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ZOOM to our November 3rd Meeting at 7pm

LESCHI EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HUB

The Leschi Community Council will be conducting a Disaster Preparedness class, which was designed by Ann Forrest – Seattleprepares@gmail.com

This class will help start our Neighbors in the neighborhood and begin with a simple Hello. We will discuss fires in the neighborhood, downed power lines and earthquakes. In addition, we will go into the preparedness pyramid, how neighbors can coordinate, gather and share information, likely gathering spots and the Hub Mission.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS ON INSIDE BACK COVER

There are ongoing classes; an important one is coming up:

Rapid Exit Class Nov. 10 7–8pm Place TBA (check Facebook)

What would you grab, if you safely could, as you leave for a medical/fire emergency?

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President's Message

(Editor's note: Our President, Janice Merrill Brown, has been on a European vacation. Vice-President Trevor Lalish-Menagh presided over our October general meeting, the candidate forum and the Executive Board meeting. He shares his thoughts for the election season.)



Happy Autumn, Leschi neighbors!

The Fall is my favorite time of year, as the leaves start to change color, and we take out our oversized coats again. Halloween is just around the corner, and we are all getting our costumes ready. To that end, please stay safe out there while trick-or-treating this year. Please add a surgical mask to your regular mask while putting on those ookey spooky clothes, and make sure to social distance when you are out there on the 31st!

It is also voting season, and we in Leschi will have two different ballots and dates to track. The general election ballots should be in the mail now and are due on Election Day on November 2nd. Make sure to vote in this crucial election. Not only do we have the mayor's seat up for grabs, but City Council Positions eight and nine, as well as city attorney and some important port commissioner races. Take the time to read up about the candidates, watch clips and educate yourself.

You can also watch the Leschi Community Council Candidate Forum recording with debates between Teresa Mosqueda and Kenneth Wilson for City Council Position 8, Nikkita Oliver and Sara Nelson for City Council Position 9, and Anne Davison and Nicole Thomas-Kennedy for City Attorney at tinyurl.com/lccdebate21.

As I mentioned, though, we in Leschi have one more vote to cast, and it is not on your November 2nd ballot. A single-issue ballot will be coming to your mailboxes for a December 7th recall election for Kshama Sawant. This election is an up/down popular vote to either remove or keep Councilperson Sawant in office as the Seattle City Council Position 3 representative, which covers Leschi. Please do not neglect this crucial vote!

Regardless of your political leanings, voting is an essential rite of passage for every citizen, and an informed electorate makes for a healthy democracy. Please do your part in strengthening our democratic process by contributing your vote to the cause: your voice and vote matter, especially in these hype-local issues. I encourage you to seek out multiple sources for information on the candidates and not rely on any one news source. There are abundant local news sources from Crosscut and The Stranger to the Seattle Times, and KUOW. It would help if you learned what our candidates represent to vote the way that aligns closest to your needs.

I look forward to another beautiful autumn here in Leschi and wish you all the best as you bundle up, trick-or-treat, and most importantly: vote.

*Yours,
Trevor Lalish-Menagh
Vice President, LCC*

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Ain't Gonna Study War No More

Gonna lay down my sword and shield...if only that were true! I have been a peacenik since I was too young to know what that meant. I can remember covering my eyes during the newsreels at the Saturday matinees. When I grew up, I joined the thousands of peaceful demonstrators against the Vietnam War in the Bay Area and that other Washington. I felt that war was senseless, and no one really "won." The losses on all sides were astronomical.

When I heard we were ending the war in Afghanistan, I was elated. Not so much later during the withdrawal; I guess we are more proficient at getting into war than getting out of war. My naivete became apparent when I read an article about drones: "War in Afghanistan isn't Over—It's Taking the Form of Illegal Drone Strikes" by Marjorie Cohn in Truthout 9/26/21. Cohn reports that US forces are on the ground fighting in at least 6 different countries: "Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Somalia and Niger." And she points out that Biden has promised "to mount over the horizon attacks in Afghanistan." She mentions the "Drone Papers (which) disclosed that nearly 90% of those killed by drone strikes ...Jan. 2012–Feb. 2013 were not the intended targets." It is important to remember that the "UN Charter forbids the use of military force except in self-defense under Article 51. (The Drone Papers were leaked by Daniel Hale who is in prison for 45 months because he told the American public something they should not know.)

And then there's the bases. I learned from David Vine's Base Nation that we have over 800 bases (declared or undeclared) across the globe. They range from huge installations like Ramstein Air Base in Germany to small installations called "lily-pads" and then there are the "temporary" installations like Soto Cano in Honduras which has been staffed and operational since 1980. Anything in my life since 1980 is considered permanent.

We have 50 bases in Italy alone—that slender boot-shaped country that doesn't seem to be threatening us or anyone else. Only Germany, Japan and South Korea have more bases than Italy. In addition to the expenses incurred

(which Vine laboriously estimates to be in the trillions), other issues abound. Italy is a prime example; garbage has long been an issue in the south and one usually contracts with the Mafia, a group that does not follow any regulations in disposal of toxic materials. Another author who has written about this problem in her entertaining series about Inspector Brunetti is Donna Leon. She lives in Venice where her novels are set, but she does not allow her books to be published in Italy. Perhaps it is best not to annoy the Mafia.

And then there is the profitability of war. Your cell phone carrier is probably the beneficiary of Defense funds. I need to switch from the gospel song "Ain't Gonna Study War No More" to something a little more recent: "When will they ever learn?" from Where Have all the Flowers Gone?" (Pete Seeger)

-Diane Snell



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Neighborhood and Beyond

OCTOBER CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidate forums result in considerable planning work and the efforts put in by the Board showed in our October forum. We want to thank Trevor Lalish-Menagh and Matthias Linnenkamp for the work put into the candidate questions. They had back-up questions prepared for those occasions when the candidate did not provide much detail in their answer. They wanted more informative answers than sometimes obtained at these events. We thank Gwen Rench for being the timer who kept the candidates on track...at least those who did watch her! And lastly, thanks to the candidates who took time from their busy schedules to enlighten Leschi!

-Diane Snell

LOSS OF A LOYAL VOLUNTEER AND FRIEND

It was with great sadness and sense of loss that I heard about the death of Kiku Hayashi. She was always upbeat, had a droll sense of humor and worked hard for those she believed in. She showed me her business card once: it said Professional Volunteer. It was true that no matter where I showed up, Kiku would be there ahead of me, and she had a hand in something to promote the event...often the appetizers! She loved good food and beautiful accessories. She was one of those persons who actually owned a 3 tier China plate assembly to display finger sandwiches or ornate cookies. She treated her friends to handmade cards with the use of her vast stamp collection. She was a cat lover but never failed to ask about the health of my dogs. Many will miss her!

-Diane Snell

SHORELINE STREETS ENDS AND FUN WORK PARTIES

South Judkins Street was the site of a Fall Work Party that accomplished A LOT! John Barber was first to show up and last to leave as he tackled almost every project. Joyce Moty and Roger Lippman worked incredibly hard on the streetside hedge that included blackberry and bamboo. The father daughter team of Jed and Helen Fowler started the day working at S. Norman Street and then moved to Judkins where they pruned the daisy beds before rewarding themselves

with banana bread by the shore. Karen Daubert worked very hard to avoid the blackberries as she focused on the weedy waterfront area. And then there were Janet Oliver and Jim Snell who rotated between blackberries, daisies and invasive roses—and hauled much of it to the ever-growing pile of clean green that will soon be picked up by the City. Over twenty hours of volunteer time were contributed, and a truly great time was had by all. If you are interested in helping to steward this shoreline area, please let us know. John 206-324-1548 and Karen 206-310-1792.

-Karen Daubert

WHAT? NO HOLIDAY PARTY?

We have enjoyed our past Holiday parties: an informal gathering with wine and finger food and time to interact with our residents. Once again, we must cancel it due to the pandemic and the strict policies at the Senior Center. We do not want to endanger anyone.

We could not get music inside and December seems to be an iffy time to be outside listening to music. We did have two ideas for a Zoom meeting, but nothing materialized in time.

So perhaps each of you can get together with neighbors who have been vaccinated and share a glass of wine and baked brie with baguette! Wish each other a Happy Holiday and hope that this will be over soon larger get-togethers in the future.

-The Leschi Community Council Board



Roger Lippman, Jed and Helen Fowler, John Barber, Janet Oliver, Joyce Moty. Photo credit: Karen Daubert



SEATTLE GIRLS' SCHOOL

It has been 20 years since the founders of the Seattle Girls' School attended our monthly Leschi Community Council meeting and announced their plans. We gave them our support and there were times that we collaborated on activities in Flo Ware Park. Many of us attended an SGS theatrical production that featured portrayals of famous women.

This school has grown and will be moving to a new campus in fall of 2022. It will be in Jimi Hendrix Park near the Northwest African Art Museum.

There is a virtual open house planned for Thursday, November 18 from 6–7:45pm. To RSVP, contact Ravenna at seattlegirlsschool.org/visitsgs. They will still be close enough for joint projects. They are especially interested in our ArtWalk when we can safely hold that event again.

One wonders what will happen to the small purple buildings on the north side of Jackson. Will the ethnic offerings of the new establishments expand to this part of Jackson? It will be interesting to see.

See the Girls' School ad on our website!

–Diane Snell

LESCHI SCHOOL UPDATE

The 12th Annual Giving Garland at Leschi Elementary

The Giving Garland is a charitable event which, in the last 11 years, has supported over 1,500 children and their families during the winter holidays. It is made possible by the Leschi school and neighborhood communities, sponsored by the Leschi PTA.

In 2020 there were almost twice as many families in need of support from the previous year—approximately 100 families with nearly 300 children—and we anticipate similar need for help this year. The support we provide families through the “virtual” Giving Garland is even more critical than ever...due to the ongoing challenges of COVID 19 and the economy, students and families are in greater need of help.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donate Gift Cards for the most frequently requested stores: Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Costco, Target, Ross Dress for Less, Old Navy

- **“Cash” donations** for gifts and gift cards to be purchased:

- » Checks made out to “Leschi PTA,” in the memo add “Giving Garland”
- » Make donation via PayPal (go to the school website)
- Go to the Leschi School website to see **WISH LISTS for individual gift items** at:
 - » Snapdoodlotoys.com (a local toy store!)
 - » Amazon.com

Mailing Address for Checks and Gift Cards (please ensure denomination is labeled): Giving Garland, 135 32nd Ave, Seattle WA 98122

School website: leschies.seattleschools.org/school_involvement/fundraising/giving_garland

In 2020 the Giving Garland saw a significant increase in need of support and with the generosity of our community, **we distributed over \$16,000 in gift cards for groceries, clothing and specific gifts and approximately 1,000 gifts!**

This charitable event is geared towards the children. In pre-Covid years we hung tags on the garland which represented a gift; this year we will still be giving gifts to families...some items are fun: toys, bikes, art supplies, board games, balls, books and some are basics: clothing, bedding, warm coats or diapers. And every family receives gift cards for easily accessible grocery stores.

There are currently 317 students enrolled at Leschi Elementary; approximately 50% of the student body qualify for free and reduced lunch and 19% qualify as homeless under the McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Our number of homeless children enrolled at Leschi has increased significantly in recent years. Presently there are 70 children attending Leschi who meet the criteria of “homeless,” making the homeless student population at Leschi Elementary one of the highest in the Seattle Public Schools.

We greatly appreciate the past partnership, support and tremendous generosity from our school community (Leschi Elementary families, extended family, friends and co-workers) as well as our neighborhood community (the Leschi Community Council, Leschi Market, Bluwater Bistro, other local businesses and Central Seattle residents). We welcome and thank you in advance for your support again this year! Leschi PTA is an 501(c)(3) Organization, Tax ID #91-1391625

For more information, contact Katie Busby (katiebusby@gmail.com), Jennifer Marquardt (206-423-2781 / jrmarquardt1@gmail.com) or check the Leschi School website.



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The school community would like to extend a huge thank you to Ben Haley, who stepped back from his duties as crossing guard at 31st and Spruce after dedicated volunteer service over the better part of eight years. Ben was out there in rain, snow or shine, every morning and every afternoon, including pulling double duty during the hybrid days this past spring. If you pass the school on the north side, you know it is a tricky and dangerous intersection (SDOT has promised some improvements—finally—we hope by the end of 2021). Though most interactions are friendly, Ben has contended with grumpy commuters and frequent verbal use, and on several occasions has stepped in front of cars to stop them from hitting children and family members. Through it all Ben has maintained a friendly and patient demeanor, and has become a fixture at our northern entrance to complement the incomparable Mrs. Price to the south.

Thank you, Ben, for your service!

~Benson Wilder

NEW HOUSING OPTIONS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The Low Income Housing Institute opened a new tiny house village in the University District in mid-October. There will be 38 tiny houses on land that is leased for free from Sound Transit.

George Fleming House is now open with 106 affordable apartments (studios, 1–3-bedroom units). Former State Senator George Fleming attended the opening ceremony

and was praised by former Mayors and legislators for his commitment to low-income housing. He was responsible for the creation of the Housing Trust in Washington in 1986. This building is near Othello Station and many retail businesses and restaurants.

Three apartment buildings on Capitol Hill have been purchased by LIHI for housing people experiencing homelessness. Each building will house supportive services. These units will supply 165 units.

~Compiled from LIHI publications

DROWNING IN LEAVES?

Seattle Public Utilities will pick up extra leaves in November. You can put out 10 bags of extra yard waste throughout November.

Be sure to keep leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding!

~FROM SPU October bill insert

AFRICATOWN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

An entire block in the Central District has officially been protected from market rate, predatory development and instead transferred to Black community ownership! Africatown Community Land Trust (“ACLT”) officially closed on the \$14M property on 16th and Yesler last week.

ACLT COMMUNITY HOMES

ACLT Community Homes will be a 24/7, enhanced shelter home that will offer culturally responsive, trauma-informed care and wraparound services including health, education, employment and housing navigation resources. As we approach the coldest months of the year, 125 beds for our unhoused neighbors’ will be available this month!

~From an October news item in the King County Equity Trust publication

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

Roger Lippman’s regular column, “Life and Times in Leschi,” will not appear this month, due to the death of his mother, Eleanor, at age 101. She lived a full, inspiring life.

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When she attended one of Roger's (numerous) political trials during the Vietnam War, the prosecutor was an old acquaintance of hers. Not realizing that she was his mother, he said to her, "Isn't it a shame how kids get to be criminals these days?" She responded, "I think you are the real criminal." What more could one ask from a mom?



In this photo, she is riding the ferry *Leschi* in December 1946.

OF ACORNS AND OAKS AND ANTS

Beautiful and sacred and a darned nice home for some

Over the past few weeks, I have been enjoying the acorns along Ravenna Boulevard. I first noticed them crunching under my tires as I rode along the road. Up to an inch long, the acorns were also abundant on the grass under the trees. All lacked their handsome, little beret-like cupule but were still quite wonderful to behold. And, gather; several times in past years, I have seen people harvesting acorns along the road. Loaded with carbs, proteins and fat, acorns are a splendid food source not just for people but for animals ranging from mice to black bears. In Lynda Mapes' wonderful *Witness Tree*, she writes that the scientific name for oaks *Quercus* could be derived from the Greek "choiros," or pig, an animal well-known for relishing acorns.

Taking their relationship further, some animals convert the acorn's hard shell into a home. When I lived in Boston, one of my favorite "discoveries" was a colony of wee ants inhabiting an acorn. Unlike many ants, which build their own nest, this species (*Leptothorax longispinosus*) is an opportunist moving into a prefab-site such as an acorn, rolled-up leaf or grass stem. In an acorn, the ants usually are the second shell-exploiters, following beetle larvae or millipedes that bored a hole through the shell and ate the

energy-rich acorn. After their fellow acornophiles exit, ants move in, clean out the debris (usually frass), and establish a home.

Sadly, I don't know of any acorn-dwelling ants in Washington, most likely because the state has only one native oak, the Garry or Oregon white oak. David Douglas bestowed the scientific name, *Quercus garryana*, to honor Nicholas Garry, secretary and later deputy governor of the Hudson Bay Company. More common south of Tacoma, particularly on the prairies around Nisqually and Ft. Lewis, Garry oaks prefer sunny, open, well-drained sites. In Seattle one can find large Garry oaks at Seward Park, Oak Manor and Martha Washington Park. (Two streets, Oaklawn Place and Oakhurst (hurst is an ancient word meaning grove of trees) Street, indicate that oaks were common or unusual enough to merit street name recognition near Seward.)

Edward Curtis wrote in *The North American Indians* that Indigenous people from around Puget Sound would canoe down to the Nisqually plains and collect hundreds of bushels of acorns, which they roasted, ate raw and used for bread making. Harvesting these delicacies involved active management of the land. Using fire, they killed Douglas fir seedlings, which grow faster, eventually shade out oaks and can take over an oak prairie, if not prevented so by fire, a process now occurring around Ft. Lewis and on the Mima Mounds, south of Olympia.

Piqued by seeing the acorns along Ravenna, I have continued to seek out oaks and acorns around Seattle; they are everywhere. It's not clear why the Ravenna oaks (which



appear to be English oaks) are having a mast, or high quality production, year, but apparently they are special. I have found only one other location with acorns, despite there being more than 44 species and cultivars in the city, according to the amazing Arthur Lee Jacobson. (Worldwide there are more than 500 species; many are notorious for their promiscuous interbreeding!) The acorn bearing oaks grow near what used to be Oak Hill School, in northeast Seattle.

As Lynda writes in her book, oaks have long been intertwined with people. The Druids worshipped and whooped under oaks; the Vikings sacked and terrified in their ships of oak; and King Arthur and his pals discussed the great ideas of the day around their circular table of oak. And, of course, they are beautiful and inspiring, especially in fall as their leaves turn russet and red. The PNW is justifiably famous for our conifers but we also have lovely deciduous trees, many, such as oak, which are showcasing their fall colors. Such trees are one advantage of living in a city with its diverse population of trees from around the world.

-By David B. Williams, reprinted with permission from author.

Editor's note: David B. Williams is the author of many books focusing on our region including Seattle Walks and Homewaters: A Human and Natural History of Puget Sound. You can sign up for his newsletter "Street Smart Naturalist: Notes on People, Place, and the PNW" at streetsmartnaturalist@substack.com.

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ALL AMERICANS NEED THE VOTE (PART 2)

The people ought to be the most important part of a country. Concentrating on the physical aspects in our country and ignoring the human aspects is like believing the neutron bomb is a wonderful weapon because it will destroy people and not buildings. No sane person wants buildings only. Why do we have cities, towns? For people. The "people" ought not be only "the wealthy." Most of us have never been "the wealthy" though by world standards many of us would be described as such. We Americans smuggle more drugs into the US than Mexicans. We use more illegal drugs than anywhere in the world. We have more opioid consumers, people who were prescribed these medicines and became addicted to them, than any other country. One of our leading causes of death is suicide. We shoot more people than anywhere in the world. We have more persons incarcerated than anywhere in the world. We have the highest incarceration rate in the world. We're the only country that has millions who refuse to get vaccinated. (I am not talking about persons whose immune systems prevent vaccination.) We are the only country where millions of citizens choose not to be vaccinated because of political affinity. (This is particularly sad when we know billions of persons around the world cannot get the vaccine that we know weakens the effects of coronavirus if contracted and can, indeed, prevent our contracting the disease. Over 710,000 Americans are dead, many of whom attended large gatherings maskless. Some citizens had parties where they wanted to see if they could get the disease!)

Clearly, many Americans need the help H. R. 1 would provide. Perhaps if more persons had the food, clothing, shelter, health/medical care and education needed, they would not be among persons on the list above. Providing good, sound education K – 14 would help everyone, not only those in wealthy neighborhoods. With a better education system, we could rely less on foreigners to fill the well-paying tech jobs. We could significantly reduce the number of persons who must choose between paying for one necessity rather than another. Perhaps we would have fewer students overestimating their abilities more than any other group of students in the world. Too many think they read well. And they don't. They think they do math better, and they don't. Many of the jobless would have jobs, jobs that pay a living wage. Internet service throughout the country would benefit all of us. What percentage of the homeless

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Hi Neighbors,

Recent home sales in Leschi reinforce it's still a *seller's market*. Sale prices are up 26% and inventory is down 47% vs September 2020.

Leschi homes continue to sell quickly (7 day average) adding both pressure and risk to buyers, who are waiving financing and inspection contingencies to stay competitive.

Please reach out if you'd like to discuss the market and strategize how to sell your home or find the one you've been looking for.

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are mentally ill? We could reinstitute The Mental Health Systems Act of 1980 (MHSA). Imagine having counselors to aid the mentally ill. We could do a better job selecting and training police officers. (We could enforce consent decrees.) We could overhaul the justice system. We know the Innocence Project and similar programs are freeing persons; some were on Death Row. What in our system tracks the health of the many parents, children, spouses, partners who suffer because relatives are imprisoned? Think too about the partners who have become mentally ill as a result of the incarceration of a loved one. How many persons were sane when they entered prison but left mentally broken because so many systems concentrate on punishment rather than rehabilitation?

Passage of H. R.1 could solve problems many of us did not know existed until the pandemic exposed them. Stress plays a role in life; in too many lives, stress plays a major role. If our government passes the For the People Act, much stress will be reduced. Fewer people will need assistance. Some of those needing assistance could become healthy, productive members of society. Imagine a country full of people who are not homeless and could get assistance to help them through rough spots. Can't you see how all of us would benefit?

The expense is a fraction of what we are paying now as we use band-aids or nothing to help citizens and immigrants. We managed to get money for the millionaires and billionaires in the Donald Trump tax cut. Can't we do the same for persons who desperately need money for the basics? Think about July 4th July 4th and browse over the Declaration of Independence, consider making those beautiful words, words copied by countless other countries, a reality rather than simply rhetoric: we could begin to say Frederick Douglass is no longer right—all of us can celebrate the Declaration of Independence because all of us would be included in the rights to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

~Georgia 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.



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TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT FAKE NEWS

Seattle has a large Pacific Islander community, many being from the Hawaiian Islands.

A recent concert at the Triple Door celebrated this connection with an uplifting concert of Hawaiian music and dance. Your correspondent was delighted to be invited as a representative of the Indigenous Yorkshire Community, of which he is a humble member here in Seattle.

The concert ended with a beautiful rendition of Teach Your Children. Somewhat surprisingly, it appeared that many of those present thought it was an indigenous Hawaiian melody.

Those of you old enough to remember the late hippy era, circa 1969, may recall that it was originally performed by Crosby, Stills and Nash, a popular harmony group of the time.

Even more surprising was that it was written by Graham Nash, an indigenous Lancastrian from Stockport in the north of England. Though Mr. Nash subsequently lived in Hawaii for many years, most surprisingly of all, he wrote the song before he left England and emigrated to America.

The moral of the story? Next time you want to teach your children about Chief Leschi or any other of our indigenous ancestors, be sure to get your facts straight

And teach your children not to believe everything they see on Facebook, Instagram or WhatsApp!

~Malcolm Harker
Not from here, though he feels right at home—at least most of the time.



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Barbara Earl Thomas "Cure" laser cut steel in front of WaNaWari and hand cut Tyvek piece in window.



Inye Wokoma C.R.E.A.M. M.O.V.E. part of "Separation Census" a collage series that "explores the political economy of development through the lens of community and familial interactions. The work deconstructs and reimagines the language and knowledge frameworks of big data." Juxtaposing "census-style" infographic with formal portraits and family snapshots," Wokoma explores the relationship of the "deeply personal and highly political."

"WALK THE BLOCK," AND A FEW EXHIBITIONS TO SEE THIS FALL

We had a delightful afternoon with "Walk the Block," a fundraiser for WaNaWari, the cultural center that is a major stimulus for revitalizing the African American presence in the Central District. We enjoyed art, music, dance, food and drink. We were thrilled to see so many friends, so it was a special social event as well as a fundraiser for the cultural center. You can still donate if you go to their website wanawari.org/donate.html. Their anthology "joy has a sound" from Black Sonic Visions, is available for pre-purchase from "The 3rd Thing" publisher or go to the launch party on November 16. Such a great idea to have an outdoor walk to keep everyone comfortable.

We saw artwork by Marita Dingus, Inye Wokoma, Barbara Earl Thomas and Martine Syms, among others. There was art in traffic circles, cafes, a pea patch and a "nanoforest." We stopped for hot cocoa at Central Café on Cherry, one of my favorite places in the Central District because it has outdoor seating, then watched extraordinary dance by the "Bring Us Collective" on the theme of "Bring Us Community, Bring Us Together, and Bring us Joy." We ate samosas from Mama Sambusa Kitchen at the Emerald City Community Church, and a sandwich by Chef Tarik Abdullah at Coyote Central. There was jazz trumpeter, Owuor Arunga and the Gary Hammond Band playing original compositions from the front porch of a black-owned house.

Barbara Thomas's work "Cure" in front of WaNaWari is part of her ongoing series of cut out portraits. She began with the "Geography of Innocence" on until January 2 at the Seattle Art Museum. The Henry Art Gallery just opened "Packaged Black," in collaboration with the artist Derrick Adams. Thomas reconfigured the white fairy tale of Cinderella with black courtiers in her signature cut outs, as well as creating a very tall Cinderella dressed in pink cut out Tyvek. Also part of the court are Derrick Adams detailed homages to Black women's hair styles and to the pioneering couture designer Patrick Adams.

On view in the basement at the Henry is Diana Al-Hadid, a Syrian artist, who majestically invokes the ruins of culture in monumental sculptures that look like they are disintegrating as we look at them.

Finally at the Henry "Viewpoints: Queer Visibility," two starkly contrasting paintings. "BOYZ OF THE WILD" by Anthony White is a lusciously detailed expression of desire.

Facing it is Dean Sameshima's "Torso (Black on Silver)" a minimalist flow chart that transforms a pornographic image into a connect-the-dots image! (Henry Art Gallery, 15th Ave. NE & 41st. Ave. NE on UW campus)

-Susan Platt, PhD

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Martine Syms "Notes on Gesture," video, detail, "compares authentic and dramatic gestures."

THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOU HERE: FINDING OPPORTUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY BY FIONA HILL

Hill's book, *There Is Nothing for You Here*, says Donald Trump's vanity doomed his meeting with Putin, whom he saw as 'ultimate badass.' Read in USA TODAY:
apple.news/Afyq2j7RdS560nZbi3vIrjA

All the reviews and interviews go over the same old, cold ground: Trump and Russia, Russia and Trump, Trump and women. Trump with everything!

Finally!! a passing reference to the real story:

"Much of her new book (not that you'd know from the reviews and interviews) expands on that personal journey, a story told with self-deprecating humor and kindness. Along the way, Hill the Brookings Institution scholar weaves in a study of the changing societies she witnessed over the decades as a child in Britain, a student and researcher in Russia and finally as a citizen of the United States.

The changes in all three countries are strikingly similar, due in part to the destruction of heavy industry. The result is what she calls a "crisis of opportunity" and the rise of populist leaders like Putin, Trump and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson able to tap into the fears and grievances of those feeling left behind."

If Trump is to finally and decisively banished to the gilded wilderness where he belongs, then the liberal elite, the beltway insiders and anyone else we think they know better than everyone else, need to pay more attention to Fiona's real story and consider all the folks who feel trapped where There's Nothing For Them There.

Joe Machin knows—but no one really wants to consider how he ended up as the only elected Democrat in all of West Virginia.

Rant aside, Fiona's posh geordie accent brings on an attack of my genetic weakness of the knees!

For any other geordie addicts, here's the real deal:

youtu.be/6Xj0JqgyfJE

And the real title too: *There's nothin' for you here pet!*

—Malcolm Harker

THE DOCTORS BLACKWELL BY JANICE P. NIMURA

Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to receive an MD in the US in 1849. Her younger sister, Emily, was the second woman to obtain an MD in 1854. Elizabeth's dream was to inspire women to train as doctors, but the going was slow. All the prestigious schools denied women entrance to their medical schools. Elizabeth attended a small upstate New York school (Geneva) after the administration decided to leave the decision to the students. These young men were not the offspring of the elite families who sent their male children to Harvard and Yale. These young men were a rather rowdy bunch that caused considerable uproar in the small town with their exuberant activities. These students thought it was a lark and voted yes (after persuading a single nay vote rather vigorously.)

Although Elizabeth was able to get her MD certificate, she met the same resistance when trying to get an intern position, although she had letters from doctors she had worked with

attesting to her skills. She eventually went to Paris and was able to get a place at La Maternite, a school for midwifery. This was a public institute and provided care for indigent women, many of whom were prostitutes who had contracted syphilis. In caring for one patient, some discharge from the patient's landed in Elizabeth's eye and she ended up with "purulent ophthalmia." She eventually lost this eye, ending her dreams of becoming a surgeon. She began focusing on teaching and raising the quality of the existing medical training, which was 2 years long. She wanted to extend it to three years and make it more rigorous.

Elizabeth urged her younger sister, Emily, to pursue a medical degree and dreamed of going into practice with Emily. Emily met the same resistance in her attempts to register at a medical college, eventually gaining admission to Rush College in Chicago. Emily completed one year but Rush would not let her continue for the second year. She was finally able to complete the 2nd year at Case Western Reserve and obtained her MD in 1854, 5 years after her sister. Once again there were no internships available for a woman and she too went to Europe. While Elizabeth was more interested in teaching, Emily preferred direct practice. She and Elizabeth opened a practice in New York and struggled for years until they were able to obtain some funding and opened the Women's Infirmary in New York in 1857. It was ten years later when Elizabeth opened the medical school which would freely admit women.

The sisters' stories were rooted in the times. There seemed to be little doctors could do in that age (no penicillin, no anesthesia, even germ theory had not emerged yet!) Elizabeth was ahead of her time by insisting on better hygiene in homes as well as medical settings.

The sisters' persistence influenced their brothers who were very supportive. Elizabeth was not a suffragette supporter; during the years she had worked teaching to save money for medical school, she was very discouraged by the state of girls' lack of education and their lack of interest in it. She felt that until women were better educated, they were in no position to vote. The younger brothers however ended up marrying well-known suffragettes.

The family was interesting; the father was a sugar trader but hated slavery and his dream was to have farmers plant sugar beets and manufacture sugar that way. He died before he achieved his dreams, but his insistence on education for the children did have lasting effect. They all opposed slavery. The eldest Anna was a writer. When William Ellery Channing came to town to open a Unitarian church, the girls listened to his sermons and switched their religious affiliation. The anti-slavery stance was attractive and the support for women's independence.

Women now make up 35% of doctors and although it is easier to get into medical school, women do find some old-time bias. When my daughter was in medical school at UW, the male students felt that the women chose UW Hospital for their emergency room rotation as it was "cleaner." My daughter and her close friends all signed up for the ER rotation at Harborview and got a more realistic view of public "emergencies."

—Diane Snell



Seeking Sustenance...

THANKFUL FOR WINE ~ GOBBLE IT UP

The table is set, candles lit. The kids are seated and Dad has his mustard at the ready. Scents of green bean casserole, cranberries, sweet potatoes and stuffing permeate the air complementing the perfectly carved turkey that spent the last few hours in the oven. Is there truly a wine that can handle this meal?

Is Thanksgiving possibly trending more towards normal this year? No matter what, we owe it to ourselves to at least drink good wine! Here are a few quick tips and suggestions to guide you in pairing the perfect wine to go with your feast.

Generally speaking, and I can't really stress this enough- I always like to lead with, "drink what you like, and don't overcomplicate or overthink it." If you are strictly a white wine person, let's find a great

white. Only satiated by reds? No problem. Once these parameters are set, you are ready to delve into the task of matching a wine to go with the food at hand. Match acidic foods with acidic wines, creamier and richer foods with weightier and richer wines. This is true for whites and reds alike. Also, don't forget a dry finishing rosé can be quite a tasty treat to pair with turkey too. Now, speaking of that dinner....

Thanksgiving dinner typically offers a vast range of light to rich dishes. Finding wines to complement both can be tough, but not impossible. If white wine is your fancy, **Chablis**, **Pinot Gris** and **Chardonnay** will be your best options. All are great because neither is heavy or sweet, but have enough "oomph" or "courage" as my colleague Thom likes to say, to carry the meal. Chablis (a northern Burgundy) is crisp, lean and loaded with an unmistakable minerality and complexity. Pinot Gris, especially those from Oregon, tend to exude a touch of creaminess while maintaining crispness and finishing dry. Chardonnays with a little bit of oak will enhance buttery and roasted notes, making the mashed potatoes and basted turkey scream for another glass!

Reds more your style? Your options here include the light to medium bodied **Pinot Noir**, **Burgundy** and **Beaujolais**. Pinot Noirs are great matches for lighter, leaner fare like turkey, and tend to have more of an earthy-mushroomy characteristic perfect for roasted root vegetables or that Sherry-Mushroom bisque. Red Burgundy is primarily made from pinot noir grapes, exhibiting solid raspberry and strawberry notes with great balance and complexity. (Pass the cranberries please!) They also tend to be a bit more elegant than our domestic counterpart. Beaujolais (technically the southern region of Burgundy) is made from gamay grapes. They offer a light and refreshing more fruit forward style. These three red wines, by and large, are higher in acid and lower in tannin, creating perfectly balanced wines for food.

Save room for dessert! Finish dinner off with a Sauterne or Port. Both can pair well with the tartness of a freshly baked apple pie or the spiciness of pumpkin chiffon pie. (Don't forget a scoop of French vanilla ice cream too!)



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Dessert:	NV Ramos Pinto Tawny \$15.99
KB's House:	2020 Domaine la Florane Cotes du Rhône Villages

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.



*Communion's sautéed clams and mussels featured in the New York Times.
Photo credit: Communion Instagram @communionseattle.*

RESTAURANTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Kristi Brown at Communion in the Liberty Bank Building (23rd & Union) for making the New York Times restaurants of 2021! The reviewer made special mention of the clams and mussels in coconut milk. The review was accompanied by a delightful photo of an evening outside the restaurant with the outside tables filled with happy eaters! If you have not been there before, you are in for a treat!

Kudos to Bistro Turkuaz for selling Pike Place Market flowers at the restaurant! This is another delicious place to eat and they make their baklava fresh every morning! 1114 34th Ave. in the heart of the Madrona business district.

And Bart Evans of BluWater Bistro reached HERO status as he offered Covid clinics at the restaurant each week for the basic shots and the booster Thanks, Bart!

-Diane Snell



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LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 10.11.21

Present: Trevor Lalish-Menagh, Matthias Linnenkamp, John Barber, Ashley Martin, Janet Oliver, Diane Snell

Absent: Janice, Tracy and Lawrence

November Leschi Newsletter

Submit article to Diane Snell by October 18, 2021

Send September LCC Board meeting notes to Diane S.

LCC cover will feature Emergency Program. Diane needs a paragraph from November presenters, Lawrence and Tracy, on the Emergency Preparedness Hub project

Trevor will submit November's President's Article while Janice is away

Holiday Leschi Newsletter

Past few newsletter editorials have been "dark." Diane would like December's edition to be upbeat/positive articles. Please send suggestions to Diane S

Website

Will ask Rachelle if she could update LCC website.

Diane stated we may need to increase Rachel's fee by \$50 since website update was not part of the position responsibilities

Would like to keep Emergency Hub project as an ongoing topic.

Janet states digital newsletter is something LCC may want to consider. We would still have physical printing, but we could reduce the number of printed copies.

Trevor suggested LCC look into MeetUp.com to get the word out about the council meetings.

Duwamish Tribe

Diane brought up possibly making donation to Real Rent Duwamish. It calls on people to pay rent to the Duwamish Tribe for their land we are on.

Trevor stated Muckleshoot, Tulalip and Puyallup tribes are opposed to the Duwamish Tribe Federal recognition. Not sure why. It would be helpful to understand the dynamics

Matthias will reach out to Duwamish Cultural Center to see if someone is available to attend LCC December meeting

Candidates Forum recap:

Over 30 attendees

Trevor shared the recording link with the campaigns: twitter.com/trevmex/status/144596362381262852

Having chat monitored helped.

Question preparation helped—having follow up questions prepared as well as live support to craft follow ups on the fly.

Timer helped. Thank you, Gwen!

Missed recording the beginning of the meeting—To remedy in the future we should have a checklist.

Develop a communications playbook to get the word out even better. Draft copy for board members to send out. We want to share it outside Leschi.

Coordinating candidates takes a lot of effort. Recognize that this is not just sending one email—a lot of back and forth.

Janet has completed the treasurer's transition. Trevor reminded her that the board meetings are open to all.

November Leschi Community Council General Meeting: November 3rd, 7pm

November Leschi Community Council Board Meeting: November 8th, 6pm

-Respectfully submitted, Yun Pitre

LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 9/13/21

The minutes for September were not recorded due to technical problems. These notes are from individuals who attended. If we have overlooked someone, our apologies.

Diane: We are trying a new layout person for October. She has worked with newspapers and has all the necessary information for our newspaper from Kirsten.

Climate Change: I'd like to see us address this in the newsletter. I felt this past summer indicated we don't have as long to wait as I had hoped, and we are moving too slowly. Perhaps we can link into emergency preparedness when appropriate. Candidate forum? Who wants to work on questions? Trevor and Matthias offered; if we have questions, send to them. They don't want pat answers and would like to have some back-up questions for getting at more detail.

Gwen had suggested at the meeting that it was time to update the by-laws. Janice, John and Tracy offered to work on that with Gwen; she has led these projects before.

Diane suggested that we table the Manaway letter as he seems to be working on a low-income housing project.

Reminder that we have LIHI on our donation policy for a September donation. Discussion and agreement that we send \$500.

Janice: Now that the Board has expanded, we need 5 yes votes to pass proposals.

Program plans for rest of year:

October candidate forum: Trevor to host (Janice away); Matthias will handle the chat

November: Emergency Preparedness

December: Holiday party?

Tracy: From attending the Madison Park HUB neighborhood meeting recently, Lawrence and I witnessed how they have established an earthquake preparation "hub" over the last few years, and we became inspired to suggest that we add this project to our to do list for the Leschi Community Council. Looking for more committee members: Ashley would like to join.

Lawrence and Tracy to work on November Emergency Preparedness program.

Lawrence: He is excited about getting the word out re:hubs. He has talked to neighbors about this and there appears to be much interest. Lawrence also suggested that in the future, we include the Port Commission positions on our forum; they are important positions but get little coverage.

Publicity re:forum? Flyers. Kiosk by Bluwater. Community newspapers. Personal emails to friends and neighbors.

Thanks to all who shared their notes from this meeting.

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General Fund			
Ad Revenue	\$4,671.00		
Dues	\$1,020.00		
Donations	\$1,280.00		
Reimbursement	\$120.00		
Insurance		(\$581.00)	
Printing and postage		(\$4,775.71)	
Other Expenses		(\$829.40)	
Totals	\$7,091.00	(\$6,186.11)	
Restricted Funds			
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Totals	\$7,341.00	(\$8,537.44)	\$44,921.72
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Things to Note:

Contributions in September were made to the Officer Brenton Memorial and FOSE

LIHI donation check of \$500.- will only show up in October.

We have \$1,260 in ad payments outstanding. I already sent reminders and will phone folks if I don't hear back from them this coming week.

We are current with our City of Seattle business license filings and WA State filings.

-Matthias Linnenkamp

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