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From the World to Madrona: Andrea Matus-Magee

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Andrea Matus-Magee

What does it mean to have a “sense of belonging” and to feel “at home” in a community?

Immigrants have always struggled to fit into their adopted homes. With one foot in the homeland and the other in the new country, they sometimes spend years uneasily breaching the distance. Chilean born Andrea Matus-Magee, now a US citizen, says of her time in the United States that she tried everything to be accepted: she cut herself off from the Latino community, Anglicized her accent, and tried to be

more “American.” But denying her identity, she realized, was painful. She wanted Americans to accept her for who she was.

Andrea was born in the capital city of Santiago. After the military coup that ousted President Salvador Allende in 1973, both her parents lost their jobs and soon after divorced. A restaurant owned by the family burnt down, and her mother developed cancer. For the child Andrea, life became difficult, but a scholarship opened a new door, bringing Andrea to the United States as an exchange student. At Millburn High in New Jersey, she found to her disappointment that none of her classmates showed any interest in Chile, which at that time suffered under the military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet. During Pinochet’s rule, 10,000- 15,000 were killed, 1,500 disappeared, 28,000 were tortured, and 200,000 exiled. Returning home after graduation in 1980, she worked to finance her education, then enrolled in college. Student body protests were at their height and Andrea soon put her education on hold to become secretary of her department’s student party.

The political unrest at home, plus the death of her mother, eventually sent Andrea
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Meet MCC Board Member Jason Cook

Jason Cook’s first question for his interview was: What lies beneath the friendly façade of Jason Cook? Well, here’s some of what Jason Cook is all about: he is husband to Azure Janosky and dad to seven-year-old Emelyn and four-year-old Tamsin; he’s currently a business development manager for Microsoft; he enjoys exploring the Pacific Northwest, loves to ski, and particularly enjoys eating out. Although he abhors the term “foodie,” Jason admits that a big reason to live in Seattle—and the Madrona neighborhood in particular -- is that there are so many great dining options around central Seattle.



Jason Cook

Both originally from Pasadena, Jason and Azure took the long way around before settling back on the West Coast. After moving to Berkeley for school, Jason and Azure lived

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Community Council Agenda

Madrona Community Council Agenda, March 5; note that we will meet at 6:30 in the Madrona K-8 library. Regular meeting agenda items will follow.

Please join the Madrona K-8 PTSA and MCC members for an important meeting with Seattle Public School District representatives about the future of Madrona K-8. All community members are encouraged and welcome to attend Madrona K-8’s upcoming meeting with SPSD representatives on March 5, at 6:30 pm in the school library. Kay Smith Blum, Seattle School Board President;

Phil Brockman, Executive Director of K-12 Operations, and Nancy Coogan, Executive Director of School’s in the Central Region, will join school staff, teachers, parents, and community members to discuss enrollment and capacity at Madrona K-8, special services to support neighborhood schools in the central region, and the recent option floated to the Seattle School Board to consider changing Madrona K-8 to a K-5 in 2017. Go to <http://madronapantherpartners.org/> for additional information.

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in the eastern Sierras, and then the Bay Area for several years before making a move to Rome where they lived some 300 feet from the Vatican border. Then there was another move to Cambridge, England where Jason earned his MBA, a move to London for a job with Google, then another move back to Santa Monica. Both now joke that they must've missed the rainy British weather; hence the move to Seattle in place of Santa Monica sun.

Jason and Azure rented a house in Madrona which gave them the opportunity to sample the neighborhood. He recounts that they hadn't been here long when they attended the Mayfair parade. Someone stuck a parade banner in his hand, and Jason recounts falling in love at that instant with the small town feel of Mayfair and Madrona. Later at the playing field, a call went out for face painters and Azure and a friend visiting from Portland stepped forward to pitch in. Having subsequently purchased a home in Madrona, Jason believes that activities like these provide a perfect blend of suburban comfort, along with the advantages of urban living.

Like many who now serve on the MCC, Jason's involvement with the neighborhood council began when it looked like the bottom would fall out without new volunteers. Although Jason and Azure had just bought their house in Madrona and were still learning about the neighborhood, they were already committed for the long term and Jason realized he wanted to be involved in a hands-on way. At his first MCC meeting he learned that there was a need for people simply to be there at each meeting so that business could be conducted. Jason felt he could meet that guarantee, but subsequently realized he could also find time to help out on other initiatives. Although Jason's undergraduate background is in religious studies and literature, his passionate interest in technology led him to volunteer to revise the MCC website found at www.madrona.us. There one can learn about emerging issues in the neighborhood, check *Madrona News* archives, or take a look at MCC minutes going back many years as a way to learn more about the community over time.

Jason invites Madrona neighbors to visit and leave comments on the website about what more they would like to see posted. He also mentions that the same conditions still apply for new MCC members. Joining the Board is a simple matter of attending monthly meetings, and a willingness to help out when time permits.



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healthy neighborhoods - come take part in the discussion.

Other agenda items include:

- Vote on Neighborhood appreciation award recipients for 2013
- Mayfair update
- Metro bus stop/shelter update
- Donor recognition discussion – food vendors and financial donors
- Maintenance volunteer(s) needed for the round garden at the NE corner of 34th and Spring

Dine Out for Madrona K-8

The 5th annual Dine Out for Madrona K-8 will take place April 9. Heading up this event for the fourth year running are Rachel Katzenellenbogen and Jen Norling who are pleased to announce that restaurants and cafes along 34th Avenue participate in supporting Madrona K-8 by donating a portion of sales on April 9 to Madrona K-8's PTSA. All you need to do to help is eat! Donations from Dine Out are used directly to support arts and enrichment programming at the school. One featured program this year is Arts Corps, with two full-time artists-in-residence at Madrona K-8. Arts Corps is the largest non-profit arts education program in Seattle; it was awarded the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from First Lady Michelle Obama in 2012. PTSA, organizers, and staff are excited to showcase Madrona K-8 students' work and celebrate the creativity flowing from the school.



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Andrea Madrus-Magee... (cont'd from page 1)

traveling across the world in search of education and a new life for herself. Love and the vicissitudes of life took her to Israel, France, and Switzerland, and, when her brother got ill, home to Chile before she was back in the United States again. In Seattle President Clinton's retraining program made it possible for Andrea to return to university studies. She graduated from Shoreline College Phi Beta Kappa, and then became a cum laude graduate of Smith College. With her Latin American studies degree in hand, Andrea then found a job at Westtown, a private Pennsylvania boarding school where she lived and taught Upper School. After two years, however, loneliness brought her back to Seattle.

It was while teaching Spanish here at Lakeside School that the Latino owners of the restaurant Dulces (then on 34th and E. Pike) introduced her to Charles Magee, the man who two years later would become her husband.

For now, Andrea relishes being "at home" and for the first time having the leisure to garden, cook, and do volunteer work. Being passionate about politics, she worked hard on the Obama campaign, her efforts investing her, she says, in the direction of the country. She is invested too in her neighborhood, keeping the books for Madrona's Blossoms which supplies the summer floral baskets, plus, as a keen photographer and dog trainer, contributing the Mutt Matchup pictures for the monthly feature in the *Madrona News*.

"I love Madrona," she says.

Council Corner

Council members were updated on plans for the Neighborhood Appreciation Awards ceremony scheduled March 23 and May 18's Mayfair events.

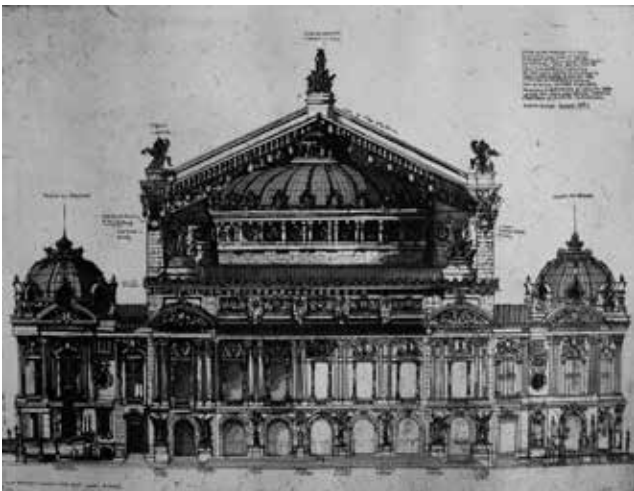
MCC members decided that for their regular March 5 meeting, they would assemble first at 6:30pm at Madrona K-8's library during which Madrona's PTSA will hear from Seattle Public School District representatives. The community also is encouraged to attend; details appear with the MCC draft agenda. Regular MCC business will follow the March 5 meeting at Madrona K-8.

Susan Minogue provided an update on Metro's surprise plan to close bus No. 2 stop 2490 across from Madrona K-8 on Union. Public comment led Metro to extend the comment period to Feb. 15. For additional details see a related article on the topic elsewhere in this newsletter.

In general MCC business, the Council heard from Treasurer Casey Losh on MCC's financial condition which is much improved over last year. Debts have been paid down, although deposits are falling due for planned Mayfair activities. Members discussed ways to better track and recognize donations from community members and merchants, deciding to revisit this topic in a future meeting.

An update on the Central Area Neighborhood District Council indicates that new by laws were to be voted on in mid-Feb. and that MCC retains its voting rights at CANDC. Mary Gallwey who has carefully tended the round garden at 34th and Spring asked for a volunteer to take over those duties; an article about Mary's contributions and future needs for the garden will appear in the April newsletter. However, willing volunteers are encouraged to step forward at any time with a message to madronanews@gmail.com.

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You Go, Girl!

By Victoria E. Romero, 36th Ave. S.

The Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been operating the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy at Madrona K-8 since 2007. This afterschool program works with girls in grades six through eight, engaging them in interactive activities with a science, technology, engineering, and/or math (STEM) focus with the intent of helping the girls realize opportunities open to them in STEM fields. In past years, the girls have interacted with architects, structural engineers, and astronauts. This year, the girls are acting as archeologists and anthropologists.

They began learning about these occupations last Nov. at the Pacific Science Center's annual Ron McNair Camp-In. In addition to engaging in interactive science and math activities at this overnight adventure, the girls toured the King Tut Exhibit. On Jan. 6 they had an opportunity to meet archeologists and anthropologists on Archeology Day at the Burke Museum. The girls not only interviewed people currently working as archeologists, they also met UW students who explained why they are fascinated by answers antiquity provides to questions we all have. The Shabazz girls loved exploring the past and were especially intrigued by relics, including something that is a relic to today's middle school girl: the rotary telephone.

We have partnered with Green Plate Special for a second year and they have designed a special curriculum unit entitled, *Diggin' Your Bodies and Your Foods: Ancient Foods in Modern Times*. Each week, founder and President Laura Dewell and her crew weave the culinary history of ancient Egyptian cuisine into our modern day kitchen. The Shabazz girls have eaten healthy snacks like popcorn balls dipped in honey, learned about medicinal herbs and spices, and cooked three different fish dishes that they found delicious. Read about GPS' special Kwanzaa celebration with the Shabazz girls at <http://greenplatespecial.org/>.

We want to help spread the word about Green Plate Special's contribution to the Pacific Science Center's newest exhibit, Professor Wellbody's Health and Wellness Academy. Last fall, Laura Dewell was asked to participate in a video production that is now a part of the exhibit. She selected two students to interview who shared how they applied their learning by encouraging their parents to shop differently. Former Shabazz girl, Bahja Abokar, is one of two Madrona K-8 students featured in the video.

Neighborhood News and Notes

Alert monitors of 34th Ave. business activities observed that Cameos & Crowns closed up shop on Feb. 10, just shy of its two-year anniversary. It's a bittersweet ending for owners Lynette and Marc Vertoch whose line of flour sack towels, pillows, aprons, and cosmetic bags took off from humble beginnings in the back of the store. The couple decided to focus solely on their expanding wholesale division which now reaches over 500 stores throughout the US.

Prographica is planning a special event on March 6 at 7:00pm when both event organizer Bill Carty and Jane Wong will read from their own poetry, and co-founder and creative director of APRIL Willie Fitzgerald will read selections from his fiction. This event takes place at Prographica, 3419 E. Denny Way.

Over 30 agencies that serve poor, homeless, or hungry people will take part in the 3rd Annual Downtown Volunteer Fair. This day provides an excellent opportunity to find the right fit for you as a volunteer. Attend on March 10, 1:00-4:00pm in the Josephinum at Christ Our Hope Catholic Church, 1902 2nd Ave. For additional information visit www.annualdowntownvolunteerfair.org or call Kristi Smith at 850-5412.

Organizers are planning a giant hopscotch event in the Central District for June 1. They are working now to gather sponsors, donors, and volunteers. To help out contact Knox Gardner at 351-5759 or at jacksoncommons@gmail.com. For a look at the planned hopscotch route see centraldistrictnews.com/ai1ec_event/hopscotch-cd-planning-meeting/?instance_id=#more-1505849

Madrona is home to the Onyx Fine Arts Collective which works
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to bring wider attention to artists of African descent residing in the Pacific Northwest. A new Onyx show titled *A Wider View* will be at Seattle City Hall from March 6- May 1. The exhibit is open to the public who also are invited to this opening reception on April 4, 4:00- 6:00pm.

Earth Day falls on April 22, providing an opportunity for *Madrona News* to print recollections, personal experiences, and points of view about environmental issues and the history of Earth Day. Send a paragraph or two to madronanews@gmail.com before March 12 for inclusion.

This message comes a little late, but we promise to do better next year by including it in the February newsletter. The Seattle Central Little League is signing up baseball and softball players who can register on line at www.seattlettleleague.org. Practices start in early March; the season runs from April 6-June 6.

Kim Herber's fond remembrance of William Hanson, Sr. in the Jan. newsletter noted that Bill was the face of the Madrona Community Council (MCC) from the mid-90s through 2006. Bill further underscored his commitment to Madrona with a \$10,000 gift from his estate to the MCC.

Madrona neighbor Joy Sherman is the Director of Vocal and Choral Music at Seattle University. On March 9 at 8:00pm her Choral and Chamber Singers will offer a selection of works titled Lenten Prayer Concert: An Instrument of Peace. The event will take place in the Chapel of St. Ignatius on the Seattle University campus.

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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Sierra



Jenica - 35th Ave



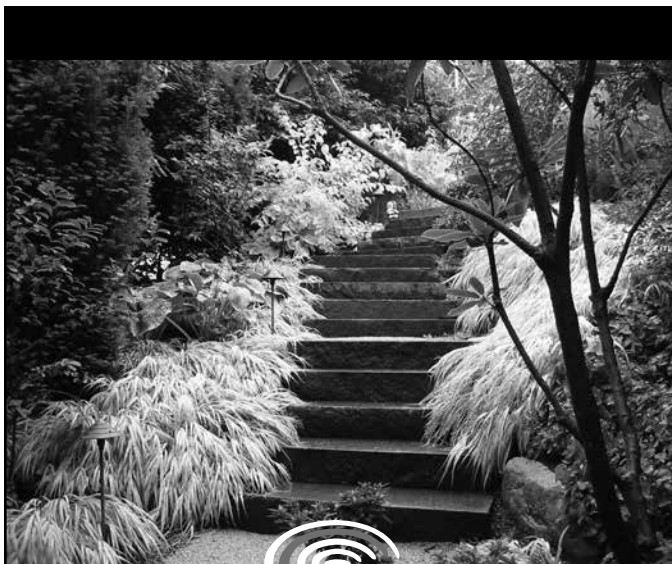
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A Fighting Chance

By *Monica Ramsey, Director, Genesis House*

Last month I was walking to Verite coffee to sneak in an afternoon cupcake when I stopped to pet a friendly dog and chat up his owner. After a brief conversation about the weather the owner asked me where in the neighborhood I live. I told him that I “live” at Genesis House at least Monday through Friday and the occasional weekend when I am needed. After a small pause he reached out to grasp and hold my arm. I guessed what was coming. It happens to me all the time when I tell people what I do for a living. My life now holds hundreds of stories of addiction, either from the addict themselves or from a family member or friend. I waited as he hung on for a moment and then asked if he had a member of his family who struggled with addiction. As the dog laid down on the sidewalk, this man told of a beautiful, talented daughter who despite AA and rehab had died young, drunk at the wheel of a car. I hugged my new friend and reminded him it wasn't his fault, something those of us who love addicts have to be told, over and over again. He hugged me back and asked me if I thought there was a cure. I told him I hope so. I really do.

Throughout much of the last century scientists have studied addiction. Many have labored under powerful myths and misconceptions about the true nature of addiction. Many of those myths were forged during a time when we saw addicts as morally flawed or lacking in willpower. Today, thankfully, we better understand the science of the brain. Groundbreaking discoveries have revolutionized how we perceive and treat addiction, enabling us to respond more effectively to the problem.

Addiction is a disease that affects both the brain and an individual's behavior. We are beginning to identify key factors that both biologically and environmentally trigger addiction and are searching for the genetic variations that contribute to the development and progression of this horrific disease.

Despite these advances most of us don't understand why those we care for become addicted to drugs or alcohol. I know this particular dilemma. I watched a beloved husband descend into the hell of addiction, taking a very happy 25-year marriage with him. I understood in a small way the pain and loss my Madrona neighbor felt. Addiction steals lives and happiness, but despite its complex make up, it isn't impossible to beat.

In the next few months I would like to share with you some facts and wisdom about addiction. I would also like to share some particularly touching stories about folks who have fought and won the battle and also about those who didn't, but who nevertheless left important messages behind.

Last week I met my dog-walking friend again. Over cupcakes and coffee we talked about his daughter. We also talked about Genesis House and our hopes for a bright future. As we parted he wished that the girls who currently reside at Genesis House might have a brighter future than his daughter and for that reason alone he sent us his prayers. I hugged him goodbye and told him that between his prayers, medical advances, behavioral science, continued education, and committed funding we might just have a fighting chance.

Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By *Audrey Seale, E. Union*

MDSS attracted many regular members and several new ones to our Jan. 31 dinner at Café Soleil. Included among new members is a woman from South Africa whose recent life and work in India yielded a cache of Bollywood DVDs she is eager to share at a future MDSS occasion. Another new member hails from Shanghai. Madrona is so interesting!

I was recently contacted by a Madison Valley group who asked me for advice about founding their own dining and sipping society. The upshot is that MDSS and members of the new Madison Valley group will meet at Café Flora on April 30 to show them how we have a good time. As always, those on the MDSS distribution list will be notified of details. You can join the list by contacting me at audreyseale@comcast.net.

Rumor has it that some younger Madrona residents think dinners with MDSSers is like having dinner with your grandparents. Well, great, what could be better than sharing experiences across generations and time? Although MDSS in fact attracts people of all ages, the grandparents among them often do what grandparents do: pull out the checkbook. This is the case at Mayfair for which MDSS has agreed to pay the \$500 fee to sponsor the parade for a second year. We sponsored the pony rides the year prior. Doubtless we will all be there to cheer on the very young ones as they make their way from Pike to the playfield.



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Madrona Woods Women

Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

With International Women's Day as a focus this month, I'd like to pay tribute to the women who have played such a large part in the amazing accomplishments in Madrona Woods over the last 16 years. Most of the original ivy pullers were women, supervised by four neighborhood women who took early responsibility for this effort to restore Madrona Woods to a more sustainable and native state. Throughout the restoration process, the preponderance of volunteers from the neighborhood has been women. Our visionary landscape architect is a powerhouse of a woman who guided us through the successful day lighting of Madrona Creek and the creation of the natural area and cove at the lake front. The bulk of our current faithful volunteer turnout is still women, several of whom have been pulling ivy and planting the whole 16 years. There have been dedicated men who have played, and continue to play, crucial roles in getting the Woods to its almost-complete state, but we'll have to honor them another month.

Most of our 3,000 plants are in the ground, thanks to the help of some large volunteer groups in January, but planting is still the main task on our docket for work parties in the next few months. The intrepid (women and men) might want to help on some steep areas that remain, and people who like to play in the water may want to help plant reeds and rushes in the cove in April or May. There will be other jobs for those who don't fit into those categories. Our next monthly work party is scheduled for March 23, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Meet at the entrance at 38th and Marion to pick up gloves and tools and get your assignment. To sign up ahead, go to cedar.greencitypartnerships.org and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending.

We're STILL waiting for a repainted cross-walk on Lake Washington Boulevard from the southeast Woods entrance to the Spectrum Dance Studio. We've started opening up and enhancing the Woods side to contribute to a safer crossing even before the cross-walk is redone.

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.

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Madrona Blossoms Are Coming Soon

By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue



Welcome Spring. The Madrona Blossoms hanging flower baskets will once again adorn storefronts and street lamps throughout our community. The baskets have been planted and are growing nicely in the greenhouse, so look for their color in mid-May, just in time for Mother's Day. Neighbors tell us all the time how much they enjoy the beauty and color from May to October (and the holiday Wintergreens from November through January).

The lush, colorful flower baskets attract visitors (and photographers) to Madrona, and make them want to linger—to shop, dine, play, relax. So, they're also good for business, which is why the program is strongly supported by our local restaurants, shops, and businesses—led by the Hi Spot's Mike Walker, St. Cloud's John Platt, and Madrona Plaza's Suzanne Sheppard.

If you appreciate the color and vibrancy the flower baskets bring to our community, we invite you to join local business leaders—and your neighbors—in support of the 8th year of the Madrona Blossoms program. One basket—plus holidays decorations from November to February—costs \$275 annually to plant and maintain. Consider supporting a basket or two—as a family, with your friends, or even with a group of neighbors; or donate what you can.

You can send your tax-deductible contribution in the Madrona Blossoms fundraising envelope in this newsletter. Or you can mail your check to Treasurer, 1121 37th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122. If you'd like to volunteer to help, email me doylemf@comcast.net or call me at 323-6128. Thank you for your continued support!



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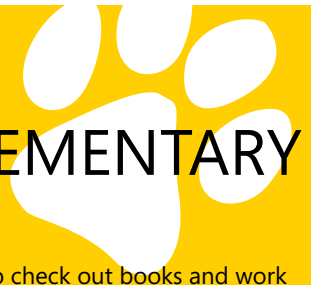
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MADRONA ELEMENTARY

DAILY ACTIVITIES

WALK TO MATH / Math at Madrona K-8 is taught in small groups with individualized instruction in the 1st and 2nd grades. Starting in the 3rd grade, a skill-based math program, Walk to Math, is implemented where children work in small, mixed-age groups teaching and learning from peers.

WALK TO READ / Madrona K-8 follows the Columbia University's Teacher College Reader's Workshop model with "Just Right Books." Starting in the 1st grade, children are taught using mini-lessons and small groups based on each child's reading level.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP / Children write in detail about "small moments" using their senses and including quotes, imagery, drama and suspense. Based on Columbia University's Teacher College Writer's Workshop model, children edit, revise, and publish with writing celebrations every five weeks.

SCIENCE / National Science Foundation curriculum is followed and children learn biology, ecology, food nutrition, physics, physical sciences and atmospheric sciences. Teachers are trained in MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement), a national program that includes practical examples within each of the sciences.

LUNCH & RECESS / Lunch and recess are based on grade: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Kindergarteners also enjoy a snack, a morning recess, and "free time" in the afternoon with indoor activity-based play.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY / Each class visits the library to check out books and work on reading projects with the librarian.

COMPUTER LAB / Every classroom has at least two computers that are incorporated into the curriculum, along with a computer lab designated for elementary students.

ARTS IMPACT / Arts are integrated into the math and reading curricula by Professional artists (not just visual artists, but dancers and actors too) who come to the classroom to create dramatic tableaux, collages or dancing to portray a story.

MUSIC - Alternates weekly with PE / Children enjoy singing, learning to read music (rhythm and tone), playing percussion instruments and recorders. Starting in the 4th and 5th grade, children learn keyboard instruction, instrumental music, and choir.

PE - Alternates weekly with Music / Children get to enjoy fitness testing, roller-skating, bowling, running, bicycling, rowing, and rugby in a full size gym.

SOCIAL STUDIES / Starting in the first grade, children begin to learn about their city, civic responsibilities and current events.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (FREE)

- Arts with ArtsCorps visual art teacher
- Drama with ArtsCorps drama teacher
- Kindergarten medley class
- Gardening
- Sports Training



Madrona K-8 students participate in student-of-the-month assemblies, school fundraisers, a Spring school-wide musical production, and are supported by a full-time nurse and counselor.

Madrona K-8 is a gem in one of Seattle's most historic and vibrant neighborhoods. With class sizes averaging 20 students, the teachers at Madrona K-8 work together to understand the needs of every student so they're educating the whole child - academically, socially and emotionally - and providing skills and the opportunity for success for all learners.

Madrona K-8 is an Advanced Learning Opportunities (ALO) school. This designation offers challenging academics and provides individual attention for high achieving students and allows those testing into a gifted program the opportunity to stay at Madrona K-8 while their advanced needs are met.

In 2012, The Families and Education Levy awarded Madrona K-8 an annual grant of nearly \$450,000, renewable for the next seven years. Madrona K-8 will use these funds to enhance the school's technology, academic support, after school programs, professional development and family support programs for both the elementary and middle schools.

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Madrona Author Launches Novel

By Shannon Polson, 29th Ave.

On Feb. 13, Madrona Mom Tara Conklin packed the house at Elliott Bay Books with the launch of her debut novel *The House Girl*. Conklin took the stage like a pro, easily telling the story of her progression from lawyer to mother to writer, her family's move from London to Seattle, and the evolution of the short stories she initially wrote to the full length *The House Girl*. She even let us in on a little secret: much of her thoughtful novel, a woven story of two women, past and present, black and white, was composed during the few hours she had some days at Verite and Essential Bakery around school drop-offs!

With two unstoppable female protagonists, *The House Girl* alternates between antebellum Virginia and modern-day New York. It is a searing tale of art and history, love, and secrets exploring what it means to repair a wrong and whether truth is sometimes more important than justice. *Marie Claire* calls *The House Girl* "the book club book of 2013." Others call it "a literary page turner," "a literary exploration of truth." *Ebony* calls it "riveting." Find out more about Tara at www.taraconklin.com, and buy her book anywhere books are sold.

Are you a published writer living in Madrona? Contact shannon@polsons.com if you would like to be part of the Madrona Writer's Table at Mayfair this year, or find out about possible opportunities for your book to be featured in *Madrona News*.

Epiphany Parishioners Share Their Hearts

On Feb. 10, Epiphany Parish sponsored its Have a Heart dinner, giving parishioners a chance to gather as a community within the church and raise funds for neighbors outside the church walls. As Rector Doyt Conn, Jr. explained, this annual event underscores the church's intent to ensure everything done within the walls also benefits the community outside the walls. The evening's first activity was to gather for an Evensong service, followed by a cocktail party, then dinner; volunteers decorated, cooked, and served the food; they prepared delectable desserts to auction and raise funds. Approximately \$28,000 resulted from the Have a Heart event.

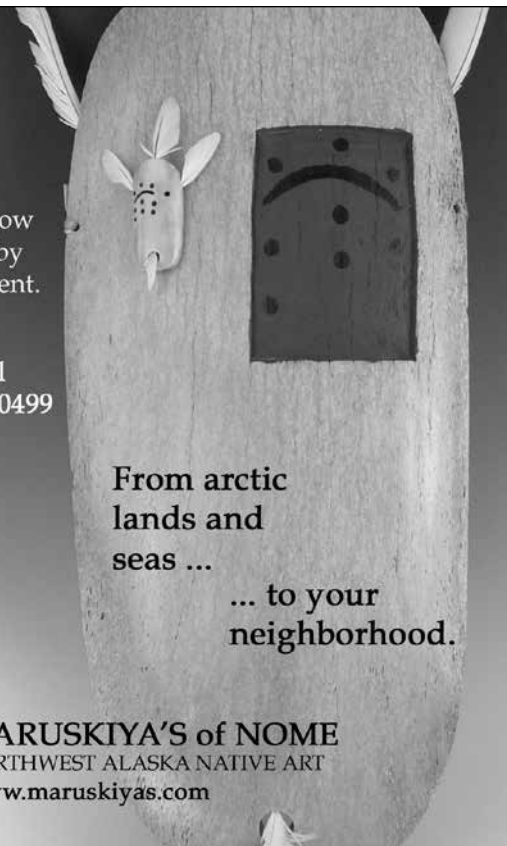
The Coyotes of Spring Street

By Geoff Smith, 36th Ave.

Perhaps they're drawn to the smell of coffee and cupcakes; perhaps the music from St. Therese. More likely, they seek ease of access to food or the quickest route back to the Madrona Woods. For whatever reason, Madrona's resident coyotes seem drawn to Spring Street, at least based on the number of times they've been sighted there in recent months.

This past summer, area residents began discussing the seemingly outlandish notion that the rangy canine they saw late at night was a coyote. The suspect resembled a small German shepherd, but lankier, with a longer muzzle and shorter, bushier tail. As the


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Coyotes... (cont'd from previous page)

sightings became more frequent, word spread down the alley to keep small pets in after dark. Then the rumor of coyotes seemed to fade away until a large *Canis latrans* was spotted in front of St. Therese at 9:00pm on a Jan. school night while folks were coming and going from the church. A call to Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed that like in West Seattle, Queen Anne, and Capitol Hill, Madrona is now home to coyotes. The WDF&W representative was fairly relaxed about coyotes in the city; they've been here a while, and have been fairly unobtrusive neighbors. While there is more information available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/coyotes.pdf>, here's the quick rundown: There are definitely coyotes in Madrona, at least some transients, possibly some semi-permanent residents.

- They usually resemble small German shepherds; adults weigh 20- 35 pounds and grow to about 25 inches tall
- They are opportunistic hunters and scavengers, eating any small animal they can capture (mice, rats, rabbits, squirrels, birds, reptiles, fish, and carrion). They are drawn out of the woods more in the winter when "natural" prey is more scarce
- They are attracted to outdoor pet food, unsecured garbage and small pets, mostly cats
- They are not considered a threat to humans or large dogs
- Most hunting and foraging takes place at night
- WDF&W recommends securing pet food and garbage and keeping pets indoors at night
- Importantly, officials warn against knowingly feeding the coyotes as it weakens their natural fear of humans
- If a coyote ever approaches, pick up small children or pets immediately and act aggressively. Wave your arms, throw stones and shout. If necessary, make yourself appear larger by standing tall and getting up on a rock, stair or stump.

There are currently no plans to try to manage the coyote population, so we can continue to enjoy the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest while keeping an eye out for our smaller pets.

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Metro Proposes No. 2 Bus Stop Removal

In late January, King County Metro posted a notice of intent to remove the Route 2 bus shelter and stop 2940 on the north side of Union between 32nd and 33rd. This gave the community less than one week to comment. Phone and email appeals resulted in Metro extending the comment period to customer.comments@kingcounty.gov or 553-3000 until Feb. 15.

Bus stop 2940, located directly across from Madrona K-8, provides easy access to the school and library. According to Metro representatives, this stop is being considered for removal because the shelter was scheduled for renovation and that provided the opportunity to eliminate the stop. Metro will collect and review all comments and make a decision by the end of February, notifying the community by email.

While discussing the proposed bus stop removal, Metro notified the Madrona Community Council (MCC) that Route 2 had previously been identified as a candidate for Metro's Bus Stop Spacing Program and that it will be a part of a Stop Spacing Project later this year. Metro has said that when the project is initiated, the MCC will be informed of the proposed plan and will, at that time, have an opportunity to provide feedback and comment. (For more info about past Stop Spacing projects, see metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bus/bus.html.)

The MCC will publicize Metro's decision and encourages all interested bus riders and community members to get involved with the Stop Spacing Project. Comments can go to Metro at any time to customer.comments@kingcounty.gov or 553-3000.

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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](mailto:jennie.burton@gmail.com); meetup.com/letsplayseattle
- MON & THURS** 6:00am – 7:00am Bootcamp Class – Get up early and get fit! Meeting at Conscious Body Pilates. 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, needlepoint. 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 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

- Mar 1 9:30am – 10:15am “Fridays with Farah”—Come to Madrona K8 for a coffee chat with Farah Thaxton, Principal. For information, call 252-3100
- Mar 1 6:00pm – 11:00pm Garfield PTSA Raise the Woof Auction/Gala—1700 1st Ave. For tickets to the Gala or the Tesla raffle contact Julie Wroble at jwroble@comcast.net or 324-4829
- Mar 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
- Mar 5 6:30pm Madrona Community Council Meeting—Everyone welcome! Madrona K-8 Library. MCC members encourage the public to join them at this meeting of the Madrona K-8 PTSA and Seattle Public School District representatives. Regular meeting agenda items will follow. Holly Smith, ho2lye@yahoo.com
- Mar 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
- Mar 6 Onyx Fine Arts Collective presents “A Wider View”—Visit Seattle City Hall for exhibit celebrating artists of African descent residing in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Exhibit runs through May 1
- Mar 6 7:30pm Leschi Community Council Meeting—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Mar 8 International Women's Day—internationalwomensday.com
- Mar 9 8:00pm Seattle University Choral and Chamber Singers —“Lenten Prayer Concert: An Instrument of Peace”. Join Madrona neighbor Joy Sherman, Director, in the Chapel of St. Ignatius on the Seattle University campus for an evening of contemplative choral music
- Mar 16 11:00am – 1:00pm Open House, Fire Station No. 6—405 MLK Jr. Way S.
- Mar 16 2:00pm – 4:00pm Opening Reception for Faces—Prographica, 3419 Denny Way
- Mar 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
- Mar 23 10:00am – 1:00pm Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party—Meet at Spring and Grand, or contact Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Mar 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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