OUR MAY COMMUNITY MEETING

May 3 at 7pm

We will be joined by Greg Spotts, the Director of the Dept of Transportation. We’ll discuss topics relevant to Leschi, including speeding on Lakeside Ave and Lake Washington Blvd, concerns about disregard for stop signs, the plan for lane closures on Lake WA Blvd, and more.

Please email leschicouncil@gmail.com with your questions and concerns to inform the meeting agenda.

Grace Methodist Church
722 30th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

We will meet in the LARGE meeting room downstairs.

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Hello Fellow Leschi Neighbors,

Well, let’s hope the April showers bring May flowers. Every so often we get a whisper of spring. Our flowering trees are late this year. They even delayed the Tulip Festival this year. Here’s to sunshine to warm up the buds to flower in a spectacular fashion.

The May meeting is a must-attend. We will be having a discussion, question and answer session, and a forum to bring up your concerns. Please have any questions formulated, so we can present to the moderator. The LCC monthly meetings will be moving to an agenda/timed meeting schedule to move more effectively for our guests and audiences.

Our Safety Committee is expanding, and we appreciate Ashley’s agreement to head up this committee. Again, if you would like to participate in any way, please join us. It has been apparent this is a subject of great interest in our community.

Sunday, we did a walk-about at the Leschi Park to discuss various potential sites, along with Yousef Shulman of the Shulman family who have owned the Leschi Market for 70+ years. There is a report in this issue of the Leschi News that is a synopsis of that gathering.

Please remember to submit someone in who exemplifies the community spirit and submit for The Leschi Star Award to leschinews@comcast.net. We will be awarding the Stars at our monthly meeting in June.

Finally, we have started work on the Leschi ArtWalk this year. Our first meeting was held Thursday, April 13 at BluWater. Our next meeting is April 27 at BluWater at 3pm; our May meetings will be May 11 and May 25 (same time, same place). We will have artist applications for booths in the next couple of weeks. We will post on our Facebook page and our website. Help a little, help a lot, refer artists—get involved.

I appreciate the talented individuals I serve with on the Board of the LCC. A shout out to Diane Snell (and husband Jim), John Barber, Yun Pitre, Lawrence Pitre, Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Matthias Linnenkamp and Ashley Martin, his wife. These people serve out of a sense of community, giving back and they are awesome.

Kind regards,
Janice Merrill Brown  
President, Leschi Community Council

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.” —Frank Maguire
Several neighbors raised concerns to board members of the Leschi Community Council (LCC) about its stated support for a picnic shelter to be built in Leschi Park in honor of Steve Shulman.

We, the board, want to clarify the LCC’s role in supporting a memorial and the position the board has taken.

1. The board is in unanimous support of creating a memorial to honor Steve Shulman.

2. Until recently, there was one concrete proposal that was put forward for the memorial, which was a picnic shelter. John Barber, as the Leschi Community Council’s Chair of the Parks Committee, has been working as a liaison between the community, the Parks Department, and the Friends of Steve Shulman to facilitate the exploration of this project. As such, we have in several board meetings referred to the memorial as the “picnic shelter” and discussed how to establish one. The board and council meeting minutes reflect this. This has understandably led to the impression that the board endorses a picnic shelter. The board has NOT voted and has not formally endorsed a proposal.

3. The board’s and the committee chair’s role are to help facilitate community engagement. At a later date, the community engagement process may lead to a vote by the Leschi Community Council (not the board) on which memorial proposal to support. All dues-paying members are eligible to vote when that time comes. The Seattle Parks Department, when evaluating the proposal, may consider the council’s vote.

4. The board and the LCC’s Parks Committee plan to continue the community engagement efforts. If you feel you have an idea on how to memorialize Steve Shulman, please share your idea in writing to the council at leschicouncil@gmail.com. We are here to help and to share your proposal with the community. Please keep in mind that any idea will ultimately need the support of Yousef Shulman, the Friends of Steve Shulman, and Leschi community members.

In a most recent effort, information and ideas gathered from the park walk-through on April 16 will be used as a starting point to develop a forward action plan to refine the memorial concepts and work toward a vote by the LCC Council that is discussed in point #3 above.

5. We will continue to provide updates on our efforts to engage the community in creating a memorial for Steve Shulman in the Leschi News, in community council meetings, and through our email communications. We encourage you to sign up for our email communications by sending an email to leschicouncil@gmail.com.

~Your Leschi Community Council Board

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In appreciation for the great Leschi News and your help with the kitty, I want to join the Council and continue to get the paper.

Thank you, David Loud.
**LESCHI PARK SHULMAN**

**Background:** Not too long after Steve passed away, friends and family wanted to memorialize his commitment to the community by developing a picnic shelter in Leschi Park.

At first, the Friends of Steve Shulman wanted to locate the structure close to the store. But, when they approached the Parks Department with the idea, Parks said that is not a good location because of the storm water underground drainage situation. Parks suggested another location, next to the South Leschi Moorage, on a flat area between the sidewalk and the street, close to parking.

However, at three neighborhood discussions the Lakeside Ave location was sidelined: too close to the middle of the night gunshot and loud party activities, too close to a busy street, and too close to the water—hazardous to small children.

We decided to look at other locations mainly in the middle of the park at the walk through of the park on April 16. Several areas were brought up in the neighborhood meetings: near the store, in the middle of the park, in the playfield by the tennis courts, and by the swings in a small area above—been brought up in the neighborhood meetings.

Also at the meetings, there was pro and con discussion about picnic shelters and whether some other concept is better. Some neighbors reported that they had encounters with bad behavior at existing picnic shelters and feared misuse by homeless or late night partiers. However, many in the meetings indicated that they nearly always had good encounters and considered picnic shelters as positive assets for community and family get-togethers. Police and Parks were positive about the value of picnic shelters and good for public safety. So, we will consider both picnic shelter concepts and other concepts.

**Walk through:** A big thank you to everyone for joining the Leschi Park walk through in inclement weather!

The discussion and sharing of ideas were very good.

Now, it is really important to gather the Straw Poll information so that we can document where we are at this point in the process.

*If you haven’t sent in your ballot, please take 2-3 minutes to fill it out and take a photo.*

Email photo to leschicouncil@gmail.com. Results will be compiled and shared in the near future.

Many thanks,

Christine Rossen, John Barber and Yousef Shulman

**ONE SEATTLE DAY OF SERVICE**

The second annual One Seattle Day of Service is scheduled for May 20.

Per Mayor Bruce Harrell, “We know that neighbors want to be part of the solution to help us build a thriving, beautiful city, and we can all play a part in creating a better Seattle. The One Seattle Day of Service is a time to turn our shared values of inclusion, unity, and cooperation into real action to drive tangible improvements for the place we love and call home.”

Volunteer activities include:

- Cleaning and beautification – collecting trash, removing graffiti, building repair, and painting
- Gardening and restoration – weeding, planting, storm drain protection, and trail repair
- Helping neighbors in need – grocery packing, donation organizing, and tiny home construction

**Powell Barnett Park One Seattle Day of Service**

Location: Powell Barnett Park  
Address: 352 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Seattle, WA 98122  
Shifts: 10am–noon and noon–2pm  
Tasks: Mulching tree rings and natural area maintenance  
Gloves and equipment provided. All ages!

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As of this writing, more than 110 events have been scheduled. Close to home, volunteers can register to work from one to three hours gardening and cleaning at the MLK Jr. Memorial and the S. Judkins street end, or tackling litter in the Central District (meeting at Temple Pastries). Please register in advance as there are limited spots and supplies at many events: dayofservice@seattle.gov.

Note: volunteers can waive unpaid ticket fines owed to Seattle Municipal Court with their service hours, up to $56 for three hours.

-Litter Brigade

The date has been moved to May 20 to coordinate with the Seattle One Day of Service. Meet at Temple Pastries, 2524 S Jackson, #104, at 10. Temple actually faces the side street. All tools will be supplied as well as coffee and pastries! 10–12pm.

-Restoration Groundwork in Old-Growth

Seward Park’s Old-Growth Forest has some bare ground—from overuse, and from the sword fern die-off.

We are going to move a LOT of mulch to one such bare area: about 150(!) wheelbarrow round trips on a gentle, flat trail. We need your help.

We will plant this large bare ground area next winter. Mulching deeply now, before the summer starts, will prepare the ground for that planting.

May 6 from 10am–2pm. Open to the public, all ages ok.

Meet at the southern terminus of the Sqeeqentsed trail, where it intersects the upper loop road at Seward Park. Parallel park along the upper loop road, near the trail head.

The development of CEDAR was made possible through a grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Contact/Questions: Paul Shannon (paul.thurmond.shannon@gmail.com)

-A Night to Remember!

Save May 19 for an evening of jazz, blues as the talented Elnah Jordan takes the mic at the Central Area Senior Center’s Green Dolphin event. Award winning singer and actress, Ms. Jordan began singing in church and expanded her repertoire as she expanded her appearances far beyond the church.

No host bar and free nibbles await. Call the Senior Center for advance tickets: 206 726.4926.

-Update from Leschi Elementary

Things are finally getting back to a truer normal in terms of our annual events, and we were happy to celebrate with the “Night in the Stars” Family Dance on April 28. Special thanks to the 5th grade student leadership team, and parent Kelly Smith, for organizing the dance.

As always, we greatly appreciate our community partners. After a three-year hiatus the Golden Grads were able to stage our Spring Fundraising Concert on April 29, featuring the Butch Harrison Band. Special thanks to Barney Hilliard for all of his hard work organizing the event.

Also, a big thanks to Bluwater Bistro, who concluded their winter fundraising drive and presented the school with a $10,000 check to help cover the cost of essential reading and math tutors in 2023-2024!

Our annual Jog-a-thon will be May 17! Please check out the website to see how to contribute.

Keep up to date on upcoming events and news by visiting leschies.seattleschools.org or facebook.com/leschischool.

To support our school, classrooms, and community programs for the remainder of the school year please see: leschies.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/fundraising.

-Welcome Madrona Farmers’ Market!

The beloved Madrona Farmers Market returns to the Grocery Outlet parking lot on Friday, May 12, just in time to purchase a beautiful bouquet for Mother’s Day! In addition to the glorious flowers and fresh produce, you will find Wilson’s Fish, La Pasta, Tamale My Life, Papa Tony’s Hot Sauce, King’s (fresh!) Mozzarella and a new Bakery: Puddles. But before you start dreaming of croissants, Puddles is a bakery for dogs and cats. Fido and Fluffy deserve a gourmet treat too. Every Friday 3-7pm till October.

-Diane Snell

-Benson Wilder
**TREE CARE**

In her recent article, “You might be responsible for a Seattle street tree and not know it,” science and environment reporter Hannah Weinberger wrote the following in the April 12, 2023, edition of Crosscut Weekly:

“While trees on Seattle streets and in rights of way are technically on public access property, they are almost always the legal responsibility of adjacent property owners. The city’s Department of Transportation regulates the right of way, but it manages only the trees it is documented as having planted, leaving homeowners to figure out the bulk of tree care.”

The article further offers: “If you’re a property owner, there are two ways to know if you are responsible for street tree care: Call a city arborist, or reference a little-known online map of documented street trees in Seattle that lists who’s responsible for each individual tree.”

The map of street trees can be accessed here: https://seattlecitygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a7072fca326c4ef39a0f031961ebace6

The article summarizes the latest in Seattle tree policy and is a good starting point for property owners wondering about the arboreal wonders in our neighborhood.

-Anne Depue

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**WESTERN TRILLIUM**

Sometimes known as wake robin because of its informal announcement of spring, trillium can be sighted from now through June along the paths in Frink Park and the natural areas in Madrona.

According to Green Seattle Partnerships (which should not be held liable for any harm to readers who choose to experiment):

“Many Pacific Northwest tribes (Karok, Lummi, Paiute, and others) have used the juice from the plants as a remedy for boils and sore eyes. A decoction of fresh or dried corms have been used as an eye wash. An infusion of roots has been used as a wash for sore eyes.

Pollination happens thanks to native bumble bees, moths, and beetles. The resulting fruit is fleshy and berrylike; the seeds evolved to have fleshy elaiosomes whose nutritious proteins and fats attract muscular ants who carry the seeds back home to feed their young. After the food is consumed, they toss the still viable seed and, voila! Seed dispersal accomplished.”

- Anne Depue

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**BUSES, BEARS AND ARMS**

Our housemate’s Alaskan cousin recently stayed with us while her father was being treated at Harborview—the nearest Level 1 Trauma Center if you live in Alaska. He was flown here in a chartered Learjet, an example of the Gubmint most Alaskans hate doing something they love as well as Seattleites helping Alaskans, rather than just catching their fish.

Our house guest regaled us with stories of living with ursine neighbors—or at least with bears in the woods. Bearing arms at all times was apparently the solution.

She was, however, nervous about riding the bus which runs directly from Harborview to a few blocks from our home, those experiencing homelessness being much scarier from her perspective than bears experiencing fishlessness.

As I feel the years bear down, I’m more concerned about driving in the dark than who else might be lurking out there. Fortunately, our local bus service provides direct connections to pretty much all our world-class downtown cultural venues.

The #27 goes from the heart of Leschi to Pioneer Square, connecting with many north/south routes and light rail en route. If you’re prepared to walk a few blocks north to the end of Madrona Drive, you can catch my first choice, the #2, which takes you to Capitol Hill, Town Hall, The Frye, Benaroya Hall, The Triple Door, SAM, The Paramount & 5th Ave Theatres, The Moore, Jazz Alley (my favorite), The Seattle Center, McCaw Hall and Climate Pledge Arena, where I recently joined 20,000 Springsteen fans for the world’s greatest karaoke night. It also runs until past most folks’ bedtimes—even Bruce’s?!

As for danger—I’d feel much more scared being driven in the dark by an old lady with a gun.

-Malcolm Harker

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**LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI**

Hugo says hello.

Back in 2005, in the prime of the Venezuelan revolution and President Hugo Chavez, my sweetheart and I visited there to get a sense of what was going on. A friend of ours said to say hello to Hugo. (We didn’t meet him but saw him live on TV.) On a tour led by guides well connected to the deep changes happening in society in that era, we were immersed among people at the grassroots experimenting with new forms of cooperation and social change. For us, it was a rare opportunity to experience optimism about a nation moving forward. Unfortunately, Chavez, who enabled the forces of progressive change, died early, and his successors were not well suited to continue the progress.
But that’s not what I came to tell you about. (Apologies to Arlo Guthrie.) I came to talk about the wonderful street food we discovered. Cachapas—Venezuelan corn pancakes—were one highlight of our visit. Cooked on something like a crepe pan, they were covered with soft cheese, folded over, and eaten on the go. Once we were back home, I did my best to reverse-engineer them. My version is not identical, but it has worked for brunch in Leschi most Sundays since. This is us living happily ever after.

I got to thinking about writing this down while watching the engaging series “The First Lady” on the Showtime channel. (You can sign up for a free one-month subscription on the Showtime website.) It’s about three women staying true to themselves while thrust into the spotlight. Eleanor Roosevelt and Betty Ford rebelled against being encouraged to concentrate on household pursuits. By the time of the Obamas, it wasn’t quite as severe for Michelle, though Barack’s advisors were happier when she parlayed her interest in the White House Garden into a campaign for nutritious foods, lowering her visibility on policy issues. Even Hillary Clinton (not profiled in this series) raised a ruckus when she announced that she is not the “Stand by your man” type; eventually she had to submit to publishing her recipe for cookies.

All this talk about food is making me hungry, so let’s cut to my recipe.

**Ingredients (serves two):**
- ¾ cup masa harina (corn flour), including about a tablespoon of corn meal mixed in
- Two large eggs
- One cup milk
- One teaspoon salt
- One pound organic frozen corn kernels, thawed (Trader Joe’s is my preference)

Measure the corn flour and corn meal into a mixing bowl. Sprinkle a couple tablespoons of corn kernels into the flour.

In a blender or food processor, mix the eggs, milk, salt, and remaining corn kernels (most of the pound).

When the mix is smooth, pour it into the flour and stir well.

Pre-heat an electric griddle to 350 degrees. If you don’t have a griddle, pre-heat a 10” lightly oiled cast-iron frying pan on medium heat.

On the griddle, I use 3 or 4 heaping tablespoons of batter per pancake. You will have to make them smaller in a frying pan. Cook 5-10 minutes, until the bottom is firm and getting darker, though not yet burned. Flip and repeat. When done, they’ll still be a bit moist and soft on the inside.

**Serving suggestion:** Slit the pancakes horizontally with a sharp knife. Insert thin slices of your favorite cheese. I like extra-sharp Cabot cheddar (Trader Joe’s) with a bit of pepper jack. For variety, use a creamy cheese like Mascarpone or crème fraiche.

If you have a crepe pan, you could try a full-size 8” or 9” pancake. When it’s cooked, cover it with soft cheese, fold it over, and eat it like a real Venezuelan. But I recommend first honing your skill on the smaller cakes.

Best served on a sunny morning overlooking Lake Washington.

It’s Hugo saying “Hey, back at ya.” And it’s gluten free!

~Roger Lippman

*The author writes monthly about Leschi history and his experiences over his 47 years in the neighborhood.*
THE CONTROVERSIAL
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Columbus identifies towns, schools, streets, rivers, playgrounds, and more sites across North America. In the Pacific Northwest the explorer’s name was re-shaped to accommodate our region’s great path-to-the-sea: the Columbia River. Common usage of the name Columbus has blurred the life and accomplishments of an individual Whose life was full, controversial, and epochal. The Columbia River, roaring, seeping and falling across western Canada and the United States, is more than a water source. It is a sculptor.

From Genoa, Italy to Washington State, U.S.A.—and a thousand stops in between — the name of soil and rock, a unique tourist attraction and a meandering highway. It holds a story: the life of a man and his time.

In 1953, the world, and especially North America, celebrated the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’ “discovery” of the North American continent. Indigenous people were established and powerful in the America at that time, and other great civilizations had previously arisen and disappeared. But because our river and Far Corner were late to these great events, it’s appropriate to take a closer look at Columbus the person.

Several years ago, two influential artistic and historical events came on the scene. First was a film called “1492: Conquest of Paradise,” starring French actor Gerard Depardieu and directed by American Ridley Scott. Second was publication of Admiral of the Ocean Sea, the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Christopher Columbus by Samuel Eliot Morison.

What did Christopher Columbus look like? Morison tracked down descriptions of him, as did researchers for the film. In physical appearance he was taller than the average man of his era. Most contemporary observers wrote that he was red-headed, ruddy-complexioned, blue-eyed, and had high cheekbones.

Columbus’ son Ferdinand noted that his father’s hair turned white by age 30. Ferdinand also described his father’s strict religiosity—Roman Catholic of course. Las Casas, the first Catholic priest to be ordained in the New World, and who knew the Admiral in Hispaniola (today’s Dominican Republic) in 1500, offers similar statements, adding that he was “affable” in general conversation, but could be forceful in negotiation.

Las Casas also observed that Columbus was intent on teaching local Natives the Christian faith.

Columbus’ family tree has modest origins, as author Morison writes, from “fifteen or twenty notarial records and municipal documents.” It seems clear, according to Morison, that Columbus came from illiterate Genovese stock, mostly weavers, clothiers, and cheese mongers. His name was likely taken from the story of St. Christopher, familiar to every child in the Middle Ages. The fact that he was raised a strict Catholic, and carried the name of the saint of travelers, might have been more than coincidental to his future.

Although Morison does not accept the possibility that Columbus may have come from Jewish antecedents, he nevertheless speculates on the matter. Columbus certainly knew of the Spanish and Portuguese laws expelling Jews from the Iberian Peninsula, which were promulgated during his time. Also, as an ambitious and intelligent man, Columbus was aware that his professional hopes relied on showing an obvious and unwavering fealty toward the dominant Roman Catholic faith.

Tyrannical methods to subjugate aboriginal peoples were introduced by Columbus’ men, and many who followed, and these outrages were rationalized by cries of “saving” ignorant heathens. If political terror was invented by anyone, it was likely the founders and implementers of the Spanish Inquisition.

In some ways, Columbus’s life suggests a permanent connection to North America, including the Pacific Northwest. Despite his humble origins, he succeeded as a professional sailor, negotiator, and commander. He may have been a member of a persecuted race — a Jew — in a time when death or expulsion for that circumstance could have been his reward. He was a pioneer, the first to cross an endless sea that had defied and frightened scores of brave and well-educated men before him. Lastly, his skill as a navigator was without peer.

Biographer Morison, himself an experienced sailor (an Admiral), wrote that Christopher Columbus “proved to be the greatest navigator of his age, and enabled him to train… captains and pilots… who would explore the world for decades thereafter.” It’s not surprising that the name Columbus emerges in the Pacific Northwest in many forms, including the winding, nurturing, beautiful Columbia River.

~Junius Rochester

Junius Rochester, whose family has shaped the city for many generations, is an award-winning Northwest historian and author of numerous books about Seattle and other places.

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TRIBUTES: BLACK PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES GRACE SEATTLE SITES

Anyone who loves Seattle or wants to know its history has been given a great gift—Tributes: Black People Whose Names Grace Seattle Sites by Mary T. Henry. This new treasure is an expanded version of the 1997 volume Tribute: Seattle Public Places Named for Black People by the retired Seattle public school librarian. Instead of 23 entries, readers can now learn about the namesakes of 53 sites! The slender book of fewer than one hundred pages is crammed with information. Mrs. Henry wrote the first book because students would come to the library seeking information on persons for whom sites in Seattle had been named. Usually, there was no information on persons of color. She decided to remedy this void. Many of us are grateful. Now anyone can quickly access the names gracing many Seattle sites.

Yes, we know Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Some of us know Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth. But many of the names mean nothing to most of us, and too many of us do not recognize that the person named is indeed a person of color. Mrs. Henry "was constantly amazed at the contributions these people made to the life and culture of Seattle, the nation, and the world." All are not from the Seattle area. The oldest person listed is Sojourner Truth, 1797-1883, and the youngest is Peppi Braxton, 1963-1971, for whom a park is named. Almost a third of these individuals are women. Three were assassinated. Professions include as expected doctors, lawyers, musicians, and athletes. The names of an architect, scientists, politicians, social workers, and educators are also here. Some honorees are alive. The ninety-nine-year-old Mrs. Henry has the privilege of identifying some of these persons as friends and acquaintances.

Although subjects are arranged alphabetically, you will most likely want to look up names you recognize or have seen.

Thanks to the Civil Rights Movement, Seattle leaders—with help from concerned citizens—made good use of Forward Thrust funds by creating more than a dozen parks named for African Americans. At least seven housing sites bear the names of African Americans. There are centers for mental health, multiservice, fine arts, and community and economic assistance. Both a Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) and a Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) exist. Several streets and ways can be found. Other sites include a library, justice center, playfield, theater, service area, and schools. You can visit a viewpoint and an overlook, swim in a pool, or sit in a resource and reading rooms. The Odessa Brown Clinic and Carolyn Downs Medical Center provide services for thousands.

How many names can you correctly place on the above sites?

With the book in a passenger's hand, make a point of including these sites when you plan your routes about town.

Pride spreads over many of us, most of whom had nothing to do with the process. By collecting this information, Mrs. Henry has joined those whose legacies provide something for those of us today and those to come tomorrow, forever, and ever. Anyone who reads the book will most likely agree. To have so much history about African Americans in one place is a joy; to have this history written by an African American in our midst is more than a joy. Good reading!

You should know some sites are not included because these persons were honored after Tributes went to press. The 12th Street home of Bertha Pitts Campbell, an early civil rights worker in Seattle, a suffragette, and founder of the Delta Sigma Gamma sorority is yet another site. The remodeled Northgate school was renamed the James Baldwin School after the well-known author. D’Von Pickett Way on East Union is named for the young businessman recently murdered on MLK and Union. South Oregon Street became Bill Burton Way because of Burton’s work with Boys and Girls Club. Friends of Det. Cookie Chess named a park to honor police officer Denise Bouldin who has devoted much time to the community, especially the youth.

The Gideon Tower is at the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

- Georgia S. McDade

Georgia S. McDade, a charter member of the African-American Writers’ Alliance, began reading her stories in public in 1991 and credits the group with making her write poetry. Many poems are inspired by artists. Georgia writes for South Seattle Emerald and Leschinews. She also does interviews for KVRU (105.7) and KBCS (107.3). Outside the Cave is the name of four volumes of poetry; Observation and Revelations: Stories, Sketches, and Essays is the name of her volume of prose.
"INDIGENOUS STRENGTH AND WELLNESS"
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, 550 Winslow Way E., March 10 – June 4
Open: Wed-Mon 10am-4pm. Tue 10am-3pm. Bainbridge Island Museum
of Art is free, open 7 days a week and a short walk from the ferry.

In Memory of Steve Charles.
Steve Charles, Curator of Sacred Circle Art Gallery from
the late 1980s to 2002, pioneered solo exhibitions of many
now highly regarded contemporary Indigenous artists some
of whom are included in this exhibition. One example is Gail
Tremblay (Mi’kmaq and Onondaga) also a curator of the
exhibition with Robin Sigo (Suquamish) and Chief Curator
Greg Robinson. Others famous artists you can see in this
exhibition are Marvin Oliver (Quinault, Isleta Puebla and
Laguna Puebla), Joe Feddersen (Confederated Tribes of the
Colville Reservation, Omak), John Feodorov (Mixed Navaho
(Diné) and European), Preston Singletary (Tlingit), and Lillian
Pitt (Wasco, Warm Springs and Yakama Nation).

"Indigenous Strength and Wellness" invites us to think about
the huge contribution contemporary native tribes and artists
are making to offering solutions to our current environment
crises. Native peoples deeply understand our precious planet,
its animals and plants, its intersections with humans and the
threats facing us.

I will focus here primarily on artists with whom I am less
familiar, all of whom demonstrate intriguing innovation in
interpreting traditional media, forms and stories.

Totems are familiar to all of us, but the totems by Ed Archie
NoiseCat (Canim Lake Band of Shuswap Indians and the
Stlitlimx) radically alter that format. We are all Wolves features
an anguished steel mask/face on top of an abstract carving that
suggests stressed animal forms. In “Scream” a monster-like black
oil pipeline grabs an orca above and kills salmon below.

Linley Logan (Tonawanda Seneca Nation) defiantly offers
DAMNED Effigy, a washboard with a feather headdress,
transforming into a mask. A mouth sewn up with red
wire, fishing lures and other details suggest the abuse of
the environment.

Masks appear in many guises. Jennifer Angaiak Wood
(Yupik) drips ink over a mask/face in His X Mark. Giant ’X”
earrings and an antique pen headdress dramatize the dishonesty
of mid nineteenth century treaty agreements with white
colonizers. Linley Logan (Tonawanda, Seneca Nation) makes
coyote masks out of recycled Clorox bottles!

Peg Deam (Suquamish) speaks to casino culture with her
money vest woven from one dollar bills, George Washington
prominently visible. Sacajawea gold dollars add another layer of
irony. Indigenous casinos profit from white people’ vices then
share the money in many good causes.

One of the most provocative younger artists is Alison
Bremner (Tlingit). She dramatically places an imitation melting
ice cream cone inside an historic cedar basket (of no value
because it was damaged) suggesting our current condition
comes from the ignorance and disrespect of historic practices.

The ever-original RYAN! Feddersen (Confederated Tribes of
the Colville Reservation) gives us Coyote and the Sea Monsters
Yet to Slay, a long thin image of tiny people struggling to escape
from inside a sea monster.

Other well-known artists are addressing our crisis ever more
emphatically.

Joe Feddersen’s (Confederated Tribes of the Colville
Reservation) Purple Rain includes his familiar symbols of the
outlines of electrical towers, but now even those are being
assaulted by pollution from the sky, as horses gallop wildly away
in the foreground.
Leslie Logan (Tonawanda Seneca Nation), AlterNative Protector Mask, recycled containers and wiggly eyes. Courtesy of the artist.

John Feodorov addresses pollution on the Navaho reservation with *Yellow Dirt*, flat yellow squares evoking uranium as an ironic twist on the squares of Utopian modernist painting.

Corwin Clairmont (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) depicts the devastation associated with the Alberta tar sands in a selection from his multipaneled installation “Tar Sand Two Headed Arrow, Gummy Bear.” Both photography of the destroyed environment, and symbolism, such as the two headed arrow, point to our current choices between extraction and life.

Don’t miss the *Teachings of the Tree People* near the end of the show. Small cedar squares designed by artists from over fifty different cultures all over the Pacific created a healing collaborative project for the House of Welcome-Evergreen Longhouse, Evergreen College.

Finally *Finding our Way Home*, a wall sculpture by Jennifer Angaiak Wood: a kayak carved from old growth cedar painted with the outline of a seal, and a sun surrounded by dried seal intestine. Angaiak Wood gives us a sense of peace and hope.

The exhibition includes ribbon shirts and beaded COVID masks by Suquamish artists, that were part of an Indigenous fashion show in April, as well as poetry readings, films, history, and dances.

On May 13 there will be an afternoon of Indigenous Stories and Performances.

—Susan Platt, PhD
www.artandpoliticsnow.com

"Write with Hugo House" is a drop-in writing circle for all ages and genres of writing. Bring something you’re working on, or just come ready to write. You will have the opportunity to share your work and get feedback—but only if you want to (no pressure). You can also use this time to increase productivity on your current work in progress, surrounded by fellow writers.

*About the Facilitator:* Miz Portiontë Flos has always been fascinated with cultural history as well as literature. Despite Miz’s profound fondness for music, it was through poetry that Miz found her escape from the madness that surrounded her, as an at-risk youth in a large city. What began as escape soon transformed into passion. Miz’s first manuscript, "I'm Still Growing Vol. 1", was self-published in 2005.

Thanks to our partner *Hugo House.*

Meets the third Wednesday of the month from February–October 2023

If you have questions about this event, call 206.386.4636.

We can provide accommodations for people with disabilities at Library events. Please contact LEAP at least seven days before the event to request accommodations.

—Submitted by Anne Depue

**LEARN INTO SLIME!**

*Burke Museum, 4303 Memorial Way NE, 98195 (UW campus),
206.543.7907. May 7 from 10am-2pm. Tickets: Adults $22, Seniors $20, Youth (4-17) $14, age 3 and under FREE.*

Leave it to the Burke Museum to offer us the program we never knew we wanted! A one day seminar on slugs (and other slimy critters). I wonder if they tell us how to get that slime off your hands?

Members are invited to drop by the Learning Lab for a special program on snails, slugs, and other slimy creatures!

**WRITE WITH HUGO HOUSE: SEATTLE WRITES @ DOUGLASS-TRUTH BRANCH**

Write with Hugo House is a drop-in writing circle for all ages and genres. Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30pm. Douglass-Truth Branch. Registration is not required.

Lisa Eaton, DPT, OCS
Julie Grove, MPT

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MAY WINE PICKS

Spring has sprung! May delivers us Mother’s Day, warmer weather, and the beginning of many graduations later in the month. With lots to celebrate, here is a Top 10 list of newer arrivals or newer scores that are sure to please. Enjoy!

White Wine

2021 O Fillo de Condesa Albariño $13.99
Quince, nectarine, green apple and green herbs and spice here. Pure and tense on the palate with tangy acidity that provides a lot of energy to the textured palate. –James Suckling, 92-points

2021 Giacomo Fenocchio Roero Arneis $19.99
The scent is soft and complex, particularly inviting with aromas reminiscent of broom, chamomile, and fresh fruit. The taste is pleasantly sapid, full, and very persistent. Excellent as an aperitif. It goes nicely with savory dishes, white meats, and grilled fish. –Winemaker notes, 94-points, CPKB Wine Panel

2021 La Spinetta Il Vermentino di Casanova Toscana $21.49
Lemons, grapefruits, jasmine, green apples, seashells, and thyme on the nose. It’s so fresh and vibrant, with zesty acidity and a linear, focused palate. Minerally at the end. Drink now. –James Suckling, 92-points

Red Wine

Very tender and fruit-driven, primary, and quite open. He used more stems and full clusters in 2020, and since 2018, they have removed the percentage of white grapes that used
to be included in the wine. It’s a little more Mediterranean, with aromatic herbs and a more powerful palate. –Wine Advocate, 94-points

2013 R. Lopez de Heredia Vina Cubillo Crianza $24.99

Enticing aromas of blackberries, leather and cedar with some dried flowers follow through to a medium to full body with firm tannins and a fresh, citrusy finish. Very traditional and real. –James Suckling, 93-points, ALSO: 92-points Wine Advocate

2021 Leschi Cellars Sagemoor Collection Wahluke Slope $24.99

Merlot focused blend from Sagemoor’s Weinbau Vineyard. Characters of ripe cherry with fine-grained tannin and lively complexity. You will love the rich and fleshy flavors of black currant, blueberry and crushed rose petal flowing to a long, elegant finish. –The Leschi Market Family Said one reviewer who chose to remain anonymous, “On a standard scale of 1 to 100, there just aren’t enough points to do this wine justice. Infinity is not a number, and nobody knows what a googolplex is!”

2010 Chateau du Grand Bos Graves $30.99

Showing beautifully at this stage in its evolution. Lovely aromas of cherries and plums, which are laced with dried florals, tobacco, charred toast, wet stones and exotic spices. Medium-bodied and structured with velvety tannins that lead into the long, velvety finish. –International Wine Report, 92-points

2018 Chateau de Pez Saint-Estephe $55.99

Should be on every Bordeaux lover’s radar. 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Merlot, and the balance Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. –Jeb Dunnuck, 94-points ALSO: 94-points Wine Enthusiast, 93-points James Suckling, 92-points Wine Advocate, 92-points Decanter, 92-points Wine Spectator

2019 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley $74.99

A rich, powerful wine loaded with cassis, graphite, scorched earth, and crushed stone. Full-bodied on the palate and concentrated, it has building tannins, a great mid-palate, and the balance and class to benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age. –Jeb Dunnuck, 95-points, ALSO 92-points James Suckling

2017 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Muncagota Riserva $76.99

Bright, pure expression of cherry, strawberry, and rose aromas and flavors underscored by a vein of minerality, with tannins that flex their muscles on the long finish. Intense but balanced, with tension that bodes well for future evolution. –Wine Spectator, 95-points ALSO 94-points, Wine Advocate

–Kenneth Benner

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 monthly column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experience in the wine world. Check out the latest at www.LeschiMart.com or to request to be added to email updates at wine@leschimarket.com.

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH SANGRIA!

Use a glass pitcher so you can see all the goodies inside. Combine a bottle of red wine (750 ml.), ⁷⁄₈ cup orange juice, ⅛ cup brandy, ⅛ cup sugar in pitcher. Stir in prepared fruit: one sliced orange, one sliced apple, one cup blueberries, one cup sliced strawberries and a three inch stick of cinnamon.

Refrigerate for two hours or overnight if you can wait. Salud!
LESCHI CC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 4/11/23

Attending: Janice Brown, Diane Snell, Ashley Martin, Yun Pitre, John Barber, Matthias Linnenkamp, Christine Rossen

Leschi News

• April submittal deadline is April 17th

Board Business

• Steve Shulman Memorial Project
  ◦ To facilitate community input and exchange of ideas, a walk through of Leschi Park to discuss potential memorial concepts, and areas of the park where these could best be sited.
    – Date: April 16
    – Time: 10am
    – Meeting location: Leschi Park at the picnic table near Leschi Market
  ◦ LCC board to respond to Bob Rench’s email about the project soon.

• Traffic Circle Proposal on 31st Ave S and S Judkins St
  ◦ Receive proposal to improve two traffic circles at 31st Ave S and S Judkins St.
  ◦ LCC treasurer to contact the resident for additional information.

• Committee Report
  ◦ Public Safety Committee
    – April 5th meeting well attended.
    – Several attendees are interested in being involved in the committee’s work.
  ◦ ArtWalk Committee
    – Meeting scheduled for April 13th at 3pm at Bluwater
    – LCC has an informational table at ArtWalk. Each board member encouraged to staff the table during the event.
  ◦ Parks and Open Space Committee
    – Mayor Harrell’s press release event at Powell Barnett Park scheduled for April 12th at 10am. Press release event to kick off and to promote the May 20th One Seattle Day. We will need to encourage and invite the Leschi community to participate in the May 20th work party event at Powell Barnett Park.
    – Leschi Natural Area walk through scheduled for April 22nd at 1pm.
  ◦ Discussed ideas for soliciting traffic issues from the Leschi community for the May meeting with the Seattle Department of Transportation Director Spotts

• Community Meeting Best Practices
  ◦ Add to the agenda, time block and general community update/concerns.
  ◦ If possible, distribute agenda ahead of time.
  ◦ To keep the meeting flowing, look at having a timekeeper.

Respectfully submitted by Yun Pitre

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Support your community by joining the Leschi Community Council!

We create awareness of neighborhood issues so residents may make informed and effective decisions.

LCC joins with the Leschi Business Association on ArtWalk and Halloween Spooktacular
LCC supports the Instrumental Music Program at Leschi Elementary
LCC supports volunteer activities in our local parks and on our public stairways
LCC supports the Central (Central Area Senior Center)
LCC supports the Leschi Business Association, Leschi Elementary School and the Central Area Senior Center
LCC produces the Leschi News 10 times a year

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My check is enclosed: $35 family membership $25 individual membership
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☐ I am making an additional donation for LCC work

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business card, $35; 1/4 page, $70;
1/2 page, $140. Contact Diane Snell
at 206-726-0923 to advertise to
your community.

May Calendar

» May 1
  International Workers’ Day

» May 3, 7pm
  Leschi CC meeting with Greg Spotts, SDOT
  Director at Grace Methodist Church; see cover.

» May 5
  Cinco de Mayo

» May 6, 2pm
  A Mulching Experience! Seward Park. Help
  save old growth with nurturing much. All
  welcome. See article in Neighborhood for
  meeting notes.

» May 9, 6pm
  Leschi CC Board meeting

» May 12, 3-7pm
  Madrona Farmers Market! Madrona runs
  Fridays from 3-7pm through October 21. We
  look forward to seeing you there!

» May 14
  Mother’s Day

» May 19, 6-9pm
  Elnah Jordan, Jazz and Blues vocalist featured
  at The Green Dolphin, Central Senior Center.

» May 20
  One Seattle Day, see article inside:
  Neighborhood and Beyond.

» May 20, 10am-noon
  Litter Clean-up. Meet at Temple Pastries, 2524
  South Jackson St #104. All supplies provided,
  plus free refreshments from Broadcast Coffee
  and Temple Pastries.

» May 29
  Memorial Day

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