrona. The lush soil we inherited from our northern neighbors nurtures wondrous stems, buds and flowers. Our Great Lake attracts a wide variety of animal life and creates a climate that is almost perfect.

For a fascinating discussion of plate tectonics, seismic activity and the "Ring of Fire" in which Madrona resides, read *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded* by Simon Winchester. To learn more about recent human history in Madrona, seek out my latest book, *The Last Electric Trolley* available in local businesses and bookstores.

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Welcome Back at Madrona K-8

By the Madrona K-8 PTSA

Another school year has begun and things are buzzing at Madrona K-8. The school hosted a wonderful Welcome Back Barbeque for all students and families on August 24 and more than 400 people came! Everyone was glowing for what looks to be another great year.

The start of school is always a bit crazy, especially this year with high enrollment and wait lists—nice “problems” to have. Principal Rickie Malone, Assistant Principal Andhra Lutz, and “Team Madrona” welcome back almost all of the talented teachers from last year. Ms. Iwaszuk, who the district laid off, is greatly missed but fortunately she obtained a teaching job elsewhere. Curriculum night for parents is September 18.

The PTSA had a very busy summer of fundraising for a Spanish program for every grade and an Arts program that supports the classroom curriculum. The fundraising goal was \$30,000 and we are proud to report we are 90% there!!! Special thanks to all the parents, staff, community members, and businesses for your support. This fall we will also fund an online learning technology license for every student so each child has access to educational content via the web.

The Madrona K-8 PTSA meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is October 8 and it is open to all. We encourage everyone to join the PTSA; it's \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. You can also support the school by purchasing our all-new Madrona K-8 T-shirt—kids \$7, adults \$12—available at the school's PTSA office or by e-mailing pta@gomadronak8.org.

There continue to be many volunteer opportunities. The PTSA needs a graphic designer for our upcoming Leaf project, and we could also use a web master. Madrona K-8 Parent/Volunteer Coordinator Mary Myslewicz at 252-3102 is always looking for help on her fantastic programs at the school.

Epiphany School Grows

By Maryanne Howard, Epiphany School

Epiphany School added a second kindergarten class this fall, with new kindergarten teacher Denise Dyette joining present kindergarten teacher Candi Coe. This expansion is the first step toward creating two class sections for each grade, kindergarten through fifth, over the next six years.

For those who might be considering enrolling a child Epiphany School—or anyone who likes a good time—should plan to join us at the Annual Epiphany School Carnival. The big event takes place September 26, from 3:00 to 6:00 on the playground area adjacent to the Epiphany School campus at 37th and East Howell. This is a great Madrona neighborhood children's event that includes face painting, games, ring toss, water dunks, a raffle, bake sales, a calliope, lattes, hot dogs, and everything to bring smiles to young and old. Don't miss it! It's going to be a good show! To learn more about our school, contact the Admissions Office at 720-7663.

Headsprout Reading Takes Root

By Jeanne Stephens, St. Therese School Parent

Suzanne Hunter, St. Therese's Reading Specialist, has found a great new software reading program to assist readers ages 4 to 7. It's a program called Headsprout, and St. Therese was the third school to adopt this new program that is now in 150 schools nationally. Principal Eileen Gray remarked, “In thirty years I haven't seen anything this revolutionary. It is magical.” Headsprout was first implemented last summer with a small trial group. Last year, when the First Graders used Headsprout twice each week and Kindergarten class every day, Ms. Hunter found that the Kindergartners made “phenomenal progress.” While she acknowledges that Headsprout may not solve everyone's reading problems, she promises, “Now that I have found Headsprout, I would never teach beginning reading without it.”

Teachers at Seattle's Morningside Academy, a unique school that teaches how-to-learn skills, designed Headsprout. Dr. Joel Lang, one of Headsprout's creators, says he was never a good student; he hated school. He understands there are many reasons why some students struggle to read. He insists that those who complete Headsprout Reading Basics learn more important reading skills and concepts in 15 hours than some children learn in the first two years of reading class. The program focuses on segmenting (finding sounds), blending (putting sounds together), fluent reading (reading the word) and having fun while learning.

As a parent, I believe one of the greatest gifts we can nurture in our children is the gift of reading. It sounds as if St Therese, with help from Headsprout, has a new way to launch our youngest students into a strong reading future.

Mas Spanish for Toddlers

Neighbor Catherine Rigor-Hammond is offering another round of her Spanish classes for kids 18 months to 4 years at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. This popular kid-centered introduction to the Spanish language is taught by Catherine, a highly trained native speaker. It incorporates movement, songs, illustrations, and fun activities for parents and children to learn together in class and play at home. This course makes the most of this very important window of opportunity for young children to acquire a second language naturally and easily.

Catherine has worked in the field of linguistics for more than 12 years as a teacher and program director. Since becoming a mother, she has focused on developing children's programs. The Spanish for Toddler classes will meet once a week for 8 weeks at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Classes are 45 minutes long, and can accommodate 6 to 10 children. The cost is \$80 per child. For enrollment information and further details, email catherine@globallanguageclasses.com. The fall schedule is:

- Wednesdays 10/1 to 11/19:
4:30-5:15pm and 5:30-6:15pm
- Fridays 10/3 to 11/21:
10-10:45am and 11-11:45am
- Saturdays 10/4 to 11/22:
10:45-11:30am and 11:45-12:30pm

Madrona Architectural Tour

By Marilyn Clement, 37th Ave.

In case you missed the wonderful walking tour of Madrona led by the Seattle Architectural Foundation on June 21, you're in luck because another tour is set for 9:00am on September 20.

At the June tour, we gathered at the Madrona Playfield and were divided into three groups, each of which included a residential and landscape architect. Having carefully researched the neighborhood, our guides provided three full hours of information on architectural and landscaping design, including many historical anecdotes.

We learned that Madrona Playfield was once an Indian hunting ground called Hunter's Glen. Our neighborhood got its name from John Ayer, partner in a land development company who sought to attract homebuyers here by building an amusement park along the lake. He named this community after the supposedly indigenous tree; but, if the truth be known, madronas are actually more native to the Magnolia neighborhood. In the early 1900s, artists, writers and families took up residence in both grand and working-class homes being built along 35th Ave. The intersection of trolley lines along the crest of 34th contributed to Madrona's growth.

Following WW II, Madrona became more diverse and racial tensions flared in the '60s. The Black Panthers drilled on the playfield and their headquarters was near 34th and Union, in the building that is now Synapse. After a state senator's home was firebombed, realtors and banks red-lined the neighborhood so remodelers and buyers found it difficult to secure loans. With the "white flight" to the suburbs, Madrona fell into decline. By the 1970s, Madrona residents were making concerted efforts to bring neighbors back together. The library, an old firehouse, became a symbol of tolerance, with the Peaceable Kingdom sculpture installed in 1983 as a permanent reminder of a difficult time.

As our tour passed along 34th Ave., Ray McMakin of Domestic Furniture Big Leaf Manufacturing invited us into his wonderful work and living space. Down the block, we passed Dulce's Latin Bistro, which sits on the former site of an Esso Service Station. We headed north on 35th to Olive and our guides pointed out the intricate workmanship on the craftsman and Queen Anne style homes. From Olive, we walked along 36th to Cherry, admiring the Elizabethan Tudors and enjoying a visit to the lovely residential garden at 1526. Climbing up Cherry, our efforts were further rewarded with tours of 712, the childhood home of novelist Mary McCarthy, author of "The Group", and 830, the former Swedish Embassy. Welcome hospitality at St. Therese Church concluded the tour. For more info contact www.seattlearchitectural.org.

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Back to School in the Woods

By Judith Starbuck, Friends of Madrona Woods

This year's new Sixth graders from St. Therese and Fifth graders from Epiphany are getting to know their plots in the Woods this month, measuring and staking them, and identifying native and invasive plants. We have some great new volunteers and you can join us if you'd like to learn about restoration along with the children.

During the summer we held the three nature walks in the Woods. Adults and children who came learned fascinating things about the creatures from Fran Wood and Penny Rose, and about the Wood's past, present and future from Peg Gaynor. We also enjoyed showing off the Woods to a walking group celebrating the Olmsted legacy. The last nature walk this season will be lead by Herb Curl from the Audubon Society on September 27. Herb will help us to learn to "read the landscape" by really looking at what we see and figuring out how it got that way. Join us at 10:00am at the 38th and Marion entrance, and bring binoculars.

As long as the weather cooperates, we will continue to have work parties the third Saturday of each month at 10:00. The Spring Street stream daylighting is moving slowly forward. We'll be announcing a community meeting as soon as our plan passes its initial Parks Department review. To learn about Madrona Woods, contact me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com or Ann Bucher at 323-8325.

Let's Make it a FORM Planting Party

Come celebrate with Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM)! Madrona Volunteers and EarthCorps Crews have worked hard all summer long, removing invasive plants from the ravine adjacent to Madrona Drive. Come see our progress from the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge and join your neighbors on October 18 from 9:00am to noon as we fill the area with native plants.

The hardest work is over and the planting is the fun part. But we need your help. Please meet us at the #2 bus stop next at Pine St. & Madrona Dr. Come learn about the wonderful diversity of our native plants, and share refreshments provided by FORM. For more information or to make a donation, contact Joanna Nelson of EarthCorps at 793-2338 or joanna@earthcorps.org.

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News from Downtown

Downtown Madrona has seen a number of changes over the summer. In case you've spent too much time away at the beach, you might not know that **Villa Victoria** catering lost their lease and pulled up stakes. Right now they are looking for a new, larger location while their old storefront remains empty. However, Villa Victoria's deli case and refrigerator can still be found working hard in Madrona. The appliances moved down the block to **Indian Bhojan** so **Ramesh Puttan** can now offer sweets (think baklava!), cold drinks and more delicious vegetarian offerings for take-out and in-studio dining. Chef Ramesh is gradually adding new dishes such as carrot halvah and spicy green beans to his standard specialties of curries, dal, raita (the best in Seattle!), Basmati rice, samosas, naan, raisin and cardamom rice pudding, and chai. The folks at **St. Clouds** are busy, as always. **John Platt** is offering an after school cooking class for teens, and the restaurant continues to cook homemade meals for homeless adults and children once a month. **Madrona Deli** has put in an ATM machine—yeah! The **Madrona Business Center** has moved to the west side of the street and provides excellent and convenient copying and other office services. **Prevention Solutions**, which began on the west side of the street and moved to the east side, swapping places with the **Madrona Business Center**, recently left Madrona for new digs in Fremont. Come early October, **Suzanne Sheppard** and **Teresa Carlson** will open **Décor** in place of this sports medicine clinic. **Lysle Wilhelmi** and **Paul Beveridge** of **Wilridge Winery** will open their doors to the public at their annual release party October 14 & 15. They have also moved their family to a house on Grand Avenue, leaving the apartment above the winery to Paul's parents. If you can't wait until October to enjoy great wine, take advantage of **Supreme's** weekly Wednesday special—most wines are 1/3 off when served with dinner. Good luck too to **Madrona Auto Framing's Margaret Riese** on her expansion. It's great to see how nicely she's framing in the front of the old gas station.

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décor Brings Beauty to 34th Avenue

By Teresa Carlson, Décor

Madrona now has the third "R"—Remodeling, Restaurants, and RETAIL! On October 4 a new retail store called **décor** will open at 1406 34th Avenue, sandwiched between Supreme and the Hi Spot Café. **Décor** will have two different purposes—to offer Madrona great gifts and furnishing choices, and to provide furnishings to new low-income homeowners via a new fund.

We surveyed people, stocked the store with what you want, and then put it all together with flair—and gift-wrapping! In addition to lamps, tables, wine accessories, armoires, chairs, candles, soaps, shower gels, mirrors, trays, vases, and frames, we'll also have a selection of gifts for Madrona's growing baby population. **Décor** will offer some services, including a design library to help do-it-yourself designers create perfect rooms and the right contents. We'll feature "best buys" from the Seattle Design Center, and home fashion-related "field trips!" We'll also be ready for each season and holiday with cards and gifts, and be well prepared to assist you procrastinators!

The second and most important purpose of this venture is to create a fund to provide grants in the form of furnishings to new low-income homeowners—think of **décor's** Interiors Fund as Habitat for Humanity for home interiors. While there certainly is pride of ownership in buying a house, who can deny the pleasure of opening up your front door to a home filled with order and style! This has long been our passion and we look forward to channeling a large portion of the profits from **décor** to helping people enjoy their passage into a home of their own. Come visit the store and let's have some fun and make a difference. We're online at info@decor34.com

Epiphany Parish Welcomes You!

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

Our church buildings and grounds have been designed and faithfully maintained in order to inspire those who enter. We hope such entry and inclusion will offer a gift of faith for all people whether they join the worship community or simply walk through the doors.

We believe that our campus is not for ourselves alone but for generations yet to come. Our church buildings, therefore, are not a monument to one or many, but are instead something that honors God's grace and way in the world.



As a congregation, we say that what we most deeply value is our connection with each other. Our church is a "home" and not an institution.

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Community Bulletin Board



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

- MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUESDAYS 6:30 ADULT CO-ED SOCCER—Madrona Playfield, Greg Elkerton at 720-1934
- TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 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 (no meeting 10/1, 10/8)
- 3-7:00pm COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET—Columbia Plaza 4801 Rainier Ave S, Karen Kinney 547-2278
- THURSDAYS 12-2:30 ART & CREATIVITY CLASS—Jacqui Beck 325-7267
- 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 <http://www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html>
- SATURDAYS 10-11:00am & 3-4:00pm FAMILY FLOAT SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766

- Sept 18 7-9pm FREE CLASS: Fall Fashions— with Beth Pennock, Fashion Coordinator, 306 23rd Ave. #200 Safeco Neighborhood Academy 521-110
- 7:00 CURRICULUM NIGHT—Madrona K-8, Jackie Beach 252-3100
- Sept 19 6-9pm WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD—wine tasting fund-raiser, Central Area Senior Center 30th & King 722-9225
- 7pm-8am PARENTS NIGHT OUT—sleepover for kids 6-13, Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA 322-6969
- Sept 20 9-noon MADRONA EXPLORE TOUR—Seattle Architectural Foundation 667-9184 www.seattlearchitectural.org
- 10:00 MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY—38th & Marion entrance, Judith Starbuck 322-2640
- Sept 21 10-6pm BICYCLE SUNDAY—Lake Washington Bl. from Mt. Baker Park to Seward Park, Seattle Parks & Recreation 684-4081
- Sept 25 7-9pm FREE CLASS: Road to Long Term Care— with Barbara Bannon of Edward Jones, 306 23rd Ave. #200 Safeco Neighborhood Academy 521-110
- Sept 26 3-6pm EPIPHANY SCHOOL CARNIVAL— playground by Epiphany School 37th and East Howell, Admissions Office 720-7663
- Sept 27 10:00 AUDUBON SOCIETY NATURE WALK— Madrona Woods 38th and Marion entrance. Judith Starbuck 322-2640
- Oct 3 4-5:30pm MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROU—Madrona Playfield, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832 or planet58@qwest.net
- Oct 4 10:00 DÉCOR GRAND OPENING—1406 34th Avenue, Teresa Carlson info@decor34.com
- 9-3:00 LESCHI NATURAL AREA WORK PARTY—36th & East Terrace, Fran and Bunny Wood 323-2296
- Oct 5 10:15 ST FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE PETS—Epiphany Church 37th and East Howell, Church Office 324-2573
- Oct 7 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450 8-9:30
- Oct 8 6:30pm MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING—School library, Jon Hughes 219-1441
- Oct 10 10-4 SENIOR TRIP: SALMON HOMECOMING—Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, pickup at Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$6)
- Oct 15 9-1pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- Oct 14 & 15 6-9pm WINE RELEASE PARTY— Wilridge Winery, 1416 34th Ave, Paul Beveridge 622-2010
- Oct 17 9-6 SENIOR TRIP: VASHON ALPACA FARM—Pickup at Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$12)
- Oct 18 9-noon FORM PLANTING PARTY—Madrona Dr. at Pine St. Pedestrian Bridge, Friends of the Ravine in Madrona, Linda Hanson 324-5554
- Oct 24 10-5 SENIOR TRIP: SNOHOMISH CORN MAZE—Pickup at Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$12)

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