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## Madrona's Junius Rochester

Probably no one has written as often or as enthusiastically about Madrona history as has long-time resident Junius Rochester. Born and raised in Denny Blaine, Junius attended Madrona Grade School and Garfield High School. In his published reflection on his 1951 Garfield High School class, he wrote "I used to think Seattle, Washington was the center of the universe." Although Rochester's subsequent experiences realigned his sense of universal center, books like *The Last Electric Trolley: Madrona and Denny Blaine* and *Seattle's Best-Kept Secret* and hundreds of articles demonstrate broad ranging interests but an enduring commitment to the history of Junius's home city and state.



Junius Rochester

Following graduation from Garfield High School, Rochester attended Whitman College where course work toward his BA ignited a lifelong interest in history. Thereafter he worked for Senator Warren Magnuson in Washington, D.C. After earning a graduate degree from Harvard Business School, Junius shifted gear to work for Canada's forestry firm MacMillan Bloedel. The job took him worldwide, including Brazil where he lived and worked running forest products operations there.

Junius returned to Seattle in 1983 after which time he began to devote more time to history and writing interests. To date he has written eight books, the most recent being 2012's *Traditions of Caring*, a history of Norwegian immigration to the Pacific Northwest and establishment of Seattle's Norse Home. The latter traces Norwegians from Viking days, following them through early settlements in New York, Mon-

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## Council Corner

Council members used the Nov. meeting to review and fine-tune MCC-sponsored events, past and future. Halloween brought children and adults in costume to collect treats throughout the business district by following the scavenger-hunt sheets they had picked up at the Shelterhouse. The afternoon's events ended at Madrona K-8 where costumed children turned in scavenger hunt results in exchange for prizes. MCC's fall event for adults was the wine tasting held at Glassybaby studio; it proved to be a successful fund raiser for the Council and a great party for wine lovers. The Council has added an additional fund-raiser this year in the form of the holiday wreath sale--Madrona residents who purchase the wreath can

enjoy its beauty and know that the proceeds will help MCC continue to sponsor such events as the Halloween party and Mayfair at no cost to participants.

In very local November election news, the principal officers for the Council will return for another year. Holly Smith will serve as president and Susan Minogue as vice-president. Casey Losh remains the treasurer, and Stacey Kryman will be organizing another year of successful events as vice-president for events. No one volunteered to serve as secretary. That office remains open, but Board members agreed to rotate secretary duties so that results from each meeting are posted to the website at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) and summarized each month in *Madrona News*.

## Meet MCC Board Member Bill Mahoney

Bill Mahoney's ordinarily busy life has been even busier lately. He and his wife are preparing for a family trip to an East coast wedding; he was relieved that the giant tree in his parents' Connecticut house fell between their house and another during Hurricane Sandy; and he was worrying about what



Bill Mahoney

sequestration might mean for his Seattle research lab. At the same time, as a member of the Madrona Community Council he prepares the monthly calendar for *Madrona News*, helps out with special projects like the wine tastings and Mayfair, and pursues answers to MCC question such as: how can

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we procure lids for Madrona playfield garbage cans? Or what's the possibility of laying an AstroTurf-type product at the playfield so it does not have to be closed every few years to renew the grass? Bill also is dad to Liam who will be six years old in December and three-year-old Lexie. It's no wonder that when asked about his hobbies, Bill replies "wellll, I remain a Red Sox fan. And I'd like to sail more, but since moving to Seattle I think I've only been out on the water three times."

Raised in Massachusetts, Bill's circuitous route to Seattle included undergraduate studies at Trinity College in Connecticut and a Ph.D. program in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Maryland. A UW fellowship was one factor that attracted him to Seattle; another was that he and wife Brianna sought a new adventure to expand on her prior Northwest experience and family; and then there was that third and more elusive factor—the opportunity to sail.

As a vascular biologist, Bill runs a UW research lab where undergraduates, graduate students, fellows, and colleagues explore how blood vessels form in development or in reaction to disease. Their research advances learning on how and if a new vessel can get around a blockage without surgery. The findings and the publications that analyze them not only advance understanding of vessel development, but also they have implications for the grants that Bill writes to sustain lab funding. That is where sequestration comes in: many of those grant applications go to the National Institute of Health whose funds could be reduced to crippling levels if Congress does not act.

Bill joined the MCC as a Board member two years ago following a general call that predicted the Council would dissolve without new volunteers and energy. As he explains, the city manages lights, safety, and that sort of thing, but the unique character of a community like Madrona depends entirely on those in the neighborhood who contribute to and participate in community events when possible. For example, many neighbors enthusiastically contribute baked goods for different neighborhood events, including the Mayfair bake sale and the Halloween gathering at the Shelterhouse. It's also great to bring friends and family along to help. For example, Bill's father-in-law (his in-laws became new Seattle residents this past year) pitched in at Mayfair by cooking hot dogs all day, and then further helped to

break down the kiosks at the event's end. Bill hopes more people engage in the community whether helping with MCC events and activities or serving on the MCC Board to preserve and further develop the unique character of Madrona.

Although Bill likes family-oriented MCC events because he has a young family, he also is conscious that events cannot be geared to only one segment of the community. He notes that annual MCC wine tastings attract adults, but he encourages people to come forward with ideas for still other events that appeal to additional demographic groups.

## Madrona News Deadlines for 2013

- Dec. 11 (Jan. 2013 issue)
- Jan. 8
- Feb. 12
- March 12
- April 9
- May 7

## Leschi Community Council News

Leschi Community Council announces availability of Leschi 2013 calendars. Leschi artists have contributed their watercolors and photographs for 12 months of Leschi scenes. Look for them in participating retail stores at \$15 or email [leschinews@comcast.net](mailto:leschinews@comcast.net).

Leschi Community Council is holding a wine tasting on Jan. 19 from 6:00-9:00pm at BluWater Bistro. For the total cost of \$30 participants can sample wines provided by Leschi Market and appetizers by BluWater. Tickets are available through Brown Paper Tickets.



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## Junius Rochester... (cont'd from page 1)

treland, the US Midwest, and finally the Pacific Northwest. It was here that Norwegian immigrants found they could do the things they'd traditionally done (fishing, farming, logging, and agriculture) in a place that looked like Norway.

In addition to writing history, Junius also promotes interest in history. He is past president of the Pacific NW Historian's Guild, and is going into his third term as president of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. He notes that both organizations welcome historians of all stripes to include those whose interests are oriented toward family histories as well as academics, those conducting research for a book or article, who pursue a casual interest in history, or who are readers of history. For example, the Pioneer Association which is located in Madison Park offers four libraries, a museum, and periodic historical presentations on a wide range of interesting local and state historical topics.

Another way Junius promotes interest in history is through participation in Lindblad-National Geographic Expeditions. As frequently as 10-12 times a year, Junius signs on as historian-in-residence for one-week cruises. A popular offering is a Columbia River cruise during which Junius offers historical glimpses of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Although he admits he enjoys the beautiful places the cruises have taken him, Junius notes that the success of such a tour depends on conducting considerable in-depth research before the cruise.

History is a family interest for the Rochesters. Son Steven—a marine engineer for the US Navy—serves on the Pioneer Association board and daughter Julie is an art historian. It was his wife Joanne who spotted the ad that led to Junius's 14+ years as a cruise ship historian. While she too enjoys the cruises, her job as lead nurse in cancer research at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance prevents her from joining Junius on the history cruises as often as she might like.

On Dec. 23 Junius will speak on Norwegian immigrants in the Northwest at Fort Clatsop, Lewis and Clark National Park, Astoria, OR. Copies of his best-seller on Madrona and Denny Blaine history (*The Last Electric Trolley*) also are still available for \$20 from Mr. Rochester who can be contacted at 860-2153 or [boobus22@gmail.com](mailto:boobus22@gmail.com)

## Neighborhood School News & Activities

### Central Seattle Preschool Fair

The Central Seattle Preschool Fair is coming to Garfield Community Center on Jan. 12. This is a joint effort of the Central Seattle Parent Resource (CSPR) and Garfield Community Center. Over 20 local preschool and daycare programs will be on site from 10:30am-12:30pm, providing parents with opportunities to sift through the options to identify a preschool program that provides a good fit for their family, their budget, and their schedules. Thanks to the generosity of Garfield Community Center, this fair is free for participating schools and free for families.

All schools in the Central Seattle Area are welcome to attend, and can contact Emily Wheeler at [centralspr@gmail.com](mailto:centralspr@gmail.com) to reserve a table at the fair.

Central Seattle Parent Resource promotes community among parents of children from birth to age five by encouraging social connections, which build foundations for long-term civic involvement. For more information, visit [centralseattleparentresource.com](http://centralseattleparentresource.com).

### Coyote Central

Coyote partnered with Barneys New York this fall to create an art installation for Barneys holiday windows at Pacific Place (on the corner of 6th Ave. and Pine). Thirteen young artists, led by professional artist Liza von Rosenstiel, painted forty portraits of Walt Disney's classic characters Minnie and Mickey Mouse. The portraits will be installed in late Nov. to appear through the holiday season. They also will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefitting Coyote.

On Nov. 8, Coyote celebrated the completion of its Fall 2012 CoyoteWorks program serving youth in the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Three cohorts of youth, mostly 13- and 14-year-old students from Madrona K-8, Washington Middle School, and Garfield High School, engaged in community service projects as they developed new talents and skills. One team learned to weld with metal artist Vance Wolfe, ultimately designing and fabricating two metal benches for the 23rd Ave. bus stop next to Coyote. A team of young chefs learned culinary skills from Chef Jemil Aziz, earning their Food Handler permits

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## School News.. (cont'd from previous page)

and providing meals for a homeless teen shelter through the Orion Center. The third team developed their sewing skills with fashion designer Angela Flowers and sewed cotton dresses for a program that provides clothing for children in 40 different African countries.

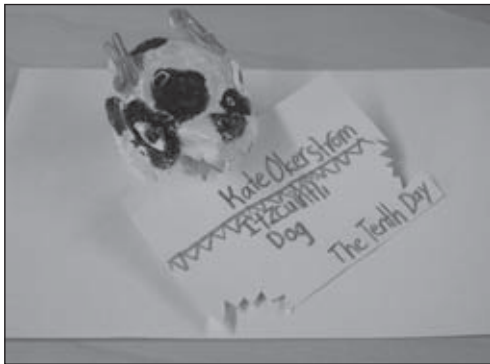
Seattle Girls School students have begun coming to Coyote during their school day as part of their Wednesday Workshop enrichment program. This fall the girls elected to take Studio Coyote courses in Welding, Fashion Illustration, Cooking, and Robotics.

The fall term at Coyote is underway on weekends, with roughly 275 middle-school youth filling its studios with creative activity: fashion, art, performance, metalwork, electronics, hot glass bead making, woodworking, bike building, and cooking. And on Monday afternoons, as many as 30 kids are swing dancing with instructor Karl Schmitz. Coyote typically engages 8–12 kids in any one course, but they aren't closing the doors to this abundance of young dancers.

For a winter term that begins in early February, Coyote will offer even more after-school courses. There are a handful of courses still available for registration during the weekdays of holiday break starting this December; check availability at [www.coyotecentral.org](http://www.coyotecentral.org).

### Epiphany School

As part of an Aztec study unit, Epiphany School third graders used clay to sculpt glyphs that represent the days in the Aztec calendar. A sample of their work appears below:



*Kate Okerstrom '15*



*Peter McCormick '15*



*Lael Blackmore '15*

### Madrona K-8 School

The School has been identified by the Seattle Public Schools district as an Advanced Learning Opportunities (ALO) school, meaning that it provides individual attention for high achieving students. This designation also means that when students test into a gifted program in the district (Spectrum or Accelerated Progress Program), they do not need to change schools but can have their advanced needs met at Madrona K-8. At K-8 students are offered project-based learning opportunities, math curriculum for students based on appropriate levels for individual needs; they continue to use the innovative Readers and Writers Workshop from Columbia Teacher's College. The latter program was piloted at Madrona K-8; it attunes reading and writing curriculum for each student.

At K-8 all students engage in music education, which is facilitated by a new keyboard lab and a growing collection of instruments. Individual instrumental lessons start in grade four and continue into the middle school instrumental band. Many music accomplishments are showcased in the ensemble spring concert and spring's traditional multi-grade musical theater performance featuring live music and student singing and dancing.

### Garfield Community Center Activities

Garfield Community Center Holiday Party takes place from 6:30-8:00pm on Dec. 14. There will be a toy give away for pre-registered participants so sign up soon.

Garfield Community Center will have an Open House from 6:00-8:00pm on Dec. 4. This is also the first day to register for winter programs. The event will include some of the staff and instructors for winter programs. To sign up or view more Garfield Community Council activities visit [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)

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# Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By *Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place*

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



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## Neighborhood News and Notes

Madrona resident Sarah Banks and a group of Seattle-based painters including Kimberly Trowbridge will present *Sketches of Spain Autumn 2012*. The show opens Nov. 30 at 6:30pm and runs through Dec. 2 at Bowling Green/Mountain Flow Yoga in Madrona. For details see [www.saranjan.com](http://www.saranjan.com)

Water 1st announced that Seattle's 8th annual Give Water, Give Life benefit on Nov. 3 raised a record-breaking \$650,000--surpassing last year's total by \$100,000 and ending the walk for water for an additional 8,700 beneficiaries.

As part of the Merry In Madrona event scheduled for Dec. 1 Kismet Salon hosted artists and artisans in a Snip and Shop event. If you read this newsletter before Dec. 1, stop by Kismet to purchase great gifts for holiday giving.

Molly Moon Ice Cream's tiny shop on 34th Ave. has expanded to twice its original size. The new addition will provide enclosed seating for customers and a pint freezer for easy access to take-out ice cream. Winter hours for the store are Wed.-Sun. from 2:00-10:00pm.

Anne Smith is opening Studio Montagne at 1130 34th, which will feature a hand-curated selection of old, and new items. Anne intends to open the store four times a year in pop-up fashion, beginning with a holiday show starting Nov. 23 and running through Dec. 30 on Thurs.-Sat. from 10:00am-6:00pm. The opening party is on Dec. 6 from 5:00-8:00pm. The theme of the holiday show is Woodsmoke which evokes a cozy smell on a dark, frosty winter night. This show will feature warm, natural colors and include items such as antique chairs, hand-dyed European linens, and handmade porcelain ornament from Spain. If you miss this pop-up show, be looking for Anne to reopen Studio Montagne in spring 2013; she plans to offer four themes and openings each calendar year.

The James and Janie Washington Foundation has chosen Madrona artist and resident Esther Ervin to lead art classes at the S.E. Seattle Senior Center. On Dec. 4 and 11 from 12:00-2:00pm, Esther will share a bit about James Washington's art and life, and lead those gathered through a fun and easy art project to create "enchanted adornments" such as for a pen, or a hair clip. No experience is necessary; classes are free for members, \$3.00 for nonmembers in the Solarium of the Center at 4655 S. Holly St. Call 722-0317 or see the Center's website at [www.jameswashington.org](http://www.jameswashington.org).

Aaron Dixon grew up in Madrona, attended Garfield High School, and helped found the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther Party which founded the Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center on 34th Ave. (now on Yesler), a school, and a free breakfast program for children. Dixon recounts these and other Black Panther activities in his recent book *My People Are Rising: Memoir of a Black Panther Party Captain*, which is available now from Haymarket Books.

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- When walking, keep a distance between you and others you don't know. Don't let people get too close, even to inquire about the time. Use well-lit walkways or walk on streets where businesses are open.
- Be aware of your surroundings. In social situations, be alert to places and situations that could make you vulnerable.
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## The Year in Review

— Owner Lynette Vertoch of Cameos & Crowns reports that with time on her hands in the shop this past year she began to wonder how images on the beautiful cards she carried could be more widely shared. The solution was to design and produce 100% linen towels and pillow covers in the back of the shop. As one thing led to another, these products attracted so much interest that by August Lynette's husband could leave his previous job to set up a warehouse to manage the growing business. Lynette reports it was a scary decision to make for themselves and two teenage children. The couple's work now appears in top showrooms for the gift industry, and over 40 road representatives across the country are selling to over 300 stores in the US and Canada including Metropolitan Market, Fireworks, and other Seattle stores. Look for the towels to be featured in the Dec. issue of *Seattle Magazine*. And in 2013 be looking for new product lines including cosmetic bags and aprons.

— St. Clouds Restaurant is celebrating its twelfth year of business in 2012 and its eleventh year cooking for homeless people. Among the eight locations whose clients enjoy St. Clouds cooking are Madrona's own Julia's Place, Tent City 3, and Jubilee Women's Center. John Platt reports that he and other St. Clouds staff:

“feel so lucky to have such a great partnership with the Madrona community in all that we do, from feeding hungry families, hosting “dine out” nights in support of worthy local causes, and gathering friends such as we recently did to watch the elections live and join together in the work of a democracy. St. Clouds' tag line is “where the orphans come to find a



sense of home and family;” all of us at St. Clouds have come to Madrona and found our most special sense of home and family. Thank you.”

You can learn more about St. Clouds and the homeless cooking program at [www.stclouds.com](http://www.stclouds.com), and you can learn more about the whole project at [www.neighborhoodcooking.org](http://www.neighborhoodcooking.org)

— Green Plate Special surpassed many of their partnering and program support goals in 2012. In 2011 they worked with 70 students, but had worked with 100 by Nov. of 2012. GPS also raised funds to purchase most of the small equipment necessary for the kitchen classroom operating at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. Donated funds also contributed to purchases of tools, seeds, soil, and art supplies needed to sustain the GPS garden as a thriving place of education and joy. Sawhorse Revolution, together with their cadre of high school students, is building a covered structure on the GPS location at MLK Jr. Blvd. and E. Union, making it possible to garden year-around. But by Jan. 2014 GPS will need to move to a new property. They hope to find a location close enough to current partners (middle schools and other programs) and big enough to support both a garden and the much-needed small kitchen classroom that has already been designed. If you know of such a location, please contact GPS at [www.greenplatespecial.org](http://www.greenplatespecial.org). GPS continues to welcome large produce size cardboard boxes (no glossy paper), burlap bags, and lots of leaves in garbage bags for the garden's leaf bank. Any of the latter can be dropped off at GPS (behind the garden via the alley south of Union).

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— Restaurant Bea at 1423 34th Ave launched its operations in 2012. As promised, the restaurant opened with a Tues.-Sat. dinner service, but it has subsequently added weekend brunch service, and has future plans for Sunday night dinner. Owner Kate Perry moved to Madrona right before the restaurant opened, making it easier for her to connect with neighbors and keep up with Madrona events and interests. She is working hard to stay true to Bea's mission of serving Northwest comfort food and craft cocktails in her cozy restaurant and bar.

— Arts Aloft—winner this past year of the Red Tricycle award for Most Awesome Children's Art Classes—is looking forward to an exciting 2012 winter filled with terrific creative opportunities for neighborhood children before, during, and after the holiday season. For more details on upcoming workshops and classes check out session offerings at: [www.artsaloforkids.com](http://www.artsaloforkids.com) or call 920-2015.

— Julia's Place opened at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church this year, followed by lots of growth and change. By Nov. six families who had nowhere else to go at night were having dinner, sleeping, and breakfasting at Julia's Place. In total Julia's Place provided 2,997 bed nights for homeless families from April to Nov. 2012. One family served was Sarah and Victor and their four children. The couple both lost their jobs and then their housing. Although they found new jobs in Woodinville, they had to rise at 5:45am to get to work while also caring for the children and looking for housing. But this story has a happy ending because by the end of July the couple had saved enough money to move their family into their own home.

Julia's Place depends on a core of some 65 wonderful active volunteers and on three groups (including the Madrona Grace congregation and Madrona Moms) that staff the shelter for full weeks. If you or your group would like to be involved with this important effort, please contact Alyson Moon at [alyson@marys-placesattle.org](mailto:alyson@marys-placesattle.org) or 621-8474.

— Friends of Madrona Woods got a big boost when about 20 volunteers joined them on Green Seattle Day Nov. 3 to plant the first of 3,000 seedlings for the final 1.5 acres that will complete the 16-year first-pass restoration of the entire Woods.

— In addition to offering tasting parties, Wilridge Winery invited neighbors to help them stomp their grapes this year. On Nov. 3 a hardy band of volunteers gathered in the cold rain and sloshed around among the grapes.

— Hitchcock celebrated its seventh year of business in 2012. On Nov. 15 they celebrated their entirely new interior and introduced fall collections with an elegant evening event at 1406 34th Ave.

— Space constraints often prevent us from running photographs with stories. The accompanying picture is the Madrona Dining and Sipping Society at their October outing at Luc's.



— If you have 2012 news to report that did not appear in this issue, please be in touch with us at [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com) for inclusion in the January 2013 issue.

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 Dec. 24 5:00pm *Christmas Pageant* (child care provided 4:30-6:30pm)  
 9:00pm *Christmas Eve Eucharist*  
 Dec. 25 9:00am *Celebratory Eucharist*

### Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church

- Dec. 23 11:00am *Blue Christmas service*  
 Dec. 24 7:00pm *Christmas Eve service*

### St. Therese Catholic Church

- Dec. 24 4:00pm *Mass with Children's Choir*  
 Dec. 24 8:30pm *Christmas Carols*  
 9:00pm *Mass with "Spirit" Choir*  
 Dec. 25 10:00am *Mass with "Jubilation" and "Shades of Praise"*  
*Gospel Choirs*

## Keeping Warm in Winter at Genesis House

*By Monica Ramsey, Executive Director*

Winter is a wonderful time of the year, a time to focus on holidays, lights, and social gatherings. At Genesis House it also is a time to be grateful. Today our dental office called with thanks for sending one of our clients for dental work. He is a shy, older man who after living 25 years without upper teeth was so joyful that dental changes meant he could smile fully and talk clearly again. This client worked hard at odds jobs around our facility to pay for half of the dental bill and we were proud to match him dollar for dollar.

At Genesis House, many clients and their children come to the facility with little or no clothing and certainly no warm, winter apparel. We and they would very much appreciate donations of warm hats, scarves, gloves, and socks. Whether new or gently used, gifts like these will wrap our clients and their children in warmth and gratitude. If you have items to donate please contact me at [mramsey@genesishouse.com](mailto:mramsey@genesishouse.com) or call 860-2622. Visit us at [www.genesishouse.com](http://www.genesishouse.com).

**Mutt Match-up Answers:** Antonella and Benson, Salina and Otis, Geoff and Piper

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## Adding up our Successes

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.

There are many ways to gauge success. After 16 years of learning and doing in our Madrona Woods restoration, it looks like success to us to come upon 15-foot evergreens we planted as one-foot high seedlings and to see the large variety of native plants throughout the woods that have replaced previous smothering monocultures of ivy and holly. It feels like success to see an end to the restoration phase as we work on the LAST few acres that still need first-time attention. And a more immediate way of counting success is the number of new plants we're putting into that southern edge of the woods this fall and winter. We received our first fall shipment of 800 potted young-uns on Oct. 24, and with the help of an energetic crew of volunteers on Green Seattle Day Nov. 3, more than half of them were already in the ground by the end of the day.

With shipments due the beginning of Dec. and in Jan., we'll continue to need lots of help to get our total of 3,000 plants from the delivery trucks to their permanent positions in the winter-wet soil. Join Seattle Works crews on Dec. 8 and Jan. 12 and Martin Luther King Day volunteers Jan. 21 to plant with like-minded people. These work parties go from 10:00am-2:00pm; we meet at the end of 39th Street where there's now a job box to pick up gloves and tools. Regular work parties will be from 10:00am-1:00pm on the fourth Sat. of each month, though we'll be skipping the December one because of the holiday. To sign up, go to [cedar.greencitypartnerships.org](http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org) and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending.

Remember, Friends of Madrona Woods will be selling living holiday trees this Dec. to raise funds for long-term maintenance and also to provide more trees for ongoing restoration. Contact Peter Mason at 388-6490 or [peterma5@msn.com](mailto:peterma5@msn.com) for more information, to order, and to arrange for delivery. After the holidays you can either plant the Grand fir you've purchased at home, donate it to Madrona Woods, or plant it yourself in Madrona Woods.

Stay tuned for a repainted cross-walk across Lake Washington Blvd. from the southeast Woods entrance to Spectrum Dance Studio which has been promised for sometime in the next year.

We'll be opening up and enhancing that entrance near the recent restoration when there's a safer crossing.

You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos on our website: [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). And we have a Facebook page too.

## Poetic Medicine

By Suzanne Edison, 37th Avenue

Voices stick like pollen.

As a wasp rasps its tongue on fence post,  
turning wood bits and spit into paper hive,  
I transmute words, hearing again  
what cannot be swallowed.

from *The North Wind*

What cannot be swallowed? The thoughts, feelings, and experiences of parents who have a child living with a chronic illness or ongoing health issues. I have been awarded a grant from the Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs to write a series of poems based on conversations and interviews with parents caring for an ill child. Their children's illnesses include sickle cell disease, autism, juvenile arthritis, juvenile myositis, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy. Many have overlapping issues.

While the specifics vary for each disease, the issues for these families are quite similar. Their lives and futures are altered. Parents who have children with these or other chronic health issues often feel isolated and invisible. They are patient and courageous. They are tired and sad. They will have to negotiate schools and friends and insurance bureaucracies in ways many others don't. They will go through layers of grief and most often find strength and moments of joy in their journeys.

I will be reading poems and discussing this particular parenting journey from 12:30-1:30pm on Dec. 5 at Seattle Children's Hospital (Dining Room 3, off the Main Dining Room, Whale 5), 4800 Sandpoint Way N.E.

Readings are free and open to the public. Feel free to contact me with questions at [suzanne.edison@curejm.org](mailto:suzanne.edison@curejm.org) or visit my website [www.seedison.com](http://www.seedison.com).

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## Neighborhood Districts and Our Part in the Central Area District

The city is divided into 13 neighborhood districts; Madrona is part of the Central Area District. These districts grew out of a 1987 Seattle City Council resolution to promote, involve, and support citizen participation at the neighborhood level. The Central Area Neighborhoods District Council (the CANDC) comprises representatives from community councils, such as the MCC, nonprofit organizations, and business districts. The councils provide a forum for consideration of concerns and for the sharing of ideas to help those in attendance share solutions to common problems. To ensure that city programs and services are responsive and reflective of the needs and values of neighborhoods, field staff known as Neighborhood District Coordinators serve as the community's liaison and resource. The CANDC meets monthly, usually on the second Thurs. of the month, and is open to the public. The MCC's President and Vice-President are the designated attendees for the monthly CANDC meeting. Susan Minoque regularly attends the CANDC meetings on behalf of the MCC. When she attends she reports Madrona activities and concerns, learns about challenges and opportunities other neighborhoods confront, and returns that information to the MCC.

## Madrona's November Wine Tasting Event

Thanks to additional space made available at glassbaby studios that was not available in 2011, over 125 people attended this special Madrona event on Nov. 3. Those in attendance found it easy to mix and mingle as well as savor and compare wines tasted. Given the opportunity to greet old friends and meet new ones in the neighborhood proved to be another highlight of the evening.

Leschi Market's knowledgeable and well-connected staff arranged for 60 wines to be poured, including Mark Ryan Winery, Wilridge Winery, and Small Vineyards Imports, and wines from Argentina, Portugal, and New Zealand. As occurred in 2011, wine orders placed at the event benefitted from a special event-only price discount. Ken from Leschi Market was on site to make sure everything went as planned, and special thanks go to Steve at Leschi Market for continued participation in this great event.

Many thanks go to glassybaby's donation of the wonderful space as well as tables, tablecloths, and much other party paraphernalia. Glassbaby donated proceeds of glassbaby sales to Madrona K-8 to help fund their stage/theater program. Several Madrona restaurants provided food for the event, including St. Cloud's, Restaurant Bea, Bistro Turkuaz, and the Madrona Ale House. Kevin O'Doherty of Windermere Real Estate supplied additional tables, coat racks, and the all-important wine glasses.

Be looking for next fall's wine tasting dates in the October 2013 *Madrona News*.

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# Halloween Events Bring Out the Crowds

The Madrona Community Council and many neighbors and friends gathered at the Madrona Shelterhouse where costumed children started off an evening of fun by collecting donated treats. Few hesitated before tearing into their goodies, but some among the littler ones sucked on wrappers until they could figure out how to get into the treat itself.

Although the evening threatened rain, Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin must have stepped in to hold back the showers. By the end of the evening, there were even stars overhead. Over 100 families visited the Shelterhouse, beginning with the smallest ghosts and goblins at 4:30pm. In some instances, whole families dressed for the event including Bill and Brianna Mahoney and family. Son



*Madrona K-8 greets Halloween crowds*

Liam explained that the girls in the family dressed as Minnie Mouse (n=2) while the boys (n=2) came out as Mickey Mouse. In addition to picking up treats at the Shelterhouse, children obtained scavenger hunt maps for their visits to Madrona busi-

nesses. Over 100 families participated in this portion of the event, and many traveled beyond the Shelterhouse to visit Madrona businesses.

Madrona businesses again opened their doors to hundreds of

scary, sweet, and oh-so-cute trick or treaters this year. According to BOOM member John Platt "it was great to welcome everyone inside the doors of our shops, and so great to have such support from the neighborhood for this fun evening. Sponsored by BOOM --the Business Owners of Madrona --the Scavenger Hunt proved less important to the kids than the real jobs of the night, exclaiming "Trick or Treat" and gathering their loot! We're good with that. Count on the MCC/BOOM Halloween collaboration every year." There was also a huge crowd at the Madrona Ale House with many in costume and Restaurant Bea offered free dinners for kids in costumes.

As in past years, St. Clouds offered its shot bar to sooth frazzled holiday nerves. Bottlehouse offered apple bobbing, an event that particularly attracted youngsters like the Kryman children shown in the accompanying photo.



*Bobbing for Apples at Bottlehouse*

Organized events for the evening concluded at Madrona K-8 School which was decked out with scary spider webs, grinning jack-o-lanterns, sparkling pumpkins and spooky smoke-filled cauldrons—as well as costumed kids and PTSA members. More than 40 families stopped by to collect their scavenger hunt prizes, including chocolate gold coins and MK8 wristbands. Kids and parents also enjoyed hot apple cider, candy treats, spooky music and this very festive event as part of their evening of trick-or-treating.

All in all, it was a fun night for everyone.



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## Curmudgeon's Corner — Finally, the Elections are Over

*By Malcolm Harker, 37th Ave.  
(WA 9th District, or it is the 7th?)*

So now we can go back to assuming that anything that arrives with a thud on the porch is a phone book we don't need anymore, instead of a voting pamphlet which is almost as big --but makes us all feel really guilty if we don't read it cover to cover and think through all the issues and candidates' positions.

Fortunately, here in Madrona, we have an instinctive knowledge of what is right: Yes, that's right, left is right!

That leaves us with only one task: to learn the name of our new Congressman, since, shockingly (at least for some of us) it may not be Jim McDermott anymore. Apparently the interloper is called Adam Smith. Fortunately, Wikipedia knows all about Adam. It seems that in 1776, he wrote a "magnum opus" (the best kind of opus) about how to get rich, called "An Enquiry into The Wealth of Nations." It was a convenient year for its publication, because it meant that the brand new United States of America came with an instruction manual.

You might be justified in assuming Adam Smith has been dead a long time, but this is Madrona. So long as he's a Democrat, no one will care. For those of us who do care, and want to stick with good old Jim, just stay west of 35th and south of Union (we think).

Sadly, four years from now, we'll probably only have a choice of regular dudes for President, since the cool one will be gone. It would also be cool if the number of other candidates and Referendums, Initiatives, Ballot Measures and the like could be reduced. One seems a good number, so here's the Curmudgeon's proposal:

Measure 1:

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## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** **Tom Bennett and the Rolling Blackouts**—Playing every Monday at St. Clouds. [www.tombennettmusic.com](http://www.tombennettmusic.com)  
1:00pm – 3:00pm **Let's Play Seattle!**—Enjoy an informal play group for children (under 5 years old). MLK Community Center, [jennie.burton@gmail.com](mailto:jennie.burton@gmail.com); [meetup.com/letsplayseattle](http://meetup.com/letsplayseattle)
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm **Song Writer's Salon**—A not-so open mic at Bottlehouse; contact [comalrkin@gmail.com](mailto:comalrkin@gmail.com) for information about performing
- WED & FRI** 8:40am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Peter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, [pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com](mailto:pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com)
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, [twallistone@yahoo.com](mailto:twallistone@yahoo.com)  
11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705  
6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave [www.bottlehouseseattle.com](http://www.bottlehouseseattle.com)  
7:30pm **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am – 8:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarker715@comcast.net)
- SATURDAYS** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult [www.MadronaWineMerchants.com](http://www.MadronaWineMerchants.com)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

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- Dec 1 10:00am – 5:00pm **Pick up your Pre-ordered MCC Holiday Wreaths** — Amara Parenting parking lot at 34th and Union
- Dec 1 10:00am – 5:00pm **Booksale** — Madrona K-8 library
- Dec 1 **Merry in Madrona** — Many Madrona merchants will extend their hours to accommodate shoppers
- Dec 1 9:00am – 3:00pm **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area** — Rain or shine meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- Dec 1-2 10:00am – 4:00pm **Open Studio Sale, with Work by Madrona's Esther Ervin** — James Washington Foundation, 1816 26th Ave. 709-4241
- Dec 1-14 **Toys-for-Tots Gift Drive** — Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Edward Jones office, 3304 East Spring Street
- Dec 1-8 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Prographica "Equine, Bovine, Canine, Feline ..."** — 3419 E Denny Way. [prographica.com](http://prographica.com)
- Dec 4 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting** — Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Dec 5 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Poetic Medicine, Suzanne Edison** — Reading and discussion on parenting chronically ill children. Seattle Children's Hospital (Dining Room 3, off the Main Dining Room, Whale 5), 4800 Sandpoint Way N.E. Contact [suzanne.edison@curejm.org](mailto:suzanne.edison@curejm.org) or visit website [www.seedison.com](http://www.seedison.com)
- Dec 5 3:30pm – 4pm **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting** — Bottlehouse 1416 34th Ave. Officers meet from 2:45-3:30 with an open forum from 3:30 – 4:00. Contact Soni Dave-Schock at [madronabusineses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusineses@gmail.com)
- Dec 7 9:30 – 10:15 **Fridays with Farah** — Coffee & chat with Farah Thaxton, Principal at Madrona K-8. For additional information, call 252-3100
- Dec 8 6:00 – 9:00pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting/Holiday Party** — Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. 9th. Potluck – please bring a dish for six people. Enjoy music, a raffle, and children's activities with fellow community members. Diane Snell [jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell1@comcast.net)
- Dec 9-16 **Happy Chanukah**
- Dec 13 6:00pm **Seattle Police East Precinct Advisory Council Meeting** — Seattle University, Chardin Hall, Room 142. Free parking in the Broadway and East Columbia campus parking garage. [www.eastpac.org](http://www.eastpac.org)
- Dec 15 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Opening Reception of Body Language** — Prographica, 3419 East Denny Way, 322-3851 or [prographica.com](http://prographica.com)
- Dec 19 9:00am – 1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday** — Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. Contact John Platt, [john@stclouds.com](mailto:john@stclouds.com)
- Dec 22 **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party will not be held in December** — Contact Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccray@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com)
- Dec 22 9:45pm **Christmas Ships at Madrona Beach** — Spectrum Dance Theater and the Garfield Community Center will host "Bonfire on the Beach" with hot cocoa, cider, and a performance by dance students in the park before the ship arrives. Van Diep [www.spectrumdance.org](http://www.spectrumdance.org)
- Dec 25 **Merry Christmas**
- Dec 26 – Jan 1 **Kwanzaa Holiday**

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