

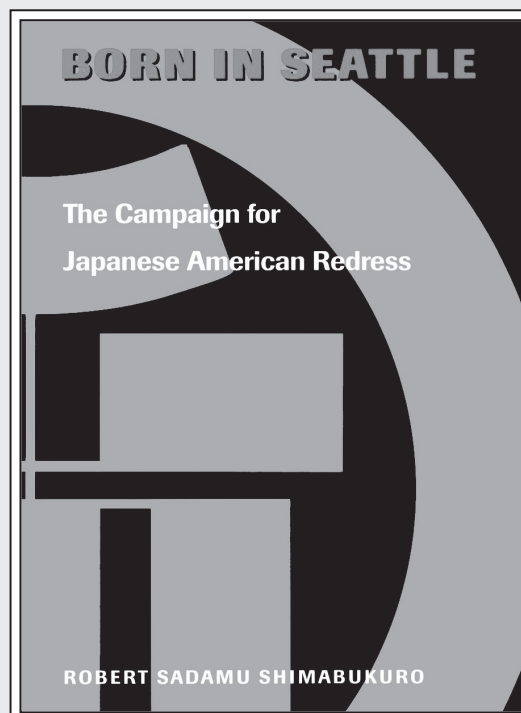
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SPECIAL EVENT

Join us for an evening with Bob Shimabukuro whose book *Born in Seattle, The Campaign for Japanese American Redress*, tells the compelling story of obtaining redress for the Japanese residents relocated under FDR's Executive Order 9066.



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President's Message

Happy spring! As we all come out of our own versions of Seattle hibernation, the Council has lots of upcoming events to share with you.

Personally, I'm looking forward to seeing Bob Shimabukuro, author of *Born in Seattle: The Campaign for Japanese American Redress*, share some history about the Japanese Americans in Seattle in this 75th anniversary year of Executive Order 9066, which sent Japanese Americans all along the west coast into internment camps. He'll be joining us at our community meeting on April 5 at 7pm. My husband's grandparents were sent to camp, including his grandmother born in Yakima and living in Seattle at the time of the order, so this piece of American history is dear to my heart.

In June, we'll hold Leschi Community Council elections. Please consider if you'd like to run for President or Vice President of the Leschi Community Council! Reach out if you might be interested in running; I or other board members are happy to answer any questions you have.

Another opportunity to get involved is to volunteer on the sixth annual Leschi ArtWalk planning team. This is a major event for our community each September, run solely by community volunteers. Planning meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at 3pm. at BluWater Bistro.

If you are a newcomer to the neighborhood - welcome! We want to give you a "welcome bag" full of giveaways from local Leschi businesses. Check out Diane's article on page 7 about how to connect with Dianne Ramsey Gayton, a volunteer in our community who has graciously spearheaded this project. And if you are a neighbor to a Leschi newcomer - please reach out to your neighbors and let them know!

Last but not least, check out and bookmark the updated Leschi Community Council website at leschicommunitycouncil.org.



~Yuki

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An Open Letter to Mayor Murray

Alarmed at the number of homeless families in this past cold and wet winter, the following letter was developed and signed onto by four neighborhoods, including Leschi. It seemed like an immediate way to get these families into a warm and dry environment while the slow process of individual housing was explored. This letter was sent to the Mayor and each of the City Councilmembers... with no response.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR MURRAY

Our community (Leschi) has learned that there are 70 students at Leschi Elementary School who are either homeless or in transitional housing. This is double the number from last year and the second highest homeless student population of schools in Seattle. This is not a goal we have sought and we can all agree this is a sign of a larger, systemic issue. Further, why isn't anything being done about this?

Several years ago, our neighborhood learned about emergency planning from the city- what to do when the "big one" comes. We learned that each district has an emergency shelter for those whose homes are destroyed and that our shelter is Garfield Community Center. We learned that the Parks Department has cots, blankets and other emergency equipment stored and is prepared to deliver these supplies to each district shelter when needed. We think this space and these supplies are needed NOW. This IS a "big one" as far as we are concerned.

Moving homeless families into a warm shelter is a necessity in the winter. Yes, it will be disruptive to classes currently held at the Center, but what is the greater good? We, the citizens, pay substantial taxes to build and support these facilities and their programs and we should have a say in their use. While we appreciate the year round programming at these centers, there is an emergency need now and that should supercede other uses.

Parks can move the emergency equipment to the Center without having to negotiate broken pavement (as in an earthquake)

and the city would have an opportunity to test their emergency planning. Is the equipment adequate? Supplies that don't perform can be replaced and others replenished when housing is found for these families.

Creative use of space can accommodate day care programs and homeless families. We understand that 60% of those who are homeless work; workers would be gone during the day and students would be in schools. Preschool children could be absorbed into a day care program. Non-working adults can help with food preparation or other needs at the Center.

Ignoring these resources is unconscionable; more cold weather is predicted and we need to act now. We understand that this is something the Mayor can enact without going through the Council and we implore him to do so immediately. The Mayor has already declared homelessness an emergency; the logical next step is to put the City's emergency plan into effect.

Signed,
Leschi Community Council, Jackson Place, Cherry Hill Community Council, Judkins Park

~Diane Snell




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JAZZ ON JACKSON

Jackson Commons and Vulcan Inc. are proud to present the fourth annual Jackson Street Jazz Walk.

With the help of so many great bands and local support, we're "Bringing Jazz Back to Jackson Street" for a night of FREE music in the Central District, spread across six venues on Jackson Street.

The six venues are along the Jackson corridor: Cheeky Café, Lake Chad Café, Western Sports Bar, Pratt Fine Arts (in the Drawing Room), Ernestine Anderson Place and Starbucks at 23rd & Jackson.

Check out the website for which band plays where and when: Jackson Street Jazz Walk. Check the Find It box at bottom right to see the venues and performances.

This year, we welcome 10 performers: Eugenie Jones, Gail Pettis, Jacqueline Tabor, Sundae + J. Goessl, Rik Wright's Fundamental Forces, Jimmi Herrod, World Jam with Jim O'Halloran & Friends, Marina Christopher, Choroloco, Kate Voss, and Birch Pereira Trio and Occular Proof. There's dancing and food trucks to keep your energy up!

Jazz on Jackson: Saturday, April 1, 5-11pm.

Pratt Find Arts Open House: April 1, 6-9pm

■ *Thanks to Knox Gardner for the notification!*

SO, YOU WANNA BE PRESIDENT?

The Leschi Community Council has an opening! And it's fairly effortless... no months of campaigning, no silly birther issues (birth certificate NOT required), no income tax forms to submit, no pesky Secret Service following you around and no need to move to the other Washington!

What is needed: either you have to reside in Leschi or work in Leschi, and that you are able to attend 2 meetings a month: the General meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and the Executive Board meeting which meets within a week after the general meeting. Tradition has it that the President submits a brief message for the monthly Leschi News September through June. This is negotiable; it could be rotated among the Board members.

We also need a Vice-President and here are the job duties according to the Leschi CC bylaws:

President

The President shall: preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board; appoint executive board members; and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall: assist the president as needed; perform the duties of president in the president's absence; and act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee

We will vote at the June 7th meeting!

Ordinarily we would hold an election in May, but we must publish notice of an election two month in advance and we learned of the impending vacancies too late for notice in March.

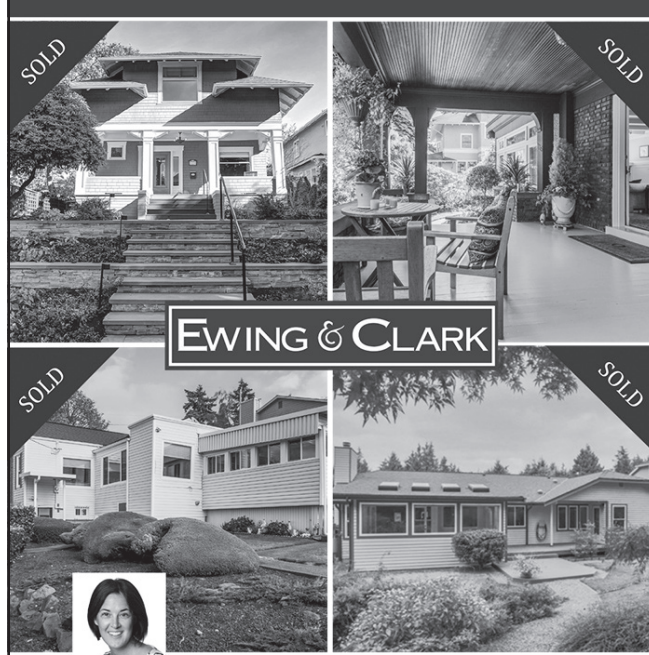
If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Yuki Igarashi at YEIgarashi@gmail.com or leschinews@comcast.net.

-Diane Snell


SUPPORT AND SUSTENANCE FOR STUDENTS AT LESCHI

"Some parents at Leschi had expressed concerns for children and families in our community who felt targeted by the rhetoric of hate surrounding the 2016 election. They wanted to show support for them visually with banners and signs. I chose to paint an inclusive image, which will then be reprinted into a large banner. In the painting, I did my best to represent the demographics of our school (accompanied by a quote by Max Ehrmann from his poem "Desiderata") in the hope that no child will ever feel that they don't belong at our school.

Ask me about real estate when you see me in Leschi!



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The kids at school were deeply affected at the time of the election. Many kids came to school fearing for the safety of their families, their friends and themselves. While they may not completely understand the political issues of today, they have absorbed the rhetoric surrounding them. They have shown a tremendous amount of resilience in the months since the election, but I felt deeply saddened by the sentiment some of them expressed - that this country, and its people, doesn't want them here. While a painting can only do so much to ease their anxiety, I hope that with proper visual representation and public support from the community, they can continue their education in peace and become agents of change in the future."

The painting is now hanging on a wall in the front of the school, and a banner will soon be hung outside of the school.

-Melissa Woodbridge
mwoodbridgeart.com

- *And another impending food emergency looms as a weeklong Spring Break occurs in April.*

SPRING BREAK FOOD EMERGENCY

Once again, Leschi Elementary needs community help! There are 87 students who need food for the spring break of April 10-14. We can use the same list that was published for the Midwinter break (see bottom of article). These needy students are able to eat both breakfast and lunch at the school when it is in session, but the weeklong school breaks are difficult; home resources are scarce.

Requested Foods List

- peanut butter
- green beans
- oatmeal
- cereal
- pasta
- rice: Basmati; sticky white
- beans: black, pinto, red
- canned tomatoes
- corn bread mix
- tuna fish
- Spaghetti O's
- ramen noodles
- crackers (saltines, Ritz)
- Nutri-Grain bars (no nuts)
- lentils

Mr. Donaldson, the Family Support Worker, is organizing this drive. There is a link to items on Amazon's site, but the list

above is more complete. (Amazon link: <http://a.co/d38xxWY>). Items you purchase elsewhere may be delivered to the school office by April 4.

This is a short window to respond but hopefully we can make a difference and thank you to Mr. Donaldson, who has been the Family Support worker for many years and has never seen the scale of needs as huge as this year. It has grown since the Mid-winter break and the staff is now working on possibilities for the summer, trying to get the kids into camps where they will get a meal during the day.

-Diane Snell

100 WOMEN WHO CARE THANK THE LESCHI NEIGHBORS

On February 1, 100 Women Who Care Greater Seattle met at Pyramid Ale House and chose the Pink Daisy Project to receive our donation. With Leschi neighbor participation, it was our largest donation to date, \$4500. What a fun evening!

We are in awe of what Debbie, who established the Pink Daisy Project, has accomplished and who continues to give support to women who have breast cancer. It is exciting to know that our donation is going directly to women in the Seattle area to help them pay for essentials, e.g. house-cleaning assistance and gift cards for gas and groceries through the Pink Daisy Project.



We are growing! Yes, our membership has grown to 46, 15 new members since our event in October of last year. That's a 50% increase! Big thanks to all the Leschi neighbors that have helped increase our membership. To date we have donated \$17,500 to 6 local charities.

Remember our motto is: ***Together we can make a big difference as women who care.***

100 women x \$100 = \$10,000 impact to a charity (we meet only 3 times/year)

Our next event is June 14 at Pyramid Ale House, 6-8 pm to vote on a charity to receive 100% of our donation. Come join us and help make us 100 strong! Check out our website, www.100womenseattle.org or visit us on Facebook. As a member, you get to nominate your favorite charities!

Any questions please contact us at:

100womenseattle@gmail.com

-Paula Rothkopf

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS WITH A BA(N)G!

Kudos to Dianne Ramsey Gayton who came up with a twist on the old Welcome Wagon basket. She has gathered information on Leschi and donations from local merchants in a Leschi Market canvas bag to present to newcomers to help them navigate their new neighborhood and introduce them to the Leschi Community Council early on. If you are a new resident or you know of someone who just moved into the neighborhood, let Dianne know and she will contact the newcomer with information on how to collect their bag of goodies. Just email Dianne at Ramsey98122@gmail.com and she'll take care of the rest.

-Diane Snell

RAINWISE LESCHI

During the past few months, I am sure you used many words to describe our weather the past few months, but perhaps "wise" was not one of them. But before you build an ark, you might want to investigate the Seattle Public Utilities RainWise program:

Rebates are offered for installing rain gardens and cisterns in targeted sewer overflow basins.

A little background on the RainWise program: During storm events, rain carries pollutants off our roofs, driveways and other hard surfaces to local creeks, Lake Washington and Puget Sound. During big storms, the sheer volume of this storm water can erode hillsides and stream banks and cause Seattle's combined sewer systems to overflow. Rain gardens and cisterns can help control this storm water, and the RainWise rebates often cover the majority of installation costs.

The Leschi neighborhood has recently been identified as a RainWise eligible basin. This means that a rebate is available for eligible homeowners interested in installing rain gardens and/or cisterns. The average rebate is around \$4,000 (or 86% of average install cost) and some installs are covered 100%.

We are hoping to spread the word in the Leschi community at a detailed RainWise information session June 13, 7pm at the Central Area Senior Center. We'll be getting a postcard out to Leschi homeowners in April/May with the details.

-Natasha Walker

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HAY FEVER HITS LESCHI!

A scanning electron microscope image of pollen grains from sunflower, morning glory, prairie hollyhock, oriental lily, evening primrose, and castor bean.

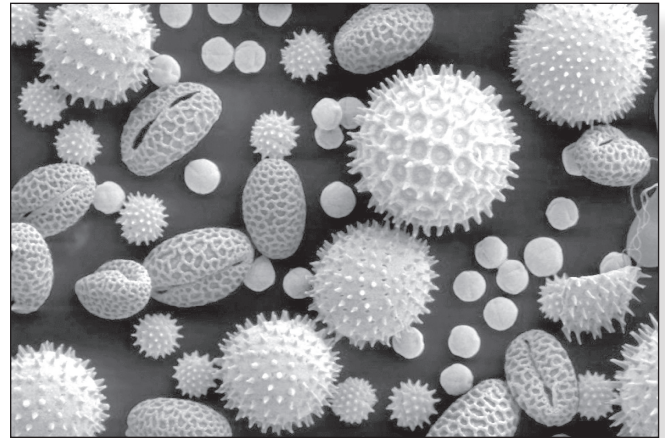


Image taken by the Dartmouth Electron Microscope Facility at Dartmouth College

The abnormally cold temperatures of the 2016-2017 winter have delayed the onset seasonal allergies for sufferers around the Leschi area, myself included. But with the blooming flowers and budding trees, we've seen these past few weeks, my seasonal allergies have once again started to flare up. Now that we are in April, hay fever season is kicking into full gear.

All allergic reactions occur when the body's immune system identifies a normally harmless substance as a hazard to the body's health. When a person is exposed to an allergen for the very first time, they do not experience an allergic reaction. However, some individuals develop antibodies to these allergens, and the next time an allergen enters the body, the antibodies produce "histamines," which then act on various areas of the body and create different types of allergic reactions.

Hay fever is the body's allergic reaction to pollen. The severity of hay fever symptoms varies among different people, but it is extremely rare for a person to go into life-threatening anaphylactic shock because they have been exposed to pollen. That's a good thing, because pollen is pretty much everywhere!

In the springtime, trees are the most common source of pollen, with cedar and maple trees being particularly notorious offenders in our neck of the woods. In summer, grasses are the



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most prevalent source of pollen, and by autumn, weeds are the main offenders. Allergies are generally worst on breezy days when lots of pollen has been knocked off plants, but if it is too windy, cleaner air from the upper atmosphere will mix down and pollen concentrations will decrease. Pollen concentrations are usually lowest if it is raining cats and dogs, as raindrops capture pollen and other aerosols and remove them from the atmosphere.

There are a variety of medications you can use to mitigate hay fever. Many are “antihistamines,” which reduce the amount of histamines your body produces so you don’t have as much of an allergic reaction. Some, like Benadryl, cause drowsiness, while others, like Claritin, keep you perfectly awake. However, in recent years, prescription nasal sprays such as Flonase have become available over-the-counter, and I’ve had better success with these. These are steroids instead of antihistamines, and are stronger and longer lasting than most antihistamines. If springtime has got you feeling under the weather, get a nasal spray, and you’ll be back to feeling better in no time!

~Charlie Phillips

Charlie Phillips, a Madrona resident, received his B.S. in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington and works in Portland as a meteorologist forecasting wind energy along the Columbia River Gorge. Check out his weather website at weathertogogether.us.

MOORAGE UPDATE

We checked in with Paul Wilkerson to see what progress, if any, has been made on the long contract negotiations with Foss. He said the main issues have been agreed upon and now it’s a matter of the little legal bits that need to be signed off on. The hope is that the contract is signed, sealed and delivered by the start of the third quarter: July 1.

Meanwhile the grant we mentioned several issues ago is still in the running for a state grant (funded by federal funds that are already secured). The grant would pay for transient moorage, which acts as a wave attenuator for the South Leschi Marina. This would act as a breakwater in this area.

Despite this long process, Paul feels optimistic about the outcome and about the current management of the three marinas (North and South Leschi, and Lakewood).

~Diane Snell

WHAT’S NEW AT THE CENTRAL? (AKA CENTRAL AREA SENIOR CENTER)

A member meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month with Director, Dian Ferguson, bringing us up to date on the doings and undoings at the Senior Center. The most disturbing news was that Program Coordinator Cory Cavazos will be leaving on March 30. Other than the Director position, the Central has only two other paid positions: the chef (part-time) and a part-time Social Worker. Currently there is not a Social Worker on board, but this position is funded by the City of Seattle and there are possibilities of sharing a Social Worker with another Senior Center. It is difficult to operate an effective center

without a Program Coordinator and other Senior Centers are fortunate to have one on staff. The problem here is that Central was “rescued” from going under by being absorbed into (then) Senior Services as a “program” of the agency and not as an independent center; this limits both independence and staffing. This is certainly a strong argument for attaining an independent status again; Cory has been a valuable asset to the Center.

The Meet and Greet event with the Mayor attracted a good audience despite snow on the ground. The “S” word usually drives down attendance, but 75-80 folks gathered to meet, greet, eat and sip. And they spoke! Big concerns were voiced about community housing needs and displacement and reviews were expressed about the “ugly” multi-family housing being built and the lack of both parking and parking enforcement.

Sound Generation sponsors Inspire Seattle, recognizing seniors whose work inspires others. Numerous nominations have been submitted by The Central. Winners will be announced at the April 20 gathering.

April classes: Improv on Mondays at 10am, and a Poetry workshop on April 24 from 10-11.

The meeting ended with a presentation by Shelf Life, the project that records memories of long-time residents of the Central District. Anyone wishing to record their memories should contact Jill Freidberg or Domonique Meeks at 206.866.6488 or just drop in. Shelf Life is located in the space next to Red Apple, formerly a Subway sandwich shop. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday 1-6.

~Diane Snell

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STREET TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Thanks to the Levy to Move Seattle, coupled with new data collection capability, we have the opportunity to engage with Seattle's street trees with an innovative approach that we believe may be of interest to you and your organization. This program is called the Street Tree Management Plan (STMP).

Of the estimated 250,000 street trees, we maintain 40,000 of them, which is no small task! The STMP aims to improve the condition of SDOT maintained street trees by the end of 2024 in a more comprehensive way. Through effective inventorying, maintenance and community involvement, we hope to ensure the health, preservation and expansion of Seattle's urban forest.

Moving into the second year of the program, we would like to engage with communities and do our part in creating and maintaining clean, healthy, resilient and safe environments.

We'd appreciate it if you could forward our 10-minute survey to any relevant listservs or member groups you may have. The survey provides an opportunity to share any thoughts on where and how SDOT should focus street tree work through 2024. In addition, we have recently launched an informational website to provide anyone who is interested with more information about our activities.

Together we will continue to keep Seattle's trees growing and thriving!

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We'd appreciate it if you could take a 10-minute survey to share your thoughts on where and how SDOT should focus street tree work through 2024. For more information, please visit the Street Tree Management Plan website. Together we will continue to Keep Seattle's trees growing and thriving!

SEATTLE SPRING CLEAN

Seattle Public Utilities annual neighborhood cleanup takes place in April and May. Gather a group to pick up litter, pull invasive weeds and paint out graffiti. SPU provides FREE supplies: trash bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste pick up and disposal. Register your group at Seattle.gov/util/SpringClean or call 206-233-7187.

And when you do our own home spring cleaning and reduce the clutter in your closets, keep in mind that even though no one else is going to want to wear your old shirts with the frayed

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collars and those pesky single socks whose mate has strayed beyond the pale, there is a home for these orphans.

The recycling of the worn garments and footwear is called Threadcycle and organizations that accept these contributions are nearby: Northwest Center, the blue truck in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, Goodwill, the Salvation Army and Value Village.

-Tips from SPU's @ Your Service publication

NATIVE BEE PROGRESS REPORT

Our Mason Bee Project continues this year with an additional bee steward participant. We now have seven households with bee blocks. Because this year's weather has been quite cool and rainy, we have just begun to put out bee cocoons, nesting blocks and shelters. We have started with the locations near the earliest flowering trees, certain plums and maples. Our excess bees again will go to Crown Bees of Woodinville to support their nationwide effort to increase the availability and use of native bees as fruit and nut pollinators.

The importance of native bees as supplementary pollinators is becoming more and more appreciated as the honeybee population has come under stress. An additional benefit flowing from native bee preservation projects is the heightened awareness they create of the dangers of the use of complex hydrocarbon compounds in home gardens.

-Jim Snell

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"Artists are like raindrops—each one. You have to recognize this as the natural role of impacting society through art." Akio Takamori

Akio Takamori

I begin by honoring ceramic artist and long time University of Washington Professor Akio Takamori. Takamori died this January but he continued to work right up to his last day. Takamori expanded the boundaries of ceramics through his sense of humor, his political engagement and his technical

virtuosity. His final show "Apology/Remorse" at the James Harris Gallery included ceramic sculptures and ink drawings of public figures apologizing, most famously Willy Brandt at the memorial to the Warsaw ghetto when he simply knelt in silence. Takamori has dressed him in a Japanese kimono.

Apparently, he got the idea for a series of works on this theme when Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan publicly apologized for Japan's acts during World War II. Akio also found photographs of a Japanese CEO apologizing in a deep bow to his employees.

How do we read these images? Are they honoring people for apologizing, exposing hypocrisy, or speaking from the artist's heart. Perhaps all three. I think of Georgia McDade's poem about the futility of apologizing. There is certainly an air of absurdity in the deep bow of the CEO, the formal gesture giving nothing to its audience but a public statement. But perhaps the theme resonated at the end of his own life (about which he certainly had nothing to apologize). There might be many interpretations.

Other works in the exhibition featured classical Venus figures with the head of a Japanese man, a timely disruption of expectations of what beauty and sexual identity signify.

Takamori was born in Japan in 1950, during the US occupation of Japan, and came here as an adult. He studied ceramics at Alfred University, the top school for ceramics in the

country. His figurative work, both small and large, mixes humor, irony and technical virtuosity. You can see one group of his figures outside Whole Foods in Seattle.

We will miss him. We need his quirky humor and defiance of expectations more than ever today.

"My interest is humanity," he told The News Tribune of Tacoma in 2006. "That doesn't change, even over a thousand years. Everyone from a 2-year-old to an old man still has love, compassion, appreciates beauty."

AKIO TAKAMORI

James Harris Gallery

February 16 – April 1

Lauren Lida

Lauren Lida's grandparents were detained during World War II at Tule Lake. As a Japanese American, this personal history has profoundly affected her art and her view of the world. Some of her work has been based on photographs from that time. She works in paper cut out, which she described to me as a meditative process. Her current exhibition includes a series of stunning works, complex and filled with imagery, that include both symbolism and specific references from her life. Her story suggests her deep feeling for those who struggle to survive, but she doesn't just feel concern, she collaborates with people who might seem to have no way forward to help them create viable lives.

Lida stopped in Cambodia in 2008 on her way to Thailand, but stayed because at that time Thailand was unsafe for tourists. But she immediately became involved through friends there in helping garbage scavengers, bringing them food and emergency aid. Then she began a business with women who had been trafficked or exploited in low wage jobs. She designed a line of women's clothing and taught the women how to sew the designs that she then sold to tourists. They all lived together in a "slummy" neighborhood as she described it. The business supported all of them for four years. That gives you an idea of what kind of person she is.

Fast forward to now and she is translating children's books into Khmer to help children to read and learn English. She also



Akio Takamori "apology," 2015, ink on paper, 40" x 32" Courtesy of James Harris Gallery



Lauren Lida in front of her paper cut out "Hold On," photograph by Susan Platt

plans to translate children's books into a local minority language in a rural area of Cambodia.

In the midst of these activities, she returned to Cornish College of the Arts to complete a degree; we can see evidence of her academic training in her figurative work. But cut out paper has more affiliation with Asia than with European art traditions. Her installation at Art Exchange Gallery until April 29 includes a net that hangs over our heads filled with symbols that represent her memories and her beliefs, as well as references to Cambodian culture. My favorite piece is "Hold On" that refers to the clothing business. A woman in the foreground holds a dress against an intricately detailed white cut out ground filled with garments.

LAUREN LIDA "HOW TO TRAP A MEMORY"

Art Exchange Gallery
March 2 – April 29, 2017

Marita Dingus

Marita Dingus, incredible transformer of thrown away trash into luminous art, filled a room with a family of almost life size somber, burdened people in her recent exhibition at Traver Gallery. In the center of the circle is Nkondi, a threatening African spirit that can harm other people. This spirit at the center of the circle is a tangle of reddish copper and other materials of that hue. Could this be a reference to our new President as an Nkondi? I think so. The evil that he spreads corresponds to the way that Nkondi works: part of the Congolese witchcraft tradition that enlists spiritual forces in order to harm others. The exhibition also included many of her small figures, but none seemed joyful. We are in trying times. If you want to see Marita's joyful phase go to the Douglass Truth Library and view her giant copper babies flying across the wall.



Marita Dingus, "The Gathering,"
installation at Traver Gallery,
photograph by Susan Platt

MARITA DINGUS "THE GATHERING"

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A COMMUNITY "MUST READ"

Leschi resident Paula Rothkopf (100 Women Who Care) recommends *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Paula considers this book a must read to understand what is happening in our communities.

THE WONDERS OF MOSS (REALLY!)

Book Review: *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Oregon State University Press, 168 pages.

The rain fell here in February, and fell and fell, overflowing sewage treatment plants, flooding basements and dampening even the heartiest of human spirits. But some things are happy for the deluge. Look around and see the verdant energy of the native and urban mosses.

In her new book detailing the wonders of moss, Robin Kimmerer takes readers from the Adirondacks to the Amazon, from Oregon to Wisconsin, as she introduces readers to this vital organism, which populates the boundary layer between the earth's surface and atmosphere.

There is much to be learned about moss. It has no roots and receives all its nutrients from water. It gathers in cracks and fissures, sometimes living alone, sometimes in concert with other mosses. It provides shelter to seeds, and is scattered by chipmunks and human footsteps. There are 22,000 species of moss. And consider their reproductive choices: mosses might reproduce sexually, asexually, as well as by cloning themselves. And they can survive for months, even years, on a lab shelf, desiccated, in an anabiotic state only to return to life as we know



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it, with a few drops of water. And who knew that sphagnum moss can absorb 20 to 40 times its weight in water, and was used for diapers before Pampers?!

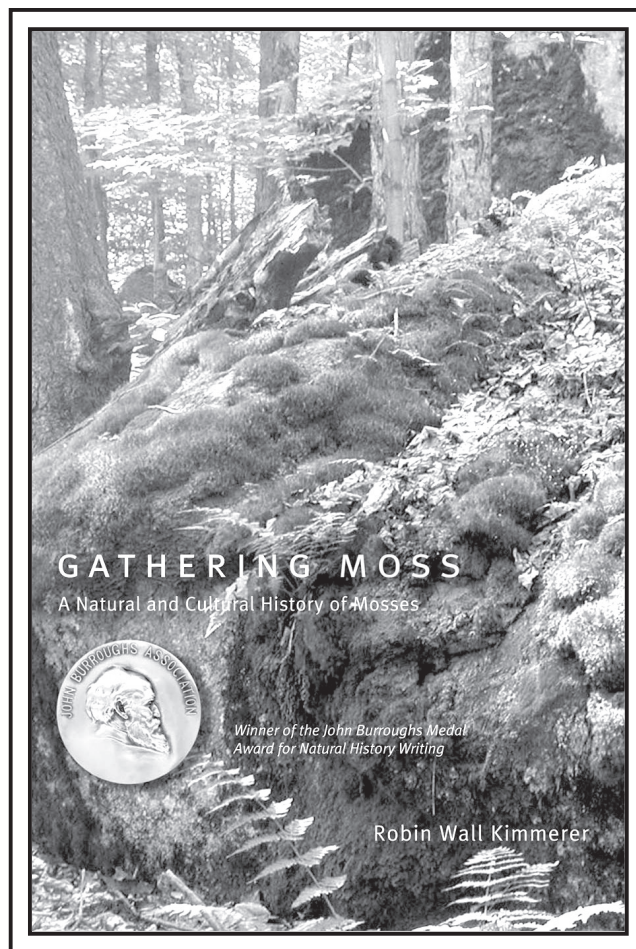
Far more than a collection of facts about moss, Kimmerer's thoughtful and wide-ranging essays touch on her native heritage, her neighbors, and her family and students, weaving together the scientific, the spiritual, and the social. Her work received a well-deserved John Burroughs Medal Award for Natural History Writing. Its gift is its graceful widening of our knowledge and our perception of the world around us.

And for those of you who, like me, want to know about the moss on your rooftop:

Roofing professionals have led homeowners to believe that mosses lead to degradation of the shingles and eventually to leaks.... Allegedly, the moss rhizoids penetrate tiny cracks in the shingles and accelerate their deterioration. However, there is no scientific evidence to support or refute this claim. It seems unlikely that microscopic rhizoids could pose a serious threat to a well-built roof. One technical representative from a shingle company acknowledges that he's never seen any damage by mosses. A mossy roof can actually protect shingles from the cracking and curling caused by intense exposure to the sun.

Support Neighborhood Businesses: Gathering Moss is carried by Third Place Books in Seward Park, www.thirdplacebooks.com. Call ahead to be sure there is a copy on the shelf: 206-474-2200.

~Anne Depue



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APRIL SHOWERS LESCHI WITH NEW WINE

Spring has arrived! Along with the longer days and gradually rising temperatures comes NEW WINE. Just a smattering of new arrivals are featured this month, so be sure to come into the store to see what else is new.

RED

2013 Château Fortia Tradition Châteauneuf-du-Pape (\$36.99)

"This Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the total expression of the power of symphony. With each mouthful, you sense the release of the most beautiful sonorities. This wine draws its power and mellowness, its color and its solidity from the three principal grape varieties - Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre." -Vinous / Antonio Galloni, 90-points.

2015 Kevin White Red Blend Yakima Valley (\$16.79)

Woodinville winemaker Kevin White, who works full time at Microsoft, was in 2015 named by Seattle Magazine as the "Winemaker to Watch." He has created quite a stir by releasing a red Rhône-style wine priced under \$20.00, which easily competes with wines at twice that price. 31% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre. 44% Syrah, 31% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre. Cases Produced: 375." -Winemaker notes.

WHITE

2015 Villa Sparina Gavi di Gavi Italy (\$14.99)

"A dense and layered white with dried pineapple and peach character. Medium to full body. Bright and layered finish. Love the richness and density with freshness. Drink now." - James Suckling, 92-points.

2015 Grand Fief de la Cormeraie Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 'Sur Lie' (\$13.99)

The term 'sur lie' sorts the wheat from the chaff in the world of Muscadet. An extended period of lees contact after fermentation leads to a greater complexity of flavor and character. With ripe fruit aromas, a pleasant richness and fine minerality, this is a classic Loire white. Bottled with a slight natural spritz to help retain freshness.



PINK

2016 Tranche Pink Pape Estate Rosé Blackrock Vineyard Yakima Valley (\$14.99)

"Pale salmon in color with a light pink hue. Delicate aromas of rose petal, white peach and honeydew, with lifted notes of sweet pink grapefruit and lemon peel. The wine falls effortlessly onto the palate as light mountain berry and stone fruit flavors combine with fresh citrus qualities and a crushed river rock minerality. Driving acidity provides excellent focus and direction, drawing out the palate to a lingering, mouthwatering finish. A blend of Grenache, Counoise and Cinsault."

2016 Miradou Rosé Côtes de Provence (\$11.19)

Miradou Rosé de Provence from the heart of Provence is quickly becoming a rising favorite among wine lovers in America, yet has long been enjoyed in bistros, cafes and restaurants throughout the south of France. Why, because the wine is food friendly, it's the "gold standard" of Rosé de Provence quality. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault.

2016 Barnard Griffin of Sangiovese Rosé Columbia Valley (\$10.59)

"Mouthwatering raspberry, orange and pomegranate flavors are balanced by the perfect amount of juicy acidity. Dry, tangy and vibrant! Just a touch of lime and mineral notes checks in on the long finish. Taste for yourself why Barnard Griffin Roses have won eleven Best of Class and numerous gold awards at prestigious wine competitions since our first Rose release in 2002." - Winemaker 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.



...in the Wilds of Seattle

A LEISURELY STROLL THROUGH THE LESCHI MARKET

Our own neighborhood market has often saved me from driving long distances for items not found at all markets. I once called and spoke to someone in the produce area and sure enough, they had watercress, which was a big part of the recipe I was tackling.

I appreciate the fact that they carry really good bread like Grand Central and Macrina; I'm addicted to good French breads, but if you want a nice change, the Macrina cider wheat bread makes great sandwiches. Their bagels are much better than the packaged variety, but I do wish they carried the Zen or Everything bagel.

You can't go wrong with their coffee selection: Stumptown is a favorite.

The produce department is small, but it seems to have everything (i.e. the aforementioned watercress!) and they have a respectable organic section. We recently bought some Tahoe mandarin oranges, which were delicious, and we didn't even know of this variety before seeing them at the Market.

I spotted empanadas in the pre-made sandwich case and Yousef grabbed a veggie and cheese one for me, knowing that I would not want the chicken. That was my unexpected lunch that day, nuked it for 40 seconds, waited the obligatory one-minute and enjoyed! The cheese is cream cheese, which holds the veggies together (black beans, corn, roasted tomatoes, quinoa, green onions and raisins (OK; not a veggie but a nice source of B vitamins.) It's a Chilean recipe and it's made by Rapa Nui Foods. Where else would you find this?

Another impulse buy: I no longer make desserts unless we are having company...there is always too much for 2 people. But I found a 4-inch cake made by Montlake Mousse: Pineapple Coconut Macadamia Nut Carrot Cake. Almost as good as my recipe, but I don't use Macadamia Nuts, so it was an interesting experience. (This is a local company, which states that all its desserts are made in the shadow of Husky stadium! They started out making Chocolate Mousse only; now there are many different cakes available as well. Desserts are sold in several markets around town, including Leschi Market.) Non-GMO ingredients; you can actually understand every ingredient listed in the cake and the only things you might not have in the pantry are the macadamia nuts, unless you have recently been to Hawaii.

And then there's Menno's Indonesian Peanut Sauce-Dip. My husband discovered this when he encountered a person offering tastes of this delicious dip on bits of celery. He brought a 9 oz. container home and we found some veggies to dip into it. Husband's review: it even makes vegetables taste good. Although I love this kind of food, he is still

a little suspicious of veggies that have crunch in them. His mother prepared green beans by starting early in the morning and cooking them all day with a hunk of meat. Menno's is made in Bellevue and all the ingredients are easy to pronounce and understand...no long chemical names that make you wish you remembered more of your high school chemistry class.

Homemade sausages, which my husband loves, and great cheeses, which we both love! They carry the Cougar Gold cheese from WSU; it is so good but so big that it isn't a wise purchase for just the two of us...but for a large family gathering? Go for it!

I won't bother to talk about the wine selections as Ken Benner does a much better job than I can. But they do carry non-alcoholic ginger beer, which is a current favorite of mine.

We should really appreciate this market; it could be a little Mom & Pop operation with rather mundane products, heavy on the junk food but it's not! It can meet your needs without traveling out of the neighborhood. And Leschi Market is a big supporter of the Leschi Community Council. Check out the revamped website; Leschi Market bought our first online ad which appears on the home page: www.leschicommunitycouncil.org.

-Diane Snell



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LCC EXEC. BOARD MEETING 3/8/17

Minutes: approved by email

EXECUTIVE ACTION: Yuki Igarashi appointed Janet Oliver to complete Amy Fink's position as treasurer. Amy resigned on 1/11/17 and turned over the records last week. Janet will be in this position until the May 2018 elections.

YUKI: Open Positions By May, both President and Vice President positions will be open due to Yousef's resignation and Yuki's intention to leave after one year. Notice of a vote to fill these positions needs to be posted in both the April and May issues with the election being held in June rather than May to fulfill the two-month public notice bylaw.

WEBSITE: Yousef has had to resign as family illnesses make it impossible for him to attend meetings. He plans to continue his involvement with the website; Leschi Market has taken the first ad which appears on the Home page.

LURC: Jeff Floor reported that the Midtown purchase fell through; the PR person for the housing portion said that the family withdrew their contract to buy. Africatown is still interested and has some backing from Forterra. LURC is studying HALA and developing a community position; they are considering a community program and we tentatively agreed on May but would need the larger room at the Senior Center. Diane to pursue this with Dian Ferguson.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Diane. April deadline is March 20. She will be notifying advertisers that space is available on the website. She is working with Janet to determine the restricted funds and notify the chairs. April program: Bob Shimabukuro and his book *Born in Seattle* and his fight to get government redress for the Japanese relocation during WWII.

WELCOME "BAG": Leschi CC member Dianne Ramsey Gayton wants to welcome new residents with a goody bag of merchant info and Leschi CC info. Leschi Market has supplied the canvas shopping bags and the merchants at the lake are enthusiastically supporting the program with discount coupons, etc. Dianne will put the current issue of the Leschi News in the bag and invites folks to attend the next Leschi meeting to collect their goody bag. Board unanimously voted to support the program.

*April issue deadline: 3/20/17

*Will work with Janet to determine restricted funds and notify chairs.

*Will send info to advertisers on website ads now that site is live.

* Sent renewal letters to lapsed dues folks; still receiving renewals and some donations 2013-2015.

APRIL PROGRAM: Bob Shimabukuro re: his book *Born in Seattle* and his fight to get government redress for the Japanese relocation during WWII.

DONATION POLICY: Diane feels we need to develop a donation policy and she proposed we give some funds to LURC for copying. Yuki suggested that Diane draft something for the next Board meeting and Jeff will check with LURC about how to receive funds.

MAY PROGRAM: This should be our Annual meeting with recap of accomplishments and awarding the Leschi Star to deserving individuals. It was decided to move the annual meeting to June to coincide with the election of new officers and to use May for the HALA program.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: are we going to go ahead with this? Jeff will connect with Madrona's Susan Minogue on this. A larger field is needed; the plan to use the space by Leschi Tennis courts is far too small.

-Respectfully submitted by Diane Snell

EASTPAC MEETING 3/23/17

The East Precinct has hired a Crime Prevention Coordinator, Felicia Cross. Felicia has been heading up the African-American Advisory Council and she will step down from that position to avoid a conflict of interest. The East Precinct has long wanted to fill this position, which deals with training on personal safety, and making your home safer as well as helping neighborhoods establish block watches.

Captain Paul McDonagh reported that crime is down 25% as compared to the first 3 months of last year. Some specific crimes like domestic violence are up (4%).

Most of the discussion centered on shots fired. There were shots fired at 23rd & Cherry and 23rd & Union and although no one was stopped, police indicate that history compels them to believe this is gang related and often related to girlfriend issues. It became rather interesting when the person next to me showed me their phone and said shots were just fired at 23rd & Union as we were discussing the issue! The Captain was able to relate the actual event however; the police had apprehended a felon and the big noise was the police setting off one of their own flash bang devices.

Another issue brought up by attendees concerned treatment of a woman stopped at a demonstration against gentrification; protesters said that five policemen were holding her down and her shirt had been removed. The Captain said they forcibly detained her as she drove into a policeman on the scene and perhaps her shirt was ripped in the process, but he had not been aware of that.

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Sara, owner of 701 Café, is holding a meeting Saturday (3/25) at 4pm at her shop to discuss two issues: 1-Shots fired and 2-Deplorable rhetoric during protests; she gave examples which were truly deplorable, many of which were racist. She also had concerns about cars parking in the ARCO lot at 2am carrying on what looked like drug activity.

Recurring questions: how to get more police in the East Precinct? Captain McDonagh said that the Mayor is committed to hiring more police, but it takes a good 18 months for training.

~Diane Snell



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APR 1 Leschi Natural Area work party, 9am-3pm. Lunch & tools provided. 36th & Terrace.

APR 1 Jackson Street Jazz Walk, 5-11pm. More information on page 4.

APR 1 Pratt Fine Arts Center Open House, 6-9pm. Live music, hands-on art making, food, drink. Free and open to the public!

APR 5 Leschi Community Council Meeting, 7pm at the Senior Center. See cover.

APR 6 ArtWalk planning meeting at Blu Water Bistro, 3pm. Open to all interested persons.

APR 8 Seattle Neighborhood Coalition at 9am, The Central (Breakfast: \$14)

APR 12 Leschi CC Executive Board Meeting, 7pm at Iora Primary Care, 306 23rd Ave. between Yesler & Jackson; driveway entrance on Main.

APR 13 Central Area Neighborhood District Council, 6pm, The Central 500 30th Ave. S

APR 21 Green Dolphin Street Lounge featuring Elnah Jordan, 6-9pm. Admission is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for lifetime members if reserved in advance. \$25 at door. Refreshments. No Host bar. The Central (Senior Center) 500-30th Ave. S.

APR 22 String of Pearls work party, 10am-12pm. Dearborn & Lake Washington Blvd.

APR 27 EastPAC meeting at Chardin Hall, 6:30pm. Seattle U. Parking off Jefferson past 12th on right.

MAY 6 Join EarthCorps for a weed-pulling (invasive ivy & blackberry) event in Frink Park, 10am.

Contact Darcy Thompson
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