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From the 2007 Archives—Growing up in the Inkwell

By James Bell, *Seattle and Washington, D.C.*

My family arrived in Seattle in the '40's from New Orleans. My father came first, living in Bremerton and working at Bethlehem Steel. He soon sent for my mother and me and before long my mother gave birth to my brother Charles, then my brother Louie, and a couple of years later our sister Carol. Around 1948 our family moved into the High Point housing projects in Seattle. But we didn't stay there long because my folks soon bought a house in the Central Area.

The Central Area or "The Inkwell," as we called our neighborhood, was as diverse a community as you could find in Seattle in those days. My next-door neighbors to the south were Jewish. I remember going with my Jewish friend Michael to another class he had to attend after we'd already spent all day at school at Madrona Elementary. It was rather strange to me because the book was read from back to front, as I recall. Our neighbors to the north and across the street were white and of no particular ethnicity. In between we had Filipino and Asian neighbors. It was there on 29th Avenue and Spring Street that my brothers, sister and I were raised.

Nobody in the neighborhood wanted for food and you could get any food commodity you wanted right there. Bread came from one of the bakeries on Cherry or Union streets and vegetables from the gardens that most everybody had in their yard somewhere. In those days people hunted on Whidbey Island, Skagit Flats, and the White and Blue Mountains and fished all along Lake Washington and at all the other lakes. My favorite was Moses Lake in central Washington. I cleaned and ate so much rabbit and deer meat that I thought there was none left in the woods. In hunting and fishing seasons we sold or traded all kinds of wild game and still had a full freezer.

The cobbler on Cherry Street repaired our shoes until tennis shoes made him move to the U district to try and make a living. "You can't resole tennis shoes," he said,

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Council Corner

The first item of business on Jan. 8 was presented by Amy Fink, secretary of the Leschi Community Council, who attended to enlist MCC interest and support for a James St. stair cleanup project. The particular stretch of stairs is 106 steps from Lake Washington Blvd. to 38th Ave. E.; views of it are at www.communitywalk.com/seattle/wal-seattle-stairs/map/388644. The MCC unanimously agreed to partner with LCC to clean up the stairs. The date will be scheduled for the spring. The Council set a Mayfair date of May 18 and a tentative Neighborhood Appreciation

Day date of March 23. Attention then turned to Seattle Department of Transportation representatives Elizabeth Sheldon and Barbara Gray who presented a draft plan for the scope of SDOT work to address tree/sidewalk conflicts. According to the draft plan (found on the www.Madrona.us website), the project begins with hiring a consultant who will manage the project, research existing and best practices for managing tree and sidewalk conflicts, develop long term solutions and approaches to implementing suggested approaches,

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Meet MCC Board Member Kim Herber

Long-time *Madrona News* readers will remember that Kim Herber edited this newsletter for over a decade.

An interview with Kim that appeared in the June 2010 edition reported that after stepping down as editor, Kim intended to study family genealogy, enjoy more time with her husband Thom Ditty and their two nearly grown



Kim Herber

children, develop her collectibles business, and continue her Boeing project management work. She didn't mention her intention to remain a board member on the Madrona Community Council (MCC), but that is what she has done. This profile provides an opportunity for readers to meet Kim in her MCC role, and learn more about her personally.

Researching her own and her husband's family remain high on Kim's agenda. Although she acknowledges that genealogy is never finished, she is satisfied with gains made. For example,

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although Thom's family lore had it that the Dittys came to the US from Wales, her research indicated they'd come from Switzerland. To validate that possibility, she encouraged Thom to participate in a DNA project. Indeed, the results showed that Thom's genes went back to the Swiss line. For her own part, Kim continues to learn a lot about her family, which includes Germans from Russia.

Kim also has a space in the Fremont Vintage Mall where she offers a variety of collectibles from painted glassware and dishes, to shoes and clothing from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. She enjoys spending time in thrift stores and at yard sales to find treasures to pass on to others.

Kim remains a full-time Boeing employee in the Learning, Training and Development organization. In that role she helps the organization become more efficient in developing and delivering training to Boeing employees.

The Madrona Dining and Sipping Society is a monthly must-do for Kim because its dinners introduce her to neighbors she wouldn't otherwise meet. She credits Audrey Seale with doing a great organizing job for MDSS. Kim also volunteers at Julia's Place, the homeless shelter for families at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. At home, she is helping daughter Hannah prepare college applications, enjoys her husband's cooking, and likes to nap with their big dog, Luna. Recently she has resumed knitting projects.

But what is more is that this busy woman also finds time for the MCC. She attends meetings, helps on committees, and has a great memory of past MCC activities. She is excited by the new people who've become involved with the MCC in the last couple of years and hopes for even more new blood. She characterizes the MCC as a friendly group and encourages everyone to come on down to a meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 in the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse to see for themselves.

Madrona Community Council Meeting *Draft Agenda for February 6th, 7:15pm

- » Treasurer's Report
- » Updates on Mayfair and Neighborhood Appreciation Plans
- » CANDC Bylaws Update

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and prepare as many as five case studies, one of which must be the 34th Ave. corridor in Madrona. Madrona residents are strongly encouraged to read this draft plan and send their feedback on it to SDOT by Feb. 7; see a related story in this issue for more on this topic and contact information. At the meeting Liz and Barbara walked residents through the draft plan, answering questions as they arose. It became clear that SDOT expects and wants input from Madrona residents at every stage of this process, from hiring through implementation.

The MCC and neighbors heard more about renovations for the Shelterhouse to make bathrooms ADA compliant for wheelchairs and accessible during the winter. Susan Minogue suggested that we repaint the Shelterhouse interior after the bathroom remodel to enliven the space. Others wondered if renovations would take place during Mayfair. In a previous meeting, MCC members discussed the possibility of changing the venue for meetings to attract more people and new members, but it was decided to remain at the Shelterhouse for the Feb. meeting. The MCC reviewed estimates for printing the *Madrona News* and voted to take the business to Overnight Printing, a previous printer of the newsletter. Finally, a general discussion took place regarding USPS plans to close the 23rd and Union post office station. It soon became evident that there are many rumors circulating, few of which are consistent with one another. Even calls and visits to the USPS have produced varying accounts of what is to occur or why.

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Artist: Dianne Kornberg

Inkwell... (cont'd from page 1)

and after a couple of years he had to leave there too. Other black business thrived and some have managed to survive to this day. Dr. Larry's Ophthalmology office is still open on 23rd Avenue [as of 2007], as is a long-standing eatery on Martin Luther King and Cherry that is now called Catfish Corner. Prior to the current incarnation it was named Soul Burger and it was the best burger place in town until a speeding car ran into the front of the business early one Sunday morning years ago.

Many newspapers and professionals served the Central Area community over the years. Two of the papers, *The Medium* and *The Facts*, continue to bring important issues to the attention of the Central Area with a focus on African Americans. Most of the pharmacists like the Jordans, or medical doctors and dentists who had Central Area offices have retired or moved on. The black teachers I knew, including Mrs. Lewis, the only African American teacher at Madrona, and the other educators who had to take legal action to be allowed to work in the Seattle school district, have moved on too.

The diverse racial makeup of the community remained until the early '60s when it started changing dramatically. The Jewish neighbors moved out, leaving their religious structures and selling or leasing their businesses to the African Americans moving into the valley along Madison Street between 31st and 23rd avenues. This period also saw an increase of Blacks in the Jackson area and soon the Central Area was the Black community.

Today, those residents of the Inkwell would be pleased to see the many teachers, doctors, and lawyers who live and work in the Central Area community. In fact, some early African American residents of Madrona now spend time volunteering their professional services through the Central Area Senior Center in Leschi. Some even belong to the Black Heritage Society (BHS) of Washington, an organization dedicated to preserving the history of the contributions of African Americans. The BHS accomplishes its goals through its oral history project, a now realized commitment to see a Black History Museum open in the former Coleman School, and an association with the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) to preserve and display artifacts of the first Black settlers in Seattle. For more information about the Black Heritage Society, visit www.blackheritagewa.org.

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Valentine's Vino

By Jim Mahoney, Madrona Wine Merchants, 34th Ave.

When love is in the air, wine is in the glass, and when wine flows, love follows. In celebrating Love's day on Feb. 14 it is a good idea to have something nice to sip on. Suggestions below may help if you are unsure of what to choose.

Bubbles are never a bad idea. They can work as a preliminary, match a meal, or to make a fine late evening toast. Many types and styles are available.

Half bottles, called splits, let you have several wines to go with different courses or parts of the evening. Splits are fun and practical, and they keep life interesting. If it's a meal you intend to enjoy with splits, imagine something bubbly at the beginning of an evening, burgundy with the soup, a cabernet with a steak, and for the hearty a little port for dessert or when you retire to the couch.

Dessert wines are another option. Sweets for the sweet is an old line, but it never fails to please. There are many unusual and interesting dessert wines that can make the night new and interesting. Try an apple-laden late-harvest sauvignon blanc, or an apricot rich Vin Santo or a nutty and caramelly tawny port.

Another possibility is to pick a wine that brings with it good memories from a special occasion in the past. Or pick a special bottle that your admired one loves or one that you do. Love begets love and wine is no exception. Quality counts – it's Valentine's Day, after all and this special day calls for a special bottle.

Or you can skip the standards and choose a new wine—something new that you have never had before. There is a world of wine and it is fun to explore it with the right company. Whatever your choices, have a great Valentine's Day.

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Sidewalks and Street Trees on the 34th Ave. Corridor

As noted in Council Corner, the draft plan from SDOT titled “Scope of Work: Addressing Tree/Sidewalk Conflicts,” is found at www.madrona.us. This three-page document outlines intent to hire a consultant to help SDOT develop and formalize a toolkit of options to address conflicts between trees and sidewalks throughout Seattle. Madrona’s 34th Ave. corridor will serve as a case study, and it is therefore critical that Madrona citizens be involved with every phase of the project.

Having met with the MCC and some Madrona residents at the Jan. 8 meeting, SDOT encourages Madrona neighbors to read and send comments on the draft plan by Feb. 7 to either Liz Sheldon at Elizabeth.sheldon@seattle.gov or Jennifer Wieland at Jennifer.wieland@seattle.gov. According to the draft document, SDOT will hire a consultant to manage the project, research existing and best practices for managing tree and sidewalk conflicts, develop long term solutions and approaches to implementing suggested approaches, and prepare as many as five case studies, one of which must be the 34th Ave. corridor in Madrona.

At the MCC meeting, questions arose about the possibility of buying trees to replace those lost. Among funding possibilities are to apply for grant funds; the main source for learning about grant availability is at www.seattle.gov/grants/. Madrona residents also are encouraged to organize early to pursue grant possibilities as they arise.

Black History Month

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed 150 years ago declaring “that all persons held as slaves” within the rebellious states “are, and henceforward shall be free.” But the Proclamation did not make slavery illegal, and this troubled President Lincoln. Those who watched the film *Lincoln* saw a depiction of that President’s work to ban slavery forever via successful passage of the thirteenth amendment to the US constitution.

Learn more about these and other milestones in Black American history from BlackPast.org. The website is a 10,000 page reference center dedicated to providing information on US African American history and on the more than one billion people of African ancestry around the world. One can enter search terms to focus on state and local history. For example, a search of Madrona revealed that Walter Hubbard, Jr., moved to Seattle in 1951. But because of his color he was unable to purchase a house in either West Seattle or Madrona, and this initiated his long involvement in Seattle-area civil rights activities. He was a member of the powerful Central Area Civil Rights Committee, was one of several founders of the Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP), and in 1966 was a leader of the Freedom School Boycott which focused attention on Seattle’s racially segregated schools. According to the website entry, much of Walter Hubbard’s civil rights activism was channeled through Roman Catholic organizations. A life-long Catholic, Hubbard was able to mobilize the local Catholic community to support marches, boycotts and other civil rights protest activity. Learn more about Mr. Hubbard and many others who contributed to Seattle’s development on BlackPast.org.



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Neighborhood Appreciation Awards Nominations

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) reminds you to nominate your neighbors for a Neighborhood Appreciation Day award by Feb. 26. At press time the award ceremony was tentatively set for March 23. Awards open to nominations are:

- **The Nora Award:** Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways large or small, has left a personal mark on the community.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but is much missed.

To nominate someone, please tell us who you'd like to nominate and for which award followed by a few sentences that explain how the nominee reflects values of the award. Email your nomination(s) on or before Feb. 26 to madronanews@gmail.com for review and selection by MCC members.

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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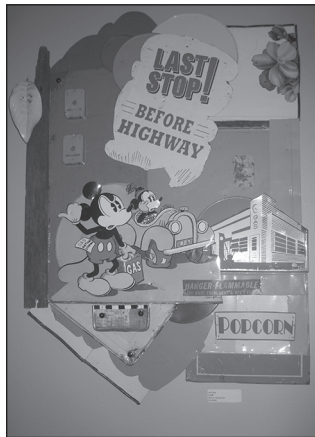
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In the Eye of the Beholder

Madrona's one official art gallery is a treasure, but you may be surprised to learn how many Madrona businesses also showcase art. Ideally, the following review of visual art displayed in Madrona will encourage you to take your own 2013 tour of art on display.

Prographica at 3419 Denny Way is Madrona's singular art gallery. Founded in Dec. 2010 by Norman Lundin, this still-young gallery specializes in contemporary drawings, photography, and other works on paper. The gallery represents artists who have already made substantial professional achievements, emerging artists, and some who are just beginning their careers. Organized around themes Lundin develops, shows at Prographica typically turn over every six weeks. Coming up is a show titled *Bleak Beauty: artists who find beauty in the unpromising*. This show opens on Feb. 2 with a reception from 2:00-4:00pm and continues through March 9. Stop in during regular gallery hours from 11:00am-5:00pm Wed.-Sat.

From Prographica, head uphill and south on 34th Ave. to visit the several Madrona businesses that display visual arts. Your first stop will be at the Hi Spot Café where two shows are usually going. At present artist Scott Smith is showing his water colors and ink works upstairs. Mounted on the downstairs walls is work by William Herberholz whose assemblages are composed of vintage tin. Bill notes he has been doing this kind of work for some 20 years, relying in part on his background as a draftsman and print maker and in great part on his imagination.



Last Stop

Each piece of tin work, like the one titled "Last Stop" is a visual poem to Bill who creates a story behind each work. Hi Spot Café owner Mike Walker says he has always supported the arts, including acquiring several pieces for the Hi Spot including lanpshades by Jill Smith and Michaela Miller's screen painting between the kitchen and upstairs dining room.

The next stop on 34th in Madrona comes at St. Clouds Restau-

rant where proprietors John Platt and Paul Butler display purchased work in the restaurant and rotating encaustic work by Willow Bader in the bar. Encaustic is a medium of heated wax and pigment applied to a fine-grained natural wood surface. The artist has only three seconds to work before the wax sets up, which means that Willow is unlikely to make more than three paint strokes before the brush must be reheated and recharged. You can learn more about this challenging medium and Willow's work by viewing it or picking up her brochure at St. Clouds.

The next stop on a tour of Madrona visual art displays is just a few steps away at Madrona Wine Merchants. Proprietors Mark Souder and Jim Mahoney think of the wine shop as a neighborhood place where arts works provide another way of engaging with the community. 2012 shows included Brooker's oils titled Arc of Heaven, Jessica Dodge's paintings on glass, and Jeff Crandall's work featuring his poems etched on glass bottles. The current show is Kelly Lyles' Candyland. Suzanne Brooker contacts artists and organizes show schedules. Suzanne indicates that artists from the neighborhood can contact her about showing their work, but she hastens to explain that the store is not a professional gallery. Those interested in possible scheduling for 2014 can contact Suzanne at samzebraboy@q.com by sending three to four images with sizes and prices.

The last stop on our tour of Madrona visual arts displays is at Cupcake Royale. This Madrona location runs one-month art shows, selecting artists based on clientele interests and the fit between the artist's work and aesthetics of the space. Among recent showings were Lynne Alexander's bird paintings and a Jan. showing of Matthew Porter's monkey paintings. For Feb. the featured artist will be Charles Wolfe, a local photographer and longtime customer at Cupcake Royale. The wall space for visual art is booked until May, but those interested in showing can stop by and provide information to Jessica or email heidimadrona.art@gmail.com.

With these locations in mind, enjoy your own tour of visual arts displayed in Madrona stores. In coming months we hope to provide a similar tour of Madrona crafts in the business district, as well as look at collectibles businesses in the Madrona core. If you can suggest a candidate for inclusion, please be in touch at madronanews@gmail.com.



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Neighborhood News and Notes

Spectrum Dance Theater recently announced that Donald Byrd has accepted a five-year reappointment as Artistic Director. Byrd and company remain more than busy. Byrd's life, career, and work at Spectrum were featured in an in-depth article in December's *Pacific NW Magazine*. In Feb. and March the company will tour Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka as cultural ambassadors for the DanceMotion USASM program of the US Department of State and Brooklyn Academy of Music. Then the group returns to prepare for *A Cruel New World/the new normal*, a commentary on post-911 in the US that premiered 10 years ago at Spectrum.

"The story of *women's* struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights." This Gloria Steinem quote is a header for the International Women's Day website at www.internationalwomensday.com, and it is the basis of an invitation to Madrona residents to submit thoughts/experiences/concerns on equality for the March *Madrona News*. The deadline is Feb. 12; please send your work, written or visual, to madronanews@gmail.com.

Madrona's Green Plate Special was featured on a Channel 21 television spot that profiled the organization and its work with low-income middle school children in the garden and the kitchen. If you missed it, it can be viewed at www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=4071241&file=1

Madrona resident Carver Gayton has published a recent book on his great grandfather Lewis George Clarke. This facsimile edition with an introduction by Gayton is a chronicle of Clarke's life as a slave; the work was the first by a slave to be copyrighted and acquired by the Library of Congress. Gayton will be speaking about the book at the Feb. 6 Leschi Community Council meeting held at the Central Area Senior Center at 500 30th Ave. S. See the calendar for details.

Beginning Jan. 31 at 6:00pm Pacific time, RLTV will premier a documentary titled *Boomers 2.0*. This hour-long program showcases boomers' views including a look at the past, today's challenges of managing life with elderly parents or helping adult children, and the future.

The Madrona community is invited to a celebration of new open hours at the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch Library on Jan. 27

from 2:00 – 3:30pm. This Madrona Library Sundays special celebration will feature refreshments and a craft event for families, along with a Check-Out Challenge game and information about new Library services. Among new services are that patrons will be able to place holds on up to 50 books and materials. Further, there will be an increase in the budget for collections, allowing for additional purchases of books and new materials. If you miss this special celebration, in future drop by the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch any Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm.

Upcoming city-sponsored events to celebrate Black History Month include artist Robert Horton's *Souls of Sweetness* show at the Ethnic Heritage Art Gallery in Seattle's Municipal, Tower at 700 Fifth Ave. from Jan. 20-April 15. The show's opening reception is 4:30-7:00pm on Feb 2.

One in five Washington citizens struggle with hunger, making Washington State the 11th hungriest state in the nation. Over the past three years, the number of hungry families grew by 85% across Washington. Members of the state's Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition and community advocates believe that no one should go hungry. To make their message clear, they invite citizens from across the state to join them on Feb. 22 For Hunger Action Day at the state legislature. On-line registration to schedule visits with legislators will give all a chance to express their concerns and offer their recommendations to law makers. Sign up now at www.wsahnc.org.

Artists of African descent from Washington and Oregon are encouraged to submit up to five pieces of their art for the March 6-May 1 Onyx Fine Arts Collective Exhibition at Seattle City Hall. For additional details, see www.entrythingy.com/www.onyxarts.org.

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As many know, public schools have been hammered by state budget cuts. This Gala and Auction will help fill some of the resulting funding gaps with raffle ticket sales going to PTSA-funded programs, such as Garfield's High School and Beyond Center and other programs that improve academic achievement. Auction proceeds also will support student activities and teachers' capacity to provide a diverse range of quality experiences, opportunities, and learning methods to help all GHS students succeed.

Only 1,650 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each, providing excellent odds for winning. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Auction on March 1, but the winner does not have to be

present to win. The winner will be eligible for a Federal tax credit of \$7,500, but may choose to take a \$50,000 certified check in lieu of the car.

This year, raffle tickets will also be drawn for three runner-up prizes: \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 certified checks. Winners of these prizes *do* need to be at the auction to claim the cash prizes. To purchase raffle or Auction tickets (for yourself or as a great gift for someone else) at \$50 each, or for more information, contact PTSA president Phil Sherburne at phil-sherburne@msn.com or 355-0834, PTSA vice president Eric Downs at kfedsea@earthlink.com or Julie Wroble at jwroble@comcast.net or 324-4829.

Madrona K-8

Madrona K-8 will be hosting a series of tours and open houses for prospective new families in all grades of elementary and middle school. Preregistration is not required; all events begin in the school library.

Tour Dates are:

- Tuesday Jan. 29 at 10:00am
- Wednesday Feb. 6th at 10:00am
- Thursday Feb. 28 at 10:00am

There is also an evening "Bridge to Middle School" open house event scheduled for Feb. 13 at 6:00pm. Attendees at this event will gather for an overview of the school, then join break out groups for elementary and middle school tours and learn about opportunities for students at Madrona K-8.

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Chinese New Year and Tet Begin Feb. 10

The Chinese calendar is a combination solar/lunar calendar, based on complex astronomical calculations that include the sun's longitude. Chinese New Year falls on the second new moon after the winter solstice which is Feb. 10 in 2013. This is the year of the sixth of 12 animal signs on the Chinese zodiac-- the snake--which is purported to be enigmatic, intuitive, introspective, and refined. The year of the snake is expected to be characterized by steady progress, but progress will require attention to detail, focus, and discipline. Those born in the year of the snake are said to be thoughtful and wise and approach problems with logic and rationality.

Chinese New Year festivities probably were initiated to celebrate the end of winter and the rebirth that comes with the spring. But ancient legend has it that New Year celebrations began when an old man tricked a people-eating beast called Niam into disappearing. Today the holiday is mostly about spending time with family and sharing wishes for good luck in the coming year. Vietnamese New Year (Tet) also begins on Feb. 10, but it is celebrated for fewer days than is Chinese New Year. This holiday also is celebrated with family who together honor their ancestors.

Local celebrations will occur all over town, but a center for Lunar Year activities is the Wing Luke Museum at 719 A. King St. For a schedule, see www.wingluke.org.

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Planting Count-Down

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.

Last month I mentioned a large number--3,000. That's how many plants will go into the south end of Madrona Woods before this winter's planting season ends. After Jan. work parties, we'll count down to plant the last 1,000. We're hoping to recruit enough helpers to finish in Feb. and March. Friends of the Cedar River Watershed and Seattle Works continue to help mobilize larger groups for work parties, but we need neighborhood volunteers to join them. It's fun working with these enthusiastic recruits, some of whom are amazed by our beautiful Madrona Woods forest in the city.

Come out and also be amazed and help to finish the last piece of the initial restoration of Madrona Woods. Our monthly work party is scheduled from 10:00am-1:00pm on Feb. 23. There is another work party coming up with Seattle Works, possibly Feb. 9. Closer to that date check with Deirdre at deirdre_jaymccrory@msn.com to see if it's going ahead. Work parties will meet on 39th Avenue where it dead ends at the south edge of the Woods. To sign up in advance, go to cedar.greencitypartnerships.org and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending.

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

Curmudgeon Corner-- Madrona: NoMad or SoMad?

By Malcolm Harker, 37th Ave.

Now that Madrona has been rent asunder by the gerrymandering politicians and split between two Congressional Districts, we're forced to consider the implications for our unique identity.

First the name:

"7th and 9th District Sub-Divisions" doesn't sound right for the Peaceable Kingdom. How about:

The United Peaceable Kingdom of North and South Madrona?

Then again, perhaps the more prosaic:

Upper and Lower Madrona (unfortunate hints of Upstairs/Downnton?)

Or the faux-bucolic:

Madrona Heights/Madrona Shores?

The following might defuse the issue and satisfy our numerous lawyers-in-residence:

The Union of Democratic Highly-Educated albeit Somewhat Self-Satisfied North Madrona, Madison Park, and University Village with The Almost as Democratic Polyglot Republic of South Madrona, Renton, and Federal Way

Our enthusiastic espousal of the Buy Local movement also creates a wrenching dilemma: Do North Madronans (the NoMads) have to stick to Pritty Boys Family Pizzeria, Bottlehouse, or Restaurant Bea and shop in Madison Park, since St. Clouds, the Madrona Eatery and Alehouse, and Bistro Turkuaz plus Madrona Market and Grocery Outlet are over the border in SoMad?

And how about that border? Do we need immigration controls or even a seriously big fence like the folks in Arizona? I suspect many of us would go for this, so long as it was somewhere between Arizona and The Peaceable Kingdom; just north of Tacoma would be good. Education could be a problem too: will it be an offense to transport children across district lines for the purposes of private education?

Fortunately, we have a local expert in international issues: the 9th's very own Jim McDermott. Lucky Jim has been crossing quite a few borders recently. As *The Seattle Times* recently reported, "U.S. Rep Jim McDermott took what is apparently the most expensive trip in recent history by a member of Congress." The reported cost of \$42,000 for McDermott and his aide could build one heck of a fence!

Our sense of democracy and travel trivia being so highly-evolved, this debate will no doubt rage (or at least simmer) until The Madrona Moms tell us what they've decided. Who knows where else Congressman Jim will have been by then....

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** Tom Bennett and the Rolling Blackouts—Playing every Monday evening at St. Clouds. www.tombennettmusic.com
1:00pm – 3:00pm Let's Play Seattle!—Playgroup for kids under 5. MLK Communty Center, Jennie.burton@gmail.com; meetup.com/letsplayseattle
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm Song Writer's Salon—A not so-open mic at Bottlehouse; contact 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
- TUE & THURS** 6:00am – 7:00am Bootcamp Class – Get up early and get fit! Meeting at Conscious Body Pilates. Nikki Lundin www.nikkfitt.com
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm All Threads Together—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needeelpoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, 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.bottlehouseseatle.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 www.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
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm Donate Used Goods—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Feb 1 9:30am – 10:15am "Fridays with Farah"—Come to Madrona K8 for a coffee chat with Farah Thaxton, Principal. For additional information, call 252-3100.
- Feb 2 9:00am – 3:00pm Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area—Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- Feb 2 2:00pm – 4:00pm Prographica – *Bleak Beauty: artists who find beauty in the unpromising*—3419 E. Denny Way; www.prographicadrawings.com. Contact Norman Lundin/Pat Scott (pat@prographicadrawings.com) for additional information
- Feb 5 7:15pm Madrona Community Council Meeting—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, ho2lye@yahoo.com
- Feb 6 & Feb 28 10:00am Tours at Madrona K-8—Meet in the library
- Feb 6 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 madronabusinesses@gmail.com
- Feb 6 7:30pm Leschi Community Council Meeting—Featuring Art Brochet from SDOT to discuss a permanent retaining wall on Lake Dell and Madrona's Carver Gayton who has published a book on his great grandfather Lewis George Clarke who was a runaway slave and abolitionist. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Feb 13 6:00pm Madrona K-8 Open House
- Feb 20 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
- Feb 23 10:00am – 1:00pm Friends of Madrona Woods work party—Meet at the toolbox at Spring and Grand, or contact Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Feb 26 Due date for Nominations for Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day Awards—See descriptions of the Nora Award, the Local Hero Award, the Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award, and the Madrona Resident for Life Award in the newsletter and madrona.us/resources/. Please submit nominations to madronanews@gmail.com
- Feb 28 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



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