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Remembering and Appreciating Mimi & Martin Kraus

By Jon MacLeod and Tia Higano, 36th Avenue

Over the next few weeks, the Madrona Community Council will decide how best to spend a generous sum of money left to the neighborhood by Mimi and Martin Kraus. People who didn't know them might be surprised that someone would do such a thing. But for those of us who knew the Krauses and how they loved Madrona and the outdoors, it makes perfect sense. Here's why.



Mimi and Martin Kraus moved into their Madrona home at 1101 36th Avenue in 1951. They came to Seattle because the mountains reminded them of their native Austria, which they had fled in 1939. Mimi was born in Vienna in 1909, Martin a year earlier in Neunkirchen, a small town southwest of Vienna. They met in their 20s during a hiking club outing when Mimi asked her girlfriends, "Who is that handsome man at the end of the bench?"

Before the Anschluss, Nazi Germany's forcible annexation of Austria in 1938, life in Vienna was good. Mimi's father owned a factory that made intricate Jacquard fabrics, and the family lived comfortably. Martin studied law and Mimi physical therapy, and on weekends they were always in the Austrian Alps, hiking or skiing. In 1936, Mimi skied in the Maccabi Winter Games, an international Jewish athletic event similar to the Olympics held that year in Czechoslovakia. She won three downhill ski medals that are now on exhibit at the Jewish Museum of Vienna.

Their life changed when the Nazis marched in. Jewish men were ordered to report to the train station. Martin went but the train was full before he got to the front of the line. He was sent home and told to return the next morning. When he got home, he told Mimi, "We're

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Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

Spring cleaning is in the air and we are looking forward to reviewing some wonderful projects in the making to spruce up Madrona's parks and recreation opportunities. The Madrona Community Council (MCC) is happy to report that the Kraus bequest is generating lots of creative ideas. If you have an idea that fits the criteria established by Mimi Kraus in her will—demonstrate public benefit of a park and/or recreation project—and want to apply for funds to make it happen, please do! Application forms are available on the

MCC page of the Madrona neighborhood website, www.madrona.us/page/Madrona+Community+Council The MCC will continue to consider applications until the funds are gone, but if you want to be included in the first round of proposals, applications are due by May 1. You can email them to me at cynistr@gmail.com or send them to Madrona Community Council President, 1526 35th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122.

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Your Help Needed at Mayfair!

By Nikki Lundin, 38th Ave

The Annual Mayfair event is Saturday May 15, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. The planning committee is working hard but we are still in need of volunteers. We estimate it takes about 50 people to help with the parade, run the games, paint faces, and help with set-up and clean up. If you can assist in any of these areas, contact me at nikki.lundin@comcast.net. While Mayfair is geared for little kids, it's also a fun way for older kids to earn community service hours! Most jobs take only an hour or two.

We are also looking for bakers for the bake sale. If you can whip up something yummy, contact Edie Hall at esonne@hotmail.com.

But wait, there's more! We are in great need of funding for this event. Historically, Mayfair is free to the public and pays for itself. In the past, we have been given seed money from the Madrona Community Council and then paid the money back with donations. Individuals are welcome to send contributions and we count on local businesses to sponsor different Mayfair activities, such as pony rides, the bouncy house, and face painting. If you are a business owner or live in the community and would like to give, contact Carrie James at carriecjames@hotmail.com.

See you at Mayfair!

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leaving now, get your coats." Martin and his father, and Mimi and her mother all fled to Italy and eventually to America. Other relatives were not as lucky.

After five years in New York, they moved to Seattle. Martin became an engineer at Boeing while Mimi taught PE at the then all-girls Bush School. She later became a certified physical therapist at Swedish Hospital. A proud member of her profession, she was always quick to offer advice to friends and neighbors.

Every weekend, rain or shine, usually at the crack of dawn, they set off from Madrona to hike or ski in the mountains. They explored Rainier, Baker, Crystal, Hurricane Ridge and every other uphill and downhill on the map, often with friends like Frank and Elizabeth "Gertl" Block and their daughter Judy in tow. Judy remembers skiing up to Camp Muir in the fog. "You couldn't see more than ten feet, but Martin knew from the snow exactly where we were, he was a real mountaineer."

Mimi and Martin loved playing tennis at the Madrona and Leschi courts and swimming in Lake Washington. Late afternoons ended with them sharing gin and tonics with neighbors on their gracious white porch, or sitting in the sun with some light reading from Goethe and Nietzsche.

Their long vigorous lives—skiing in their mid-80s—ended abruptly one winter day at Crystal in 1991. Martin was knocked off his feet by a young schussboomer and struck his head on ice. They skied down the mountain and drove back to

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The MCC has developed a process to review and assess applications. The funding decisions will ultimately be made by MCC officers but we are eager to hear comments from the wider community. Applicants are encouraged to come to the May 4 MCC meeting to present your proposal, and answer questions from the MCC and the community members. We will print information about each proposal in the May *Madrona News*, and welcome feedback through the end of May. Contact any of your MCC officers with your thoughts. Our contact info is on the back page of this *Madrona News*.

On June 1, the MCC will meet in special session at 6:45 pm (before the general monthly 7:15 MCC meeting) to vote on funding for specific proposals. Special meetings are open to the public and we hope to see you there.

In other neighborhood news, we are sorry to bid farewell to longtime Madrona neighbor William (Bill) Brown. Mr. Brown recently passed away peacefully in the home on 35th Avenue where he and his family have lived in since 1959. According to son Michael, who grew up there, Bill marked his 50 years in the family home with a celebration last December. We extend condolences to the Brown family. We are also sorry to hear that Xazz Salon and Spa on E Cherry St. is closing! I know that many people in Madrona will miss their wonderful services. On a brighter bit of news, congratulations to local artist Roy McMakin on the release of his new book, "When is a Chair not a Chair." Neighbor Michael Darling, who is a curator at the Seattle Art Museum, also contributed to this retrospective of Roy's playful yet sophisticated approach to interior design.

Seattle, but three days later he collapsed while playing bridge. Martin had suffered an internal brain bleed and never fully recovered. He moved to a nursing home but became depressed. Things improved when their physician neighbor arranged for a live-in caregiver and Martin returned home.

After Martin died in 1994, Mimi was determined to stay in their beloved Madrona house. They had no children and so brought in more live-in help. Mimi taught Pasemaca Ravitu how to cook schnitzel and bake her beloved Husarenkrapferl (Thumbprint) cookies. Over the next decade, each caregiver taught the next how to prepare Viennese cuisine for Mimi. Teri Kochendorfer, her last caregiver, still makes "Mimi cookies."



Mimi's Husarenkrapferl (thumbprint) cookies

1 ½ cups flour	1/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup butter	2 egg yolks
Jam for filling the thumbprint	

Work flour, butter, sugar and egg yolks to a dough. Form small balls.
Place on baking sheet and press little indentations in the center of each with your finger

Bake at 350 until slightly browned. Cool and fill indentations with jam.

When Mimi finally passed away on April 15, 2008, at 98, she left Madrona an extraordinary gift of \$50,000 for parks and recreation. We miss our neighbors and friends, Mimi and Martin Kraus, and celebrate their long lives here in Madrona.

Martin Frederick Kraus 1908 - 1994
Marianne Katharina Beck Kraus 1909 - 2008



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Genesis House – Celebrating 25 Years and Thanking the Madrona Community

By Alina Shipunoff, Genesis House Director

Merriam-Webster defines community as “an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location.” It was 25 years ago that we found the property for Genesis House that we were looking for at the corner of 34th and Cherry. We have come a long way since that Spring of 1985 when our arrival was not universally welcomed by the community. We understood their apprehension and have sought to fit into the community ever since. In doing so we have come to appreciate Madrona and its residents, not just as neighbors but as friends.

During this holiday season we had trepidations about what to expect in the way of gift donations. In the past we have been able to count on multiple sources of support to help our clients and children enjoy the holidays. This year, due to tough economic times, our expectations were greatly lowered. Much to the delight of our adult residents, and their children, we were pleasantly surprised with a plethora of support. Burke Shethar, owner of the Madrona Alehouse, and other businesses and individuals in the Madrona community banded together and delivered an abundance of decorations and gift donations, and just in time for the holidays. Christmas morning here saw many happy faces.

The staff, residents, and children of Genesis House would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to Burke and the Madrona community. Without your support our Merry Christmas of 2009 would not have been possible. Thank you so much for letting us become a part of this wonderful “interacting population” known as the Madrona Community.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Melissa Baerwald, 30th Avenue

Who says people look like their pets??? To play Mutt Match-up, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 6.

How are you celebrating the arrival of spring?



Murphy
31st Avenue



Kevin
Lots more walks to the lake



Kaiser
32nd Avenue



Steve Buerk
Heading to Mexico!



Bella
31st Avenue



Jessica & Alan Cantlin
Walks and chasing tennis balls into the lake

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Thanks for Dining Out for Madrona K-8

Madrona K-8 wants to thank all the families and neighbors in Madrona for participating in the 2nd annual Dine Out for Madrona K-8 fundraiser on March 25. With this support, you add to the diverse enrichment programs offered at our school – gardening, drama, journalism, Spanish, and retreats to IslandWood, just to name a few. Moreover, we want to recognize the generosity of all the restaurants and cafes on 34th Avenue for joining in this event: Café Soleil, Dulces, Hi-Spot, Madrona Ale House and Eatery, Naam, St. Clouds, Turkuaz, and Verite/Cupcake Royale. Each establishment donated a portion of their proceeds that day to the Madrona K-8 PTSA, Panther Partners. Many thanks to you!

FREE Neighborhood Plant Exchange

The Central District Neighborhood Association and its associated Garden Central (GC) steering committee are gearing up for spring. We want to invite you, our Madrona neighbors, to come a few blocks west to join us. On April 24 from 10:00am to 2:00pm the GC will host our FREE Spring Plant Exchange at 20th & E. Union. Bring cuttings or extra plants to share. For more info, contact Jean Tinnea at jean_tinnea@hotmail.com.

Madrona Farmers Market Opens May 14

It's that time of year again, when the Madrona Farmers Market opens its "doors" to a wealth of delicious produce and wonderful products from local family farms, artisan food producers, concessionaires, and artists. It is located in the parking lot of the Grocery Outlet at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and E. Union Street. It begins the 2010 season on May 14 and will be open every Friday, 3:00-7:00pm, until September 24.

Garage Sale Date Set for June 12

The Madrona Neighborhood Garage Sale will be June 12, and everyone in Madrona is encouraged to have a sale at their home on that day. Organizer Janna Pekka will produce a neighborhood map of all the sales. Because the sale is a fundraiser for the Madrona Community Council, the fee to get your sale included on the map is \$20. Send the address of your sale to Janna at jannalp3@hotmail.com and your payment to the MCC Treasurer at 833 3rd Avenue, 98122. The sale will be promoted on-line and in local the newspapers.

There will not be a community sale at the school this year. Instead, there will be a small plant and bake sale at the shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield. This is also where shoppers will be directed to stop and pick up their neighborhood sale maps.

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Madrona News Ad Manager

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Thanks so much to Susan Steele of 29th Avenue for volunteering to be the new *Madrona News* Production Editor! She said she'd been looking for a way to get involved with the neighborhood and thought she'd be a good fit for this task. I agree!

Unfortunately, John Schuitemaker, who has been our volunteer Ad Manager for about a year, just realized that his new work/travel schedule makes it impossible to continue. It's critical that someone step up to replace John. This is NOT a sales position — more of a clerical one. The *Madrona News* has a stable base of advertisers. The time commitment is only about five hours a month. We need someone to gather up the ads each month, remind advertisers whose ad commitments are ending to renew, and email advertising rates to potential new advertisers. We have lots of email templates and an Excel spreadsheet of existing advertisers. You need to be reachable by email, comfortable with very basic Excel, and able to work to a monthly deadline that is usually the second Monday of the month.

Advertisements from local businesses make it possible for the *Madrona News* to keep publishing. The ads pay for the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter free of charge to all 2,400 addresses in Madrona. Is it your turn to help with this essential work? Email me at kdh5027@aol.com for more details.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Jessica & Alan Cantlin and Murphy, Kevin and Kaiser, Steve Buerk and Bella



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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAYS 5:45 PM **Weight Watchers Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, 500 30th Ave S., 726-4929.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study** – Christie House Library, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Free Open House & Wine Tasting**—Dulces Latin Bistro 1430 34th Avenue, 322-5453.
- THURSDAYS 7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- FRIDAYS 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, kbarker715@gmail.com.
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- Apr 20 6:00 PM **Madrona Dining & Sipping Society** —3-course dinner at St. Cloud's, Audrey Seale audreyseale@qwest.net.
- Apr 22 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Why & How Do I Pray**—Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
11:30 AM **Children's Story Time** — Madrona Library, 33rd & Union, 684-4705.
- Apr 24 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **FREE Central District Plant Exchange**—20th & Union. jean_tinnea@hotmail.com.
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at Spring & Grand. Deidre McCrary deidre_jaymccrary@msn.com.
- Apr 24 6:30 PM **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition** —Seattle Voc Tech www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/east/prevention.htm.
- Apr 29 11:30 AM **Children's Story Time** — Madrona Library, 33rd & Union, 684-4705.
6:00 PM **Tango Night!**—Dinnr reservations recommended. Dulces Latin Bistro 1430 34th Avenue, 322-5453.
- May 1 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Madrona Presbyterian, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- May 2 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Madrona Presbyterian, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Bicycle Sunday** – Lake Washington Bl. closed to cars from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park.
- May 4 7:00 PM **Intergenerational Book Group**—"The Big Sleep" by Raymond Chandler. Madrona Library. Jared 684-4705.
7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting** – Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Cynthia Stross cynistr@gmail.com.
- May 5 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting** — Central Area Senior Center, Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net.
- May 6 11:30 AM **Children's Story Time** — Madrona Library, 33rd & Union, 684-4705.
- May 7 9:00 AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—All business owners welcome! Amara, 34th & Union. nikola@earthsystemsinc.com
- May 9 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Bicycle Sunday** – Lake Washington Bl. closed to cars from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park.
- May 13 11:30 AM **Children's Story Time** — Madrona Library, 33rd & Union, 684-4705.
6:00 PM **Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting**— Douglas Truth Library, Max Liebowitz maxliebowitz@gmail.com.
- May 14 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Madrona Farmers Market Opening Day!** – Grocery Outlet parking lot, MLK, Jr. Way and E. Union.
- May 15 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Madrona Presbyterian, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM **Madrona Mayfair**—Parade from 34th & Pike to festival at Madrona playfield. nikki.lundin@comcast.net.
- May 16 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Bicycle Sunday** – Lake Washington Bl. closed to cars from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park.

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