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KSHAMA SAWANT

Our District 3 City Council Representative
will answer questions and concerns
at the June 1 meeting of the
Leschi Community Council.

June 1 at 7pm, Central Area Senior Center
500 30TH AVE S, ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF JACKSON

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**SAVE
THE DATE**

**Flo Ware Event
for Kids! June 5**

President's Message

I would like to begin by introducing myself: my name is Yousef Shulman. My family has been living in the central area for almost 100 years. My Great Great Uncle Henry (Hank) Edelson and his wife Shirley started a small market on the SW corner of 22nd Ave and East Union Street in the 1930's.

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In May 2016, I was elected to President of the Leschi Community Council. I am learning how much time and effort is required to provide the residents of Leschi a reputable communal council. I am focused and prepared to continue these efforts. I would like to thank the previous board for all the hard work, time and effort each member provided to the community.

I have come to learn how much community involvement it takes to get projects done. Being in the position I am at my family business, I have met many people, gained friends and built relationships. One of my first concerns is the level of participation in community projects and developing issues.

In my new role as President, I will work with residents of community to join our meetings, lend a voice, provide input and increase involvement. From personal experience, I have learned that two of our parks have wading pools that have not been in service for many years. As a child, I remember using these pools, developing fond memories of my past time spent with family and friends. One of my many goals is to have the council work with the city and community to get at least one of these wading pools open.

While serving as your community President, I will work as hard to address any and all issues. I look forward to working with everyone in the community so we all can be proud of where we live and work. Please feel free to contact me via email:
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Summer in Leschi

We don't take a vacation in the summer, as we don't want to leave Leschi! The weather is beautiful, the fruits of the garden are bountiful and there's so much going on! Yes, there are a few downsides with disrupted traffic for those eternal marathons (aren't those folks fit YET?) and the chaos of Seafair but overall, it's a good place to be.

SUMMER EVENTS

- **JUNE 1** Kshama Sawant at our monthly meeting
- **JUNE 5** FLO WARE event with children's activities 1-4; 28th & Jackson
- **JUNE 18** Rock 'n Roll Marathon: race disrupts traffic along lake south of Dearborn
- **JULY 9** Hamlet in Volunteer Park 2-4pm
- **JULY 16** East Precinct picnic at Powell Barnett Park 1-4; MLK Jr. Way between Alder & Jefferson
- **JULY 31** Hamlet at Fisher Pavilion (Seattle Center) 2-4pm.

- **AUGUST 5-7** SEAFAIR Hydroplane races, Blue Angels, lots of noise, scarce parking, good views from Central Area Senior Center
- **AUGUST 27** Jimi Hendrix Park grand opening! No details yet but expect big names in music!
- **SEPT. 10** Leschi ArtWalk Arts & Crafts, Music, Children's Activities in Leschi Park

AND ALL SUMMER LONG

- Madrona Farmers' Market, Fridays, 3-7pm in Grocery Outlet parking lot
- Bicycle Sundays on Lake Washington Blvd from Mt. Baker Beach to Seward Park; safe cycling for the whole family! 10am-6pm on following Sundays: June 19 & 26; July 3, 10, & 17, Aug. 14 & 28; September 4, 11, 18 & 25

ENJOY! WEAR SUNSCREEN! AND SUNGLASSES IF YOU CAN FIND THEM AFTER OUR LONG GRAY WINTER!



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ANNUAL FLO WARE EVENT

Celebrate Flo Ware and the Park dedicated to this generous woman on June 5 from 1-3, featuring: balloon artists • balloon toss • spin art • hot dogs • pizza • drinks • cotton candy.

Come spend time in our community park with friends and family.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Leschi Community Council Elections—New Officers

Our biennial election was held at the May 2016 meeting with the election of the 4 officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), postponing the election of a Representative to the Seattle Community Council Federation. That organization has not met in over a year, and we felt that if they begin regular meetings, we could elect a representative at that time.

PRESIDENT: Yousef Shulman. My family has been living in the Central Area for almost 100 years. My Great Great Uncle Henry (Hank) Edelson and his wife Shirley started a small market on the SW corner of 22nd Ave and East Union Street in the 1930's. In 1948, they moved their business to its current location and renamed it Leschi Market. Leschi Market and my family have been very active in the community since the opening of the store. I moved to the Leschi neighborhood when I was 13 years old. I began to work at my family business at the age of 13, being the 4th generation to work at the business.

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VICE-PRESIDENT: Yuki Igarashi. Yuki is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments and recently moved into the Leschi branch office on Lakeside Avenue. Previously, she was located in the Capitol Hill Edward Jones branch. Yuki grew up in Tennessee, fell in love with the Pacific Northwest in college at Oregon State University, moved to Seattle in 2009 and earned her MBA from UW in 2013. She currently resides in the Central District with her husband, Kyle.

SECRETARY: Diane Snell. Diane is a retired medical social worker who has lived in Leschi since 1989. She has served on the Council as Secretary several times, served as Representative to and Secretary for the Federation of Community Councils, secretary to the Central Area Neighborhood District Council and has been Leschi News editor for the past 10 years. Most recently, she served as Co-president of Leschi CC. She is very committed to community and looks out for Leschi when she sees changes coming at the city or county level; she feels her legacy to this community was bringing back bus #27. She has adopted Gandhi's "Be the change you want to see in the world" as her mantra.

TREASURER: Amy Fink. Treasurer: Amy Fink. Amy and her family have lived in Leschi since 1998. She served two terms as LCC Secretary and was elected to the Treasurer's position in 2016. She wrote a column for the Leschi News and started our Stairway Clean-up project with the first joint project with Madrona CC for a stairway in their neighborhood.

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LESCHI STAR AWARDS

Several years ago, we began the tradition of recognizing community members who did something extraordinary for the community. At the 10th anniversary of the Flo Ware Park renovation, we bestowed a Leschi Star award on John Barber for his original work in spearheading the redo effort and then again in planning the 10th anniversary celebration. We honored Allan Fink for creating our website and Liz Ohlson for taking on the renovation of the Peppi's Park area. There have been many bright lights over the years, but we came to a standstill when the awards company discontinued our "stars." We finally found a replacement: a shooting star with the inscription: Leschi Star, and we had folks waiting in the wings to be honored at our May meeting.

Katie Busby and Christine Miller for their successful Flo Ware event last summer; the two worked with the Leschi Elementary PTA, using their tables and chairs, and were able to get donations from local businesses: pizza from Central Pizza and hot dogs from Leschi Market. They rented a cotton candy machine and a dunk tank: both popular activities. Donations received were given back to the Leschi Council for use at the next year's event. Katie and Christine have volunteered to take it on again this year!

Darrell Howe wrote his first grant and was successful in obtaining \$45,000 from King County Conservation to restore the wetlands in Frink Park. Grants are a mixed blessing for the Council; they are wonderful in paying for work we can't afford, but the reporting requirements are a heavy burden. Darrell took on this task himself, making all the interim reports, and the LCC treasurer only had to write a check to pay for the work. AND Darrell's first grant was considered to be so well written, King County is using it as a model!

Yousef Shulman received a star for all his hard work at the ArtWalk; he hauls tables and chairs, helping with both set-up and takedown. He is the guy that is called from one end of the booths to the other to solve all problems and does it capably and cheerfully. He attends all the planning meetings and assists in finding musicians, underwriting publicity and using the Market's insurance when LCC's insurance balks at some unusual coverage. We gave Yousef a second STAR to take to Steve Shulman, his uncle, for all the support we have received from Leschi Market over the years.

-Diane Snell

YEARLONG DISRUPTION TO BUS #27

We just received information that the Yesler Bridge will close May 23 for structural and seismic renovation. Repairs could take up to 16 months. Bus #27 will need to detour around the bridge for the duration.

WESTBOUND - TO DOWNTOWN SEATTLE:

- Regular route to WB Yesler Way & 6 Ave
- Left on SB 6 Av S
- Right on WB S Main St
- Right on NB 4 Av S
- Continue on NB Prefontaine Pl S
- Continue on 3rd Ave
- Continue on regular route

The return trip has the #27 turning left from 3rd onto James heading eastward to 6th Ave S, where it will turn right and connect with Yesler where the freeway off-ramp connects. This should add to commute time, especially on the westbound downtown trip.

-Diane Snell

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LESCHI CC WEBSITE

We have been experiencing problems with our host (unwanted ads dancing across the screen) and will be moving to another host. There will be other changes as well, including a move to WordPress for ease in updating for late-breaking events. We hope to be able to alert you to news and events over the summer when we don't have the newsletter to rely on.

MOORAGE

Paul Wilkinson, Manager of moorage for Parks, gave us a brief update: contract negotiations continue amicably between Parks and Foss, but the technical details are complex. Parks plans to restripe the parking lot by the south Marina in the next few weeks. Summer updates will be posted on our website. The contract is expected to be ready for signing by September.

SUMMER STAIRWAY PROJECTS

We will concentrate on Lane during the summer. On June 17, we will tackle the stairs that go from 30th down to 31st. Meet at 10 am at the top of the stairs.

July 16: Lane from 29th to 30th. Mossy risers but growth beside the stairs remains cut back. Meet at 10

am at the top of the stairs. Flat edge shovels or wire brushes work well on moss.

August 20: Lane from 33rd down to lake; more a trail with flat landings than an actual stairway. Brushy overgrowth in this area; bring clippers! Meet at 10 am at Lane on 33rd.

LESCHI NATURAL AREA UPDATE

A recent meeting of the stewards of the Leschi Natural Area resulted in a fundraising plan to hire the Conservation Corps or a similar group to work in the newly acquired area where Parks removed the residence and walkway. An authorized crew needs to be hired, as Parks won't allow volunteers into the area. Parks' latest directive indicated that they would return in the fall to plant native species BUT NOT TAKE OUT EXISTING INVASIVES! The group is hoping to raise enough money to be able to get a crew in there between now and then to remove as much as possible; the cost is about \$1500 per day.

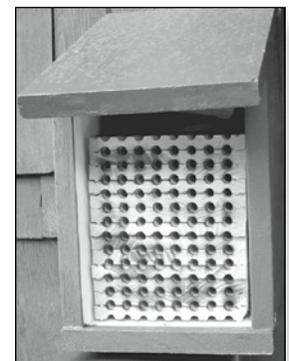
No funds are needed to purchase plants; Forterra will supply those from the group's list. (Forterra is an organization that works in conservation and sustainability.) Plants will be delivered in the fall, and work parties are planned to get them into areas not involved with the Parks' restoration area. The Natural Area has been fortunate in getting volunteers from one of the University of Washington clubs: FIUTS, an organization that works with international students, connecting them with local community.

Jim Bushyhead is taking the lead on fundraising and hopes to visit not only neighbors in the area but other larger groups/businesses who might be willing to provide some substantial funding.

-Betsy Zickler, Leschi Natural Area

THE BEE PROJECT

Our Mason bees have filled all the holes we provided in our nesting blocks, plus some overflow tubes, and have gone to the big nest in the sky, or wherever good bees go when they have fulfilled their purpose. In September, we will open the nesting blocks and tubes and be able to report our reproduction rate. Judging by the number of our filled holes, we can probably look forward to a 500% increase or more.



-Jim Snell




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“BREAK FREE FROM FOSSIL FUELS PACIFIC NORTHWEST”!

People of all ages from excited toddlers to sprightly ninety year olds gathered during the weekend of May 13-15 to protest at the Tesoro and Gulf oil refinery sites in Anacortes. Refining oil from the tar sands puts out toxic emissions that we had to breathe and smell during our protest right beside the plants. The plants are on non-ceded Swinomish land that was taken from the tribe by Ulysses Grant in 1873 by Executive Order. They have been the site of deaths of workers and health violations for many years.

All of the coverage so far has focused on the small group of people that were arrested after a three-day action to stop the oil trains going to the refinery. This was exciting and important, but I want to focus here on the Indigenous Day of Action at March Point on May 14. We had over 1000 people on the march, accompanied by haunting indigenous music, singing and dancing. In addition, hundreds of kayactivists held up powerful messages on the water, both at night and during the day.

The indigenous leaders spoke to the heart of the crisis in a way that reflected their deep connection to the natural world. They are not on the earth protesting, but of the earth, they are in a continuum with the earth in a cycle of life. This profoundly important relationship has been forgotten by colonizers who, from their first step on the continent, saw only exploitable resources. The Tesoro and Shell refineries stand as a monument to that greed.

Jules James of the Lummi Treaty Sovereignty and Treaty Protection group led the march, by way of honoring the Lummi's recent success in defeating a coal terminal. At the ceremony after the march, Swinomish elder Diana Vendiola spoke of living on the other side of the peninsula, crabbing, digging for clams, with the belief that “water is life” and sacred. Today the fish are toxic, the water polluted. “How we treat the earth will be our legacy. If earth can't support life, there is no life.”

Many tribal groups participated, the Lummi arrived by canoe, an elder from the Tulalip blessed the water, youth from the Makah spoke of respecting the teachings of our ancestors. We had other honored elders who asked us to “repay and heal mother earth.”

When the Lummi canoe arrived, dozens of people helped to carry it into the center of the ceremony: it set the theme of pulling together the concerns of the community before individual concerns. Makah youth leader Patsy Bane said succinctly “forget oil, it is killing us.” Lummi leader Jules James spoke of building coalitions as the key to winning “the battle to save the earth. They tell us we can't, but we don't live in fear, we love the earth.” He has visited



Makah and Quinault ceremony

the Cheyenne, the Sioux and other tribal groups who are voting no to energy plants that poison their people. Ruben George, an honored elder from Canada, spoke of the huge Boreal forest fire in the tar sands of Canada, “we must put a stop to this era of destruction.”

Our actions joined hundreds of protests around the world during the month of May that are targeting refineries and other polluting industrial sites.

The impassioned and urgent declarations of the indigenous speakers, as well as the deep commitment of the many activists I met during the planning and throughout the weekend, deeply inspired me to continue to actively work to “Break Free from Fossil Fuels” with the goal of one hundred percent renewables in twenty years or less.

-Susan Noyes Platt

LA NIÑA TO ARRIVE LATER THIS YEAR

If you didn't know what El Niño was before this winter, you almost certainly do now. We had one of the strongest El Niños on record, and it brought a variety of abnormal weather patterns to various places throughout the world. The Central and Eastern Pacific saw record hurricane activity, while Indonesia in the Western Pacific suffered from a drought and had devastating forest fires. Southern California

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was expected to get tons of rain while the Pacific Northwest stayed drier than normal, but instead the Pacific Northwest had its wettest winter on record and Southern California remained drier than normal for yet another winter. Most notably, with the extremely warm ocean temperatures in the tropical Pacific and the added effect of the “Blob” off our coast, 2015 was the warmest year on record by a wide margin.

Now, El Niño is weakening dramatically, and we are forecast to transition over to El Niño’s cooler counterpart, La Niña, by autumn. Whereas El Niño refers to the periodic warming of the tropical Pacific, La Niña refers to the cooling of it. Many skiers, myself included, love La Niña winters because they tend to bring cooler and rainier-than-normal conditions to the Pacific Northwest, meaning that the Cascades often get tremendous amounts of snowfall. In fact, during the 1998-99 ski season, a La Niña year, Mt. Baker Ski Resort picked up an incredible 95 feet of snow! I remember skiing on Memorial Day at Alpentel during the 2007-2008 La Niña season, when Snoqualmie Pass got 50 feet of snow.

The interesting thing about Mt. Baker’s record-breaking ski season is that it occurred directly after the 1997-1998 El Niño, the strongest El Niño recorded at the time. This year’s El Niño had some

significant differences but was similar from an overall strength perspective, so it begs the question: could the 2016-2017 winter be as snowy as the 1998-1999 winter?

After how poorly our long-range forecasts did this year, I am hesitant to say that this winter will be similar to the winter 18 years ago, especially since this past El Niño had some key differences compared to the one back at the turn of the century. However, given that La Niñas tend to bring more snow to both the mountains and the lowlands on average, I am optimistic looking ahead to this winter.

La Niñas don’t affect our summer weather as much as our winter weather, but I strongly believe that this summer will not be a scorcher like last. Over the past two years, we had a persistent “Blob” of warm water off our coast, but this year’s El Niño erased the Blob, and we should be cooler as a result.

By the way, as of this writing, I am working on developing my own weather website, and I hope to have it online by the time this article is published. Check it out at [charliesweather.com!](http://charliesweather.com)

-Charlie Phillips

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DENTAL TIPS FROM DR. MIKE

Is My Dental Procedure Covered Under My HSA?

Many people are finding that having an HSA (health savings account) not only helps keep medical costs lower, but is advantageous at tax-time, too. The trick is knowing what is—and what isn't—an allowable deduction. But before we go there, let's review exactly what an HSA is and how it works.

A health savings account combines high deductible health insurance with a tax-favored savings account to provide money to pay for deductible costs and sometimes, under certain conditions, to pay premiums. Once the deductible is met, the insurance kicks in and any money left in the account after the deductible is met is yours to keep (unlike some accounts which have a "use it or lose it" clause).

A high deductible health plan can cost less than other health plans and can pay 100% of covered expenses after the deductible is met. But there's the rub: how do you know which expenses are and which are not covered? Essentially, any expense that is not purely cosmetic is probably covered.

For dental expenses, that includes dental services that are preventive in nature, such as the services of a dental hygienist, cleanings, the application of sealants,

and fluoride treatments to prevent tooth decay. It also includes those services provided to alleviate dental diseases, such as fillings, X-rays, braces, extractions, dentures and other dental ailments. It can include such treatments as veneers if they are not purely cosmetic in nature, such as to repair chipped teeth or other defects in tooth structure.

So let's say you visit your dentist for your annual exam. The dental hygienist cleans your teeth and you have X-rays taken to check for decay or other problems. You have a tooth that needs a root canal and a filling plus a crown. In addition, your dentist determines that you should have braces put on your teeth to correct your overbite. All those procedures and appliances are covered under the terms of your HSA.

However, if you decide that you want your teeth whitened or you want veneers to make your smile prettier, those are not covered expenses and the money in your HSA cannot be used (tax-free) to cover them. (If you withdraw money from your HSA for expenses other than those allowed, you are taxed on the money you withdraw. As long as you use the money to pay for covered expenses, the money is tax-free.)

Although unnecessary cosmetic surgery is not included as a covered medical expense, there are times when cosmetic surgery is covered—when it meaningfully promotes the proper function of the body, or prevents or treats illness or disease. So, if you chip your front tooth, veneers would be covered, since in this case it would promote the proper function of the tooth involved. Other veneers put on at the same time for improving your appearance would not be covered.

Talk to your tax professional if you are interested in the tax advantages of an HSA. It may be the smartest way to budget for dental and medical expenses in the long run.

-Dr. Michael Bilikas



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A SUMMER BANQUET OF EXHIBITIONS

Susan Noyes Platt, www.artandpoliticsnow.com

For the summer, I offer a quick tour of a few of the special exhibitions in our region. I have not yet seen many of these myself, but I will give you a short description to whet your appetite and remind you of some destinations while you are travelling around for other reasons.

Perhaps the most unexpected exhibition is “Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration” at the Schack Art Center in Everett (until September 5, 2016.) Chuck Close has been a world-renowned artist since the early 1970s, when he first showed nine-foot-high portraits in black and white. Close was born in Everett, Washington, and this exhibition marks the first time his works have been shown there. It has been travelling the world since 2003, constantly updated with new work. The Schack Art Center version spans from 1972–2014. Although the exhibition appears to be a series of portraits, actually,

the focus of Close’s art is process, experimentation and collaboration. The portraits, all of celebrity friends in the art world, form the starting point for a dizzying array of techniques. Dive into his first mezzotint, Keith, 1972, at the beginning of the exhibition. Right next to it are details of the mouth, and other fragments, which demonstrate how rich the detail is in each part of the print. Included in the exhibition are wood cuts, silkscreens, lithographs, a few paintings, and dazzling tapestries, as well as test charts, woodblocks, pulp paper samples, linoleum, paper samples, and a brass “shim” used to create a paper



Stephanie Sjujoco, *Cargo Cult*, one of a series, 2013, digital print on outdoor vinyl, 48 x 63”. Courtesy of the artist. On view at Wing Luke Museum in “Everything has Been Material for Scissors to Shape.”

pulp print. But be sure to go to the back of the last wall upstairs to see the Woodbury prints, a luscious black and white process that predates photography.

Now for our quick tour of other exhibitions. First, go to the Frye Art Museum’s “Young Blood,” because it closes on June 19. It features art by two brothers both nationally known, both raised in Seattle. Noah Davis, painter, and Kahlil Joseph, filmmaker. The exhibition is also homage to Noah Davis, who died in 2015, so it is tinged with that sadness but Davis had a groundbreaking career as both an artist and a pioneer in creating alternative spaces in Los Angeles. Jen Graves of the Stranger claims “I Haven’t Seen an Art Show This Good in Seattle in a Long Time.” Go and decide for yourself. On June 18, from 2–3 pm, there will be a gallery talk by curator, Maikoioy Alley-Barnes.

Before July 4, see “Martha Rosler, Below the Surface” at the Seattle Art Museum. Two collage/photographic series by the globally renowned Rosler brilliantly collage consumerism and our brutal wars. The first series dates to the Vietnam War, the second to the Iraq war forty years later. The cold fact is that we are still consuming at home and destroying abroad. No one says it better than Rosler.

The summer show at the Seattle Art Museum will be a good partner to the Chuck Close exhibition: “Graphic Masters: Durer, Rembrandt, Hogarth, Goya, Picasso, and, the unexpected, R. Crumb. You may not have

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heard of Crumb, best known for his role in underground comics, but you will see that he holds his own against these old masters with his amazing illustrations from the book of Genesis.

If you like books as art and/or classical mythology, go to the University of Washington Special Collections, in the basement of Allen Library South for “Just One Look” (until July 29). Thirty-two new artist books inspired by classical stories such as Medea, Scheherazade, or Cupid and Psyche. About one third of the exhibition is in the lobby and easily accessible, including one of my favorite artists, Carletta Carrington Wilson. Her encaustic/mixed media book is based on the story of Thisbe. Two thirds of the exhibition is inside the Special Collections, so you need to pay attention to their hours. (10 to 4:45, closed on weekends).

At the Northwest African American Museum, the renowned curator Deborah Willis created the exhibition “Posing Beauty in African American Culture” (until September 4). Well-known photographers, over the last century and up to the present, expand our understanding of “how we see ourselves and are seen by others.” Willis has been curating astute photography exhibitions for decades.

The Wing Luke Museum presents, as always, unique exhibitions. “Khmer Americans: Naga Sheds Its Skin” reveals new perspectives on Cambodia “so much more than the Killing Fields.” “Tatau/Tattoo, Embodying Resistance” explores political aspects of tattoos in the Philippines and Pacific Islands in the context of opposing colonialism. “Do You Know Bruce: Breaking Barriers”, (part II of a three part series) provides perspective on the ways Bruce Lee countered racism as a film star/martial artist. The major exhibition in the George Tsutakawa gallery upstairs “Everything has Been Material for Scissors to Shape,” pairs the work of three contemporary Asian Pacific American artists with objects in the Museum collection and archives in order to “highlight identity, appropriation and labor.”

At the Tacoma Art Museum see “Edvard Munch and the Sea” (until July 17), an appropriate Northwest topic with brooding Norwegian overtones, and “(Re) presenting Native Americans” (to October 30), a selection of depictions of Native American from the last century, an intriguing partner to “Posing Beauty.” If you are eager to see what artists in our region are doing today, visit “Northwest Art Now” until Sept 4. This rebranded Northwest Biennial includes 24 artists from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho who create installation, video, audio, paintings and sculptures, something for everyone.

On to Portland! Inside the Portland Art Museum, the Center for Contemporary Native Art, features “Dene bāhi Naabaahii”, two contemporary native artists Demian DinéYazhi’ (Diné) and Kali Spitzer (Kaska Dena/Jewish). They offer us “a transdisciplinary and multimedia space that reaffirms their dedication to cultural revitalization through language and social engagement—a contemporary and radical act of survivance” (referring to nourishing Native culture beyond simple survival). This exhibition closes on August 28, but CCNA will have another contemporary Native art show opening in the fall. Also not to be missed at the Portland Art Museum: “Native Fashion Now” (until September 4) from the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, a pioneering small museum near Boston. The Native “maverick” fashion designers span 50 years with almost 100 works.

Of course, there is much more to see! Go and Explore! But don’t miss the Friday Films in Volunteer Park on July 15, 22 and 29 that partner with the exhibition “Mood Indigo.” Music will start at 8:15pm and the film at 9pm. And then of course we have our free Shakespeare in the Park. I will leave you to find those on your own.



Lauren Kelley, *Pickin'*, 2007, color-coupler print 23" x 23 1/8", Courtesy of Northwest African American Museum, on view in “Posing Beauty in African American Culture”

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SUMMER STAPLES

Sizzling summer staples are here! From “porch-pounders” to backyard BBQs, there’s a little something here for everyone. Enjoy these reds, whites and pinks to get you through the summer satisfied. Have a fun and safe summer Leschi!

Red Wines

2013 Avennia Arnaut Syrah Boushey Vineyard Yakima Valley (\$46)

“The 2013 is a rock star. Offering sensational purity in its meaty, dark fruits, olive brine, beef blood, currants and hints of violets, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, impressive concentration and a great finish, where it shows additional minerality. Coming from the two oldest blocks at Boushey Vineyard, this is a serious, age-worthy Syrah.” –Wine Advocate, 93-95 points.

2014 Darby Purple Haze Columbia Valley (\$18.69)

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot and Syrah. When you combine the warm, ripe vintage 2014 with the keen, deft ability of Darby, you get the best wines. Big, exuberant and not overdone. Like fine architecture.

2014 Francesco Cirelli Rosso Montepulciano d’Abruzzo (\$17.99)

This is the Montepulciano grape. It delivers a nose of baking spice, cherry pie and tomato leaf. Juicy purple fruits dominate the palate but it’s made fresh by some herbal notes. Just enough structure to let you know that this wine is unmistakably Italian—no excessive fruit, everything balanced and a bit rustic. Organic farm certified by IMC.

2014 Domaine La Manarine Carignan Rouge Côtes du Rhône (\$13.09)

Domaine La Manarine is a small, family-owned winery established in 2001. The vines average around 35 years in age. This wine is 100% Grenache and produces a classically spicy, full-bodied wine that speaks clearly of the “garrigue” of the region. The wine is bottled without filtration. Unoaked, with aromas of dark berries and ripe, rustic tannins.

White Wines

2014 DeLille Cellars “Chaleur Estate” Blanc Columbia Valley (\$35.99)

“An amazing nose of sweet Sauvignon Blanc provides cream, key lime and Herbs de Provence. Maybe the best descriptor is ‘wow!’ showing flavors that are rich and expansive. It’s not all about the Sauvignon Blanc though—the Semillon is evident on the palate with guava and citrus honey notes. 2014 is a vintage of classic balance and elegance reinforcing the pedigree of this wine.” –Winery notes.

2015 Butter by Jam Cellars Chardonnay California (\$16.99)

Made by winemaker Rob Lloyd of Rombauer fame. “Rich, bold and luscious, this is an easy-to-love creamy California Chardonnay. The fruit we choose has juicy, ripe, stone fruit and baked-lemon aromas. Cold fermented to the perfect, rich creaminess and aged in our own blend of oak, gives this wine a lovely, long, vanilla finish that’s uniquely Butter!” –Winery notes.

Rosé Wines

2015 Tranche Rosé Pink Pape Blackrock Estate Vineyard Yakima (\$14.99)

31% Cinsault and 23% Counoise and 46% Grenache. “Pale salmon in color with light pink hue. Delicate aromas of rose petal, honeydew melon and white peach, with lifted notes of sweet pink grapefruit and lemon peel. The wine is fresh and lively upon entry, with bright stone fruit and mountain berry flavors complemented by wet river rock minerality. Driving acidity and citrus qualities provide focus and direction, drawing out the palate to a mouthwatering finish. 637 cases made.” – Winemaker notes. New vintage.

2015 Hecht & Bannier Rosé Côtes de Provence (\$14.99)

“For our Côtes de Provence we take a path quite apart from the one we follow for our Languedoc Rosé with its high proportion of Syrah. We have sought a Provence Rosé of immense charm and minerality redolent of dried herbs and mountain flowers. A blend of 45% Grenache, 40% Cinsault and 15% Syrah.” –Gregory Hecht.

2015 Domaine de Triennes Rosé Vin de Pays de Méditerranée (\$13.99)

A collaboration between Jacques Seysses of Domaine Dujac and Aubert de Villaine of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti. “Pale pink. Red fruit and notes of citrus contribute to the aromatic complexity. It has the harmony and elegance that has earned worldwide appreciation of the rosés of Provence. Principally Cinsault, blended with Grenache, Syrah and Merlot.” –Winery notes.

2015 Domaine De Fontaine Rosé Gris de Gris Corbieres Languedoc-Roussillon (\$13.09)

Salmon color with superb amethyst tints. Fine separate legs run slowly down the glass. Expressive and particularly tonic, the wine immediately gives off notes of raspberry, cherry and freshly picked strawberries - followed by exotic aromas such as pineapple and mango. Kermit Lynch Import.” – Winemaker notes.



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2015 Domaine Saint Nabor Gris Rosé Vin de Pays du Gard (\$9.39)

“This Rosé is bright and glistening with a raspberry pink tint. It has a bouquet of red fruit aromas and honeysuckle with linden-tree nuances. The wine has a fresh acidity. It is light, crisp and easy drinking, with acidulous red fruit flavors of wild strawberries and blueberries with mineral nuances.”

—Winery notes.

CHEERS! ENJOY!

Kenneth Benner, a Seattle area native, is a trained chef and has worked in such restaurants as Barbacoa, B.O.K.A. Kitchen + Bar, and Dahlia Lounge. Ken is the wine buyer at Leschi Market. He has a passion for learning, a meticulous palate, and a tenacity for searching out the best for his customers while offering some of the most highly coveted wines in the area. His wine column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experiences in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMarket.com or request to be added to email updates or send questions, comments, or suggestions to ken@leschimarket.com and follow the wine department directly on twitter at twitter.com/leschimarket.

MEET 'N MUNCH

It was a dark and stormy (well, rainy) night when three Leschi CC Board members met and munched at Meet the Moon. It was 8pm. so there were tables available as we had business to conduct (besides eating). We munched on Queso Fundido with plantain chips; this is a real winner! And a plate of Moroccan-style cauliflower (also very good). Both dishes can be found on the Starters menu.

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DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN

Every once in a while, I need to revisit my childhood memories and this was accomplished at St. Cloud's recently. We went to dinner with daughter and son-in-law while the young 'uns were at Safeco Field receiving Bobbleheads and watching

the Mariners lose. I shared (sort of) the Hot Fudge Sundae and sank into blissful reverie,

going back in time to Flint, MI. and the Paris Café. Those once a year visits were the highlight of my preteen years. I highly recommend this dessert, although my son-in-law would recommend the 6-layer cake. I doubt there is anything at St Cloud's that wouldn't satisfy a foodie.

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LCC MEETING 5/4/16

Meeting began with the Leschi Star Awards to residents who have made a difference. This article can be found on page 5 in the Neighborhood and Beyond section.

Our speaker was Grant Ballingham, acting East Precinct Captain while Capt. Paul McDonagh is away. He covered the new reporting mechanism for the Seattle Police department: SeaStat. One can view the statistics online, but internally they capture a picture of the most prevalent crimes, what is up and what is down compared to last month and the year before, and the Captain decides what is to be done about it.

He spoke about the prevalence of car break-ins as seen on NextDoor Leschi. Even when nothing of value is in sight, folks are finding their windows smashed and things of little value (except to the owner) taken, like workout clothes in a gym bag in the trunk. Grant felt that these crimes are driven by addiction, even though the gains can be small. Again, he encouraged folks not to leave valuables in their cars, but this is a hard one for the police to deal with unless they hear about a robbery in progress. Most folks discover it the next morning or even a few days later. He urged reporting it even if you have not seen anything suspicious.

He had been asked about the coming long hot summer, when we often have gunfire near our favorite parks. The Chief is planning for increased staff to be visible near the hot spots and the East Precinct is planning to hold their summer picnic at Powell Barnett Park this year: July 16.

Grant answered some audience questions and we had a short discussion about what is “suspicious activity.” He agreed that it was situational and one person’s suspicious activity might not be the same for someone in a high traffic area.

Elections

After 3 months of declaring the upcoming elections in the Leschi News, the biennial elections were finally held. Current officers were term limited and the Board did not feel that changing the by-laws was appropriate. A slate had been prepared:

President: Yousef Shulman

Vice-President: Yuki Igarashi

Secretary: Diane Snell

Treasurer: Amy Fink

Each prospective Board member introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their background.

A motion was made by Darrell Howe to vote on the slate as a whole; Diane Morris offered the second. The vote was unanimous in support.

The two Dianes thanked the community for their support during their two terms and both expressed their gratitude for representing a community where residents pitch in and help!

Diane Morris took time to announce the next Stairway project: Randolph stairs from East Alder up to Randolph, a series of 3 sets of stairs.

-Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell

LCC BOARD MEETING 5/10/16

Attending: Yousef Shulman, Yuki Igarashi, Amy Fink, Diane Morris and Diane Snell. Janet Oliver came to say good-bye as she is leaving the Board and to congratulate the new Board. John Barber was attending the Colman Park meeting; Tracy Bier in Alaska.

Minutes to be approved by email.

TREASURY REPORT: Amy has the records and software for QuickBooks. She will bring everything up to date and make a formal report in June. Amy brought up concerns about safety for cyclists with all the construction going on at the lake. She will connect with cyclists to hear their concerns so we can take steps. She also felt we needed some traffic police during Seafair Thursday through Sunday. It was decided to publish the Bicycle Sundays schedule in the June newsletter as well as Bicycle Rules of the Road.

PARKS: Although John could not attend this Board meeting due to conflict, he did submit a written report.

- John discovered that Michael Shiosaki of Parks wants us to raise \$700 toward a Spray Park rather than open the wading pools. At this point, the Garfield CC, Madrona CC and Squire Park CC all support Leschi’s desire for the wading pools to be reopened. Letters of support will be directed to Shiosaki with copies to Jesus Aguirre (Parks Superintendent) and Kshama Sawant, District 3 City Councilmember.
- John has not heard back from Steve Wilson yet about the stipulation of a large donation several years ago to expand the North Leschi Marina, but permit only sail boats in that marina.
- A former neighbor in John’s area owns a steep, wooded lot and now wants to build a house there, to sell on completion. Both John and neighbors are concerned due to environmental issues and this lot is part of privately owned lands identified in the Leschi Natural Area to save by conservation or purchase by the Parks Department.

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- John wants to schedule some work parties to help maintain green spaces in Leschi, especially the shoreline street ends and the Leschi (Lake Washington Boulevard) Gateway Project.

WEBSITE: Yousef. He submitted Kirsten's proposal for moving the website to new host and redoing it in WordPress for easier updates. Yousef is familiar with WordPress and felt he could handle the updates. Vote: four ayes; one abstention.

STAIRWAY: Diane Morris. June: Randolph stairs. She will scope out other stairways for our summer months: July and August.

NEWSLETTER: Early deadline due to June meeting being on June 1. Need bio info for both newsletter and website, as well as contact info for masthead and internal Board use.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: A-frame signs for businesses; safety at Jackson and 23rd; Colman Neighborhood had requested letter of support for their application, but Board had many questions; will learn more at CANDC meeting on May 12.

NEXT MEETING: Yousef said we will set goals for the year; he will appoint chairs of committees.

-Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell

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JUN 1 Leschi CC meeting – 7pm, Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S

JUN 1 Colman Park Restoration meeting 7pm, Bradner Park (minutes on LCC website)

JUN 4 Leschi Natural Area work party, 9am-3pm. Lunch and tools provided. 36th & Terrace.

JUN 5 Flo Ware Event for KIDS! 1-3pm, 28TH & JACKSON

JUN 8 Leschi CC Executive Board Meeting, 7:30pm at Meet the Moon (please note: date/time change)

JUN 9 Central Area Neighborhood District Council meeting, 6pm, The Central, 500 30th Ave. S

JUN 11 Seattle Neighborhood Coalition 9, The Central (Breakfast: \$14)

JUN 11 HOPSCOTCH returns; 11am-8pm. The one-mile loop starts at Centerstone (722 18th Ave.) and winds around the Union-Yesler area. Free lunch from Dante's Inferno, music, bouncy house, brew-pub and food trucks to purchase your own favorites.

JUN 17 Green Dolphin Street Lounge, 6-9pm, featuring Deems Tsutakawa, jazz pianist. Admission is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for lifetime members. Refreshments. No Host bar.

JUN 18 Stairway cleanup: Meet at 10am at the Lane St. stairs, 30th to 31st.

JUN 23 EastPAC meeting 6:30pm, Chardin Hall, Seattle U. Parking off Jefferson past 12th on right.

Contact John Barber about String of Pearls work parties at **206.324.1548** and contact Darcy Thompson for Frink Park work parties at **206.325.4295**.

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