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Outstanding Entertainment for Strawberry Festival

By Tom Petersen

Once again, the Strawberry Festival will have outstanding musical entertainment all afternoon, thanks to the hard work of the RBCA, help from the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, and the talent and generosity of so many residents of Richmond Beach and bordering neighborhoods.

The show kicks off at noon with Shorewood High's award-winning jazz combo, **Something Simple**. This band wowed 'em at the RBCA's Youth Jam in February and is eager to play on the big stage. Richmond Beach residents who don't have kids and haven't been to school shows will be impressed by these talented teens!

Ho Aloha, the outstanding traditional Hawai'ian group from Shoreline, is up next. With the top talent in the Pacific Northwest, Ho Aloha's musicians have been a fixture in the Hawai'ian community for years. They are regulars at Folklife and other cultural events where they are equally well known as entertainers and educators.

The **Seattle SeaChordsmen** are the Puget Sound region's famed barbershop harmonizers, and they feature several members from Richmond Beach and Shoreline. The full two dozen-strong chorus will perform for part of the show, and they will also break into quartets. Some of the quartets may be found roaming the festival grounds all afternoon, too, and may pop up between other acts!

The **Cornucopia Concert Band** scarcely needs an introduction, having been a favorite of summer festivals and city celebrations for over thirty years, and we're thrilled to have them here. This big, colorful band plays ragtime, which is about as fun as it can be, and they put on quite a show. As with the SeaChordsmen, look for familiar faces!

To close out the festival, we welcome back Richmond Beach's home-grown rock star, **Jimmy Free**, who's highlighted the Strawberry Festival and other big events in Western Washington for years with his various high-energy groups. He's "unplugged" this time, with his duo **Acoustic Snacks**, picking some good old blues, folk, and country.

There won't be a moment all day that will be anything less than delightful, and with a stage surrounded by good food and fun activities, and the Art Show and book sale at the library, you'll want to come early and plan to stay!

Community Garage Sale

By Sheri Ashleman

Saturday, May 17, is the date bargain hunters have marked on their calendars for the annual Richmond Beach community garage sale sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. Professional garage sale shoppers know this is a great opportunity to scoop up some hot deals. For those hosting a sale, it's the perfect opportunity to turn unwanted items into extra cash.

Simply round up your sale items and post a sign in your front yard. RBCA takes care of the publicity and advertising for you. Ads will be placed in the Shoreline Enterprise and Little Nickel and on Craigslist and The Seattle Times website. A sign will be posted at Richmond Beach Road and 8th NW.

Deseret Industries **will not** have a truck at Spin Alley after the garage sale this year, but will gladly accept donations at their store located at 19735 Aurora Avenue North in Shoreline (542-9447).

2008 Beach Blossoms Garden Tour

by Lynn Wright

Please join our community on Saturday, June 14th, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., to view the gardens of those who have enthusiastically agreed to participate in our tour this year. We're fortunate to have several new gardens to explore, along with the gardens of many seasoned tour veterans. Many thanks to all our dedicated gardeners who keep our tour alive! Anchoring the tour again this year is our very own community gem, the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden. Whether by nature or the gardener, gardens grow and mature with each passing year, inviting you to come and discover all the beautiful changes.

The cost is free; you don't need a ticket. You can bring a pal. The weather is unpredictable; the gardens are looking fine. The people are friendly and I can guarantee you'll have a bloomin' good time!

Hey, I bet you're wondering how you're going to get your hot little garden-gloved hands on a tour packet! Well, we're doing things a little different this year. Printing costs are astronomical, and being that we are gardeners, well, we're a pretty down-to-earth bunch. That being said, sometime during the week of May 18th, when I've finished writing the last description, a link to the tour packet will be posted on the Richmond Beach Community website, www.richmondbeachwa.org. Or, if you'd like, you can send me an email at beachrights@msn.com with "garden tour" in the subject line and I'll send you the link.

President's message

By Sean Quigley, President

This is my final article as President of the RBCA. I'll begin by thanking board members Rick Sola, Jill Gardner and Starla Hohbach. The four of us started on the board in 2001, and after six years, and great strides, it's time to move over and move on. It has been a pleasure working with these folks over the years and I think we effected change and improved on those things that were important to you; things that benefited and protected our little community. For this, and their commitment to our neighborhood, they should be very proud.

May's general meeting will be a full card with the election of new board members, the Marge Unruh Award (an honor presented in recognition outstanding contributions to our community), and finally the start of RBCA Centennial Celebration, recognized by the State of Washington as an established community association for 100 years (see article below).

Being a board member on the RBCA has been a very rewarding experience. Whether decorating holiday trees (always in inclement weather), or keeping the Health Department at



Sean Quigley, President
Richmond Beach
Community Association

bay during the early Strawberry Festivals, I have really enjoyed the opportunity. As President, I was always under the gun to get this article written, and equally surprised when someone mentioned that they read it. Those of you who know me personally, know that I am a man of few words, so writing more than a few, was a daunting task. Again, I know that I have benefited greatly from the friends I have made and the experiences we have shared. In short, if I can do this, you are next!

Richmond Beach Community Association General Meeting & Election

Tuesday, May 13, 2008
7:30 pm
Congregational Church

Centennial Celebration—100 Years of Community Building

by Starla Hohbach

The Richmond Beach Community Association is turning 100 years old this year and invites you to take part in the many celebrations that will commemorate this milestone.

HISTORY

The Washington Secretary of State's office notified the Board of this status by sending a letter of congratulations along with a certificate denoting our status as a "Centennial Corporation." They also sent a copy of the original Articles of Incorporation for the "Richmond Beach Social Club" filed in December 1908. It is interesting to note that most of those documents were delivered via horseback at that time. And also in 1908, the Association's principal place of business was in "Richmond," King County. Since that time, the organization has undergone a few name changes, but the purpose remains the same: to have social meetings for the residents of Richmond Beach that inform people and foster community building. We appreciate all of those who have worked so hard year after year to make that happen.

CELEBRATIONS

The RBCA has ordered t-shirts commemorating this accomplishment, and they will be available for purchase at community activities throughout the year, beginning with the Strawberry Festival on May 10. At the May 13 annual meeting of the Richmond Beach Community Association, Shoreline City Mayor Cindy Ryu will be speaking about the 100-year accomplishment. A presentation will be made to representatives of the Shoreline Historical Museum where they will receive the original letter from the Washington Secretary of State and the framed official "Certificate of Centennial Corporation" status. The copies of the original incorporation documents will be given to the Historical Museum for their archives as well. Commemorative pins will be distributed to Association members in attendance at the May 13 community meeting and after the elections are held for the board positions, and the Marge Unruh community volunteer award recipients are announced, cake and punch will be served. Also in May, the Shoreline City Council is issuing a proclamation at a council meeting that recognizes the Richmond Beach Community Association's 100-year status. At a general community meeting this fall, the board will invite Vicki Stiles of the Shoreline Historical Museum to bring photos and give a talk about the history of Richmond Beach.

Anina's CORNER

by Anina Coder-Sill

Patrons love our books,
And databases without fees,
Here's an added bonus—
Recycle batteries!

Our libraries aren't quiet
Like UW's Suzzallo
I've never said a single "shh"
As real public librarians know

The patrons and the staff
Used to jump and be affected
At the crashing in the lobby
When the batteries were collected

We used to be a bit surprised
And wonder "what was that?"
Now we smile smugly—
It fills up in nothing flat!

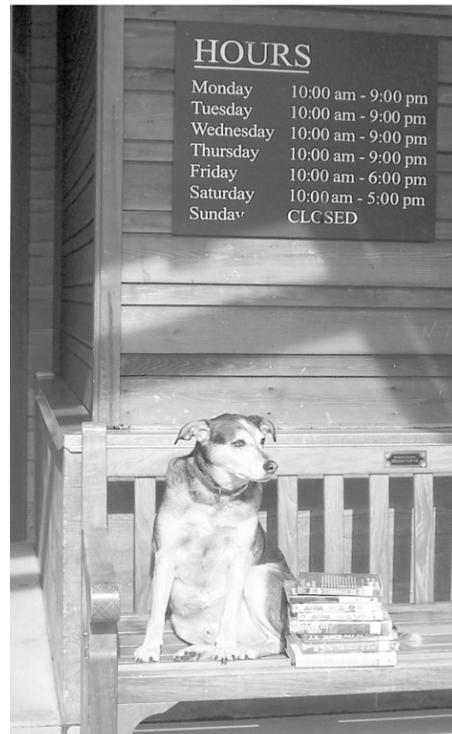
More residents recycle,
Thanks to our city's leaders
And when you use the library
You recycle and you're readers.

Thank you to the City of Shoreline for picking
up the batteries on a weekly basis from the
Shoreline and Richmond Beach libraries!

Miriam Driss and I represented the Richmond Beach and Shoreline libraries at the City Council's meeting on April 14 to receive an Earth Day Proclamation on the collaboration of household battery recycling. In 2002 the city collected 244 pounds of batteries from the two libraries; in 2007 they collected 6,060 pounds! Miriam Driss and I read my silly poem to honor this fine service.

Our buildings are fine centers
Where people come to read,
Access the computers,
And fill information needs.

And now for many years
With the City of Shoreline
Our neighborhoods are greener
Recycling is divine!



Blazer patiently waits for the Library to open so he can return his books. Smart dog. He is particularly fond of poetry.

Artwork For Turkey Day Fun Run

By Sheri Ashleman

Are you a budding artist looking for an opportunity to introduce your talent to the world (okay, let's start small—how about your neighborhood)? Or maybe you're an established artist wanting to contribute to your community using your artistic abilities. Here's a chance to have your artwork forever memorialized on the 2008 Richmond Beach Turkey Day Fun Run t-shirts! Submissions are being accepted now through July 15. The winner will be notified by August 1.

Artwork must be original, fit the theme (Turkey Day Run) and meet the following criteria: Line drawing, maximum print area of 11" square, no more than three solid colors (including outline color). Electronic artwork (vector) preferred, but not required. For more specific requirements, contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

To submit your artwork, please sign the acknowledgment below and mail both to:

Attn: Sheri Ashleman
Richmond Beach Community Association
P. O. Box 60186
Richmond Beach, WA 98160-0186

Submission of artwork acknowledges Richmond Beach Community Association is granted non-exclusive rights to the artwork for use in promoting community events with no time limit. Any use of the artwork will be credited to the artist. I certify this is original artwork.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Print Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Fantastic Fun at the Egg Hunt

Thank you to the Shoreline firefighters for the fantastic egg hunt on the Saturday before Easter. Several photos from the event were provided by Richmond Beach resident, Bob Pfeiffer. This long-running event is more popular every year. Thank you everyone who supported the effort.



Upcoming Community Events

Art Show

Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richmond Beach Library
Sponsored by Friends of the Richmond Beach Library

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 10, noon - 5:00 p.m.
Richmond Beach Community Park
Music, food, games and more!
Sponsored by RBCA

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 17
For buyers and sellers alike!
Sponsored by RBCA

Beach Blossoms Garden Tour

Saturday, June 14, noon - 4:00 p.m.
Community sharing of gardens
Call Lynn Wright at 542-4554 to be included on the tour. Sponsored by RBCA

Sandcastle Building Contest

Sunday, August 17, noon to 3:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
Awards, prizes, music, and more!
Sponsored by RBCA

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Letters

To All Friends of Trees—Mi-ta-ku-ye—My Relatives:

Thank you to all who shared in the memorial service and prayer ceremony on April 1, 2008 at 7 p.m. for the seven great cedar trees that were killed on both sides of the street at 20002 20th Avenue N.W. in Richmond Beach.

Native drums, neighbors, trees lovers, passersby in vehicles and on foot, and birds overhead shared in a heartfelt memorial for seven stately cedar trees, friends and relations, that had provided cooling shade in summer, protection from the winds and cold in winter, habitat for countless winged friends throughout the seasons, sheltered children playing hidden amidst the boughs, gave sanctuary and privacy for the neighboring residents, sheltered passengers that waited for the bus, absorbed approximately one ton of greenhouse gas each during their lifetimes, and aspirated vital oxygen and water that gave creatures breath and life for more years than any of us will live.

A small altar was established on the sidewalk and participants visited the remaining stumps and the scars on the earth where the trees had been killed. They searched for and found one remaining knot that might be sufficient to restart a tree. They then began sprinkling corn meal and ceremonial tobacco, and smudging them with sage smoke. Bergith and Cynthia drummed as candles were lit and as the Four Directions were called upon to share in the healing. Songs were sung and personal memorials were spoken. A great black crow—the messenger—flew over the site cawing loudly. Personal items were placed on the altar such as a clay statuette of a woman called “Peace” holding the Earth over her womb, a statue of a mother and child, two dolls that were made from wooden clothespins for The Daughters of the Pioneers by Pearl, 92, who has lived three doors down from the site for over 50 years.

Reactions were vivid: “I lived one door to the south for almost 30 years. I drove past the site one morning as usual and nothing remarkable was evident on the street. On my way back that afternoon I nearly had an accident when I beheld five tall limbless cedar spikes skewering the sky. I couldn’t believe it! I saw one remaining tree in all its array of branches and choked out “At least that tree is spared!” noting that it straddled the north lot line. I found myself a witness in a war zone. I could not have been more surprised and devastated.

Just a few days later, driving by again, the tall trunks were lying on the ground, some had been cut into short lengths, and—Oh no! The last remaining tree had also been removed! Then another colossal cedar was removed from across the street. For decades it had sheltered people waiting for the bus at its foot. A day later there was a huge Kennworth logging truck parked on the lawn and all the trunks were loaded and strapped onto it. A stump grinder mulched the remaining “debris” and the whole lot was hauled away.”

Another neighbor that had lived two doors down for more than 50 years from a time when there were few houses and many trees in the immediate area came out to mourn the trees. On seeing a huge Kennworth logging truck fully loaded with all the cedar trunks, she remarked,

“There is enough wood on that truck to build a whole house! This block looks awful now.”

The shock hit hard. A friend phoned the City of Shoreline to see if the people doing the tree removal had permits. He was told that permits were not needed to cut five trees on personal property every three years.

“Those trees were my friends,” said Mary J. “They were my neighbors for 53 years—since I was five years old.” She planned to attend the ceremony in her wheel chair but the rain was too severe.

Deep sadness and remorse were shared by many who began to ask if they had permits to cut the trees, and others just carried the scars and hurt inside.

One caller was informed that they did not need permits; that they could cut up to five trees on personal property every three years without a permit. Another was told that the Tree Killers said that the sixth tree was damaged by their tractor and had to be removed.

“I couldn’t help crying,” Nancy, a nearby neighbor, said. A neighbor walking his dog stopped to share his depression over the loss of the trees and he said, sadly, that he knew of two more treed sites on 10 to 12 acres that were being leveled to make way for houses and condos.

“This ceremony moved my experience from the head and mind level to my heart,” remarked Karen. “Why is there a war on trees? Why do we as a general populace not all know and understand what the trees contribute to our lives and to the health of Mother Earth? I am going to try to find out how much water a cedar tree pumps, how much oxygen it releases, how much CO2 it filters out. This should be common knowledge, not just how much money you can get for a cedar tree.”

One neighbor remarked that she heard that the single-family use was being changed to a group home which would mean less oxygen for more people on that site. Another noted that since she moved here in the mid 1970’s on the same ground where five houses stood there are now 10 houses and scores of trees have been removed.

As people talked two more nearby sites were identified on which trees are going to be removed (killed). The group vowed to gather information about trees, to collect tree poems and songs, tree resources, and to provide the locations of future tree killing (removal) to people in Shoreline that are tracking such data, and they committed to appear and hold Tree Memorials and Healing Ceremonies at such sites in the future.

As the group concluded and began gathering up the articles on the altar, a huge discussion broke out amidst a group of crows in the tops of the nearest trees that still stood their ground. The crows no doubt shared the message.

Karen Stein

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the gardening article [in the April issue]. However, I am wondering if you really meant to define the needs of a “shade” plant as “Shade is no sun until after 1 p.m.” It seems to me that should it should read, “Shade is no sun after 1 p.m.”

Thank you.

Olin Darling

You Should Have Been There!

by Tom Petersen

Note: This column begins a new regular feature in the Community News, recapping the events of the previous month’s community meeting. The regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month, in the basement of the Congregational Church at the corner of 15th Ave NW and Richmond Beach Road, at 7:30 p.m. Topics vary, but the RBCA tries to alternate between important city and neighborhood political and business matters, and lighter, “fun” presentations tied to the seasons or the opportunity to showcase local talent. It’s best not to miss out; next time, come to the meeting and see for yourself!

A nice crowd of residents, including some friends we hadn’t seen for a while, attended the April meeting and enjoyed updates on various neighborhood events, plus the opportunity to ask questions and chat with RBCA Board members. The discussion was lively and interesting to all, as people had the chance to ask about the things going on in Richmond Beach and Shoreline that concern them, and get answers from the people who know!

We heard that the City of Shoreline traffic engineers will be coming to Richmond Beach this summer to hold public meetings, gathering information from YOU, the residents, about what concerns you with regard to roads in our neighborhood. This program has been moving from neighborhood to neighborhood over the past many months, with successful response and actions that have addressed and corrected hazards, made plans or started work on repairs or alterations to streets, walkways, signage, or advised the police department on places that need watching. The city knows that the Richmond Beach citizens are its most active and involved and will be looking forward to big turnouts. Dates have not been set, but will appear in the Shoreline Enterprise, on the city website, and possibly in mailers.

Neighbors got answers about speed bumps, traffic circles, and crosswalks. While these are effective in stopping several kinds of unwanted behavior, they all have serious unintended consequences. Speed bumps slow the occasional, habitual speeders, but every single car hitting one makes a big thumping noise more annoying to residents than the occasional scofflaw. Traffic circles often don’t fit on Richmond Beach’s narrow lanes and cramped intersections, and codes require that fire trucks and school buses not be impeded. Crosswalks, surprisingly, can create a false sense of security in pedestrians, especially children, such that they trot into the street as traffic across the intersection is already moving or as a sloppy or inattentive driver makes a “California stop.”

There was an update on a traffic project already underway: alterations to the corners at Richmond Beach Road and 15th NW. The experimental curbing that made drivers slow down and turn sharply from Richmond Beach Road to 15th NW was found to be very popular, very effective and a great aid to pedestrian safety. Permanent curbing, sidewalk revision and landscaping will be put in the “budget pipeline,” but the city is still working with residents on and near the corners to develop driveway access that does not detract from the properties or create burdensome inconveniences.

Attendees got a sneak preview of some giveaways, goodies, and things that will be available to buy at the Strawberry Festival, plus the detailed description of that day’s events and attractions. They also heard the call for volunteers, as helping set up or take down the festival fixin’s can be as much a part of the fun and community spirit as the celebration itself.

See you at the May meeting, Tuesday the 13th.

Richmond Beach Graduating Seniors

By Sheri Ashleman

Are you or is someone you know graduating this year? We want to hear from you! The June issue of the Richmond Beach Community News will once again feature graduating students who live in the Richmond Beach area. Please contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147 or email the information to her at sbashle@aol.com by **May 15**. Tell us about the senior’s school experience (sports, music, clubs, academics, awards, etc.) or other memorable experiences (church activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.) and be sure to include their future plans. There is only room for a short paragraph on each student, so please list highlights only and be brief.



Saturday, May 3 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Central Market, 5505 Westminster Way N



Learning how to be prepared has never been as much fun as this fair sponsored by the City of Shoreline and Central Market promises to be. Demonstrations, safety item giveaways, children’s activities and much more will help you and your family take one step closer to being able to take care of yourselves during and following a disaster.

Featuring information from Shoreline Police, Shoreline Fire, Ham Radio Emergency Communications Van, American Red Cross, MuttShack Pet Disaster Relief and other emergency preparedness vendors.

For more information: City of Shoreline (206) 546-1700



Saturday, May 10th Noon to 6:00 pm
(closed 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

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1851 NW Richmond Beach Road
Walk-ins welcome or make an appointment
<http://www.psb.org/programs/drive.asp?URL=3208>

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Shorewood High Wins State Championship

Submitted by Chris Gildow

The Shorewood High School Drill Team from Shoreline, Washington won in the 4A State Dance/Drill Championships held annually in Yakima. They won first place in two categories, both the pom and the drill categories. That's a big deal to come in first place in two categories!

Also it is a big deal to win the Drilldown Competition, and Sarah Liu from the Shorewood High School Flag Team won first place in that competition!

To be able to compete at the state championships, the teams had to earn enough points in prior competitions to qualify to for the state meet. There were a total of 34 high schools competing in the 4A competition in six categories.

They competed Friday, March 21 at the Sun Dome in Yakima.

The Shorewood High School (SWHS) Drill team has 42 fantastic team members that have shown how committed they are. They have been dedicated and working hard since last summer in preparation for this competition. They competed in Florida at a National Competition in February and came back wanting to work even harder to compete in the State Championship.

The SWHS Drill team is coached by head coach Kathy Ross and assistant coaches Laura Kinzel and Tiffany Bliss. For more information see www.wiaa.com or contact coach Kathy Ross at 206-948-0376.



Health check

By Dr. Fran M. Pinault ND, LAc, MS
Director, Shoreline Natural Medicine Clinic

Detoxification

Every day we are exposed to chemicals that can cause damage to, or interfere with, our cellular processes and DNA, our genetic material. These chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, organophosphates, heavy metals, drug metabolites, excessive alcohol consumption and many others. We are exposed to these chemicals through our food, water and air as the environment becomes increasingly polluted. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, more than four billion pounds of chemicals are released into the ground each year, threatening ground water sources; two billion pounds of air emissions are pumped into the atmosphere, including two million pounds of mercury from coal refineries; 260 million pounds of chemicals are discharged into oceans, lakes and rivers. These statistics and others clearly indicate that both our bodies and the planet are becoming toxic.

Our body's organs and nervous system are affected by toxins. Heavy metals have been found in people with thyroid disorders, neurodegenerative diseases and autism. Dry cleaning chemicals and pesticides have been found in women with breast cancer. Dioxins from paper, fuel and metal processing are clearly linked with cancer formation. The bottom line is exposure to traffic, industry, tap water, processed foods, non-organic foods, prescription drugs, paints, solvents and other chemicals are factors in the development of asthma, allergies, cancer, infections, mood and mental functioning, neurological functioning, and reproductive and metabolic problems.

There are many approaches to detoxification such as fasting, elimination diets, sauna, hydrotherapy and the use of fiber, herbs, probiotics, and others. Fasting probably doesn't help to detoxify the body and can cause the depletion of minerals and formation of ketones. It is difficult in one paragraph to describe a detox plan, but a better way to detoxify is for about three weeks follow a "clean" diet. You may consume all the organic fruits and vegetables you like and add organic nuts, chicken, turkey, fish, and whole grains to that. That is it! Consume only whole grains, fruits, vegetables and quality proteins. Avoid anything made of flour, sugar, coffee, alcohol, milk products, red meat, and inorganic fats. This alone will start you detoxing. But to remove the stored toxins from the body it is best to add other nutrients. Help the colon detoxify by taking a fiber supplement and a probiotic (beneficial bacteria of lactobacillus strains). Helpers for the liver include the antioxidants lipoic acid and coenzyme Q10; berries such as Guac or Siberian Pineapple; and certain herbs such as dandelion, milk thistle, turmeric, artichoke, etc. You could simply drink a cup of "detox tea" (made by various companies such as Yogi Teas) twice daily. Help the lymphatic system by ending your hot shower with a cold rinse. These, with a clean diet, will help most people. A free workshop on how to detoxify will be held Wednesday May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Natural Medicine Clinic. Please call 206-542-8687 to reserve a space as the workshop is limited to 12 participants.

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Call to Artists for the 2008 Shoreline Arts Festival Green: Art and the Environment

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is seeking artists for the 18th annual Shoreline Arts Festival to be held June 28 and 29, 2008. Juried categories include 2-D art, sculpture, artisan crafts, photography, poetry and film. Deadlines vary. Applications are available online at www.shorelinearts.net.

The Shoreline Arts Festival is a community event featuring two extraordinary days of music, dance, theater, literary arts, visual arts and food, plus the Shoreline Philippine Festival and Lake2Sound Film Festival. The 2008 theme is "Green: Art in the Environment." The event draws approximately 10,000 individuals to the Shoreline Center at 18560 1st Ave. NE in Shoreline, WA. Please contact the arts council at 206-417-4645 for more information, or visit our website at www.shorelinearts.net

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Actual notices in church bulletins

(Why proofreaders are needed)
Submitted by Jerry Girmus

For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Thursday night-potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

(My favorite) A large congregation had many pregnant members. They formed a support group called the "Little Mothers" The bulletin read as follows: There will be a meeting of the Little Mothers in the Rose Room after services. Anyone wishing to become a Little Mother see the pastor in his office.

Dancing at Lughnasa

Shorewood High School drama presents *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel on May 2, 3, 9 and 10; 7:30 p.m. at the Shorewood High School theater, 17300 Fremont Ave. N, Shoreline.

Winner of the 1992 Tony for Best Play by Ireland's most important contemporary writer, *Dancing at Lughnasa* is about the need for joy in a difficult world. In 1936 Ireland, the five unmarried Mundy sisters share a love for music, dance and their nephew, Michael. They long to attend the harvest festival of Lughnasa (Loo-na-sa) honoring Lugh (Loo), the Celtic god of light and mischief. Their routine is disrupted by the return of Father Jack, their brother home from a mission in Uganda, and a visit from Michael's father, Gerry.

In the celebrated climactic scene, the sisters burst into a wild Irish dance, liberating them from their stern lives and "dancing as if the very heart of life and all its hopes might be found in those movements." The play is a powerful but optimistic drama, and is a must-see for anyone who loves Celtic culture and music.

Tickets will be available mid-April at Beach House Greetings, 626 NW Richmond Beach Road, near the Richmond Highlands QFC, and at the theater door for \$8.00 or \$6.00 for seniors and students with ASB cards. For more information: 206-361-4372, or <http://schools.shorelineschools.org/Shorewood/>.



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Gardening Notions

by Deborah Bowen-Mills

Warm days mixed with cold ones cause problems in our garden. Powdery mildew is a big one. At the nurseries we really try to hold back on tender plant material and place signs around saying protect from freezing. Many of the plants, trees and shrubs come from the greenhouses and California. They need time to acclimate to our area and when we have cold weather it hard on the plants and on gardeners as well. It has been too cold for tender annuals and vegetables like peppers and basil. These cannot tolerate any cold unless you have a green house. If you do buy your plants now, keep them indoors or in an enclosed area like your front porch.

We will also need some warm weather before seeds can be sown. I always plant directly outside when planting seeds. I love having a flower seed garden and many of the poppies and others will reseed themselves. I tend to concentrate on flower gardening so I tend to plant perennials that bloom all summer and love to be cut to promote continued blooming.

While everyone loves to plant in the spring, the fall is the best time to plant because Mother Nature will do the watering. Also, now is not the time to transplant as the plants are going into their growth time. Instead, consider transplanting in the fall when plants are going into their dormant cycle. Early spring is the time to divide plants if needed.

The new plants that arrive every year amaze me. Right now the perennial pulmonaria is blooming and I get a visit from my little Anna hummingbird every morning. This is the only variety of hummingbird that stays here during the winter, so if you decide to feed them you should continue because they count on it and they are territorial. I plant many perennials that hummingbirds love. They love bright flowers and ones that are tubular in shape. Here are a few of my favorite perennials: penstemon, cape fuchsia, foxglove, columbine, aстранtia, campanulas, hardy fuchsias, wall flower, bleeding heart, calla lily and lavatera. Be careful with lavatera; it gets very large its first year and butterflies love it. In addition, there are all the salvias, although some are not hardy but they bloom all summer and in a protected place will come back. I also recommend plants like lavender that are used for drying and making dried arrangements.

And finally, you will need to fertilize your annuals and vegetables. I like to use Osmocote®; it is a time-released fertilizer and lasts the entire growing season. It is easy on the plants as far as fertilizer burn and of course I use my faithful alfalfa meal with everything I plant.

Have fun planting and remember to water your new seeds and newly planted plants and I hope by the time this article reaches everyone the warm weather is here to stay for awhile.

Guns and books don't mix

by Chris Riveland

Anina Coder-Sill wrote a recent fond tribute to our former Richmond Beach head librarian June Pattenaude. That reminded me of an incident a few years back. It was during my second tenure as president of the then-Richmond Beach Library Association, at the old location. That summer the book "Valley of the Dolls" was hugely popular. I had checked the book out at the library and took it with me to a weekend at our cabin at Sequim Bay.

Mrs. Pattenaude cautioned me to treat this hardcover edition carefully, and not let any saltwater dimple the pages. But the damage to the book was from a different source.

As I sat at the beach in the lee of an old log, reading, my husband arrived with his deer rifle. He wanted to do a bit of target practice. Dale conned me to try my hand at this weapon, much as I hate guns. What came next was odd. He told me to place the book onto a log stump and aim **over** it, at a distant target. I had never shot a gun in my life, but wanted to humor the father of our four children. Three things happened all at once—a jabbing jolt in my right shoulder from the gun's recoil, my husband's scream, "Oh, no!" and a no-

longer-perfect public library book. The tome now looked like it could be used as a peephole, from cover to cover.

How am I going to explain this mishap to Mrs. Pattenaude? Once I regained my composure I immediately schemed various scenarios. The following week I presented the book to her, telling the true story. At first she looked at me sternly, but also as if to say, "How dumb can you get," and then smiled sweetly. The keeper of the public book stash whispered, none too softly, "Of course you will have to pay for the book, and I must keep it as evidence." Mrs. Pattenaude then laughed until she cried. I did pay, but she kept the book and gleefully told the story to several others, as to why the book was unavailable for checkout.

Whatever eventually happened to the book I don't know, but I have since been much more careful with public property, and have never again shot a weapon, either.

I did not serve a third term as RBL Association president, but ruining the book was not the reason. The bylaws had a two-term limit.

Book Review by Aarene Storms

"The Hearts of Horses" by Molly Gloss

The year is 1917, and young men are volunteering to go "over there" to fight for freedom against the Germans. Back on the home front, nineteen-year-old Martha Lesson leaves her home in Pendleton and comes to the Umatilla region looking for work, for adventure and for a home. A horse trainer by trade, Martha arrives in south-central Washington State, and is immediately hired by several local families to break horses to saddle.

Traditionally, horse breaking was done by men, usually by snub-tying the animal for hours (or days), or by "bucking out" the horse until it was too exhausted to protest carrying a rider. But Martha has a different plan for the horses she will train....

In the course of the winter months, Martha trains a horse for a man dying of cancer, befriends a German family who is shunned by their neighbors, attends dances and skating parties, and, despite her shy nature, becomes part of the community.

Set firmly in time and place, this lovely historical novel contains no sex and minimal cussing (anyone who works with cattle is allowed to cuss at them—I have this on good authority). The upheaval of the early war years and the changing nature of the farthest corner of "the west" are carefully portrayed, with stories that seem gleaned from memoirs of actual settlers in the region.

Recommended for readers ages 14 and up, especially those who enjoy historical fiction (or training horses).

For more information—and to see some amazing photos of girls and their horses—visit the website of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Or, if you find yourself in Fort Worth, visit the actual museum...you can take me with you!

Do you have a gardening question?

Suggested by Nancy Morris

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Gallery at the Shoreline Center presents

Green: Art and the Environment

Exhibit: May 13 – June 29, 2008

Open House: Thursday, May 22, 5 – 7 p.m.

The Gallery at the Shoreline Center proudly presents our juried art show Green: Art and the Environment May 13 – June 29, 2008. In conjunction with the 2008 Shoreline Arts Festival's theme of the same name, artists were invited to submit work inspired by all things green or environmental. The call to artists culminated into one of our most exciting gallery exhibits to date, both visually and thematically, and encompasses a myriad of mediums from glass to oils and photography to recycled candy wrappers. Themes include love of nature, fascination with recycled materials and frustration with political mire. Please help us celebrate at an open house on Thursday, May 22nd, 5 – 7 p.m. The Gallery at the Shoreline Center is located in the south end of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline and is open Monday through Friday, 12 – 5 p.m. For more information, please call (206) 417-4645 or visit our website at www.shorelinearts.net.

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Richmond Beach History

by Tracy Tallman

On March 18, 2008 the house at 2103 NW 201st was burned to the ground as part of a training exercise by local fire departments, after several days of smaller exercises. According to the firemen on site, they rarely find a house where this can be done safely, so they made full use of the property, even sharing with other fire departments. Many new firemen have been hired in recent years, so they had the chance to learn from the long-timers on the team.

However nice it was to see the house used for a constructive purpose, its destruction was bittersweet as it was built and occupied by a family who made a big impact on Richmond Beach.

The Hillman family first appears in the 1910 census for Richmond Beach. They had lived in Minnesota, but came west like many others. The incentive remains unclear, but perhaps for Blanche's teaching job at the Richmond Beach School. In 1910, 20-year-old Blanche Hillman and her 24-year-old sister Lovilla were living with Roy G. Rogers—perhaps they were family friends or maybe they met here. Maybe the Rogers family just took them in as boarders, but perhaps not because the Rogers were also from Minnesota.

The house on 201st wasn't built until 1911; the Hillmans later bought the property and built the house. Blanche, the teacher, owned the house, likely with her sister Lovilla and maybe with her father, Charles G. Hillman, 70 and widowed in 1920, who apparently went on an extended

vacation during the 1910 census. The father later returned to live here until at least 1930 and some of his newsy letters are in the archives at the Shoreline Historical Museum.

But they likely designed the house and they lived their lives there for many years. They had whist parties and had their joys and sorrows. They went to Seattle to see a movie or to Edmonds to shop. And they walked up and down the stairs of the house every day, they gardened, they made improvements. They took pride in the house with its view of the sound or it wouldn't have survived. The tenant let me into the house last year and the living room had dark wainscoting throughout and was dominated by the fireplace many of you saw standing after the fire, made of river rock. The upstairs also had dark wainscoting and there was a wonderful view from the upper floor.

When the Hillmans came to Richmond Beach the two women were single, but on July 14, 1918 Lovilla married Captain Gustav Ernst Bratt in a garden wedding at the house. She was about 44 and he 48. It was a surprise wedding attended only by the closest friends and family—18 people in all—with a friend as the matron of honor. "The rooms were effectively decorated with masses of white lilies and ferns. The bride wore a traveling suit of midnight blue gabardine." A buffet lunch was served and the couple left for California to spend several weeks.

It isn't really clear when the small house still on the property was built, but perhaps after Lovilla's marriage Blanche lived in the small house and her sister and Captain Bratt in the larger one. Later, after 1940, the Bratt couple built the brick house directly to the west that still remains and lived there together at least until his death in 1945 or 1947 (reports differ). There was also a mysterious "guest" named Anna White, 59 years old in 1920 and widowed who lived there with her son Arthur, then 20, who was a clerk at a paper company. In 1930 Anna was still widowed, noted as a "lodger," and Arthur was elsewhere. Maybe Anna and her son lived in the small house.

Captain Bratt, who came to the USA in about 1884 from Sweden, worked for Standard Oil Company and likely he came to the area to work at Point Wells which was built in about 1911. H. W. McCurdy's 1966 *Marine History of the Pacific Northwest* notes: "The motor tanker *Contra Costa*, built previously for local distribution



The Hillman house before burning.

As I watched the house burn I wondered what the people who built it and owned it would have thought. At least the fire department got some training and some parts of the building were recycled. It came to a worthy end.



Firefighters viewing the house as it burned.

service in California, was towed to Puget Sound by Standard Oil tanker *El Segundo* and placed in similar service there with *Petroleum II*, operated from Point Wells. This vessel was built for Capt. G. E. Bratt, former master of the pioneer offshore tankers *George Loomis*, *Col. E. L. Drake* and *Asuncion*, and he continued in charge on Puget Sound until his retirement in 1925 after 45 years of marine service."

Lovilla R. H. Bratt, as she apparently liked to be addressed, contributed in her own right. By 1930 she was postmistress and had a reputation for reading all the postcards and making the children wait to pick up the mail. Remember, the mail wasn't delivered to houses then and the post office was at the bottom of 195th near the train depot—quite a walk for many residents.

Many will remember Rhoda Vandenburg who later lived in the house and died in 2003. She owned other property in Richmond Beach and donated liberally to local charities. After she died the property changed hands frequently until its current ownership by land developers.



The exercise is almost over—not much is left.



Photo of Blanche Hillman from the Shoreline Historical Museum files.

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Toddler Story Time

Thursdays May 1, 15, 22 and 29, 10:15 a.m. Join us for books, fingerplays, stories and songs just for toddlers! Ages 2 to 3 with adult, siblings welcome.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays May 1, 15, 22 & 29, 11 a.m. Share the wonderful world of books with your preschooler! Ages 3 to 6 with adult, siblings welcome.

Study Zone

Mondays, May 5, 12 and 19, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Need homework help? Get it at the library!
The Study Zone is a great place to study, do homework, and get help with your questions.

Hello House

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Adult & Teen

Computer Class: Internet Level I

Monday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. Learn how to use the Internet by clicking links, typing web addresses, and printing useful information. Please call 206-546-3522 to register.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday May 5, 7 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion of *Flight: A Novel* by Sherman Alexie.

Talk Time

Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 4 p.m.
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Art Show & Open House

Friday, May 9, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Join us for the Friends of the Library's 42nd Annual Open House and Art Show. View and purchase local artists' work while enjoying live music and refreshments.

Art Show & Open House

Saturday, May 10, all day Join us for the Friends of the Library's 42nd Annual Art Show & Open House. View and purchase local artists' work. Held in conjunction with the Community Association Strawberry Festival in the adjacent park—music, games, food and more!

Computer Class: Microsoft Word Level II

Tuesday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. Learn how to select and format text, set margins, align paragraphs, and use cut and paste. Please call 206-546-3522 to register.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Thursday May 15, 2 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion of *My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy.

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**Also read the book
review on Page 6.**

Community Help Needed

Raffle Donations for Strawberry Festival (spring) - Soliciting donations from local businesses for raffle at Strawberry Festival. Proceeds help cover costs of event. Great opportunity to highlight businesses in the Richmond Beach community. Donors would be acknowledged in this newspaper and at the event. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Volunteers to Work at Strawberry Festival (May 10) - Need helpers to set up, assist at food booths, run games and activities and clean up. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Halloween Decorations - (year round) Cleaning out the closets? Don't throw away your unwanted Halloween decorations. Will take anything in *good* condition that can be used to decorate the carnival. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed: The Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Shuttle urgently needs more volunteer drivers. We are seeking dedicated people to drive our senior shuttle, which transports local seniors to hot lunch programs, grocery stores, and local errands. Drivers do not need a special driver's license and we offer free training. If you are interested, or if you know anyone that may be interested, please call (206) 448 5740 or apply on-line at www.seniorservices.org

Connect with your community! - Volunteers needed for the Shoreline Arts Festival at Shoreline Center, 18560 - 1st Ave. NE, on June 28 and 29! Help needed in setup, take down, gallery sitters, hands-on art, clean up, etc. Information at www.shorelinearts.net under the Shoreline Arts Festival, email dina@shorelinearts.net or call 206-417-4645.

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Syre Elementary

Staff Appreciation Day

Wednesday, May 7

Volunteer Tea

Friday, May 9, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Library

Syre PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 p.m. Thank You Buffet

7:00 p.m. Installation of Officers and Meeting

Seattle Mariners vs. Boston Red Sox

(Syre School Mariners Family Night)

Tuesday, May 27, 7:10 p.m.

Variety Show

Friday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Cafeteria

Spring Concert (Band/Orchestra)

Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Principal's Coffee in Office

Thursday, June 5, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Wild Waves Excursion

Thursday, June 5

Field Day

Friday, June 13

Moving On Ceremony

Thursday, June 19, 9:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Einstein Middle School

Staff/Student Volleyball Game

Thursday, May 8, 9:20 a.m.

Einstein PTSA Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. Staff Lounge

SKMEA Large Group Choral Festival

Tuesday, May 20

Edmonds Performing Arts Center

ASB Officer Elections

Thursday, May 22

Student of the Trimester Ceremony

Monday, June 2, 7:30 a.m.

Einstein Talent Show

Friday, June 6, 9:20 a.m.

Laptop Roll-in Days

June 10 - 12

Spring Band Concert

Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Einstein Gym

Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.

Shorewood Theater

7th Grade Locker Clean Out

Thursday, June 12

8th Grade Locker Clean Out

Friday, June 13

All Fines Due

Friday, June 13

Evening Awards Ceremony

Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade Party

8th Graders Receive Yearbooks

Tuesday, June 17, 2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Campus Day

7th Graders Receive Yearbooks

Wednesday, June 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Shoreline School District

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5-9

School Board Meeting

Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

No School - Grades K-12 - Staff Work Day

Friday, May 23

No School - Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

School Board Meeting

Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Retirement Celebration

Wednesday, June 4, 3:30 p.m. Shoreline Center

No School - Grades K-12 - Staff Work Day

Monday, June 9

School Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

Early Release - Last Day of School K-11

Thursday, June 19

Shorewood High School

Spring Sports Assembly

Thursday, May 1, 9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Spring Play in Shorewood Theater

May 2 - 5 and 8 - 12, 7:30 p.m.

State History Day Contest

Monday, May 5

Principal's Coffee

Thursday, May 8, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Optional Blood Drive

Friday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Principal's Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, May 20, 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Shorewood PTSA Meeting in Library

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Senior Prom at Inglewood Golf Club

Saturday, May 31, 9:00 p.m. - midnight

Academic Awards

Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Students vs. Staff Volleyball

Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Gym

Orchestra Concert in Auditorium

Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Mr. SHS

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gym

Jazz Night in Shorewood Auditorium

Wednesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Band Concert in Auditorium

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Campus Day

Friday, June 6, 7:50 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Dance

Friday, June 6, 9:30 p.m. - midnight Cafeteria

Choir Concert in Auditorium

Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Principal's Coffee

Thursday, June 12, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Senior Breakfast and Grad Practice

Friday, June 13, 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Moving Up Assembly

Friday, June 13, 12:45 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. Gym

Graduation at Everett Event Center

Friday, June 14, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Principal's Brown Bag

Tuesday, June 17, 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Other Community Events & Opportunities

Richmond Beach School Reunion

by Cliff Nixon

The 17th Richmond Beach School reunion will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Rickey's Bar and Grill, starting at noon. Lunch will be served from 1 - 3 p.m. Rickey's is located in the QFC complex at 185th (Richmond Beach Road) and 8th Avenue NW. Please call Cliff Nixon at (206) 300-4250 if you have questions. All friends of Richmond Beach are welcome.



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Counselors to America's Small Business

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Preregistration is required. By appointment only. Call the Shoreline Library information desk. (206) 362-7550.

First and third Thursdays of each month, 10 am-2 pm.

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