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SUCCESSFUL END TO THE LONG 1409 BOAT STREET DOCK SAGA...



Photo by Mike Dash

20-Year Lease Signed With University

**By Sheri Greaves
Legislative Committee Chair**

Sometime in early 2003, one of the floating home owners on the 1409 Boat Street dock received word from the University of Washington that the UW did not intend to renew the lease when it expired in January 2006. The Floating Homes Association immediately contacted our legislators and set up a meeting. Sheri Greaves and Mike Ryherd,

FHA lobbyist, met with Frank Chopp, Ed Murray, and Pat Thibaudeau to discuss what could be done to save these people from having their moorage taken away from them. Our legislators wrote a joint letter to the President of the University of Washington asking him to take appropriate action to extend the lease for some period of time. The UW responded in a not very friendly way that they would pretty much do whatever they wanted. That, obviously, didn't sit too well with our legislators. So, a new section was added to the Capital Budget appro-

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Annual Meeting - Tuesday, April 26th, 7 - 9 PM, Naval Reserve Building
South Lake Union Park, Concerts - Board Elections - Complimentary Refreshments

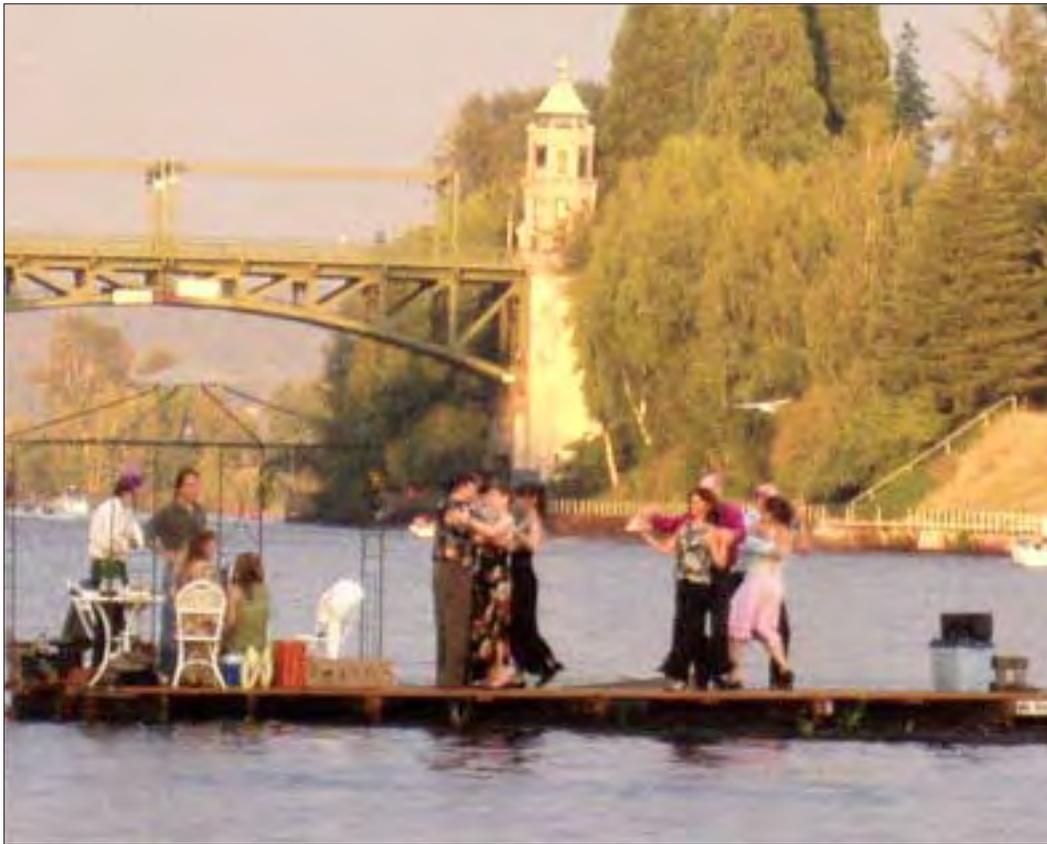


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Dancers on a raft enjoy a summer's evening on Portage Bay.

We don't know who these people are, but they sure have the right idea.

University Signs 20-Year Lease With Houseboaters

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priations bill directing the UW to "develop a ten year program for the eventual relocation of the residents of the floating homes located at 1409 NE Boat Street. After meeting and negotiating with the affected residents, the University of Washington shall develop a report to the legislature. The report, giving the various options for achieving relocation, shall be submitted no later than January 15, 2004, to the senate

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ways and means committee and the house of representatives capital budget committee."

After a lot of initial maneuvering by the UW to try and keep the Floating Homes Association out of this, they finally gave in and set up the first meeting with the floating home owners and representatives from the FHA (Sheri Greaves and Mike Ryherd) for October 14, 2003. After almost a dozen meetings between October and January 2004, the required report was presented to the Legislature saying that we were making good progress toward a resolution for a possible 20-year lease for the floating home owners, but that there were many details to still

be worked through. The scenarios presented at that point were pretty complex, with buy-out clauses and relocation allowances and appraisals and amortization schedules, etc., but we were planning to have the leases signed by the end of March.

The legislators requested a meeting with the UW Real Estate Office folks to discuss their report. At a meeting in June the Legislators told the UW that they wanted them to offer a full 20-year lease without any of the buy-out clauses which the Legislators felt were unfair to the tenants. More meetings were held and more drafts reviewed...lawyers got involved. FHA retained the services of our attorney, Peter Eglick, to make sure everything was legal and fair.

Finally, in January of this year, the lease was approved and sent out to the floating home owners for signature. They now have a lease which will provide them a secure moorage for 20 years, and peace of mind. As they say in the fairy tale..."and they lived happily ever after". I hear that a celebration party is being planned!

The floating home owners on the 1409 Boat Street Dock and the Floating Homes Association sincerely thank Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, Representative Ed Murray, and Senator Pat Thibaudeau for the continued support of our community. We would also like to thank the folks in the UW Real Estate Office for all of their efforts and cooperation in getting this issue resolved.

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Security & Safety

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Seattle Harbor Patrol

A tragic accident took the life of Officer Jackson Lone on March 16th. While on shore securing a tugboat, Officer Lone slipped, hit his head and drowned in the waters of the Lake Washington Ship Canal. He was an 18-year department veteran who spent five years with the Harbor Patrol. Hundreds turned out for Lone's funeral in a somber ceremony at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion on the University of Washington campus. Everyone recalled him as a gregarious man with an infectious good nature. His death was the first for the Harbor Patrol since its inception in the early 1900s. We offer our sincere condolences to Officer Jackson Lone's family, colleagues and friends. — **Tiff McNamara**

Automobile Thefts

Our community continues to suffer from car related crimes. No type of car seems to be exempt from being targeted. Lately the older low profile cars have been stolen as they can be driven by the thief without calling attention to themselves. Usually the cars license plates are replaced with a neighbors license plates as well. An email based newsletter on our latest crimes suffered continues to be sent out monthly to any FHA member who would like to be included. To see the latest one or get on the distribution list please go to www.seattlefloatinghomes.org/lake.asp — **Tiff McNamara**



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Legislative & Legal

Sheri Greaves, Chair

DNR Agrees to 3/4 Annual Rent for Lease Bond.

FHA Backs Boater Education Bill.

DNR Lease Security: The DNR lease has always required financial security in the form of a bond, or of a savings account containing an amount of money two times the annual rent. Getting a bond has never been a problem in the past, but it definitely is now. Companies will still issue bonds, but they are requiring that the individual floating home owners on the dock provide personal guarantees for the bond. That is simply unacceptable. So DNR, realizing that this is creating an undue hardship on floating homes, has agreed to decrease the savings account requirement for floating home lessees to only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the annual rent, which will be assigned to DNR in case of default on payment of rent. We are grateful to DNR for allowing this lower amount, but having that much money tied up, not being able to be used, still creates a burden on floating home owners. We are working with DNR to lessen the required amount even further, to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the annual rent. A meeting is scheduled with Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands, on March 23rd. We hopefully will be able to report progress by the Annual meeting. — **Sheri Greaves**

Boater Education: As residents on floating homes, every day we see the whole range of boat operators from the competent and courteous to the impaired and dangerous. Thirty-six other states have some sort of requirements for boat operation. Washington has none.

The FHA Board has endorsed the efforts of a group named WAMBE, the Washington Alliance for Mandatory Boater Education, comprised of a wide variety of boating interests. Over the past two years, WAMBE has developed a bill which would require boat operators to have a basic level of boat safety education such as that provided in 8 to 12 hour classes given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron.

If passed by the legislature, the requirement would be phased in for differing age groups over the next dozen years and would allow the option of operators passing an equivalency exam instead of taking a class. For a complete description of the bill, see the WAMBE web site at www.wambe.org.

As of this writing, the WAMBE bill has been passed out of committees in both the House and the Senate. The House bill is SHB 1852 and the Senate the bill is SSB 5145. If you wish to support the bill please contact your legislator. For the current status of the bill, see www.leg.wa.gov — **Sheri Greaves**

The Floating Homes Association's

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Tuesday, April 26th, 2005

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2004 HOUSEBOAT TOUR SUCCESS !

What a fantastic day we had at the 2004 Houseboat tour! It was full of fun opportunities to meet other houseboaters, share stories, and renew our appreciation for life on the water. Thank you to each and every one of the volunteers who came out and made this day so special. We couldn't have done it without your enthusiasm and commitment.

The tour consisted of 12 homes showing the unique features of houseboat living. We all heard compliments about the beautiful floating homes and the cool electric boats used for transportation from East to West Lake Union.

After a couple of rainy tours, the 2004 tour had perfect weather! We sold over 1100

Photo by Sid McFarland



Photo right from
Melissa Ahlers



Clockwise from top: Sandy McQuirk-Linus and Jamie Thurner sell tickets; Tim Ahlers pilots one of the electric shuttle boats with his parents, Linda and Tom Ahlers, as passengers; Electric Boats shuttling tour-goers back and forth from Westlake to Pettus Park; Val Burgess greets tour goers at her home on Tenas Chuck moorage.

Photos left from Melissa, below by Sid



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tickets to tour the homes. Our sponsors were generous in helping us achieve our goals this year—not only were they supportive financially but many volunteered that day as well. Please thank them and support their businesses—we are so lucky to have such wonderful community cooperation.

The success of the tour was due in large part to the hard work of the committee members who helped orchestrate the event: Jann McFarland, Giff and Mary Jones, Marty Greer, Tom and Susan Susor, Laurel Doody and Melissa Ahlers. Special thanks goes to Gus Schairer for designing the tickets, Jamie Thurner for heading up ticket sales, always doing more than you know, Mary and Giff Jones for staffing the booth selling our “Houseboatique” items, and Rachel Dory for the beautiful artwork for the tour.

Again, please take the opportunity to thank and support our sponsors. We couldn't have done it without them! And thanks again for being such great neighbors—you make this the best place in the world to love, live and play – **Melissa Ahlers**

Top to Bottom: Donning surgical booties before entering Ellen and Steve Hansen's Log Foundation houseboat. Gus Schairer tries the ribs from Otis Pimpleton's BBQ Wagon. Otis sold out his delicious wares and was a welcome addition to the tour. Taking off shoes before entering Mikela and Tom Naylor's houseboat on the Paws Dock.



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Environmental

Jan Carlson, Chair

Betty Swift, Portage Bay houseboater and the Floating Homes Association's first chairman of the

Environmental Committee, has resigned her position on the Board. The rest of the Board would like to thank Betty for her work and appreciates the time and energy she put into it over the years.

Jan Carlson, of Log Foundation, has volunteered to head up this committee. The following article highlights environmental concerns of floating home residents, University of Washington neighbors and others living in and around Lake Union, Portage Bay and Lake Washington. – Ed.

Regional Biocontainment Laboratory Sought by University of Washington

by Jan Carlson

At the request of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) the UW applied in December, 2004 for a \$25 million grant to build a Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (RBL). The stated purpose of the laboratory would be to study pathogens which cause infectious disease and have known treatments in order to develop vaccines for those diseases.

Request from the Feds

On their web site at <http://depts.washington.edu/rbl3/background.html>, the University explains, "...the NIAID, a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has funded eight regional centers to organize and conduct research on infectious agents that could have a significant, negative public health impact. The University of Washington was selected by

the NIH in 2003 as one of the eight Regional Centers of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Disease (RCE), the only one selected on the west coast... The commitment by the federal government to understand the disease processes and develop vaccines to counter them on a large scale is a relatively new endeavor caused in part by the events during 2001, especially those related to anthrax."

In a letter from UW President Mark A Emmert, posted on the internet site listed above, he disclosed, "Concerns have been raised about the fact that the grant application was submitted prior to a public discussion of its merits, and about the safety and security issues that accompany the construction of such a facility. We are embarking upon a process now to generate such a discussion in our community. Over the coming months, the proposal will be the subject of a variety of meetings with various groups on and off campus to gather as much information as possible before a final decision is made on whether to proceed with the project, should it receive funding from the NIAID... I have asked Acting Provost David Thorud to convene a special faculty and administration working group to review and make recommendations to me on the siting issue. We will gather all the information we receive in the process outlined above before making a final determination whether to proceed with the project."

Objections from the Floor

In one such meeting held on February 23 at Kane Hall, faculty, students and residents of the area near the proposed site for building the lab (45S) expressed many concerns. The identified location is between 15th and Brooklyn on the north side of Boat Street. It is not actually on the water.

One faculty member expressed concern that the site selection was done in secret. The College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences apparently hoped to use the site for a building and programs that need waterfront access.

Someone else brought up the concern that several of the pathogens to be studied are viable in fresh water. This was confirmed by the panel from the University who also said they were not concerned about pathogens escaping from the build-



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ing. It brought up fears from the community of terrorist attack of the building. Virtually everyone from the audience who spoke said putting a lab of this nature in the middle of a densely populated area that has three major public through roads running around it was not appropriate.

The lab's location so close to Portage Bay was another objection. In an earlier statement on January 10th, UW Faculty Senate chair, Ross Heath published a statement that expresses this concern, "What would be the consequences of a release into Portage Bay with its uninterrupted connection to the entire Lake Washington freshwater system extending from the Ballard Locks to Issaquah?" Heath's entire statement is published in the February/March 2005 Eastlake News.

Genetic Engineering of Pathogens

Near the end of the meeting on, a participant asked the panel if genetic engineering of pathogens would be carried out in the lab. After hesitation, the response was, "Yes." No further explanation was given.

Mr. Thorud assured the audience that his job was to collect all questions and concerns and put them into a report to President Emmert. In his message, Dr. Emmert stated. "I encourage you to become engaged in the discussion, to attend one of the public forums, or to e-mail your question or concern about this project to rbl3@u.washington.edu."

Membership & Communications

Emily Hine, Chair

Emily Hine chairs the Membership and Communications Committee. This committee is responsible for communication with the membership (you). Among other things they are responsible for our website, the Annual Meeting and this *Newsletter*.

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LAKE UNION TREKKERS

Val Burgess Leads Neighbors to Fitness and Camaraderie on Weekly Walks

By Jan Carlson

Val Burgess has found the place where her greatest joy meets the needs of her community. Moving her body and having fun doing it is her passion. She also loves connecting with other people and sharing the health benefits and enjoyment she gets from staying active. In 2003 she started inviting a group of friends and neighbors to join her in doing just that. On Tuesday mornings they walk locally in Seattle parks & neighborhoods, and on Friday mornings they take a longer hike out of the area. They meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Tenas Chuck dock, 2339 Fairview Ave. E., summer and winter -- rain or shine. In addition, starting in February of this year, some in the group began meeting at 8:30 a.m. every other Wednesday to bike. The initial group has expanded and Val welcomes and encourages everyone who desires to participate in any of the activities. Val plans the schedule with input from the group, now called the Lake Union Trekkers.

Val shares her thoughts and feelings on the subject: "As I was walking with my friends this morning, I remembered why I enjoy getting out of the city and into the woods. I am there among nature, the trees, the plants, the birds, and the smell of the earth. My senses are awakened. I see a variety of species of trees, small ones as well as large ones. Some are green while others are dormant soon to be budding with new life. The underbrush is still green and healthy. The shades of green are a contrast to the dark earth tones. Leaves are scattered on the

trail's edge, wilted and decomposed into the soil making a nutrient base for later new growth. I wish to share this feeling of life with everyone. Please come and join me and others on our walks and hikes. Meet new

people and enjoy socializing with us. Tuesdays are walks. Fridays are hikes. The walks are not as strenuous as the hikes, but the hikes give everyone a good work out."

In February on Seattle's Neighbor Ap-

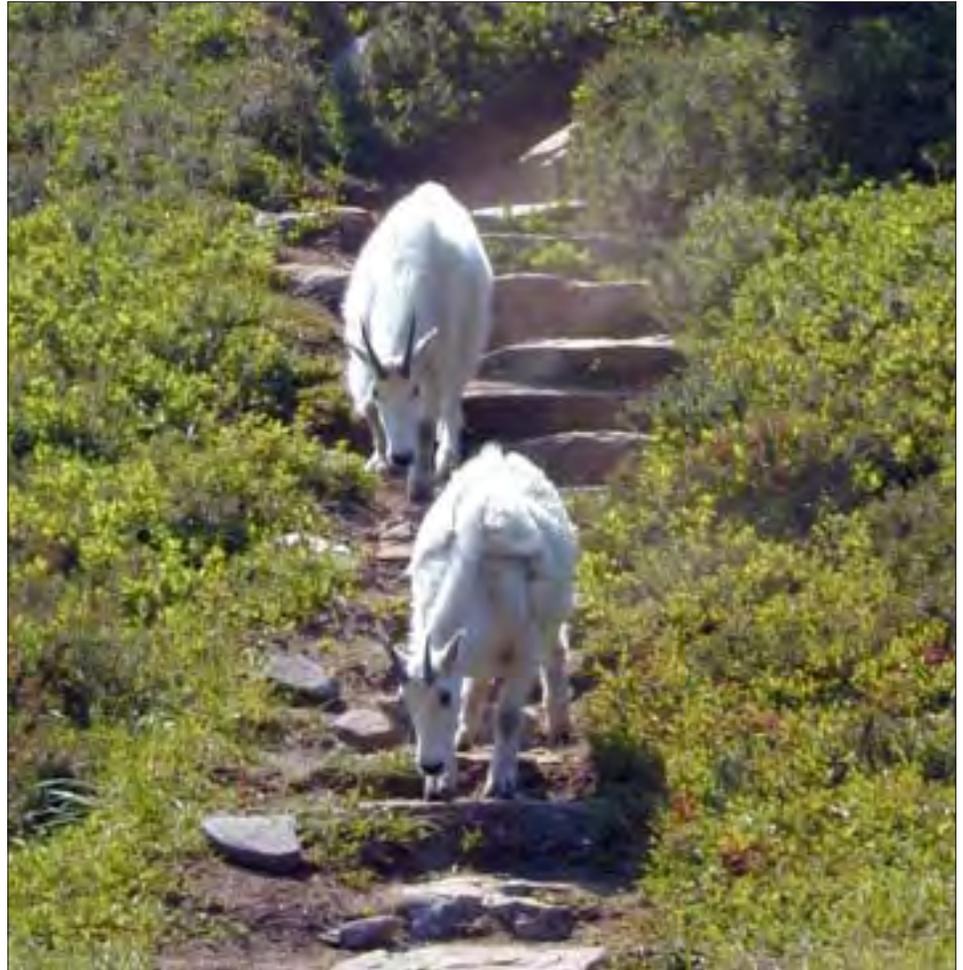


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Fellow trekkers on Cascade Pass.



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Chain Lakes Loop hike. From left: Jim Donnette, Val, BarbaraDonnette, Nicki Harbo.

preciation Day, sponsored by the City Department of Neighborhoods, the Trekker members honored Val for her good neighbor efforts with cards expressing their gratitude for her leadership.

When asked why she likes to hike with Val, Becky Powell, who comes in from Issaquah said, "I hike with Val because all I have to do is show up. I don't have to plan or do anything. It's all done when I get there...I also enjoy the people we hike with... the positive attitude and can-do spirit Val has for everybody." Becky often shows up on both Tuesdays and Fridays.

Barbara & Jim Donnette, Tenas Chuck houseboaters, enjoy hiking with the group. Barbara says, "Being out in nature makes me feel peaceful, and I need a weekly shot of it."

Nicki Harbo said, "With regards to our Friday adventures, her plan is simple: Pick a hike, push on. There-in 'Coach Val' gets us out of cozy Eastlake and into the wondrous natural beauty of the forests and beaches surrounding us...rain or shine. Thank goodness for her enthusiasm!"

Tim Carlson expressed his gratitude to Val, "Walking and hiking gets me up in the morning so I can enjoy the sunrise while I meet and connect with my neighbors...I also appreciate your careful choice of places to go and the time you spend on searching out details...In addition, I've discovered that I love winter hiking. I've learned that I won't melt in a downpour, and I won't really freeze on cold winter mornings, and the benefits go on and on."

Lifelong Fitness Adventure

By Mariyn Robertson

Val Burgess has established a weekly schedule of outdoor activities for houseboaters. She encourages others to consider fitness an adventure: get out, discover the natural world and enjoy the company of others. Participants set their own pace and the program provides a variety of exercise opportunities. In the upcoming spring and summer season there are some new bike and hiking trips added to the schedule.

Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., the Lake Union Trekkers walk, maybe to Discovery Park, Seward Park, Lincoln Park, the Arboretum, or just around the lake. Val says, "We walk from 4 1/2 to 6 miles rain or shine. Usually the trail is flat but sometimes I'll find a set of stairs to climb.

"Every other Wednesday we bike. It might be Burke Gilman, Snoqualmie Valley, or the Interurban Trail. I prefer to stay on crushed rock or paved trails to avoid the hassle of cars. This year several longer rides are planned. One, in May, is the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene and the Route of the Hiawatha.

"Friday gets us out of the city and into the wilderness. We take hikes off the Mountain Loop Hwy as well as the Wonderland Trail, Foss Lake, Surprise Lake, Cascade Pass, Ira Springs Trail, and Oyster Dome. Most hikes are about 6 miles with a varied range of elevation gain. This season I've planned a special backpack trip over Cascade Pass to Stehekin."

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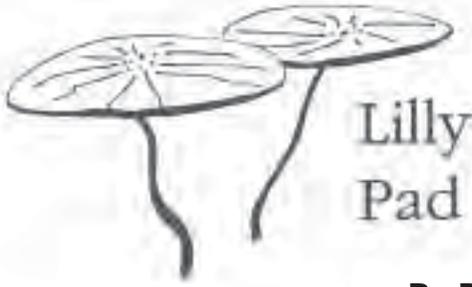
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By Bob Lilly

SPRING PLANT SALES

You are fortunate to live in Seattle if you are a gardener. Not only can you grow a wide variety of plants but there are also a number of organizations that sponsor fantastic plant sales as fundraisers. Perennials, annuals, vegetables, lavenders, hebes and fuchsias can be found at these sales although you need to go to retail nurseries for evergreen shrubs, conifers and trees for your pots.

There are several vendors who sell rare and unusual plants at specific plant sales. Many salvias, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, hellebores and other perennials can only be found at these larger sales. At sales you also get to talk directly to the growers and often come home with that perfect plant for just the right spot.

For a wide range of plants including annuals, perennials, bog plants, azaleas, lilies, fuchsias, grasses and vines try the

Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale, April 23 10am-5pm and April 24 10am to 3pm at the Sandpoint/Magnuson Park.

There is one other large event similar to the Arboretum Foundation Sale. **The Master Gardeners Sale** at the Center for Urban Horticulture on April 16, 9am to 4pm and April 17, 10am to 3pm. You will be competing for the best of the best at all of these sales so arrive early!

Looking for vegetables? Try the **Tilth Sale**, May 7, 9am to 3pm and May 8, 11am to 3pm at the Good Shepard Center. The dates of this sale will remind you not to set out tomatoes until the first week of May. It's too cold before then.

For Perennials, the **Northwest Perennial Alliance Sale (NPA)**, April 17 at Sandpoint/Magnuson Park in building 67, the old shop. This sale also has divisions from the Perennial Borders at the Bellevue Botanical Garden and funds the work the NPA does there.

The last big sale of the year is the **Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Sale** at the Bellevue Botanical Garden on Saturday April 30, 10am to 4pm.

At the first of the vegetable season, there are plant vendors at the **University District Farmers Market** Saturdays, 9am to 2pm starting May 7 at the old University Heights Grade School.

I am always looking for new plants, tender shrubs (salvias), herbs (basil), sub tropical plants (brugmansia, passion flower vines), lilies both oriental (fragrant) and Asiatic, and lewisias to grow in pots on my deck. These plant sales are great places to see new things and talk with other avid gardeners.

A word of caution: the potential drought brings up the issue of polymer jelly water holding products. Don't use them! If we return to normal weather these products will keep pots too wet and in good potting soil (black gold) they can migrate to the surface where they grow a nice crop of algae.

Remember, the polymer jelly products must be incorporated in the soil so cannot be used on well established trees and shrubs in pots.



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“Zouk”



Photos by Tim Carlander

Tim Carlander Pilots Zouk as Bill Vandeventer trims the sails.

By Jan Carlson

Quality in design and workmanship were what attracted Tim Carlander to his recently acquired Swan 53 sailboat. “Swans exhibit the best there is in being human: pride and care in workmanship.” He and his partner, Bill Vandeventer, try to live by those characteristics every day, both in their architectural business and home life. The grace and beauty of this cruiser-racer is repeated in its name, Zouk, a type of music heard in the French Antilles and also the “party” place to hear the music.

According to Tim, Zouk is not a pure racing boat because the luxurious full teak interior, appliances, and spacious sleeping cabins add weight. However, the design of the hull and rigging make Zouk easy and enjoyable to sail. The Nautor’s Swan Company began designing the beautiful, yet tough, well-built, safe, and fast Swan-class boats in Finland in 1966. It was one of the first companies to build successful racers in fiberglass. The boats are considered the ultimate in ocean going sailing yachts.



Tim’s sailboat was first used as a charter in the Nautor’s Swan Company in St. Maarten and from there went to the Bahamas and Newport, Rhode Is-

land. After a couple of previous owners, Tim found the boat in Annapolis, Maryland and had it trucked across the country where it arrived in Lake Union safe and sound. For the next ten months Tim spent all of his non-business time carefully restoring the boat to an almost brand new condition.

After completing the restoration, Tim and Bill had an “Open-Boat” party to celebrate with friends and neighbors who admired all of the amenities in the living quarters as well as the beautiful lines of the design. Zouk is now moored in Friday Harbor for easy access to sailing in the San Juans or around Vancouver Island.

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LOG FOUNDATION "BURNS THE MORTGAGE"



All photos this story by Enrico Pozzo

"Burning of the Mortgage" L to R Derry Sherensky who gave a short speech, Dave Galvin who lit the pages, Mike Taylor holds the torch as Heidi Hoelting and Bob Burk look on.

By Jann McFarland

The Log Foundation's 52 houseboat co-op on Fairview celebrated "Burn the Mortgage" parties last July and August, having finally paid off their 20 year moorage note. Almost 40% of the owners had been there for the whole 20 years and some much longer. After everyone breathed a big sigh of relief, it was party time!

On July 24th, a very warm evening, around 80 people were shuttled by two limousines from their moorages to the Virginia V for a dinner cruise. Klaudia Keller from dock 2025, owner of Choice Linens and the goddess of good taste, handled most of the arrangements including the decorations - colorful printed table cloths and ferns in silver & black pots. She also guided the rest of the committee in planning an elegant catered dinner buffet from Kasper's restaurant and hired a deejay to provide music throughout the evening. As people boarded the boat, photos were taken and pinned to a large diagram of the moorage. A highlight for old timers was the appearance of former 2019 resident, Jim Burks who flew all the way from Thailand to attend the event. The original plan was to cruise around Lake Union & Portage Bay and then drift in front of the moorage while eating dinner, but since it was so hot out, Captain Dale headed out to Lake Washington to try and catch a breeze. After dinner, co-op President, Rob Widmeyer spoke briefly about the Log Founda-

tion "founding fathers" and how the moorage purchase came about, toasts were made, and a lot of wine was consumed. When the boat returned, the limousines were there to take people home - the end of a lovely summer evening on the lake.

The second party took place on August 28th - an afternoon reunion of "Dock Alumni" held simultaneously on all three docks. Docks were individually decorated and potluck hors d'oeuvres & drinks were served. On 2025, home of the now historic, Bastille Day Luau, this included a cooler of their "lethal" sangria laced with sherry soaked peaches. There was a

lot of reminiscing as close to 100 alumni returned to help celebrate and some who could not be there sent letters to share. Many traveled from other parts of the state and Tom Dodds (2025) flew in from Texas to attend. A lot of the houses were open so former residents could see what remodeling and decorating projects had occurred on "their" houses and meet current owners. There was mingling between docks as well. Dock 2017 hosted a more laid back, spontaneous celebration. But on 2019 there were group photos, speeches, and an official burning of the mortgage in a BBQ lid held aloft like a torch. On

Photo by Enrico



George Johnston enjoys a party.

2025, 35 years of old photos were brought out to show newer residents what the old houseboats looked like and how the old timers looked back in their "hippy days". Many photos were taken and guest books signed.

A "memory book" is in the works to document the colorful history of Log's houseboats and even more colorful owners as far back as can be remembered with names, stories and photos.

Right: Sheryl Landon toasts her dinner partners on the cruise.

Below: The folks on dock 2019 pose for a group shot of "Alumni" and current residents.

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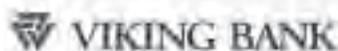
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Eastlake Community Council Update

By Chris Leman

The Eastlake Community Council welcomes houseboaters to its general meetings, monthly meetings of the two Fairview Green Street committees, and work parties at Good Turn & Fairview parks. See the accompanying list of these meetings and work parties.

Carsten Stinn (teamenzo@hotmail.com, 325-3756) and Barbara Donnette (jandbdonnette@comcast.net, 324-6147) are coordinating a public planning process for expansion of the Louisa street-end park. For details, see the April/May Eastlake News or contact them.

As slated in the 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (available at eastlake.oo.net), residents, businesses, and Fairview commercial landowners, want a shoreline pathway south from NOAA, and a safer intersection at Fairview Ave. E. and Fairview Ave. N. Mike Brooks has a drawn up a widely supported design that we are still working through. For info or to get involved, contact Chris Leman, cleman@oo.net or 720-4792.

For years, Log Foundation and Tenas Chuck have been ECC group members. We try very hard to merit this confidence, which we deeply appreciate. ECC would be happy to make a presentation to other docks considering group memberships.

ECC is planning a September tour of homes, businesses, and boats and are looking for a coordinator. Please contact me if you are interested or could suggest any names: Chris Leman, 720-4792, cleman@oo.net.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Wed., April 20 **Tsunami and earthquake preparedness**, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School. 2500 Franklin Avenue E. How might a tsunami or an earthquake affect Lake Union and Portage Bay, docks, homes and businesses, bridges, locks, fire stations, power lines? What can we do to prepare? Two experts, NOAA scientist Frank Gonzalez, who has studied tsunamis for many years, and LuAn Johnson, director of emergency preparedness for the City of Seattle will speak.

Wed., May 11 **Dialogue with City Councilmembers Conlin and McIver**, 7-9 p.m. at TOPS-Seward School, 2500 Franklin Ave. E. Discussion of the Louisa street-end park design, then McIver, chair City Council's Budget & Finance, president of the Puget Sound Regional Council, and member of the Sound Transit governing board will speak. After 8 p.m. hear from Councilmember Conlin, the City council's Transportation Committee chair and who earlier boosted the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan. Question/Answer session to follow with both McIver and Conlin.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mondays, April 11/May 9/June 13 **Fairview Green Street** (Newton to Roanoke), 6 pm at 2510 Fairview Ave. E. (enter from back upper level). Info: 325-5933

Thursdays, April 14/May 12/June 9 (6/9 tentative, call to confirm) **Fairview Green Street** (Fuhrman to Hamlin) 7 pm at 2728 Fairview #303. Info: 568-5451

WORK PARTIES

Saturdays, April 16/ May 21/June 18 **Good Turn Park** work party 1-3 p.m., Martin street-end at 3149 Fairview Avenue East. Info: 860-3866

Saturdays, April 23/May 28/June 25 **Fairview Park work party**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (between Eastlake & Fairview at Shelby St.). Info: 325-5463

Call for Artists

Gilda's Club Red Door Campaign

This fund raiser is being held to pay off the mortgage of the Gilda's Club house on Capital Hill, with the remaining funds to be used to finish the basement in order to expand the children's program, "Noogieland", and to fund current on-going programs. Gilda's Club provides emotional support as a supplement to medical care for men, women, and children living

with cancer and provides a space for them to gather with friends and family. All programs are free.

The Red Door Campaign is modeled after the "Pigs on Parade" held in Seattle. Renowned glass artist, Dale Chihuly, will be the Lead Artist, joining other artists and teams of artists who will decorate the doors. The 75 beautifully designed doors will be exhibited around greater Seattle

this summer and then auctioned this fall at a gala. A red door is the national symbol of Gilda's Clubs.

Artists can go to the Gilda's Club web site at www.gildasclubseattle.org and then to "Red Door Campaign" to obtain more info and the Artists' Information Form. Artists will be chosen from applicants by the Red Door Campaign Committee. Note that the deadline has been extended through April 15th. The web site also has information for non-artist volunteers. — Sheri Greaves

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“Back to the Blueprint”, a home restoration show on the History Channel is planning a floating homes episode for its second season. The show combines the historic aspects of the homes with a hands on, active look at the hard work involved in restoring and renovating homes.

If you are planning a project for this late spring or summer and would be interested in participating in the show, they would love to hear from you. Project size does not matter — they may follow one big project or several smaller ones. They welcome suggestions from all houseboaters, including new construction, additions, conversions, especially something unique to floating home architecture/design. Film production begins in May runs through the end of October.

To learn about the program you can google “Back to the Blueprint”. To talk to David Rudy, Research/Production Assistant you can call 203-353-7300 X1225 or email david.rudy@aetn.com

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Portage Bay Herbicides

By Betty Swift

A recent meeting between representatives of the Seattle and Queen City Yacht Clubs and a small coalition of Portage Bay residents has resulted in encouraging possibilities for agreement on noxious water weed control in local waters. Two of the past four summers have seen the clubs applying herbicides to maintain vegetation-free areas under their docks and throughout the bay where their boats operate. The clubs have just completed a permit proposal to state agencies to continue the practice into the future.

A substantial number of community residents, however, concerned about both short- and long-term effects of annual herbicide treatments, have been appealing to the yacht clubs since 2001 to consider non-chemical weed controls. Improved methods of mechanical and hand harvesting, laying of bottom barriers and hand pulling are successfully used in a variety of situations, although they usually cost more than broad chemical treatments.

At this March meeting, the interested parties worked to consider the use of more than one type of treatment, depending on their suitability to local conditions. For instance, herbicide use seems most effective in shallow areas under docks and boats, but harvesting or bottom barriers would be effective in boat lanes and open water. Meeting participants are researching

options and will gather again in April to consider their findings.

It was also agreed that a larger community meeting will be scheduled in late April or early May in order to inform the neighborhoods adjacent to Portage Bay of treatments that will be applied in this spring/summer of 2005. This meeting will be publicized through postings and leaflets distributed throughout the neighborhoods.

Final plans for this year's herbicide application by the two yacht clubs are currently pending a decision by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on an appropriate window in the seasonal salmon migration. The decision will determine when an herbicide application will be permitted and which herbicides may be used. The yacht clubs hope to do an application of diquat to control milfoil and Brazilian elodea prior to May 31st and a late-summer application of Triclopyr to hit milfoil re-growth.

Prior to treatment, the yacht clubs will deliver and post two notices to residents near the treatment areas. The first notice goes to neighbors adjacent to the treatment area, informing them of the proposed treatment and the second notice is more broadly distributed and gives the exact date of application and herbicide information. Following treatment, the area is sampled and briefly monitored to determine dispersal of the herbicide and its effectiveness.

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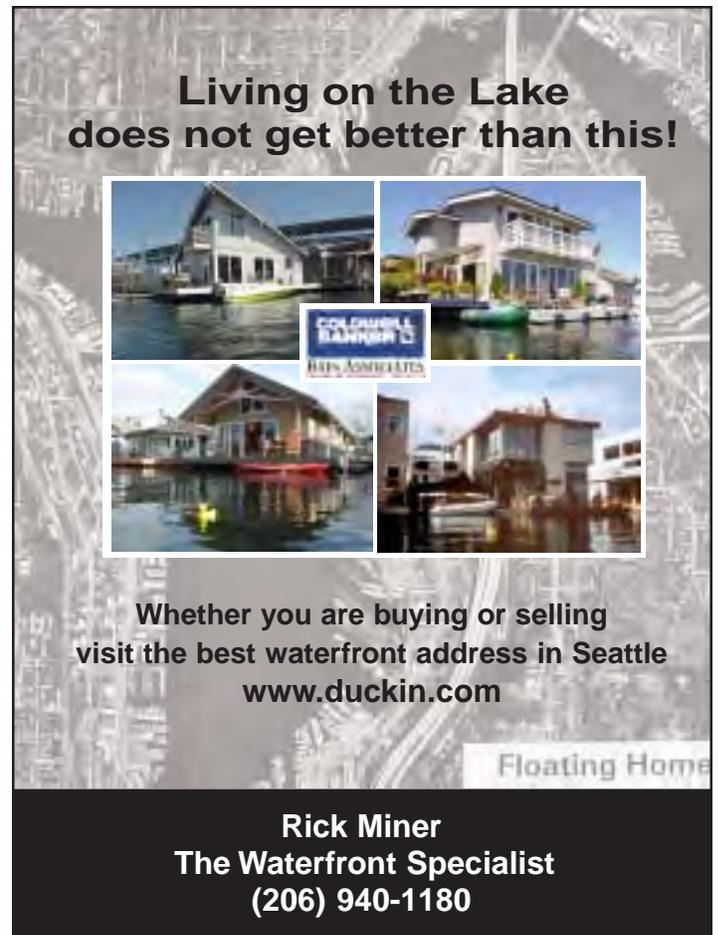

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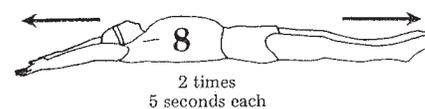
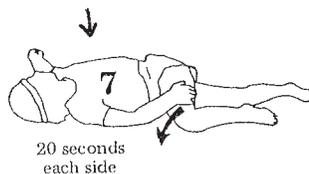
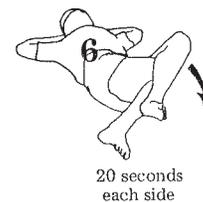
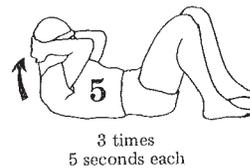
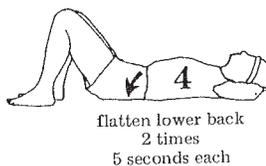
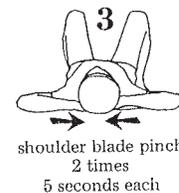
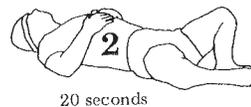
By Dr. Matt Smith
Body Smith Chiropractic

Spring has come early to the great Northwest, and our interests have turned to outdoor activities such as walking, biking, and kayaking to name a few. Before you jump on your bike, head off on a hike, or hit the water, it would be a good idea to STOP and STRETCH. Stretching helps make the change from a sedentary state to an active one. This should be done without undue soreness or injuries. When done correctly, stretching feels good, and is good for you.

When stretching, remember to take it slowly, relax, breathe, and stretch until you feel a slight tightness, not pain. Do not bounce. A little stretching every day will go a lot farther than once or twice a week. A good friend of mine, who was about as flexible as a board, started stretching a little every day and it made a big difference.

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Robert "Sandy" McAusland

Remembrances by Sandy's wife, Linda Knudsen-McAusland



Sandy was a third generation Seattlite and one of the first babies born in Broadmoor. He grew up in Madison Park. Like many men of that time he worked at Boeing as a mechanical engineer, and later did consulting on his own. He worked on medical devices contributing to the earliest ultrasound equipment and with Portage Bay's Belding Scribner on the first kidney dialysis machine.

He was an aviator and woodworker and used his skills to build and pilot various aircraft from gliders to a favorite Bucker Jungmann biplane. Sandy was active in the airplane restorations at the Museum of Flight. His last accomplishment was a full scale interpretation of Leonardo Da Vinci's Ornithopter now gracing the entrance to the Museum of Flight. He had many interests and seemed to excel at all of them. Linda says, "Sandy was an avid skier all of his life; he was a ski instructor at Snoqualmie Pass during the 50s and 60s and continued to meet his ski

friends each year at the annual Ancient Skier gatherings in Sun Valley."

Sandy always wanted to live on a Houseboat and in 1996 after his divorce and serving in the Peace Corps in Granada, he purchased his first houseboat in Dox co-op on Fairview. Linda, who has lived on Dox since 1986, recalls, "Sandy's houseboat was 'caddy corner' to mine; we met during a welcome party for Sandy hosted by Bev Matson. Throughout his first summer, we 'hung out'; he took me flying and I took him to the Opera and Theater performances. We were married on October 8, 1998." Since neither of their houseboats were big enough for the two of them they were lucky to be able to purchase a neighbor's larger place across the channel on Dox's other moorage. This home has had three owners and all of them were newlyweds.

Linda remembers, "Sandy was an active part of the Dox community and said it was his favorite place of any he had lived...He loved the sense of community and close contact with neighbors." He handled a lot of the dock maintenance and his wood working legacy lives on in the bench that sits on the bulkhead in front of the channel between the two docks. One of Sandy's dreams was to have his own seaplane moored next to his houseboat.

Sandy had a beautiful wooden electric boat - one of the first on the lake . It was christened 'Tesla'. He loved to navigate the lake and houseboat channels, talking to folks as he glided quietly by. Linda recalls, "He was a familiar sight to many during the summer when he would go out every day to explore the boatyards, the houseboats, the marinas - just to say 'hi'. Sometimes he would float out in the middle of the Lake and nap or read. Often we would take picnic dinners on the Lake..."

Sandy's obituary says, "On October 31, Sandy McAusland, life long pilot, sailor, engineer and mischief maker bid us farewell." He was 76 years old. — **Compiled by Jann McFarland**

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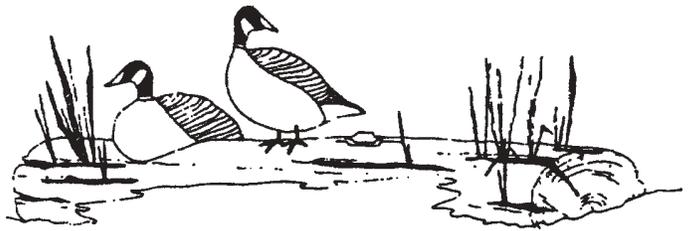
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Waterlog

By Marilyn Robertson



There is so much activity on the docks I am forgoing my usual introductory remarks to get to the houseboat news. Join me for a stroll around the docks and meet some old and new neighbors.

TOP OF LAKE UNION

Lees Moorings on Northlake

Life as a kid on a houseboat: Because her youngest, **Kaya** is 18 months, **Gemma Valdez Daggatt** reports exterior baby proofing is key. "She's a crazy climber/jumper. Kaya has so much fun going up and down the dock, so the only thing that makes me nervous (very!) is the front door." Fortunately, the little girl will look out the window for long periods of time happily absorbing all the action. "She loves watching the Fremont Bridge open and the planes over head. When she sees (fake and real) ducks she gets very excited but says "duck duck" instead of "quack quack." She says "wawa" for water, and makes puckered up kissing sounds for the fish art on the dock. Kaya is fascinated by the water lightening; An Asian name for the wild water reflections on the ceiling. I guess you could say she's discovered the amazing surroundings we live in.

"**Mac**, 4 this March, is an old hand. She enjoys telling everyone she meets that we live on a boat. Our nightly ritual is to call out the window to the troll, to remind him not to turn off the Aurora bridge lights - because those are Mac's 'night lights'. She loves having such a big monster friend to see everyday." Did you notice the troll late on March 12? He was dressed up for Mac's birthday party. She decided he needed clothes, so her friends did a big art installation. "We used mostly those thin silver emergency blankets, with the hope that homeless folks could recycle them when we were done!"

PORTAGE BAY

Boat Street Dock

News from **Susan Susor**: "Not much happening on the University dock other than the signing of the leases (which is a very BIG deal!!). The **Martins** have been in Sun Valley off and on where they say there's lots of snow and skiing. We have met many of their friends who are using the houseboat. We're sorry renter **Annette** has moved. We'll miss her cooking!" Susan reports she is training for The 3 day walk to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation whose mission is to eradicate breast cancer. The Seattle dates are July 22-24. In September, Susan will walk in Chicago with her cousin, **Linda** and Linda's two daughters. Linda's mom died of bilateral breast cancer.

Shelby Group dock

The Shelby Group dock is losing one baby and claiming another. Betty Swift says **John and Melinda Lewison** are taking little **Cate** away to a land house. John's sister **Anna** takes ownership of the houseboat. **Todd, Krissy, and Devon Biernacki** are happily returning to their long-time houseboat after a full two years remodel, most of which was done by Todd. New to the house are spacious rooms with skylights and shaped windows, recycled hardwood floors perfect for dance classes. On the deck are sunken planter boxes. Also new to the house is **Devon**, who has been taking infant swimming classes in preparation for his future as a houseboat kid.

Fuhrman Ave E

Helen Van Mater's group, 'A Curious Collection' was invited to perform at the February meeting of the Recorder Society. The quartet: treble and bass viola da gambas, flute, guitar and voice, have performed together for three years and play Scottish music, including Acadian music from Nova Scotia. When she's not performing, Helen runs. At the moment she is training for the April 10th Whidbey Island Marathon. Good luck, Helen.

Houseboat Harbor, Inc.

Myrna Cordova reports that there are several new members in H.H.Inc. **Mahlon Meyer** and **Fritz & Margaret Wagner** are welcomed to the community. H.H.Inc long-time members **Ethel Scribner** and Myrna Cordova are delighted to see the return of their favorite goose couple: **Mr. and Mrs. Gooselee** (a mixed breed and Canada goose, respectively). Other news: Houseboater **Lou Daley** and her Portage Bay Place neighbors, with encouragement from the Eastlake Community Council, are working on Phase II of the Decker Project: Landscaping under the University Bridge. A plan designed to enhance the "gateway" to Portage Bay Place East.

LAKE UNION

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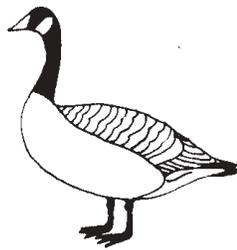
Check out the Seattle PI archive from August 20, 2004 for very cool article on **Robby (Dogfish) Rudine** and his stamp artwork. It was written by Regina Hackett and photographed by Josh Trujillo.

Roanoke Reef

Joan Leversee reports that the Roanoke Reef dock is building its own recycling center at the head of the dock. For

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... more Waterlog



years they have been using a neighborhood restaurant's recycling bins. Soon they will have more convenient access for recycling glass, tin cans, plastic and paper.

Mallard Cove

DUCK FOOD from Mallard Cove by way of **Giff Jones** reporter at large:

Lost and Found: **Jim Caputo & Angie Weber** sounded the neighborhood alarm recently when their two brand new kittens "escaped" their houseboat. **Jake & Elwood** were found a day later at the bottom of newly stacked packing boxes in a remote closet. Only slightly confused, they made a stop at their food dish before heading for the litter box.

We Do: **Heidi Alhadeff** and **Andy Leonard** are planning their August wedding on the island of Maui.

It's the Journey: **Giff & Mary Jones**, who generally like to sail towards their destination by dropping anchor in unplanned, out-of-the-way little nooks, are making a similar voyage this winter, but by car. They are taking a month to drive the coastline roundtrip to Santa Barbara where they plan to drop the hook for a couple of weeks. Truly, it's the journey, not the destination. They especially recommend celebrating Valentine's Day in Mendocino.

Hawaii Oh Five: **Bruce & Barb Lippke** made their annual two week family Christmas pilgrimage to Honolulu.

First Volunteer: **Mike Swofford** celebrated the near-completion of his 6-month-long houseboat renovation by hosting a dock party on Feb 4th and being first to volunteer his house for the next Floating Homes Tour. Thanks Mike!

A Christmas Carol: **Mike Massa**, dock Social Chairman, hosted the Mallard Cove Christmas party in early December. The party was entertained by "Caroling Kayakers" from NWOC, the Northwest Outdoor Center.

Take a Hike: **Mary Jones**, has joined **Val Burgess** on the every-Friday-rain-or-shine mountain hike-a-thons. Sometimes **Giff** shows up too.

Tenas Chuck

Our own "Lilly Pad" columnist, **Bob Lilly** (2331) recently returned from two weeks in India. In early February, Bob visited Calcutta where he judged at an unusual flower show. The show, held on the lawn of a botanical garden, has been in existence for more than a hundred years. "In the past 40 years it hasn't changed much, nor has Calcutta." There are at least 100 categories including houseplants, orchids, dahlias (some with blooms as large as a small child's head), cut flowers, bonsai, children's arrangements, palms and tropical fruits. Bob and two local plantsmen were assigned to judge the vegetables in pots and

the culinary herb categories. Bob said this show was amazing, so different from North American garden shows. The outdoor venue never happens in the US and, "Chai was served constantly." From Calcutta, Bob went on to Darjiling and Sikkim to visit nurseries, private gardens and "to view Everest from 105 miles away." It surprised Bob to find cities of 100,000 sprawling on 45 degree slopes at elevations of 6,000 feet, all this in a sub tropical zone. The latter part of the trip took him to a flower seed grower on the Punjab plain. Here he saw seed trials for wallflowers, calendulas, English daisies and marigolds; "all flowers we can grow in pots." The grower took him into an agricultural college set on 8,000 acres in the city of Ludhiana, pop. 2 million. The rows of chick peas, grains, and mustard identified this region as the breadbasket of India. When asked if he might return to India, Bob smiled, "I didn't want to leave."

Congratulations to **Jeri Callahan**. Her new book, '*Staying Afloat, Life Aboard Houseboats, Barges and Liveaboards*' has been published recently. NOTE: It will be on sale at the Annual Floating Homes meeting. Jeri was the special guest at a 'Meet The Author' party on a houseboat, in Washington, D.C. Brian Thompson, her host and a family friend, lives in the houseboat community on the east side of the Potomac Tidal Basin. Jeri said it was a typical houseboat get together. Among the houseboater guests were two former Alaska bush pilots; a young woman whose parents also live on a houseboat in Portland, Oregon; a gentleman poet who recited his work at the party; and the dock 'Mom' whose only question, via email before the party was, "Jeri, do you prefer red or white?"

Dock Birth Announcements: **Marlena Evelyn Sheldon** born 13 August 2004 to **Pauline and Michael Sheldon**. **Teresa Ellen Eastlick** born 11 November 2004 to **Lester Eastlick and Siggy Denny**. **Margaret 'Daisy' Frances Lerner** born 16 December 2004 to **Paige Stockley Lerner and Steve Lerner**. Little **Kepler** was welcomed onto the **Doug Hunt and Derek Stanley** houseboat in February. To celebrate spring and the four 'new members', Tenas Chuck threw a party on March 20th. The party also included all Tenas Chuckers under 4. Just for the record, there are six little girls and one boy on this dock!

Even more Tenas Chuck News: **Caroline Kuknyo** was invited to a Poker Tournament in Las Vegas in Jan. There were 76 male and 4 female contestants. The competition was pretty rough but she's a shrewd player and won the tournament. Anyone interested in playing poker? Email her at carolineck@comcast.net. **Dean Sampson** retired from Boeing in February. He has plans to complete refinishing his boat, to work on various projects and to do a little traveling. **Tom and Tina Fellin** who, for several years, have been renting at 2339 are now owners on 2331. They're having an adventure remodeling the interior. No snow or skiing in Washington, no problem. **Dawn Yokoe and Andy Forrest** and children traveled to Sun Valley as did **Barry and Val Burgess** and **Dean and Pat Sampson** (2339 FV) in February. Each family reported great snow and sunny weather. Val says they can't wait to get together to share ski stories.

George Johnston is at home recovering from knee replacement surgery. He had three more bouts in the hospital for infection, then a skin graft, and once again for allergic reaction to the antibiotics used to clear the infection. We wish him well.

2420 Westlake Cooperative

Ann Bassetti reports the dock has all kinds of newcomers, owners and renters. Welcome to **Brent Estes, Dave Doody and Mike Erickson, Eric Jensen and Susan Slocum, Ginger Miller** (and **Simba!**), **Casey O'Connor, Lara** (so new, the dock reporter doesn't even know her last name!), **Madeline Binkley** and **Kevin McCarthy**, and **Anna Maria and Chris Winters**. Gee, guess it's time for a dock party to get to know each other!

Longtime residents, **Erin Roche** and **Mark Koenig** finished their 2-year Peace Corps commitment in Tonga last December. They are now slowly wending their way across Australia as WWOOF volunteers (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) <http://www.wwoof.org/>. You can read their adventures at: <http://islandtime.typepad.com/>. Their 9 January entry offers a novel proposal for a new basis for world peace:

“One of our strategies for adapting to life in Tonga was to identify common ground – notice similar (or at least complementary) touchstones in our varied cultures. As a result of our continuing efforts to locate such areas of mutual appeal, we have developed a theory of humanity – the ‘Fried Onions Theory’ (FOT). No matter your culture, gender, religion or country of origin, we believe that the aroma of frying onions and/or garlic pleases your olfactory nerves and makes you feel hungry. We noticed that anytime we were sautéing onions, someone would walk in and comment on how good it smelled, Tongan and palangi alike. Crazy, huh, something so simple. We suggest that, based on FOT, the act of frying garlic and onions should be incorporated into peace negotiations around the world.”

We should all be proud that Mark is wearing his trusty FHA tee shirt (and lively cockatoo on his arm!) in the 28 January photo!

Recently **Ann Bassetti** was shocked to discover one of her trees cut down by a beaver. The beast had to crawl onto the swim raft, up on the house raft (~1'), then onto flower pots and into a whisky barrel. This is the first instance we know of such midnight munchies on our dock in 20 years. Beaver activity is, however, very visible all the way up the Fremont canal — such that the City had to cut down several poplars which had been severely chewed. Since the City threatened to cut those trees anyway, we're suspicious they may have sent the beavers to do their nasty deeds.

We congratulate **Lesley Hazleton** on her latest book success: *Mary, a Flesh-and-Blood Biography of the Virgin Mother!* Lesley drew upon prodigious research, childhood training in both Judaism and Catholicism, and 15 years living in Israel to develop a serious biography of this mysterious woman. Perhaps you caught Lesley's interviews on CNN, which were replayed often. Read more at: <http://www.marylifefoundation.org/>

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Lynn Bernstein (2019 FV) and **Marty Greer** (2466 WL) have started a business doing container gardening — you'll see their ad for “Pots & Pansies” in this newsletter. Both have attended classes at South Seattle Community College landscape and horticulture program and wanted to put this education to use on the docks. Marty has spent several years working for a landscaping company, but felt that the time for pushing heavy wheelbarrows full of pavers and gravel uphill was over. They've gone to many lectures and demonstrations, scoured the Garden Show, collected tons of books and magazines, and have lots of ideas — you could be their first customer!

Steve and Chris Nielson (2466 WL) have been living in San Diego for the past year or so because of Steve's job, intending to move back in the near future. But, in late February, dock mates were horrified to arrive home to a moving van and packing boxes. Turns out Steve and Chris's stay in the soggy south will be a bit longer than anticipated. They've bought a small cottage (smaller than the houseboat!) to live in for the duration. But they're NOT SELLING; “WE'RE COMING BACK,” they say!

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!

A report indicates those (supposedly) disposable toilet scrubbers you flush away after cleaning the toilet, are plugging up our sewer systems. This occurred recently on a moorage in Portage Bay.

That's the news for this Spring. Did we miss including interesting or important news from your dock? Don't let it happen again! Contact Marilyn Robertson at 324.1257 or at isobel.rob@earthlink.net



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by Jan Carlson

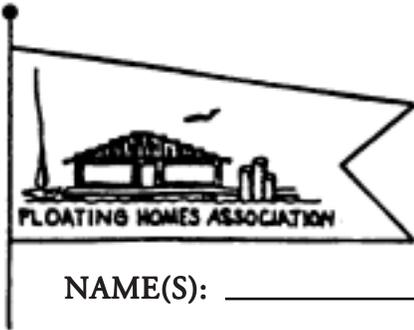
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