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Seattle's Floating Homes Tour Is Here Again!

By Melissa Ahlers

The floating home community is laying out welcome mats for our big biennial fundraiser.

The 2012 Houseboat Tour will take place Sunday, September 9, from 12 to 5 PM. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets (www.brownpapertickets.com), or by phone at 1-800-838-3006. Cost is \$25 each (plus handling fee). Please tell your friends to purchase in advance as capacity is limited and previous tours have been sell-outs.

Twelve homes will be featured on the north and south sections of Fairview in the Eastlake neighborhood. Admission includes electric boat and bus shuttle transportation between Terry Pettus Park and Wards Cove. Participants will be treated to an afternoon visiting a series of floating homes – each with its own fascinating history, architecture and art, and inhabitants – reflecting the spirit and evolution of our historic community.

This is a self-guided walking tour and participants will be walking between docks. Comfortable, slip-on shoes are always strongly recommended. The tour will take place rain or shine, but lets hope for sun! Free espresso drinks will be



Photo By: Marilyn Robertson

Lorie Groth
cheerfully
volunteers
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available and refreshment stands will be set up to offer food and drink for purchase.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

It takes the whole community to produce this tour, and we need your help. Friendly houseboaters, please join us to staff the open floating homes from 12:00 – 2:30 or from 2:30 – 5:00. In the time off, volunteers can do the tour for free.

Our community depends on this tour as it is our primary fundraiser to support the FHA, and the advocacy and work benefiting all the floating homeowners in

the city. It is a fun day, full of floating community camaraderie, story telling and colorful characters. You won't want to miss it.

To volunteer, please contact Melissa Ahlers at 206-356-2262 or Melissa@lakere.com and indicate whether you have a preferred time/location. We will follow up with confirmation.

Facebook: Seattle Floating Homes Tour
Website: www.seattlefloatinghomes.org

From the Editors

Changing of the guard

By Libby Kutcipal & Laura Lowery

When Marilyn Robertson announced this spring that she would be relinquishing her duties as editor of the FHA Newsletter, a hush fell over the board meeting. Marilyn has been a wonderful editor and produced excellent newsletters for many years.

We volunteered to take on the responsibility as co-editors, and we look forward to continuing the FHA tradition of putting out a biannual newsletter that is useful, informative, and fun to read.

After the 50th Anniversary party in April, Libby took some time to reflect on FHA newsletters from years past. She discovered these newsletters date back to 1962. They are now beautifully archived and accessible to everyone on the FHA website: www.seattlefloatinghomes.org under "News and Events." Huge thanks to Bill Keasler for this epic undertaking.

We have some big shoes to fill. Previous newsletter editors include Marilyn Robertson, Bill Keasler, Emily Hine, Peggy Stockley, John Nelson, Jan Carlson – and probably others who we don't know (if you do know, please tell us!) Thank goodness Jann McFarland is still on board as office manager.

The newsletter has come a long way since 1962. At that time, it was four pages long. It has gone from black and white to color. It has gone from all hard-copy to hard-copy plus web-based versions. The masthead has been through a series of changes, culminating in the FHA's new logo which was

introduced at the 50th Anniversary party and is now on the front page of this newsletter. Common themes have shown up throughout the years: the Floating Homes Tour, houseboat news, legislation, the environment. The photos in those old newsletters also document the history of Seattle's floating homes community.

Speaking of history, we are excited about the new book by Erin Feeney, "Seattle's Floating Homes," released July 2. It documents the local houseboat community history – perhaps you'll see some ghosts from your own dock or home within its pages. See Erin's article in this newsletter.

We are open to suggestions for the newsletter, please feel free to contact either of us with comments or concerns. Submissions and story ideas from FHA members are welcomed and encouraged.

Thank you for continuing to support the FHA. Here's to the next fifty years!



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Notes from the President

By Sheri Greaves



Wow...What a year! We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Floating Homes Association in April with a great party at the Queen City Yacht Club; we have a new book published about our community by Erin Feeny and held a book signing event by Erin in August; and from all accounts the Floating Homes Tour this year will surpass any we've had so far. Oh, and we're working with MOHAI on the floating homes exhibit they will be having as soon as they open. My first few months as your new President have been incredibly busy and incredibly fun!

The Board of Directors is working very hard in many different areas. We are almost ready to transition to our new database, data management, and communications system through Association Voice. You should have received some e-alerts from us already, using the new system. There are still a few bugs to be worked out, but it is an easy and functional system that will help us improve communication with the community. We will be setting up discussion groups and many documents will be available on-line to our members. Many thanks to Lorie Groth, Marilyn Robertson, and Jann McFarland who have been the major movers and shakers on this project.

Libby Kutcipal and Laura Lowery have taken over the management of the newsletter, and have also brought up a new Facebook page (check it out if you haven't already and please "like" us). Thanks to Libby and Laura for volunteering for this very important job.

We are also planning a re-design of the current website, making it more of a public face for the FHA, as the new Association Voice will become the way we communicate with our members.

The Finance Committee, led by Bob Bowman, meets regularly to discuss ways to keep us afloat for another fifty years. That, of course, brings up the work on the Shoreline Master Plan by the Legislative Committee, led by Amalia Walton. There was a delay in the Department of Planning and Development getting the revised regulations out, but they are out now so the

Committee is back in full work mode. We will keep you updated as to our progress on this front. Amalia wasn't totally resting, however, as she worked with our attorney, Peter Eglick, on the Lozman Amicus Brief, regarding the status of floating homes in a case in Florida. More news about that is also in this newsletter.

I should also mention the tour that is coming up and thank all of the Board members and volunteers alike for the many, many hours of time they are spending to make this a successful event. Melissa Ahlers is heading the tour committee, as she has for the last several years.

Larry Logue and Bob Bowman worked with Sid McFarland to replace some of the decking at the FHA office. If you haven't seen the office after the volunteers renovated it last spring, please drive down and see it. It's now known as Keasler Cottage in honor of our long-time president, Bill Keasler, and it's quite charming. Bob Lilly's plants help dress it up a lot too (thanks, Bob).

I could go on and on about all the great things that are happening, but I'll just say thank you to the entire Board for all the work you're doing, and to our community for supporting the Floating Homes Association. I am very proud to be your president.

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2012 Market Review

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2700 Boyer Ave E. #B	2,025,000

Yes, the Seattle real estate market is moving forward! As you can see, there have been 10 floating home sales through the MLS so far in 2012.

The desirability of owning a floating home is strong, and there's still nothing else like it in Seattle.

I've helped many fellow houseboaters - and landlubbers! - buy and sell real estate, so if you're contemplating a move, please give me a call. I'd be glad to discuss options available in this ever-changing market.



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New book explores history of Seattle's floating homes

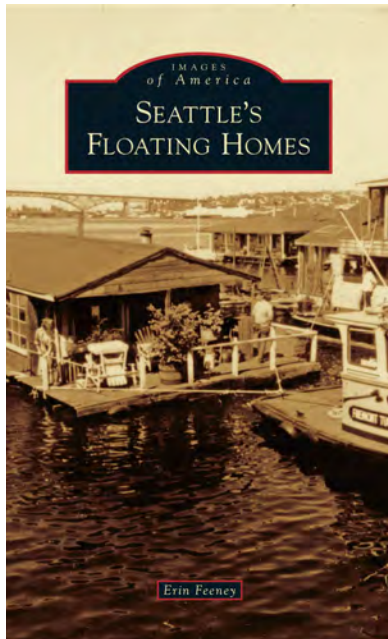
By Erin Feeney

“Seattle’s Floating Homes,” the newest addition to the Images of America series from Arcadia Press and written by Erin Feeney was released on July 2, 2012.

The book explores the community history of floating homes in Seattle through tales from life on the dock and the ongoing challenges of being a fringe neighborhood in the urban context of the city.

I would like to thank the Floating Homes Association board of directors and everyone in the community who generously supported my research with stories and photographs.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Seattle Floating



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Homes Tour on September 9, and through Houseboatique.

Where the book leaves off, a museum exhibit takes its inspiration. The community gallery of the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) is planning a floating homes exhibit titled “Still Afloat: A Contemporary History of Seattle’s Floating Homes.” The exhibit opening has been pushed back slightly due to a delay in the opening of the entire museum and will now open June 15, 2013. There will be a special preview

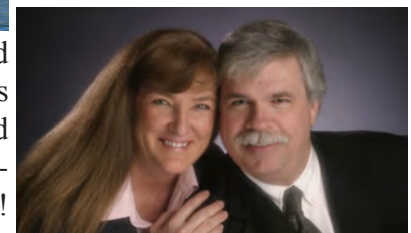
event around the opening, so look for more updates next year.

It is my hope that by sharing the complex and colorful history of the floating homes community through the book and exhibit, the community will be valued as another of Seattle’s essential neighborhoods, with a character and charm that should be maintained and enhanced.

Please email me at misshouseboat@gmail.com for questions about the book or exhibit.



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Floating home case heads to Supreme Court

FHA submits brief as a friend of the court

By Amalia Walton

The Floating Homes Association was approached in March by Jeffrey L. Fisher, an Associate Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and Co-Director of their Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Professor Fisher explained that he was working on a case called *Lozman v. City of Riviera Beach, Florida* that came out of the 11th Circuit and was granted certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The question presented was whether a floating structure that is indefinitely moored receives power and other utilities from shore and is not intended to be used in maritime transportation or commerce constitutes a "vessel" under 1 U.S.C. § 3, thus triggering federal maritime jurisdiction. Fisher was looking for a floating homes association to be involved as a friend of the court.

After evaluating the issues and outcome at stake and being assured that legal representation would be provided to our association at no cost, we agreed to participate as friends of the court. In April, we had our first phone conference with our pro bono attorneys from the San Francisco firm of Munger, Tolles and Olson LLC. In only four weeks our team in San Francisco learned the ins and outs of floating home history,

construction, and community and produced an incredible brief that is both

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a great piece of advocacy and an important historical document. We were also happy to have the floating homes association of Sausalito join us in submitting the brief as a friend of the court.

The brief explains that floating homes are stationary residences, not designed for transportation and argues that the existing state and local rules are the best way to regulate our communities.

Below are a few ways that our homes would be negatively affected if the Supreme Court rules that floating homes are vessels:

(1) They will be subject to maritime liens, as in this case, which allow lienholders to seize the structures in order to satisfy alleged debts; (we would no longer be

protected by Washington's homestead laws);

(2) Regular employees in floating homes (such as nannies or housekeepers) would be deemed "seamen" and thus gain the right to sue owners under the Jones Act for very expensive workers' compensation;

(3) Owners of floating homes would become strictly liable in tort to anyone lawfully in the home, and plaintiffs in that situation could sue and recover against the home itself in order to pay damages;

(4) Floating homes would become subject to the numerous and detailed (and expensive) safety rules that the Federal Boat Safety Act imposes.

The case is expected to be argued in the fall, though the date has yet to be determined.

Briefs, including our amicus brief are available at this link, http://www.americanbar.org/publications/preview_home/11-626.html

SCOTUSblog is a good resource for following the case and has a nice summary of *Lozman's* history in the lower courts (<http://www.scotusblog.com/?p=139578>).



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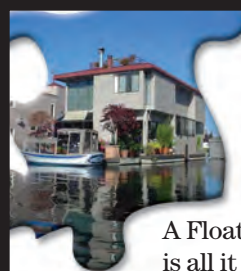
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Safety and security report

Increased staff, new vessel for Seattle Harbor Patrol

By Larry Logue

On May 19, the Seattle Harbor Patrol christened its newest patrol boat, the 45-foot Patrol 9. Built by Kvichak Marine in Ballard, this vessel is based on a design used by the US Coast Guard for coastal operations. Although Patrol 9 will not be used regularly for patrols in Lake Union, it will be based here.

Harbor Patrol staffing has recently increased to six officers and one sergeant on duty 24/7, a significant improvement for our community. Although patrols are not regularly conducted at night or in low visibility



Patrol 9
Seattle Harbor Patrol's newest patrol boat cruises on Lake Union, where it is based.

“As a reminder: In all emergency situations call 911 first. Harbor Patrol can be reached directly at 206-684-4071 for general questions or after calling 911 in emergency situations.”

Larry Logue

conditions, the increased staffing allows for more rapid and flexible response to emergencies.

Another planned improvement will upgrade the Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) cameras in all the boats except the inflatable patrol boats. These cameras detect heat sources as well as visual images and are sensitive enough to clearly highlight human forms. This is extremely valuable in locating people overboard or even prowlers. For those who live at the

end of a dock, rest assured the cameras cannot see through walls or windows.

As a reminder: In all emergency situations call 911 first. Harbor Patrol can be reached directly at 206-684-4071 for general questions or after calling 911 in emergency situations. In order to assist the Harbor Patrol in locating docks and floating homes, please make sure dock street numbers are clearly posted at the end of the dock. Individual floating home numbers or letters should be marked on the channel side of each home as well as the dock side. If an emergency call is made to the Harbor Patrol requesting assistance, residents can also help by standing at the head of the dock to guide them, if it can be safely done.

We survived the Fourth of July celebration this year with no reports of fire damage. Floating home docks can be better protected from fire by installing an emergency water pump and fire hose. Gas-powered pumps draw water directly from the lake and with a two-inch hose can direct a stream of water up to 150 feet. These pumps and hoses can be purchased or constructed for as little as \$500. Several docks on Fairview Ave have already done so.

For information contact Larry Logue by email at llogue@attglobal.net.

FHA 50th Anniversary Party captures spirit of community, fifty years and still floating...

By Jann McFarland and Joyce Black

April 26 was a landmark gathering of houseboaters and friends at the Queen City Yacht Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Floating Homes Association. There were delicious catered appetizers, liquid refreshments, floating key chain party favors, and fabulous views of Portage Bay.

A slide show mixing more than 100 years of historical houseboat photos played on the big screen, and copies of the DVD were sold by Houseboatique. A silent auction got everyone bidding on an array of donations from businesses and individuals in the community.

Emcee Tricia Rendina asked, "Who has been on the lake the longest?" There were two people present who



Photo by Marilyn Robertson

A presidential moment. Three FHA presidents cut the cake (L-R: Sheri Greaves, current president; Bill Keasler, former president; Marty Greer, former president)

have been here longer than fifty years, Dan Ranney and Jim Smith!

A short business meeting was held. President Marty Greer gave a quick summary of our fifty years and ended with news that we are still waiting for the revision of the Shoreline Master Program. Erin Feeney spoke and mentioned her houseboat book available this summer. Iaan Hughes from MOHAI talked about transformation of the armory into the museum and the houseboat exhibit that will occur next spring.

Bob Bowman conducted the elections and the past two presidents, Bill Keasler and Marty Greer, joined newly elected president Sheri Greaves to cut a huge cake decorated with the new FHA logo. For the rest of the

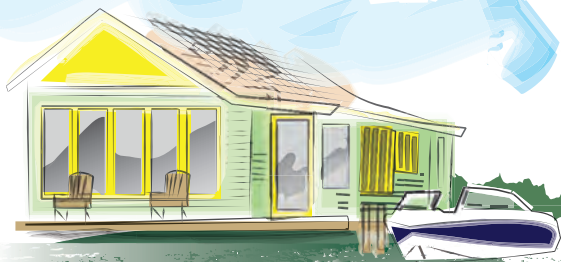
evening The Five Buck Band played one oldie after another as people of all ages got up and danced.

Many thanks to committee Chair, Joyce Black, and her plethora of planners: Laura Lowery, Sheri Greaves, Libby Kutcipal, Tricia Rendina, and Jann McFarland. Thanks to the group of volunteers who stepped up to help before, during, and after the event. Special thanks to Queen City Yacht Club member, Jo Vos, who sponsored the event so we could use their lovely facility.

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Shoreline Master Plan Update

Recommendations released

By Amalia Walton

On June 28, after more than four years of involvement with the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update including participation on the Citizen's Advisory Committee, several meetings with the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and a conversation with Mayor McGinn during a neighborhood walking tour, we received notice that the final recommendations have been released.

We were pleased to note that DPD addressed one of our three main concerns with the regulations, the definition of float as pertains to floating homes. The current recommended definition of float no longer includes decking and now reads as follows: "Float" when it is used in connection with a floating home means those elements that provide the buoyancy necessary to keep the floating home above the water."

We are, however, still concerned about remaining language regulating the minimum distance between floating homes and preventing floating homes from being relocated to moorage sites in public waters, which includes both street ends and DNR leases. In addition to these two main issues, the recommended

regulations do not respect the spirit of Safe Harbor, impose onerously detailed environmental rules and require that all floating homes pay to register with the city in a system that would duplicate the current county registration system.

We are currently conducting a detailed review of the proposed regulations and are planning to approach the City Council with our concerns. At this time there is no schedule or timeline for the Council to review the SMP update. In a best case scenario, the Council Planning Land Use and Sustainability Committee could finish project review this year with a recommendation to Full Council in December.

Thank you to the community members who have been in touch with our committee and written letters to the City Council. The more of our community members who speak up, the more likely the Council is to hear us.

Below is the link to the website where the final recommendations are located on the "Final Recommendations" page. Please contact Amalia Walton with your comments and questions, amaliawalton@gmail.com <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/ShorelineMasterProgramUpdate/Overview/default.asp>



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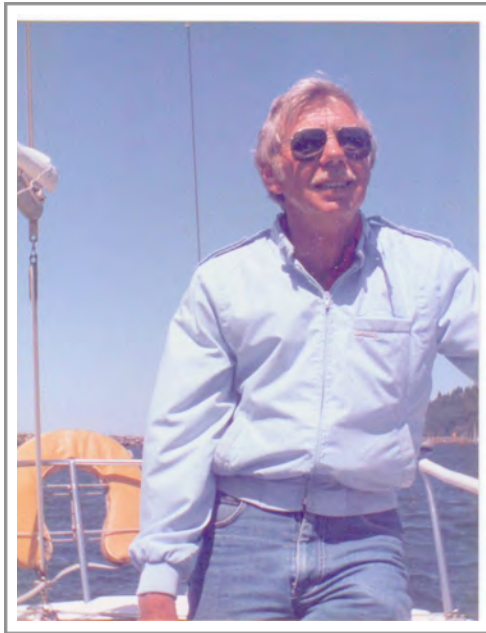
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Remembering

Stanley L. Andreason 1927-2012

Stan Andreason, a long-time resident of Phoenix Moorage, passed away March 8 in Port Angeles, WA. Born in Crosby, North Dakota to Norwegian immigrants, his first formative years were spent in a flat, desolate landscape where the next state, if you could find a tree tall enough for viewing, could be seen from it. Upon arriving in Ballard in 1936 he knew he was 'home'. The smell of trees and water was irresistible. Growing up on a small farm in Port Angeles, he joined the Navy in 1944 to balance the equation of land and sea. He married Eva Louise Denis in 1951 and followed a career as an operating engineer, running all manner of cranes and other heavy equipment, eventually moving to Seattle after divorcing in 1977. From his vantage point running various tower cranes around Seattle, he became enamored with the visual oasis of the houseboat community tucked into the midst of the city.

When Phoenix Moorage formed in the mid-1980s he was one of the first members. He was passionate about his little houseboat and particularly by its evolution from humble beginnings as a "crib." "Crib," historically, was a slang term applied to brothels, especially in New Orleans. The "crib" was previously comprised of two halves and located next to the Navy Pier, Pier 91 in Elliot Bay, before being towed into Lake Union. It wasn't much of a house but being tickled by its unique history and character, he couldn't bear to tear it



down so instead, embarked upon its reconstruction. While tearing into the walls he found newspaper insulation dating back to 1911. In typical Norwegian engineering fashion, rather than simply adding barrels and foam for trimming the floatation, he built an entirely new raft, towing it, with George Johnson's help, along with the houseboat, down to South Lake Union Drydock. There he lifted it off the old raft and slid the new one underneath. The sight of this Huck Finn shanty being towed down the lake was memorable. He loved the lifestyle of the dock and combined it with his other passion, sailing, taking his boat out as often as time would permit for Duck Dodge and weekend trips around Puget Sound. He retired in 1989 in order to have more time to

work on his houseboat, as well as to take numerous sailing trips to the San Juans. During recent years, with a little less mobility, he spent more time on "The Ranch" in Port Angeles and his property in Ocean Shores. But he came back to his oasis in the city as often as possible.

His unending enthusiasm for dock projects and willingness to help neighbors will be missed.

He is survived by his children, Steve, Sandi and Sue as well as his long term partner, Shirley Childers of Port Angeles. His family will keep the houseboat and maintain a foothold in the community.

Pamela J. Goetz 1944-2012

The houseboat community lost a good friend and neighbor, Pamela J. Goetz, on July 9, 2012. She had been struggling with lung cancer for the past 18 months and died at home, in the place she loved. Pam and her husband Jim purchased their houseboat in 1982 at 2017 Fairview, when the dock was still owned by the Freeman, Gibson group. It was a month to month moorage arrangement then and evictions were always around the corner. Pam and Jim actually had to be interviewed by Mark Freeman before they could purchase the houseboat, an experience she never forgot. Fortunately, a few years later, in 1984, the Log Foundation was formed and three docks purchased the moorage.

Pam loved the water and her flowers. Her favorite two pastimes were gardening and cleaning the lake. Since 2017 Fairview is the southernmost dock on the street, debris collects in that area. When Pam first started cleaning, the job never seemed to end. She kept at it steadily and after a while, the backlog was cleaned and she was able to keep up with it on



a regular basis until near the end. In fact, a fitting tribute was held for Pam on Saturday, July 14. Members from the dock and others from the Log Foundation gathered for mimosas, fruit and baked goodies, and told stories about Pam. We then all went out and cleaned the lake in her memory. It was a very wonderful tribute to a great woman and a tradition we hope will continue.

A few years after retiring from DSHS as a social worker in children protective services, Pam co-chaired the Fairview Green Street project. She helped lead a group of volunteers in developing guidelines for improvements to Fairview Ave between Newton and Roanoke Streets. Graphics are currently being developed for the guidelines for public review and submittal to the City of Seattle for approval and adoption.

Pam loved the lake and the neighborhood; she will be missed by many.

Florence Hawkins Yerxa 1919-2012

Florence Hawkins Yerxa, our mother, grandmother and the light of our lives, passed away peacefully in a sun-filled room on the morning of February 22, 2012. She was 93. Florence was a long-time resident of 2331 Fairview, the Tenas Chuck moorage. She leaves behind her loving family and a wonderful community of friends, neighbors, and "dear ones" residing from next door to around the world. From her Lake Union houseboat "Copepod," she provided a perpetual feast of love and merriment for her five children, six grandchildren and a host of visitors from all the far ends of the earth. Her home was filled with the books that she loved, the photos of her family that she cherished, and the stories and memories of the countless travels and adventures that we all shared.

She believed simply that there was beauty to be found everywhere and that kindness and generosity will in the end prevail. The graceful, adventurous spirit that filled her heart



and shaped our lives is our most treasured inheritance. We will love her always.

She is survived by her loving former husband Fendall Yerxa of Seattle; her children: Rusty Yerxa (Janene Driscoll) of Gustavus, Alaska; Julie Yerxa (Jere Canote) of Seattle; John Yerxa (Mary Callahan) of Brisbane, Australia; Rufus Yerxa (Barbara McSweeney) of Geneva, Switzerland; and Quentin Yerxa (Karen Freisem) of Seattle; her grandchildren: Lefki Moraitis, Fendall Moraitis, Lelia Yerxa, Gavin Yerxa, Rowan Yerxa, and Haley Yerxa; her brother John Hawkins of Alamo gordo,

New Mexico; and her very special family of caregivers at Laurel Park Manor.

Remembrances can be made to the Seattle Symphony or to the Floating Homes Association.

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Waterlog

By Marilyn Robertson

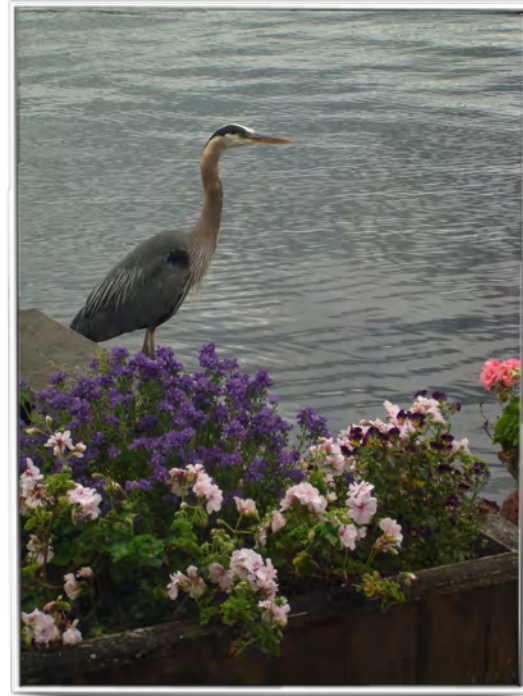
We have a very newsy Waterlog so I suggest you put on comfortable walking shoes or paddle your kayak. We'll start in Portage Bay.

Shelby Dock

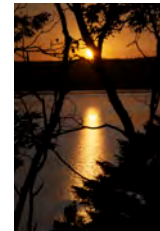
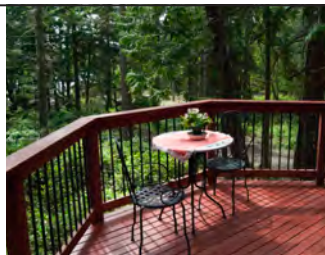
Penny Lewis, says Shelby Dock has been playing Musical Houseboats. "There have been some recent changes on this Dock. On June 14 we had a lovely dock party in our garden to honor and thank **Alan Hunt** for his many years as treasurer and nominal caretaker of our dock. He has moved to a new house in Leavenworth and does not appear to miss the water! We also welcomed new co-op members **Carol & Carl Buchan** who are now the proud owners of #16, the quintessential yellow houseboat that appears in many Seattle photos. New renters in Buchan's old digs are **Julia Mayer & Lance Jones**, and **Lauren Glickman** is now renting Alan's houseboat. **Scott Uselding** and his charming daughter **Hanna** have moved from #5 to the Magnolia area and **Greg Cotter** has moved into the floating home they were renting. Rumor has it that we will soon be bidding a fond farewell to Terry Bratvold, one of our original co-op members and wife, Karen, as they are midst selling their floating home #8. They will be moving closer to their families. **Ruth & Raymond Miles** and their children who have been renting #12, will be moving to a larger home in Montlake. We will miss seeing **Grace** and **Nancy** rowing by and **Peter** and his friends enjoying the lake. Spring has been good to our lovely garden and the

new Gingko tree our resident gardener, Ann Schuh grew from seed! It is happy in its new location by the stairway. Happy summer!"

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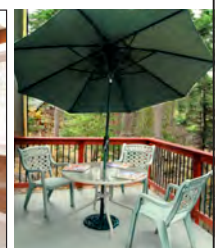
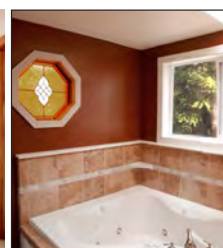
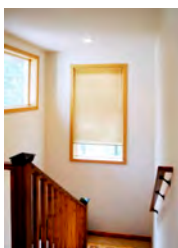
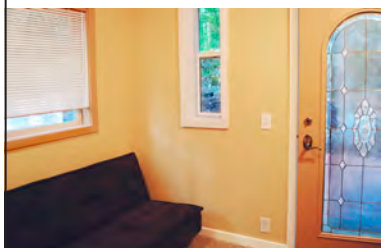


In July, **Michael Schick** took this photo of a blue heron on his floating dock.



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Willow Cove

Joyce Black sends in a photo essay:



Update on dock baby, Bodhi shown here at seven months with **Loren Van Oss** & **Rob Van Oss**. That grocery bill is growing as fast as he is!



Zach Lell completed his remodel and it's a beauty. One of his and kitty's favorite spots is second floor cedar wood bedroom with a view to die for.



It's a dog's life. Just ask **Kacie Luderus** and her pals Gunnar and Bailey, relaxing and practicing "no barking."



Special event! Jennifer Duran married Chris Hawkins at **Joyce & Dave Black's** houseboat on May 23. Champagne flowed freely.



While in Mexico in July, **Joyce Black** had a sunset photo shown at Memories Foto Galeria. Owner, Tracey Campion says it's the first sunset photo shown in her gallery.

Moving on to Fairview Avenue...

Tui Tui

Robby Rudine writes, "On page 100 of Seattle Artist Carl Chew's beautiful book depicting his Artist's Postage Stamps, you will find the stamps Carl made for Janet's and my houseboat wedding in 1985. Carl also included on the page some of my Tui Tui stamps under my nom de timbre of Dogfish. The book is available through Lulu.com.

Tui Tui also gained an illustrated mention in **Erin Feeney's** new book Seattle's Floating Homes. **Janet Yoder** and I, with **Marilyn Robertson** helped proof and edit. We believe Erin did our community proud and we look forward to the exhibit at MOHAI that Erin will put together.

The weekend after July 4 we had a visit from the delightful Fiander family of the Yakama Nation. As befits a country

Waterlog continued...

named twice, and having enjoyed good fun, the Fianders returned for another visit to Tui Tui by rental boat the very next day. It turned into a long stay with this fine five some since their boat had starter problems and had to moor the night alongside. Jack Fiander, Janet and I studied Lushootseed under Vi Hilbert at the UW in the 1970s. Jack was the attorney who did the founding documents for Lushootseed Research, a non-profit organization founded by Vi Hilbert and still working to protect the local language and culture that is also a part of our Lake Union heritage.

In June Tui Tui also hosted a reunion potluck of the board of Lushootseed Research and former students of Vi's - a beautiful day to share floating home hospitality on the lake as 'Juneuary' briefly gave way to just plain June."

Mallard Cove

Giff Jones begins the Mallard Cove Quackings, "with the following piece of mercifully anonymous intelligence with no further comment: '(We have nothing to report because) ... no one would care about news from Tacoma, the City of Destiny.' **Marsh & Sue Bugge**, #11 are big fans of solar power (pun intentional), having

36 panels on the roof of their Guemes Island get-away and a solar-powered rooftop davit "dumb" waiter (that sounds smart) on their Mallard Cove houseboat. GO SOLAR! Further Bugge news: Our resident animal kingdom is alive and well, to wit: Matchmaker Sue believes their yellow lab Jack, aka "granddog", is in love with Giff & Mary's cat Bella, since he gets bathed with Bella licks regularly. Jack selectively barks only at Bucky, our local beaver, and Hank, the resident heron.



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Tim & Melissa Ahlers, #15 continue to teach 2-year-old Greta important lessons for living on the lake: the difference between de Havilland Beavers and Otters and the organic ones, navigational techniques such as always being able to point to the Space Needle, and memorizing the names of all the pets that live on the dock.

Towering **Ed Buchwald** of #4 states that "Little Eddie" will be in Desolation Sound pretty much all summer on "Island Star" while **Bob Berman & Lisa Horton**, #6 are looking forward to spending a week there this summer on Ed's trawler with girlfriend **Laura**. Bob and Lisa will be taking a break from their usual weekend routines of honing horsemanship skills up at their "Lost Boot Ranch." Maybe it should be Lost "Boat" Ranch? **Giff and Mary**, #5 look forward to catching a month on their ketch, maybe in the Gulfs or points north after a long houseboat-updating project. Says Giff, 'Even if all we do is slip the lines, that could be enough!'

Laura Strockbine, modestly reporting 'boring' from their quarter, mentioned **Andy Mansell & Kristie Augustine's** wedding scheduled for July 28, with Ed Buchwald as officiator. Andy's bachelor party was a 3-

day San Juan Island cruise in mid June on multiple Mallard Cove boats.

Newest docksters, as of May are **Katie & Erik Collings Ray** of #13, who completed their first marathon in June. They are, '... happy to now be a part of the Mallard Cove community/family,' and Mallard Cove is happy to have them on board! **Jane Dahl** recently completed a move into #2.



Ryan & Loryn Peterson officially aboard!

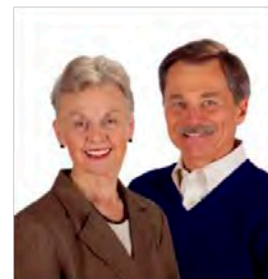
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After a year of rebuilding #12 nearly from the float up, **Ryan & Loryn Peterson** FINALLY made it aboard officially in May, a month after the arrival of cute little **Elle Linnea**. Whew! Elle was photo-shy.

Tenas Chuck Moorage

Long time house boater **Caroline Kuknyo** (resident at TCM for years and also DOX for several years) moved to Utah to be near her granddaughters. The dock welcomes her renter, **Jennifer Butte-Dahl**.

Willow Dock Cooperative



The dock potluck after hugely active and fun work party.

The dock party was a great opportunity to get to know two new households, the **Carol's** in #10, **Cyril** in #3, and baby **Pika**, born Dec. 21. His parents are **Wendi Rues & Robert Hubley**. It is great to have a full dock again!

DOX Coop

Amy Ellingson Villanueva responded from the Philippines to an email comment about gardening down on Portage Bay. "Funny enough, I was potting my first

herbs on our rooftop around the same time. We have basil, spearmint, tarragon and a crazy looking 'saw tooth cilantro.' Have you ever heard of such a plant? It looks like a beach grass sprout with broader light green leaves and jagged edges. NOTHING like cilantro, basically. But when you cut it up, voila! The taste and smell of cilantro. It's a miracle plant because it's so much hardier than the leafy variety. We need it here, because the aphids and ants took out my basil in less than two weeks. Tarragon is also a new and happy discovery - a thin leafed plant (think rosemary) with the slight flavor of anise or fennel. Maybe this is already an old standby for you, but I'm a newbie tarragon lover and converted for life!"

Also from DOX, **Misha Halvarsson** wrote, "Our very own David, the son of **Butch Smith & Elise Ernst** (2219), has earned a spot on the US Senior National Rowing Team and will race at the US World Championships Aug 14-19 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. He quad rowed uncontested and crossed the finish line with a time of 6:15.89, earning him a spot in the championship. US Rowing's senior national team represents the U.S. at the highest level of international competition, either at the Olympic Games or the World Championships. These athletes also compete at the Rowing World Cups and the Pan American Games.

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DOX co-op rower grew up on Lake Union.

For those of you who don't know David, he grew up on DOX, went to Dartmouth and has been rowing for as long as I can remember. We have been extremely proud of him in the past and obviously will continue to be so in the future. Congratulations David!"

For more information see

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Log Foundation

Author, Ray Tanner and his wife Jill were in Seattle for a book signing at Elliott Bay Books in mid July for his book, *From Animal House to Our House, A Love Story*. **Jann McFarland** writes, "He contacted FHA to see about interviewing a houseboater as he is also doing a documentary on historic preservation as he travels around the US on his book tour. We got together on the spur of the moment. I talked to them about the community and he interviewed **Jeri Callahan** and saw her houseboat. Then **Sid** and I took them for a boat tour of Lake Union and Portage Bay and talked about houseboat history and preserving older houseboats when possible in remodeling. We had a great time and they invited us to stay with them if we visit Baltimore. His book is about the restoration of a totally wrecked, 4500 square foot, Victorian Brownstone that had been a fraternity house

for over ten years. The book is fun and interesting (and agonizing) especially for anyone who has lived in their houseboat while doing their own remodel. Ray had no experience with any kind of carpentry or plaster work. He teaches writing at Loyola University in Baltimore. And he and Jill made the first purchase of the new floating homes history book!

Ellen & Steve Hansen had an Aqua Cat sailing boat, similar to a Hobie Cat, many years ago when raising their daughter Jennifer on the houseboat. The old boat was no longer usable so they

ordered a new one so Jennifer's two young sons can learn to sail. Steve took possession of the boat in South Lake Union, put it together, and just as he was getting ready to cast off, with one foot on the pier and one on the boat, the boat moved away from the dock. He was doing the splits and then into the lake he went -- banging and scraping himself up pretty badly. The guys from the boat place helped him out of the water and he sailed home without further incident. The grandkids have already been out on the boat twice as of this writing and love it.

Oh, and on the first trip out with the boys, Jennifer leaned over the water and lost her glasses.



Ellen & Steve Hansen with Aqua Cat.

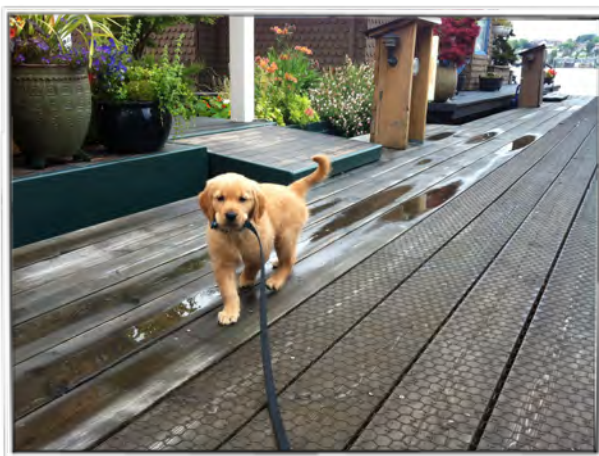
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Linda Cook, involved in a long time remodel of her houseboat recently took out the floors in the living room area and that night she stayed at the houseboat with nothing but logs and open water in the living room. She heard a noise and went downstairs to check it out and caught four partying juvenile raccoons. When she turned on the light they stood up blinking with surprise –they had finished all the cat kibble in one of those big “all you can eat” dispenser bowls and were trying to figure out a way to get the big bag of cat chow out of the house. ‘Nope, it won’t fit through the kitty door, I already tried it.’”

A short paddle but a long walk takes us to Westlake.

2466 Westlake

Marty Greer reports, “The dock is delighted to welcome our newest, smallest and definitely softest and cuddliest resident, Lilly Chappelle, a golden retriever puppy. The **Chappelle family** made several trips up to BC to meet Lilly before finalizing the adoption. She’s as cute as they come and very well behaved!”



Lilly Chappelle joins 2466 WL.

Marty & Gerry Greer were successful in their second attempt to visit southeastern Oregon after last year’s attempt was cut short by car problems. “During the first two weeks of June, they towed their teardrop trailer behind the aging but agile Subaru from their home in Twisp to the Goldendale area for a visit with **Lynn & Paul Bernstein** (2019 FV), then across the mighty Columbia and down through central Oregon to Stein’s Mountain, the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, Alvord Desert, Jordan Valley, then nipping into Idaho for respite from rain and cold at their third home at Hells Canyon Winery, thence along the Oregon Trail to Halfway for dinner on a mountaintop with friends, over the Wallowa

Mountains to Joseph and Enterprise, and back to Twisp to drop off Ms. Teardrop in her shed.

2000 miles, rain, cold, snow, some sunshine, lots of wildlife, and some new friends. Recommend it all!”



Waiting for the only gas station within 200 miles to open - gas gauge on empty.

2420 Westlake

Ann Bassetti shares a couple of stories from 2420WL.

“**Maureen Pirog**, who splits her professorial duties between Indiana University and UofW, made a whirlwind trip to Poland, Turkey and China, giving lectures and meeting with colleagues. Although fun and exciting, she admits the trip may have been a bit too far flung, and is glad to be here for the rest of the summer.

Eugene Nutt (a chocolate aficionado) agreed that he and Ann Bassetti would host a visiting cacao farmer and his American colleague, for one night in March. Turned out they stayed -- off and on -- for the whole month! Felipe Grefa, cacao farmer from Amazonian side of Ecuador, was here with Rebecca Roebber, promoting Kallari Chocolate.

His cooperative of 900 families is a major success story of indigenous people (Kichwa) taking their product from farm to finished chocolate bar, hence keeping most of the production value for themselves, rather than losing it to middlemen. Although a college-educated teacher, this was Felipe's first exposure to a dishwasher, clothes washer, and a hot bath! Ann and Eugene got lots of Spanish speaking practice, learned about cacao farming, and that a large conch shell is from an animal that was ~300 years old! Felipe loved houseboat life, and now uses

a photo of Lake Union for his Facebook pic! Look for Kallari Chocolate at Whole Foods, PCC and other purveyors.”

North End of Lake is another short paddle or a short walk across Fremont Bridge.

Lee’s Moorings

New Dock Reporter, **Terry Moos** shares the latest. “Move over, Rick Steves. Lee’s Moorings residents are racking up big-time mileage with travels all over the globe. Could a travel book be in the works?”

Brian, Maile and **Avia Roundtree** visited France, where Avia will one day attend the international school of Nice. Maile also attended a ‘mini’ college reunion in Marbella, Spain, and saw the Rock of Gibraltar. They visited their favorite spot, Sestri Levante, on the Mediterranean, just north of the Cinque Terre in Italy. “We lived there when Avia was a toddler, so we love going back and seeing friends,” says Maile. “Avia’s favorite friend is Luca, the gelato maker!”

Sunshine, sombreros, and sunscreen all made for a fabulous Cabo San Lucas trip for **Rose & Tom Hesselbrock** and daughter **Caleigh** in May. Rose and Tom took part in the Rock and Roll half marathon in June, finishing with times of 3:59:54; and 3:26:12 respectively.



***Rose & Tom Hesselbrock** are all smiles after completing the Rock and Roll Half Marathon.*

Once school was out, **Gemma & Russ Daggatt** took daughters **Kaya & McKinlay** to Italy with a group of good friends. They enjoyed beautiful sights, sun, and fabulous food, traveling to Florence and Greve in Toscana, Nerano on the Sorrento Coast, the Campania region and the Amalfi Coast.

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*Dana, the mover, rolls out the last of **Karen & Steve Eckhart's** cartons.*

Gone, but not too far away—the dock family was sad to bid farewell to **Karen & Steve Eckhart**, who moved to Shilshole Bay. Valued neighbors and friends for the 8+ years they lived here, Steve was longtime ‘El Presidente’ for our HOA, and Karen was a delightful ‘First Lady’ and Waterlog correspondent. Happy Trails!



*One life down, eight to go - **Sylvester Hesselbrock** vanished from the dock for a week, but returned on Rose’s birthday.*

Lee’s Moorings is pleased to welcome new dock neighbors, **Gail & Dick Nova**, former Kirklanders, who purchased houseboat #5 from the Eckharts in June.”

Teri Hall & Bob Bowman visited the Denver area and the weather was HOT. “The mountains were hazy from the fires and we saw large smoke plumes just over the mountain ridge at Estes Park,” says Bob. Local volunteer fire department trucks were flying by to get to the latest blaze. They visited Estes Park, Boulder, and the small ski area above Boulder, called Nederland—still a hippy haven. In February, they spent time in Kauai’s Kapaa area. They took several great hikes, especially one above Napali Coast, plus a helicopter ride over Waimea Canyon to see hundreds of waterfalls.

In April, **Terry & Jerry Moos** flew to Phoenix for the wedding of Jerry’s nephew. They also got their Frank Lloyd Wright fix at Taliesin West before visiting the Grand Canyon. Oil change? Check. Tires rotated? Check. Costco snacks packed? Check. Let the road trip begin!

In April, **Nancy Hansen & Jim Burnell** drove to Arizona—taking the road less traveled to see family and friends. They went to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona—with a stop in California to visit #1 great-grandson. Jerry Moos drove to Utah and Colorado in June, visiting Baker City, Oregon and Snowbird, Utah, before exploring several National Parks, including Zion, Cedar Breaks, Bryce Canyon (famous for hoodoo rock formations), Capital Reef, Natural Bridges, Mesa Verde, ending up in Platoro, a mining village in the Colorado Rockies.

As always, our dock reporters have come through for us. Thanks to each of you for taking time to collect and write stories and include photos too. Also, I would like to send a thank you to Jules and the staff at Lake Union Mail. Yes. They post our newsletter! Please take time to visit LUM’s attractive website at <http://www.lakeunionmail.com/>.

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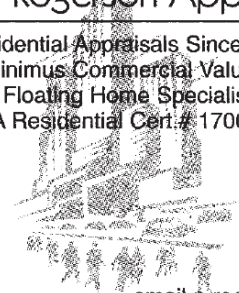
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