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A Passion for Justice

Community activist and grassroots leader Gina Owens would be the first to tell you that her highest commitment in life is the three grandchildren whose care she assumed when their mother (her only child) passed away in 2007. Grandson Marcelas graduated with honors from Madrona K-8 last spring and will start grade nine at Garfield High School; granddaughter Monique is a sixth grader and Myanna a fourth grader at Madrona K-8.



Gina Owens

But after family, Gina’s passion is for community activism and especially for helping others raise their voices to bring about change. Although she grants that much remains to be done to achieve virtually all social justice goals, Gina focuses her work priorities around what she calls the four “H”s: health care, housing, homelessness, and hunger.

Gina traces her four “H” development to 2001 and initial involvement with the Washington Community Action Network (Washington CAN), which remains her main organizational focus. As she explains it, her interest was piqued by a door-to-door Washington CAN canvasser who told Gina about a big agricultural bill in front of the US Congress that supported food banks and a nation-wide food stamp program. Gina subsequently attended a meeting about the bill, and as she listened to stories others told she found her interest growing. Later she was invited to attend a weekend organizing conference in Spokane for Washington CAN that coincided with a national Governors Summit being held in Coeur D’Alene. Children who were attending the Washington CAN conference decorated plates and bowls that read “no more hungry families, no

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Council Corner and Draft Madrona Community Council Agenda.....

About 30 months ago, a call went out on these pages for new council members without whom the MCC could not continue. Now we report that the MCC is thriving, and we seek new members to continue the upward trend established in terms of the number of events sponsored annually and the amount of resources gathered by the MCC.

People, here it is: a brilliant opportunity to be part of a community council that is ready to grow. Please bring your ideas to the Sept. 10 MCC meeting at the Madrona Shelterhouse at 7:15. Current MCC members intend to discuss upcoming events such as the Oct. Halloween event, the Nov. 2 wine tasting benefit, and sales of holiday wreaths. Bring your ideas and energy to make these and other events happen in our vibrant neighborhood. If you cannot attend, but have ideas and energy to contribute, please get in touch with President Holly Smith at ho2lye@yahoo.com

The draft agenda for the Sept. 10 MCC meeting includes:

- Planning Halloween Events
- Finalizing activities for the Nov. 2 wine tasting fund raiser
- Discussing holiday decorations/banners
- Discussing elections of new members at the Nov. meeting
- Discussing organizing a joint mayoral candidate event with Leschi and Mt. Baker Community Councils

From the World to Madrona

By Sandra M. Chait, E. Schubert Pl.

When Belgian-born Chantal Melin announced she was marrying an American and moving from her small village of Hansbeke to the US, people bombarded her with negative comments: “but the Americans have no culture,” they said; “what on earth will you do there?” Best of all, a would-be suitor in whom she had no interest pleaded, “You don’t have to go, Chantal. There are enough people here who like you.”



Chantal Melin

To her credit, Chantal knew her own mind and in 1984 she married Seattle native Peter Melin, who was then a US naval officer serving in Naples, Italy. During Peter’s 25 years of service, the couple lived all over the world, including Monterey, CA., Norfolk, VA., San Diego, and Washington DC, as well as in Belgium, Wales, and Italy. In

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more empty plates.” The Spokane group then drove en masse to Coeur d’Alene where 25 elementary school children were escorted to the Summit; a letter of support for the food bill was read and the children presented their plates to state governors who represented all states in the nation. Later the bill was passed, and its funding was increased so as to fund all states and support feeding programs including food stamps. Thereafter, Gina remained a committed member of Washington CAN.

A neighborhood organization with which Gina works is private K-6 First Place School (FP) which is geared toward helping children who are homeless, formerly homeless, or dealing with some kind of trauma in the family. All First Place teachers are state certified, and the academic program conforms to Seattle Public School guidelines. But in addition the school operates as a social service agency that provides on-site caseworkers, mental and behavioral health counselors. Gina’s own work at FP was with parents as she helped them gain access to resources, stabilize the family, and use their own voices in the community. Even though the family has regained their stability and the children are now in the public school system, they are still very active as alumni in helping FP to move forward in new endeavors.

Gina takes special pride in her work for Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) as a member of the Joint Policy Advisory Community (JPAC) whose 30-40 members meet quarterly to review and critique proposed housing policy changes. In the interim, Gina helps disseminate and gather information about potential changes to residents impacted by them. Because JPAC includes SHA residents, staff, and volunteers, Gina sees it as an excellent way to get others involved in vetting potential or anticipated changes that affect their lives.

Gina was born and raised in the Seattle area where most of her family still lives. She notes that her Mendoza grandparents were among some of the first Filipinos to arrive in Seattle, and that she herself enjoyed the rigorous experience of participating on the Filipina Drill Team that Fred Cordova founded. But at the ripe age of 17, Gina moved to Washington, DC where she worked for over 20 years in accounting and finance at organizations such as the Pentagon and the National Archives. Gina returned to Seattle to raise her daughter nearer to family in 1993.



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Buff Beach

By Malcolm Harker, 37th Ave.

For locals who love to swim but don't like chlorine and haven't time to fly down to Rio every weekend, Howell Beach is the next best thing. Although not strictly Madrona, it's the nearest water we've got, so what happens there matters to Madronistas - and what happens there apparently has no limits, as the *Madrona News'* Swimming Correspondent reports.

One summer Saturday, your correspondent was embarrassed (not easily done) to be the only one wearing more than a birthday suit. The inevitable aquatic dogs were of course oblivious to the buff brother- and sister-hood and carried on doing what dogs do in the water - splashing around, fetching floating sticks, then shaking themselves over the nearest perfect picnic.

One of The Naked was most upset that the canine contingent were unleashed in a public setting and threatened to call the cops. What fire hydrant-sniffing and leg-cocking opportunities he thought Lake Washington had to offer and the consequent threat to public health remains a mystery, as does the potential Police response: could a naked dog be prosecuted but not a human in the same condition and location, without risking ending up before the Supreme Court?

Law Enforcement might also like to consider The Case of the of the Naked Architect: Who was it the curmudgeon spotted at the same beach, poring (and dripping) over plans while eating his lunchtime sandwich?

The identity of the retired college professor who decided to conduct an interview in the same sylvan setting without being aware of the (un)dress code must likewise remain a mystery.

Someday, all may be revealed; for the time being however, Howell Beach remains the only place where this is almost invariably the case.

Leschi Community Council News

Leschi's Sept. Community Council meeting features Solarize Seattle followed by a community discussion of Leschi Park and recent vandalism as well as ongoing after-dark events in the parking lot. We have invited representatives from the Parks Dept. and the East Precinct. What steps can we take to minimize vandalism, graffiti, and drug activity? Join us to consider these issues on Sept. 4 at 7:00pm at The Central; 500 30th Ave S.

Leschi's Big Book Sale takes place in the Grocery Outlet parking lot on Sept.7 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Proceeds benefit Seattle Music Partnership, the after-school instrumental music tutoring program that helps students compete for coveted middle and high school band positions. Buy books then for winter reading at low, low prices.

The next stairway to be cleaned by the intrepid Leschi Community Council (and the occasional volunteer) will be the Jackson stairs from 35th Ave S. to Lakeside. Meet at the top of the stairs on 35th Ave S. , Sept. 21 10:00am. Bring your own broom, rake and pruners. We have bags, gloves, grabbers and snacks.

Chantal Melin... (cont'd from page 1)

between, they traveled throughout Western and Eastern Europe, enriching their lives through interactions with the diverse people they met and the diverse cultures in which they lived. The home village of Hansbeke now seemed like just one tiny speck in a huge and fascinating world.

For Chantal, the constant moves required adaptability. Few of Peter's posts were longer than four years, and she learned fast that she had to settle in, find schools for their children - Paul, Sophie, and Steven - and create an instant community. As a student in Antwerp, she had studied French, Dutch, and Russian, and wherever she was living, Chantal tried to put those skills to work. At the naval base in Norfolk, she tutored students in French and in the naval post-graduate school at Monterey she helped foreign students negotiate their way around the bookstore where she worked. Sometimes, she just got stuck into whatever was needed on the base in that time and place. In Wales, for example, she studied antique furniture and for a short period became a dental assistant.

Wherever she found herself, however, Chantal created gardens. It was customary to find naval houses surrounded simply by grass, but Chantal would immediately transform the area with flowers to make it feel like home. When people asked where she was from, she would answer simply, "My home is wherever I am."

During this time, Peter was deployed to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq, leaving Chantal alone at home. As the children entered their teens, the family's constant moves began to wear on them, so Peter retired from the navy. He took a civilian job with NATO in Luxembourg where he was to be stationed for seven years. Or so they thought! As with the carefully laid out plans of mice and men, on a visit to his family in Seattle in 2008, Peter was offered a job with Amazon only to discover that the job involved traveling around the world every two weeks! After eighteen months, Peter decided he wanted to stay put, and began working for King County.

In the summer of 2009, Peter and Chantal bought their house in Madrona. Chantal got her garden where she could "put her hands in the dirt," and a yard where she could "hang out the laundry." All that's missing, she says, are some chickens in the back yard.

No. 2 Bus Updates

By Anne Knight and Jerry Arbes, from Bus2Riders

There is both good and bad news to report. The good news is that in response to rider recommendations made during the Save Bus 2 effort in spring 2012, the City studied ways to alleviate congestion on Spring St. between 3rd and 6th Ave. SDOT staff concluded it would be best to create a bus-only curb lane during afternoon peak commutes on Spring between 3rd and 6th Ave., and create a bus queue jump signal at 6th so the bus can move left to turn on 7th Ave. The design group is preparing the concept plans and the signal group will be designing the technology components. Eliminating this primary route bottleneck is expected to occur later in 2013 and facilitate much more efficient No. 2 bus travel between 3rd and 7th Ave. on Spring St.

The bad news is Metro still needs to make a 17 percent cut in service. This came about because the State legislature failed to act on a bill that would allow local authority to levy a transportation tax. Metro is analyzing current ridership counts to prepare recommendations for cuts throughout the system. Metro's May list of routes at risk of elimination, reduction, or revisions was preliminary, but it put both the north and south runs of the No. 2 bus into the reduction or revision category. For purposes of the new analysis, the No. 2 will be treated as one whole route, but how the No. 2 will fare when treated as a single entity is unknown. We'll have to wait and see. A recent email from Metro staff states "*Metro will continue to look for ways to develop an efficient transit system... efficiencies could include system restructure concepts.*" So it appears ridership counts may not be the only trigger for the No. 2 to be at risk in proposed revisions.

Metro expects to thoroughly review their recommendations internally before making proposed cuts public in November. Public outreach and input will occur between November and April following which time recommendations will be made to the King County Council for approval in May 2014.

There is still the possibility that the State legislature could act to allow Metro to avoid the deep 17 percent cuts. There is current discussion by the State for holding regional meetings this fall to hear from the public. When the schedule is announced it would be very useful to attend the local meeting (potentially Oct. 1) to voice your opinion about the importance of transit funding. Check the website for Transportation Choices Coalition at TransportationChoices.org for updates on the timing of state meetings WSDOT will host. If, and when, the legislature takes action on a transportation package and if it includes a measure authorizing local funding of transit, it would most likely require putting a measure on the County ballot for a public vote. So Metro cannot rely on finding a financial solution in the near term and needs to move forward with planning for the necessary cuts to address its looming budget shortfall. Stay tuned.

If you would like to be added to the Bus2Riders email list, please contact Bus2Riders@gmail.com or call Shoshana at 940-8870.

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Epiphany School Carnival: A Tradition of Fun

*By Carnival Co-Chairs Rachel Garcés,
Kristie Ratzlaff, and Nikki Van Nimwegen*

The Epiphany School Parents Council will hold its annual Carnival on Sept. 27 from 3:00-6:00pm. A long-standing tradition not only for the school, but also for the community, the Carnival is open to everyone. We hope that many friends and neighbors will join us again this year.

Time-honored Carnival traditions include game booths, a moon bounce, a bake sale, a raffle, and a used toy and book sale. All proceeds from the sale benefit a local non-profit organization.

Most of the activities as well as the food booth require one or more tickets. Tickets are 25 cents each and can be purchased at the Carnival.

Epiphany School is an independent school for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. Located at 3611 East Denny Way, Epiphany School has been an integral part of the Madrona community since 1958. During non-school hours we maintain an open campus for all to enjoy; we look forward to seeing you soon! For additional information, contact Jill Miller, 720-7667; jmill-er@epiphanyschool.org.

Madrona K-8

Over the summer we said a heartfelt goodbye to Principal Farah Thaxton as she chose to pursue another opportunity within

the Seattle School District that more closely aligned with her personal career goals. We are very excited to welcome back Mary McDaniel, who will be stepping into the principal role at Madrona. Mary is a familiar face at Madrona K-8, having served as the school's assistant principal during the 2012-2013 school year. Mary's teaching experience began as a first grade teacher and ultimately she became a head teacher within the Seattle Public Schools. Just prior to moving to Madrona K-8, Mary served as vice principal at two elementary schools in the Everett school district for a total of 11 years. She holds a K-8 Teaching Certificate and a Master's Degree in Teaching from Heritage College and a Principal Certificate K-12 from Western Washington University. "I'm very happy to return to Madrona in this role. There are so many wonderful things happening here and I am excited to work with the staff, students, families and community to continue building upon this foundation," says Mary. We are looking forward to another fantastic year at Madrona K-8!

St. Therese Catholic Academy

St. Therese Catholic Academy is thrilled to start another school year. We are excited to welcome Mr. Anton Kramer as our new principal. Mr. Kramer was a teacher and Dean of Students in the Kent School District for nine years. Most recently he was in the Edmonds School District gaining additional leadership experience. He is eager to bring his experience in education and technology leadership to our school. Welcome Mr. Kramer.

STCA will be starting our second year of Blended Learning this fall. Last year St. Therese scholars outperformed the nation's average of students, achieving more than one year's worth of growth in reading and math. We achieved particularly astounding success in kindergarten through grade two classes. These early grades had more than 80 percent of students achieving growth of more than one year. The individual progress that students made is amazing and we are looking forward to more success as we continue with the Blended Learning model here at school.

We are still enrolling students for the 2013-14 school year. If you would like more information please contact the school at 324-0460.

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Local Schools Gain Teacher Residents

In June both Madrona K-8 and Leschi schools welcomed new teachers, some of whom are participating in the Seattle Teacher Residency program. Jointly sponsored by the Alliance for Education, Seattle Public Schools, the UW Department of Education, and the Seattle Education Association, this program provides training and in-classroom experience for new teachers.

Modeled after a medical residency, the Teacher Residency Program covers 14 months, engaging participants in a classroom apprenticeship in urban, poverty-impacted schools and graduate level coursework at UW. In return, the residents will make a five-year commitment to teaching in Seattle Public Schools.

Teacher quality is the single most important factor in student learning, yet many teachers feel undertrained, undervalued, and overworked. This new program should help alleviate those feelings for new teachers, and improve teacher retention. Roughly half of all urban public school teachers in the United States leave their positions in less than three years. High mobility and vacancy rates impact schools, resulting in fewer teachers with advanced skills in urban schools and millions of dollars in hiring costs.

Urban teacher residency programs in cities such as Boston, Chicago, and Denver have proven effective, with participating schools showing gains in achievement, teacher retention, and diversity of the teaching pool. According to Urban Teacher Residency United, 85 percent of residency graduates stayed beyond three years in urban school and additionally, 89 percent of mentor-teachers reported that being a mentor improved their own teaching practice.

This year's cohort of 25 Seattle Teacher Residents is complete. But candidates interested in future opportunities can find out more from the Seattle Teacher Residency website at www.seattleteacherresidency.org/become-a-resident/. The website provides eligibility information, inquiry forms, and a description of the application process. Additional information can be obtained from Leigh Sims at 528-2550 (ext. 7) or leigh@teamsapbox.com.



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Little Free Libraries Sprouting in Madrona

By Nikola Davidson, 31st Ave.

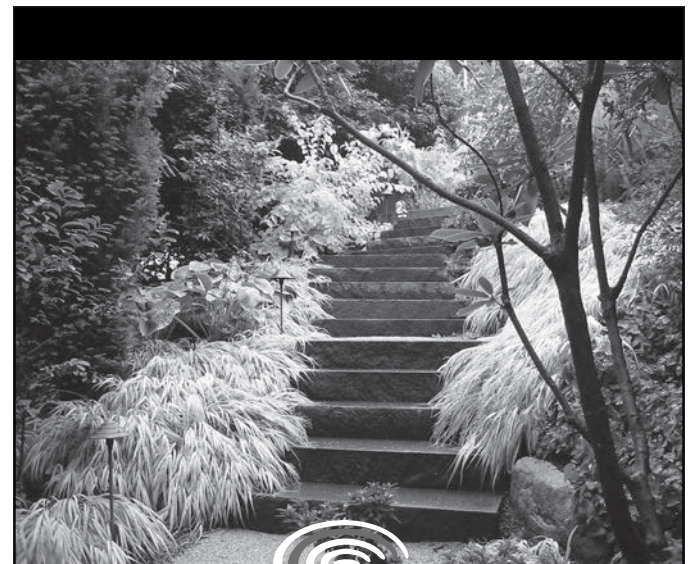
Is it a mailbox? Is it an oversized birdhouse? Is it a newspaper box? No, it's a Little Free Library and it's come to Madrona!



These fun structures most often look like miniature houses and hold books that you can borrow for free. Neighbors are encouraged to "take a book, leave a book." There are Little Free Libraries all over the world and now there are over fifteen Little Libraries in and around Madrona. At 525 31st Avenue (off of Cherry) you'll find one made from a 1970's wooden

Barbie house (complete with Barbies reading their own books). At 29th and Columbia, enjoy original artwork painted on the Library's door. At 1605 36th Avenue you'll find the library in a repurposed red newspaper box. Each Little Library is unique and has its own mix of books, often with books for both grown-ups and kids. Says Maggie Hooks (who installed the library on 36th Avenue), "The response talking to people on the block, once I explain what it is, has been incredibly positive. I thought it would be another fun way to engage with each other."

To learn more about Little Free Libraries and how you can build (or order) your own, visit: www.littlefreelibrary.org. This website also has a map locator so you can find a Little Library near you. If you'd like a list of Little Free Libraries in and around Madrona, feel free to email me at nikola.davidson@gmail.com.




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Portrait of An Artist

On many a summer afternoon, Madrona artist Susan Roberts can be found at the South entrance of the Seattle Center Armory where she has created portraits and caricatures for locals and tourists alike since signing her first contract with Seattle Center in 1974. While she works, Susan often finds herself surrounded by spectators curious to see how any given portrait will unfold. She says that one of the reasons she likes working in public is because she gets “a kick out of the people” who interact with her—including Spanish speakers who help her practice her language skills. She notes with some irony that while she plays the piano, she never enjoys playing in front of others the way she enjoys being watched as she creates her portraits. Susan also thinks it is a lot more fun to work with others around her than to work alone in a studio all day. But she does admit that creating portraits in public takes a lot of energy and concentration.

However, in addition to working among the public at the Seattle Center and at Factoria Mall for the month before winter gift-giving holidays, Susan does work in her studio to produce watercolors, oils, sketches, portraits, and caricatures. Further, she often signs on to provide her skills at a company or organizational event. For example, she recently drew caricatures on request during a Century Link Field event for Amazon employees and families. She also has attended many birthday parties and other special events on a contract to create portraits and/or caricatures. She notes that every portrait she does is an advertisement for her work, so she works hard at it, wanting the client to be happy but also wanting to be happy herself with the quality of her work.

Originally from Minneapolis, Susan attended Tufts University, making several moves from Cambridge to Amsterdam and then Berkeley before landing in Seattle in 1974. Although she earned a degree in art, she did not formally train to create portraits. What she did learn from her university education and from spending part of a school year in Italy is how to see things and then how to apply what she sees to her art. She is firm in her commitment to practice. In fact, when children who watch her work ask how they too can gain similar skills, she tells them what she has learned as a lifelong artist: practice, practice, practice. When younger, she saw herself as an artist with portrait artistry as a side skill, but today she thinks of her art and portrait art as co-equals. She especially likes to do portraits in person, but also can work from

photographs, emailed images, or from ideas. Her portraits are available in black and white, colored pastel, and oil.

Susan's daughter is now studying art in Portland, and her stepson lives in Reno. Husband Jack who first attracted Susan to Madrona passed away eight years ago. Susan has been a good neighbor for many years. In addition to having served as the advertising editor when Jerry Arbes was the *Madrona News* editor, Susan's work is donated to St. Therese's winter shelter. Most recently, she created a family portrait as part of a Make-A-Wish Foundation request. Susan's art work in so many mediums has been shown in many galleries, and also here in Madrona at Plenty, Verite, and Kismet. In fact, Kismet is showing Susan Roberts' oils through Sept. Stop by to have a look, swing by the Seattle Center Armory on summer weekends to see Susan at work, or sign on to susan-robertsartist.com to learn more about Susan Roberts and her work.

Madrona Outdoor Movie Night Two

By John Platt and Paul Butler, St. Clouds Restaurant

Great fun in the neighborhood on another beautiful summer night on Aug. 8 --year two of the annual Madrona Outdoor Movie Night. A good solid turnout of folks, from the very young to the not-so-very young, and even one couple who got a babysitter so they could enjoy an outdoor movie night date with a pizza and each other. That was some good thinking! *The Avengers* thrilled us all, and Lunar Productions (aka neighbor Kris Easterday's outdoor movie production company) provided an awesome screen with speakers that made the movie come to life in great fashion. With the second go at Madrona Outdoor Movie Night, it's now an official annual event. St. Clouds acts as the sponsor for the event, with Girlie Press (owned by Madrona neighbor Risa Blythe) chipping in with all the printed posters, flyers, etc. This year's event was a fundraiser for the Seattle Parks Dept., and attendees made nice donations to the worthy cause. All in all, it was just what a neighborhood should be about --gathering together to enjoy ourselves and each other on our mutual turf, and packing away memories to share in the colder, wetter months when such gatherings are harder to come by. Put the Madrona Outdoor Movie event on your calendar for next year; it's the Thursday following Neighborhood Night Out, which always falls on the first Tuesday of August. Soon, it might become Neighborhood Week Out! Love sharing it with you all.



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NAACP Run Your Race

Join neighbors and friends on Sept. 21 for the second annual NAACP Run Your Race, an event featuring a health and education fair and 5k walk/run to raise money for three Seattle middle schools. The fair and race, whose goal is to promote healthy living and educational excellence in Seattle's communities of color, will take place at Judkins Park from 8:30am-4:30 pm.

The health and education fair is free and open to the public, but the 5k walk/run has a registration fee: \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. For more information, contact Rachael DeCruz at redcruz@gmail.com or visit naacprunyourrace.wordpress.com/.

Changing Lives at Julia's Place

Julia's Place Family Shelter is hosted in the lower level of Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. The families who call this place home find a warm meal, a place to shower, and a safe place for all family members to stay each night while they journey out of homelessness to get their lives onto a new track.

The crew at Julia's Place is happy to report that many families who stayed in this past year have moved on to permanent housing. One example is Andy and Erin who moved into Julia's Place in July just five days after the birth of their baby girl. Before arriving at Julia's Place, this family was living in a car and faced multiple barriers to finding housing. But Julia's Place provided a safe, stable home, allowing Andy to return to work and save the money his family needed to move into their own apartment.

Rose came to Julia's Place just a few days after her beautiful baby girl was born. She was able to find childcare and start back to school, and 10 months after moving in to Julia's Place, she moved into an apartment of her very own. She now has a room with an amazing view, and could not be more excited!

Sarah moved in just days after giving birth to a bouncing baby boy. Sadly, Child Protective Services (CPS) took custody of the baby a short time later. But Sarah made it her mission to prove to CPS that she was the amazing mother we all knew her to be. With the support and shelter provided by Julia's Place, Sarah met her goals and moved into transitional housing where her young son joined her.

Summer is a hard time to find volunteers; the staff at Julia's Place is especially desperate for more night help. If you have an evening or overnight you can spend at Julia's Place, please contact Tara, Mary's Place volunteer coordinator, for more information at tara@marysplaceseatle.org. Julia's Place also offers a great opportunity for students to earn community service credits; Tara would be happy to tell you more.

Open House at Epiphany Celebrates Arrival of the Saint John's Bible

By Julie Moberly, 39th Ave. E.

Epiphany Parish of Seattle will host an open house on Sept. 15 from 4:00-6:00pm to celebrate the arrival of the Heritage edition of the Saint John's Bible. These fine art editions of a modern handmade Bible include beautiful calligraphic script, contemporary illuminations by master artists, and a fascinating story. Created by master artists over a period of eleven years, this Bible was created to foster interest in contemporary book arts as well as revive an ancient tradition; the last handmade Bible was written over 500 years ago.

Created by a team of artist calligraphers led by Donald Jackson in collaboration with the monks of Saint John's Abbey and University, the project has a mission to ignite the imagination of believers throughout the world. To this end, modern-day visual references are found throughout the gilded gold leaf illuminations. Some of these include the double helix of DNA, the twin towers of the World Trade Center, and representations of advances in science, technology, and knowledge of global diversity. In the tradition of ancient medieval Bibles, the Saint John's Bible is monumental: two feet tall by three feet wide. The text, imagery, and translation of the Bible all reflect a dedication to creating an ecumenical experience.

The open house is a family friendly event; all are welcome. Epiphany is located at 1805 38th Avenue. For more information, contact Nicki Grover at epiphanyparish@epiphanyseattle.org.

Green Plate Special Bids Fond Adieu

Put it on your schedule to attend Green Plate Special's Going Away Party on Sept. 22 from 3:00-6:00pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate the three years GPS has prospered and grown at

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ML King, Jr. Way and Union where multiple Central District neighborhoods connect. Food and beverages will be provided for all who join in saying a sad farewell to a location we will miss very much.

Our new garden at 2115 25th Ave. S. will be growing food and fostering further middle school education in 2014; the future kitchen classroom also is in the works. In addition, we will expand to raise chickens and bees, install a wood-fired oven, and more. As has been the case in our current location, neighbors from around the city are invited to visit any time.

We seek volunteer help with our move south sometime between Oct. and Dec. Helpers can assist us in moving plants, equipment, and our large covered structure. GPS also is eager to donate items that we will not be taking with us to the new property. Please contact us to find out what we have to donate at greenplatespecial.org

Save Nov. 2 for the MCC Wine Tasting Benefit

The good people at Leschi Market and the MCC again will combine forces to host a special wine tasting event that will not only titillate your taste buds, but also provide deep discounts on wines you order at the event. Plus this year we have joined forces with glassybaby to offer you the chance to purchase not only a ticket to the wine tasting at glassybaby studios, but also either a glassybaby of your choice or a glassybaby drinker to use during the tasting. For more information about the event, prices, and/or to purchase your tickets in advance, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/445533. Tickets have sold out in previous years.



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The 23rd Ave. Union-Jackson-Cherry Action Plan

The Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Seattle Department of Transportation held a joint community open house and workshop June 29. Over 88 diverse participants attended; 28 signed up for action teams associated with five key community goals for 23rd Ave that are:

- A Destination With Unique Identity
- Connected People & Community
- A Great Business Community
- Livable Streets For All
- A Place That Supports Healthy And Stable Community

The June meeting was followed by a day-long community open house on July 17, providing another opportunity for people to contribute their thoughts. About 40 people attended. As at the June meeting, they too prioritized strategies and suggested action; 10 of those participants signed up for action teams. Altogether 40 community members have signed on for action team duty, and they are energized to implement community priorities and vision.

The tentative date for the next community workshop will be September 21. This workshop will invite stakeholders to validate a draft plan, provide community organizations with opportunities to showcase their work, build partnerships, and conduct action team training for city, community, and community organizations to develop ways to work better together, leverage resources, and implement specific actions.

To sign up for future meetings or obtain additional information,

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visit <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/cityplanning/completeprojectslist/unionjackson/getinvolved/default.htm>. It is also possible to contact Quanlin Hu, 386-1598; quanlin.hu@seattle.gov or Kerry Wade, 733-9091; kerry.wade@seattle.gov

An Olympic View

By Junius Rochester, 32nd Ave.

My Madrona home office faces west, providing a glimpse of craggy peninsula peaks and a reminder of the rugged contingent of Euro-American pioneers who began to arrive in the 1860s-1880s (following Native American settlers by some 12,000 years). And history buffs will recall that in 1791 Spanish explorers established a tiny port at Neah Bay called Bahia de Nunez Gaona, making it the oldest European settlement in the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska.

Despite heavy rain, dense forests, wild terrain, and isolation, opportunities to farm, fish, log, and mine attracted a steady stream of independent outsiders after 1860. Several early Olympic Peninsula pioneers earned larger-than-life reputations for beating the survival odds. One example was tall, sandy-haired Victor Smith who in 1861 arrived in Port Townsend as Collector of Customs, and generated local opposition when he moved the Customs House to Port Angeles. The Ander and Joanna Nylund family, Finnish immigrants, ignored relentless rain (in some areas 145-190 inches a year) to establish their Lake Ozette farm in the 1890s, and in 1892 John Huelsdonk settled in the Hoh River Val-

ley after packing a cook stove on his back up the Hoh for his wife Dora's use; Huelsdonk gained the sobriquet "Iron Man of the Hoh."

Other than wonderful, frightening Indian legends within the Peninsula's mysterious interior – Gods, Goblins or Thunderbirds they've been called – little was then known about this barrier between the Salish Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Shards of information leaked from the first organized interior exploration by Lt. Joseph P. O'Neil in 1885; he looked again in 1890. In 1889, the Press Expedition (named for a Seattle newspaper), led by James Christie, crossed the Peninsula from the Elwha River to the Quinault Valley. Hood Canal, one of the Peninsula's most famous waterways and home to famous oysters, family resorts, and dedicated boaters slices through the eastern reaches of the Peninsula like a curved hunting knife. Many early pioneers settled here, leaving intriguing place names such as Lilliwaup, Brinnon, Quilcene, Duckabush, Potlatch, and Hamma Hamma. On the Peninsula's western slopes the Pacific Ocean rolls against Cape Flattery and onto the shores of Makah, Hoh, Quileute, and Quinault Indian land, lapping at the base of our earth's number one temperate rain forest.

Official recognition of this precious natural resource occurred when President Grover Cleveland created the Olympic Forest Reserve in 1897. In 1909 Theodore Roosevelt--our first "conservationist" president-- designated a portion of the Reserve as a National Monument. Then in 1938 President Franklin D. Roosevelt created Olympic National Park after staying overnight at Lake Crescent and lunching at Lake Quinault Lodge. In 1953 a coastal strip was added to the Park; in 1976 the Park became a Man and the Biosphere Reserve; and in 1981 this area was designated a World Heritage Park.

Although forestry, Indian traditions, hiking, fishing, and tourism are still foundations for descendants of Native Americans, pioneer families, and later settlers, the Olympic Peninsula still can be called "untamed," "the last frontier," or "far corner."

Mount Olympus, at 8,000 feet, like her neighboring crags, rose phoenix-like from the sea about 35 million years ago--younger than the Cascades and Rockies. This near-far-near world still calls today's city-dwellers. And when I catch a glimpse of the white, sawtooth peaks from my Madrona office window, I think about the brave individuals who entered this unknown land to begin new lives.



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Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, E. Union

After a summer hiatus, Madrona Dining & Sipping Society will enjoy our fourth (or is it fifth?) annual patio party and special prix fixe dinner at Hi Spot Café. Neighbors on the MDSS email list receive an invite to reserve their spot at this wonderful last blast of summer event. Did you? If not you can get on the distribution list and learn of upcoming dinner outings by contacting AudreySeale@comcast.net

Be looking for an upcoming special Fall dinner at Marche in the Pike Place market hosted by Chef and owner and Madrona resident Daisley Gordon. We met and made these plans on a recent No. 2 bus we were both taking to head downtown. It doesn't get more local than that!



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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 Community Center, Jennie.burton@gmail.com ; meetup.com/letsplayseattle
MON & THURS	6:00am – 7:00am Bootcamp Class – Get up early and get fit! Meeting at Conciuous Body Pilates starting Sept 16. Nikki Lundin www.nikkfitt.com
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
THURSDAYS	10:00am – 12:00pm All Threads Together —Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoin. 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.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
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

- Sept 4 7:00pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Features Solarize Seattle and a community discussion of Leschi Park, recent vandalism, and ongoing after-dark events in the parking lot. Parks Dept. and East Precinct police have been invited. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S. Contact Diane Snell for more information at jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Sept 7 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
- Sept 7 10:00am–3:00pm **Leschi's Big Book Sale**—Benefits the Seattle Music Partnership. Grocery Outlet parking lot
- Sept 10 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, ho2lye@yahoo.com
- Sept 14 2:00pm–4:00pm **Two Painters: Kimberly Clark and Laura Swytak**—Opening show. Prographica, 3419 East Denny Way
- Sept 15 **The Saint John's Bible Open House**—Epiphany Great Hall (1805 38th Ave) Contact Emily Linderman for more information: communications@epiphanyseattle.org
- Sept 18 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
- Sept 21 10:00am **Leschi CC and Volunteers Clean the Jackson Stairs**—Meet at the top of the stairs on 35th Ave S. Bring your own broom, rake and pruners. Bags, gloves, and snacks provided
- Sept 22 3:00pm–6:00pm **Green Plate Special's Going Away Party**—Union and MLK Jr. Way; beverages and snacks provided
- Sept 26 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
- Sept. 27 3:00pm–6:00pm **Epiphany School Annual Carnival**—Game booths, moon bounce, bake sale, raffle, and used toy and book sale. All welcome; all benefit a local non-profit organization. Epiphany School, 3611 E. Denny Way

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