



FOUNDED 1962

## FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION



2329 Fairview Avenue East

Seattle, Washington 98102

Phone: 325-1132

Number 138

*Newsletter*

Spring 2002

### The Floating Homes Association's 40th Anniversary

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday April 23, 2002

7:00 To 9:00 PM

FREMONT UNCONVENTIONAL CENTER

160 N Canal St

(Along the Canal in Fremont)

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

LIVEBOARD LAW

LAKE UNION CREW

POLL RESULTS

TOUR OF HOMES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS

Cookbooks Notecards and Tee Shirts On Sale

*Be There!*

### "Have You Done The Poll?"



Photo by Sid McFarland

Look out for our intrepid Floating Homes Association Poll-Takers. We are asking for your opinions about how the Association might best serve the community as we head into our 40th Year.

The Poll is attached as an insert to this *Newsletter* and is also available on-line at our new website

[www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org](http://www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org)

Chuck Murray, the diver, is peering into Heinz Strobl's new houseboat, featured on Page 5.

## **Equity Ordinance: Right Of First Refusal Repeal Postponed**

By Mark Koenig

In August, 2001, the Seattle City Council put floating home owners on notice that it would hold public hearings regarding the potential repeal of a portion of the city ordinance governing floating homes (the "Equity Ordinance") dealing with a tenant's right of first refusal (ROFR). ROFR gives tenants the ability to purchase their dock when the tenant's landlord decides to sell.

The FHA organized a significant turnout for that hearing and engaged the Council enough to have it postpone its vote on the matter until after further study. The FHA convened a special committee to review the ROFR and possible solutions. After meeting with Councilmember Judy Nicastro, chairwoman of the

City Council's Landlord/Tenant subcommittee, and Assistant City Attorney Bryan Glynn, the FHA committee drafted a position paper outlining the legal issues and economic ramifications if the ROFR was repealed, and instead requesting that the Council leave the ordinance as is until and unless a direct legal challenge to the ROFR is raised.

This is a time of continuing change for the floating home community. When the Equity Ordinance (SMC 7.20) became law in 1980, most floating homes were moored on landlord-owned rental docks. At present though, the majority of floating home residents own their docks, having transformed them from rental docks into cooperative or condominium associations. The floating

*Continued on Page 2 ...*

**THE FLOATING  
HOMES ASSOCIATION'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*President:* Bill Keasler  
(2037 FV)

*Vice President:* Marty Alexander  
(2466 WL)

*Treas:* Ed Waddington/Julia Forbes  
(2339 FV)

*Secretary:* Sally Weems  
(933 N NL)

*Members-At-Large:*

Melissa Ahlers (2600 FV)

Ann Bassetti (2420 WL)

Jeff Browne (2822 Boyer)

Tiffany Campbell (2031 FV)

Sheri Greaves (3110 PBPL)

Emily Hine (2766 WL)

Susan Jenkins (2235 FV)

Giff & Mary Jones (2600 FV)

Jack Kindred (2764 WL)

Mark Koenig (2420 WL)

Bob Martin (2351 FV)

Susan Susor (1409 NE Boat St)

Betty Swift (1213 E Shelby)

*Office Manager:* Jann McFarland

*Phone:* 325-1132 / 323-3489

*Office Hours:*

**By Appointment**

*Messages Monitored:*

**Now and Then**

*Newsletter:* Jann & Bill

... Continued from Page 1

home community views this shift in ownership as a positive development. The transition from rental to cooperative docks has been greatly facilitated by the existence of the Equity Ordinance and the ROFR.

At this time, perhaps a dozen rental docks remain on Lake Union and Port-

*The Floating Homes Right of First Refusal Ordinance escapes repeal, remains to encourage trend to resident-owned moorages.*

age Bay. Rental docks have been converting to tenant ownership at the rate of one or two every year for the past few years. So long as the Equity Ordinance and the ROFR remain in place, the FHA anticipates a continued conversion to tenant-owned properties – exactly what the Equity Ordinance sought to encourage.

The FHA believes that if the ROFR remains unchanged for a few more years, it will continue to encourage the transition to resident-owned docks. This is the main reason why members of the Floating Homes Association have been concerned that a spontaneous effort by the City Council to repeal the ROFR is both unnecessary and potentially damaging to the floating home community.

Legitimate arguments can be made in favor of the ROFR despite the recent ruling in the *Manufactured Housing Communities* case (142 Wn.2d 347, 13 P.3d 183 (2000)). The situation for houseboat owners differs significantly from that of mobile home owners in several important respects. First, floating home tenants are faced with a government-created pseudo-monopoly situation through

both the Shoreline Management Act and the Seattle Shoreline Master Program, and literally have nowhere to move their homes. Second, many of the houseboat docks include land leased from either the State Department of Natural Resources or public land such as city street ends, and this fact raises the issue of public domain. Third, almost all rental docks are zoned solely for residential use, whereas mobile home park lands are zoned for multi-use. Arguably, these distinguishing factors make sales of floating home moorages subject to different standards than those set forth in the *Manufactured Housing Communities* case.

In sum, it would appear that there is little harm and great potential benefit in leaving the ROFR untouched for the time being. If the conversion of rental docks to cooperatives and condominiums does not make the issue moot in the near future, FHA will work with the City to develop alternatives or amendments to the Equity Ordinance that address tenants' concerns and avoid the alleged legal problems posed by the current version of the ROFR.

For all of these reasons, the FHA recommended to both the City Attorney and the City Council that they not reach a final conclusion on the constitutionality of SMC 7.20.115 at this time. We proposed that the correct and best test of the legality of the ROFR would arise from a real case contested by real parties in interest, and further, that the best arbitrator on the issue of constitutionality is the court system, not the City Council.

To date, the City Attorney's Office has reviewed the FHA position paper and has consulted with the City Council. At this time, the City Council has not placed the issue of ROFR on its agenda.

## Lynn Street Art Tile Project

*The tiles are completed, work on the park is underway.*

**By Barbara Donnette**

Neighborhood volunteers for the art tile project completed 160 gorgeous tiles for the sitting steps at two public workshops. A smaller group made twelve wondrous "walking fish" for the wall. Last fall we began working on phase two: the Gaudi style bench commemorating Tom & Peggy Stockley's lives and a tile sign/kiosk for the park en-

try. Contributions were made to fund these projects and the tiles are being painted this spring. When the work on the park is completed the concrete bench will be constructed on site. Then the tiles for all of the projects will be affixed. A dedication will be held this summer once everything is done.

# Updates

## Lake Union Crew

In a frustrating decision last fall, Federal Judge Barbara Rothstein ruled **against** Lake Union Crew's (LUC's) attempt to circumvent Seattle's zoning laws. Our coalition (FHA, Eastlake CC, 3100 Fairview condo) was even awarded some portion of our attorney costs.

But, while we keep winning the battles, we keep losing the war. In the compliance part of the case, where we were asking that the structures actually be removed from the site, Rothstein ruled the motions involved questions of state law which she wanted a state court to consider before she decided them. So motions to remove LUC were apparently not denied on their merits, but because the judge simply didn't want to decide them.

For the case to continue, it has to wind its way through Superior Court and then back up to the federal court. There are several ways this might happen, but the ball is in the City Attorney's Office. Last we heard, the city is still mulling its options.

## Liveaboard Law

For the past year or so the Association has been tracking the progress of the statewide movement to legalize liveaboards. This movement is a response to the Department of Natural Resources recent attempt eliminate liveaboards as "trespassers" on public land.

After the application of substantial statewide political pressure and with a new Department director in charge, DNR is now heading off the threat of legislation by proposing new rules for **all** over-water residential uses, including Floating Homes.

Our Olympia lobbyist, Mike Ryherd, reports that the proposed regulations will leave Seattle's regulatory environment more or less intact. They allow local governments to enact their own rules allowing over-water residential uses (for us, those would be the ordinances already in place) so long as they meet the state's minimum environmental and zoning standards.

Ryherd and Association members are attending DNR workshops around the state to keep close tabs on this. Our goal is to keep the impact of all this on our situation to a minimum.



## Honk If You've Done the Poll

[www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org](http://www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org)

## TENAS CHUCK MOORAGE CHALLENGE

By Jeri Callahan

Ahoy, mates! In response to all the challenges to our tranquil lives here on Lake Union & Portage Bay, members of the Tenas Chuck houseboat co-op challenge announce a challenge of their own. They challenge your moorage to match or beat our contribution of \$1000 to the Floating Homes Association Legal Fund and another \$1000 to the General Fund. This money is over and above our membership dues.

For you relative newcomers, many

Association issues require our best efforts. In particular, we must defend against challenges to our Equity Ordinance, which protect houseboat owners who do not own their moorage.

Guess what? To fight these issues requires lawyers, who understandably don't come cheap. Invest in the future of our unique community by writing a substantial check to the FHA Legal Fund. Checks for \$50 or more are tax deductible when made out to SCCF/FHA. And you can always contribute to the FHA General Fund in any amount.

## A Plea From the Floating Homes Association Board

By Marty Alexander, Vice President

As we near our 40-year anniversary, the FHA continues to be the voice of the floating home community by providing the following benefits to its membership:

- Legal action to protect our unique lifestyle on Lake Union and Portage Bay from over-development and environmental degradation;
- A lobbyist in Olympia representing the interests of our community in the State Legislature;
- Maintenance of a strong relationship with the Mayor and City Council and representation before governing administrative boards, to insure fair and equitable treatment of houseboaters;
- A forum for communication and exchange of ideas on our newly published web site.

Due primarily to our high legal expenses over the last 2 years, mainly related to the two floating structures known as Lake Union Crew, the funding for FHA projects has recently dropped to the lowest levels we have seen in the last 20 years. With few fundraising opportunities other than annual dues and the floating homes tour, we now find ourselves in the position of requesting a one-time donation from each member of the Floating Homes Association. This donation will help us continue with the progress we have made and enable us to properly promote and fund this year's floating homes tour, which will take place in September. Please take a moment to fill out the form below and make as generous a donation as possible.

YES, I want to do my part! Enclosed is my one-time donation of:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinghy level \$50      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dreamboat level \$150   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak level \$75       | <input type="checkbox"/> Float Plane level \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfer level \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Mary level \$500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another level _____    |  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to Floating Homes Assn., 2329 Fairview E, Seattle 98102



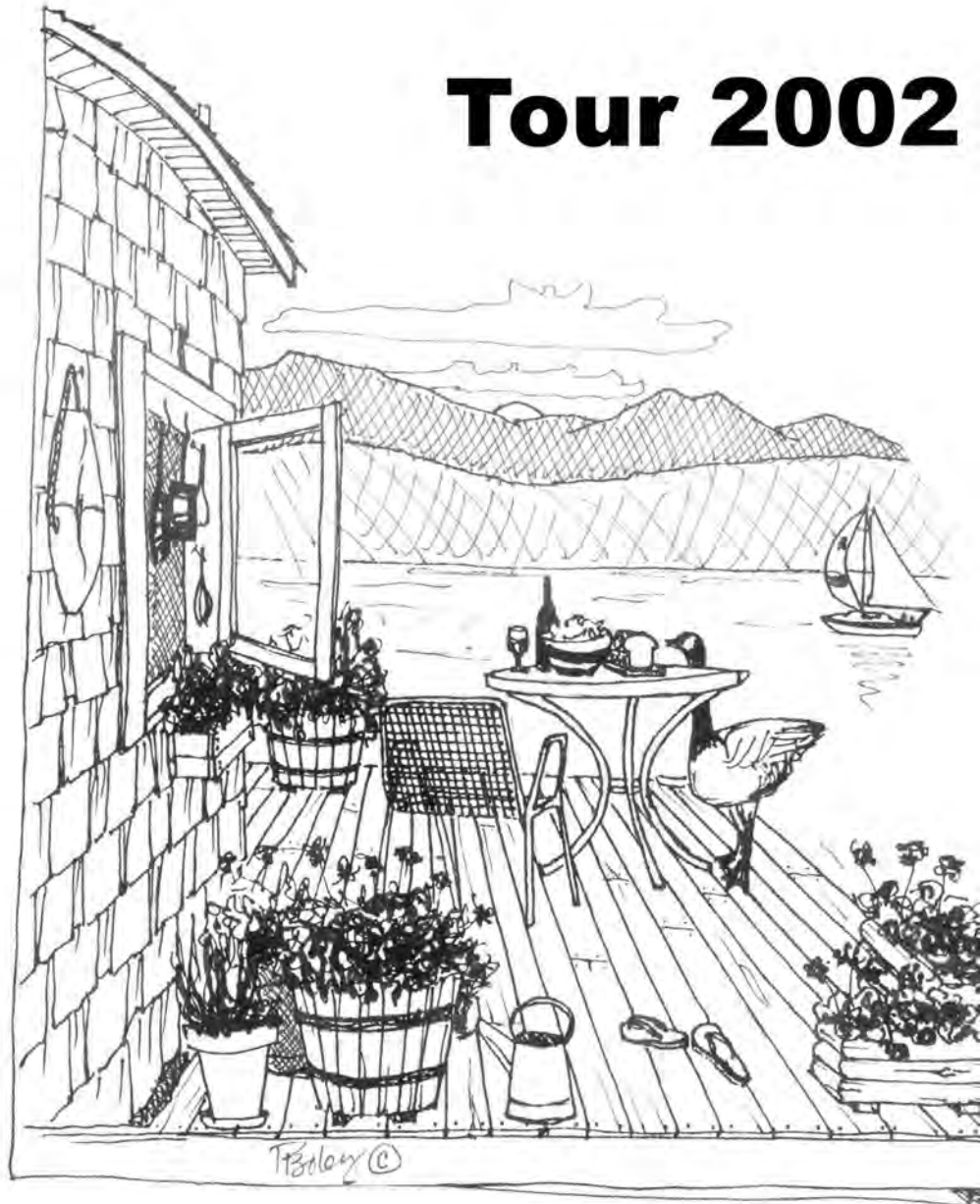
Our Floating Homes Tour last spring in Portage Bay brought out a small but enthusiastic group of folks willing to brave the pouring rain that really didn't let up all day. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and sponsors we managed to make some money even though we did not begin to sell out.

For this reason, the Board has decided to put on a tour this fall, rather than waiting until next year. Steve Nielson, guided by long time "tour guru", Marty Alexander will be heading up the tour committee. Melissa Ahlers will again be in charge of all the many volunteers who make this tour happen. The tour date will be Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and it will be held on both Fairview and Westlake with land and water transportation between areas of homes.

We are looking for people to help with the tour publicity, tickets and other committees as well as searching for the right mix of homes to be on the tour. A selection of old & new, large and small — funky & sophisticated all put together to make a tour that is interesting, exciting, and has a bit of something for everyone's taste and that's what leads to a successful fund raiser and ticket sell out! We also are looking for corporate sponsors for the espresso cart and ticket/brochure.

Come work on the committee, meet new people, have fun, and get a preview of the tour houses. Volunteers get free tour tickets. You can e-mail Steve Nielson at Paris@seanet.com or you can call The FHA office at 325-1132.

# Tour 2002



## Preserve the Promenade

By Martia Denniston

*"... love the seasonal changes in the vegetation along the shore, the giant willow tree at the dock just north of Lynn St., the colorful flowers at the yellow house on the corner of Fairview and Lynn... the trees lining the street... and especially, the neighborhood ambience of it all. OH, and may I add, the apple tree with bees buzzing about the fallen fruit, the blackberry bushes that offer a luscious snack, and the tall rose bush that all hint at bygone days."*

This is how our neighbor Jeri Callahan eloquently describes her experience of Fairview Avenue E. Her words reflect the feelings of many residents and visitors who would like to see Fairview's "strolling lane" environment preserved and enhanced. The first step toward such an effort was accomplished with the designation of Fairview Avenue E., from Newton to Roanoke and Hamlin to Fuhrman, a Green Street Type III, an action recommended by the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan in 1998. This designation is intended to provide motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists (and dogs, ducks, etc.) a safe corridor for movement and to maintain the current character and experience of the street. To make this a reality our community must develop a Green Street Design Concept.

The design concept will define and illustrate special standards, block-by-block if necessary, for landscaping, paving, lighting, traffic calming, safety, and other features that work in conjunction with the traditional

characteristics of our neighborhood. The Avenue Green Street design concept offers a way to improve the street in a manner that conflicts with the needs of the community. The adoption of a Green Street design concept will improve pedestrian flow without reducing the width of the street, while minimizing curbs, gutters, and other features that enhance native habitat where possible. The community inspired recommendations of the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan are the foundation for this design.

Your ideas and participation in the Avenue Green Street design concept are important to the future of the Eastlake neighborhood. To learn more or to comment, please email me at mdenniston@effectnet.com

# Moving Day

By Jann McFarland

After several years of waiting to get his new houseboat built and installed, Heinz Strobl has finally moved in. It all started when he purchased the first houseboat next to shore on the north side of dock 2017 in the Log Foundation co-op. He, like several others, had his place built on the levy of the Fraser River outside Vancouver, BC. Heinz donated his huge historic old houseboat — a classic hip roof design — to the Center for Wooden Boats so it would be preserved.

The new houseboat, designed by Gene Morris, draws 10 feet of water and because of its location and the Log Foundation's sewer system running along the shore, the

house could only be moved when the lake was at its highest level and it had to be a windless day as well. So even though the houseboat was completed the year before, the timing for the move took some waiting. The first of June was THE day. All seven houseboats on his side of the dock had to individually be unhooked from their moorages plus phone, water, sewer, electrical and TV cable. Sid McFarland and his crew knew the move had to be completed in one day and that the people whose houseboats were being moved were pretty anxious about possible damages occurring. In the old days houseboats were moved around quite a bit, but they were mostly small places worth only a few thousand dollars each. In this case there were millions of dollars at stake. Heinz promised if the move wasn't done in a day he would pay for overnight accommodations. (Four Seasons with room service anyone?) Everyone stayed home the day of the move to watch and take photos and the atmosphere was almost party-like. After several delays in the early AM due to a bit of wind, the move began.

The tugboat workers were very professional and efficient and as one by one the houses were moved out they were rafted to each other and to the houseboats on the outside of 2017. Most of the owners rode their houses out. After all the houses were moved out, the people across the channel on 2019 wished they could keep all that open water for themselves and the folks rafted to the outside of the 2017 south side houses wished they could stay for the city views!

While his 21 foot tall houseboat was moved out, Michael Cote and neighbor, Bill Bloxom made like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and jumped off the roof of Michael's place — with a dozen cameras going off and cheers from fans below!

After moving the new houseboat in plus a new camel log, and getting several of the other houses moved back into place the wind came up and things got a bit scary since the last 3 houses were big two story ones and could easily

have gotten out of control. In true houseboater tradition, all the folks from 2017 rallied together to hold ropes and help fend off boats to avoid collisions. Finally all the houses were back in place and everyone hooked back up by 8 pm that evening. The damages were minimal: one crushed sewer line, one split fascia board, and one planter lost overboard.

Then it was time to party! Heinz provided pizza and others brought beer and everyone gathered at Bob Burk and Blair Robbins' place to celebrate and wind down.



**Marilyn and Duff Andrews' was the fourth of seven houses to be moved out.**



**City Boat's Ed Ehler and crew nudge the new houseboat into its slip.**



neighborhood. Without a Fairview concept on file with the city meet will be developed in a the unique qualities of this design standards to ease existing parking, jogging, and bicycling and sidewalks, and appropriate are a few of recommendations put forth in Plan.

n will help create a Fairview that truly reflects our volunteer for the committee, or phone Martia Denniston n (720-5519).

# The Eastlake Neighborhood Plan

By Chris Leman, Vice Chair  
Eastlake Stewardship Committee

Ever since Terry Pettus helped to found the Eastlake Community Council in 1971, the Floating Homes Association has encouraged a community vision for the Eastlake neighborhood. Houseboat residents have served on the steering committees for the 1994 Eastlake Transportation Plan (Mary Sue Galvin) and 1998 Eastlake Neighborhood Plan (Peg Stockley). Now FHA is represented by Jann McFarland on the stewardship committee which is helping the City to carry out these plans.

Other seats on the plan stewardship committee include ECC, Eastlake Community Land Trust, Olmsted-Fairview Park Commission, Parents of TOPS, Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council, NOISE, Eastlake's two business associations, and representatives of social service organizations and apartment owners. The neighborhood plan and its implementing legislation are available at the FHA office, Lake Union Mail, the Seattle Public Library, the Eastlake web site ([eastlake.oo.net](http://eastlake.oo.net)), the City's own web site, and for purchase at G&H Printing.

**Growth Targets.** Now just seven years after the 1994 Comprehensive Plan set 20-year housing targets for each neighborhood, Eastlake is among the first to meet its target, triggering a special City review. Volunteers are needed to monitor this special review, which could consider alternative zoning and mitigation to decelerate further growth and/or reduce the impacts.

**Parks and Corridors.** The neighborhood plan calls for improvement and maintenance of Eastlake's parks. Volunteers have been working with City departments on Lynn Street Park, Rogers Playfield, and the Franklin Avenue Green Street. Planning is going on for improved lighting and drainage in the

Louisa Arborway (between Yale and Eastlake avenues). Bush, Roed and Hitchings, a locally owned company headquartered in Eastlake, helped the process immensely by donating a topographic and land survey of the Arborway. With an allocation from ECC's Stockley memorial fund, a draft design is in process, with more public meetings planned.

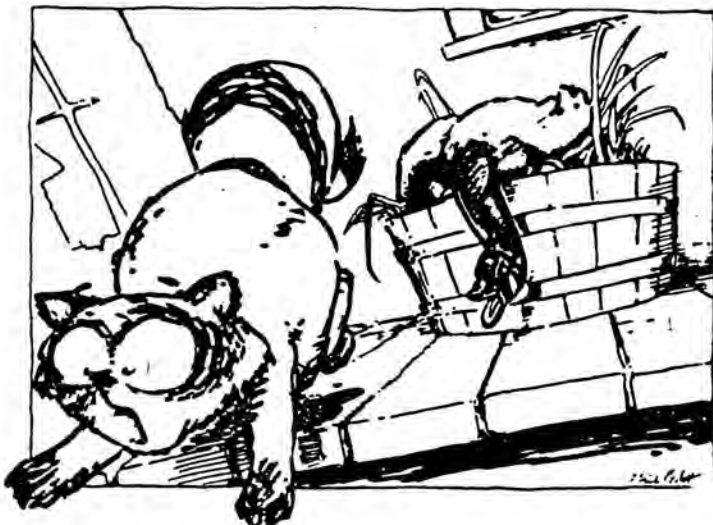
Volunteers are particularly needed for an adopt-a-park group for Terry Pettus Park (Newton street-end), to work with the City on its planned refurbishment. There has also been some talk of (but no available public money for) improvements to South Passage Point Park, such as a pier, or even a rest room. And the Parks Department is in the process of hiring a consultant team to conduct public meetings and design a new park for the unpaved I-5 right-of-way south of Newton Street. A "linear park" design could create connections to the Capitol Hill steps and the Lakeview/Melrose trail, and jogging and mountain bike trails all the way south to REI. Project manager is David Goldberg, 684-8414, [david.goldberg@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:david.goldberg@ci.seattle.wa.us).

**Express bus stops.** Most of the Metro buses that use Eastlake Avenue in the afternoon and on weekends make no stops in Eastlake; they are expresses between the U-district and downtown. The neighborhood plan calls for all buses to make at least two stops in the neighborhood, as with the current 66 bus. Letters to King County Councilmember Larry Gossett (516 Third Ave., 10th floor, Seattle 98104-2312 or [larry.gossett@metrokc.gov](mailto:larry.gossett@metrokc.gov)) and to Mayor Greg Nickels (600 Fourth Avenue, 12th floor, 98104 or [mayors.office@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:mayors.office@ci.seattle.wa.us)) could encourage this result.

**Design guidelines.** The neighborhood plan initiated a community process to establish design guidelines for Eastlake avenue and the segment of Fairview north of Newton to ensure that new buildings and the street changes that the City would normally require of developers are compatible with the neighborhood character (see accompanying article about the Fairview Green Street effort). An early result of the neighborhood plan was installation of the 15 mph speed limit signs on Fairview between Newton and Roanoke.

**Fairview south of NOAA.** Another early result of the neighborhood plan was a landscaped path and net increase in parking spaces in front of NOAA. The plan also recommended a pathway south of NOAA to the Fairview Ave. N. bridge, but contingent on an acceptable design (including the intersection of Fairview Ave. E. and Fairview Ave. N.). The neighborhood has been allocated \$20,000 in City funds for these improvements. Volunteers are now in the process of completing a topographic survey begun by the Seattle Transportation Department. A committee of stakeholders along that stretch of Fairview will develop a final design, which will be presented at a public meeting. Contact is John Crowser, chair of the neighborhood plan stewardship committee (324-9530, [jcc@hartcrowser.com](mailto:jcc@hartcrowser.com)).

This article was written by Chris Leman, vice chair of the Eastlake Stewardship Committee. For questions, or to comment or volunteer for any of the above activities: 322-5463, [cleman@oo.net](mailto:cleman@oo.net).



**"OK! OK! I'll Do the Poll!"**

[www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org](http://www.SeattleFloatingHomes.org)





**Kashmiri houseboat scene:** Houseboats are common on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir, in Northwestern India. On the left are water-taxis called Shikaras, on the right is an example of an opulent Kashmiri hand-carved houseboat. These pictures were taken by the af Sandeborgs on their recent trip to India.

### By Surain af Sandeberg

Most of us hear of Kashmir these days as a place of Muslim-Hindu conflict, of militant activities, and of many people killed every day as this land is tugged between Pakistan and India. For those of you familiar with the romantic history of this area, the word "Kashmir" can also conjure up a picture of this "Jewel of India" with its thousands of splendid houseboats. It was to this valley in these highlands of the north, where British India went to escape the heat of the lowlands. After Indian independence, the main city of Srinagar grew into a popular tourist destination for travelers from all over the world, where they could luxuriate and be waited on by the families who still owned these houseboats and buy some of the world's most lovely handicrafts from vendors who paddled up to their decks.

Surain and Robert af Sandeberg (2207 FV) visited these houseboats while they traveled through India in 2000. What they

found then was a community struggling to keep the charming old houseboats afloat and alive. Planes used to bring 2000 tourists a day ... and after 12 years of conflict, the number of visitors had dribbled to only a couple of hundred per month.

Escalation of terrorist activities in Kashmir last fall have undoubtedly worsened the sad situation, where few families can afford to maintain this rich cultural heritage, and soon this historic community will be lost forever to all of us. Surain and Robert invite you to visit their website for more pictures of the Kashmiri houseboats and the stories of their week there in June of 2000. Go to the "Travel" section at "afSandeberg.com". Find "India, March-July 2000" and then "Srinagar". They have a dream that the houseboaters on Lake Union in Seattle can someday make a group trip to the houseboats on Dal Lake in Srinagar and share with the Kashmiri people their appreciation for this cultural treasure. Want to join them?



**Surain af Sandeberg**

July 4, 1948 - March 8, 2002

Our floating home community has lost a close friend and a caring neighbor. Surain af Sandeberg died Friday evening, March 8. She passed away peacefully, at home, from a recurrence of cancer, having been lovingly cared for and attended to by Robert, her soulmate and husband of nearly 25 years.

Surain was a respected and admired advocate for our community for a decade and a half, living first at Mallard Cove, then moving to Flo Villa in 1994 after she and Robert completed a two year renovation there of houseboat #12. Using recycled and renewable resource materials wherever possible, she lived her commitment to the preservation of our natural environment. She believed in a low impact existence.

Surain served as a financial officer for the Washington Chapter of the Nature Conservancy where she retired in 1999 in order to pursue her passion for adventure travel. She and Robert had already Kayaked and/or backpacked in remote regions of the world from Indonesia to the Florida Everglades plus many less known areas in between. She loved India. Returning there many times, she and Robert established an economic assistance Foundation and forged many long term friendships.

Surain was community oriented and a woman involved. Whether urging those with an interest in houseboating, motivating others to help further social and community causes, or paddling her dragon boat with Team Survivors Northwest, she was a consistent and energetic team player. Her enthusiasm, her wisdom, and her physical being will be deeply missed, but her gentle spirit will be with us forever.

Gifford T. Jones

Floating Homes Association  
2329 Fairview Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98102

*The Floating Homes Association*

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

Help Preserve and Protect Seattle's Colorful Houseboat Colony.  
Join the Floating Homes Association Today!



NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD DUES:**

REGULAR \$50

65 AND OVER \$40

NEW

RENEW

HOUSEBOAT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

	Rent Own	Condo/Coop
		Name:
Houseboat <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Moorage <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

*The Association's Legal Fund needs your support, also. Donations of \$50 or more are tax deductible! Make your separate check payable to SCCF/FHA.*

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the FHA Legal Fund.





## *Floating Home Association Survey*

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Floating Home Association. As you may know, the Floating Home Association (FHA) has been working hard to preserve the lifestyle and interests of the Seattle floating home community. This year, we are taking a look at FHA to see how we might better serve the new needs of this evolving community. You can help by taking 10 minutes to complete and return the below FHA survey. Your response by March 29th is greatly appreciated.

### ***A. DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS***

1. **How long have you lived on Lake Union?**  0-5 years  6-10 years  more than 10 years.
2. **How long have you lived in your current floating home?**  0-5 years  6-10 years  more than 10 years.
3. **Are any residents of your floating home under 18?**  Yes  No **Over 65?**  Yes  No
4. **Do you own or rent your floating home?**  Own  Rent
5. **Do you own or rent your moorage?**  Own  Rent
6. **If you rent your moorage, do you currently have a long-term lease (i.e. something other than month to month contract)?**  Yes  No
7. **Does your dock &/or floating home reside in part over state leased land?**  Yes  No
8. **Has your floating home been built or undergone major remodeling in the past 10 years?**  Yes  No
9. **Has your dock been re-built in the past 10 years?**  Yes  No
10. **Can you have a boat moored to your floating home?**  Yes  No

### ***B. FLOATING HOME ASSOCIATION (FHA) QUESTIONS***

1. **Are you a current member of the Floating Homes Association (FHA)?**  Yes  No
2. **If you are a member, did you join as an individual or as part of a whole dock?**  
 Individual membership  Dock membership
3. **If you are not a member of FHA, why not (check all that apply)?**
  - Didn't know it existed
  - Issues that FHA address don't interest/impact me
  - I don't support the issues that FHA supports
  - I don't think I can influence what FHA supports
  - I don't understand what value FHA brings to Lake Union or my tenancy as a floating home owner/renter
  - Don't have time
  - Nobody has asked me!
  - Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever attended the Floating Homes Association annual meeting?  Yes  No

5. If you have attended the annual meeting, please let us know what you liked or didn't like about the meeting or what you would like to see in the future:

---

---

6. What are the most important issues you believe are facing Lake Union and your quality of living today (check top 3 issues)?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal construction over the water or next to the shore | <input type="checkbox"/> Security (theft: Home/Car) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Burke-Gilman trail         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in legislation e.g. water-dependant language     | <input type="checkbox"/> South Lake Union Park      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Challenges to the City's Floating Home Equity Ordinance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairview open spaces       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed/Sewage Runoff/Other Pollution                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list): _____ |

7. What other issues would you like to see FHA address?

Comments:

---

---

8. Do you favor a limit on the number of floating homes allowed in the Seattle area or do you think it should be open? Why or why not?

Comments:

---

---

9. With which other associations would you like to see the FHA align itself?

Comments:

---

---

10. Do you read the FHA newsletter  Yes  No Please list your likes, dislikes &/or what you would like to see in future FHA newsletters:

---

---

11. FHA is working on a community web site. Would you visit the FHA web site to get updated information on the floating home community?  Yes  No

12. Would you be interested in advertising your business to your neighbors on the FHA web site or in the newsletter (reasonable fees would apply)? (If yes, please include your name & email on the bottom of this survey).  Yes  No

13. If FHA had an email distribution list, would you like to be on it (distribution lists will not be shared)?  Yes  No (If yes, please include your name & email on the bottom of this survey).

14. Current FHA dues are \$50 per year (\$40 for seniors 65 & over), per houseboat. Would you support your dock association purchasing (at a 10% discount) a full-dock association membership rather than each household purchasing an individual membership?  Yes  No Comments:

---

---

15. Currently, the FHA raises money through membership dues, sales of the floating home merchandise (cookbook, t-shirts, sweatshirts, note cards), and the biannual floating home tour:

Have you ever participated in these fundraising activities?  Yes  No

Would you like to see the FHA engage in other fundraising activities?  Yes  No

16. On a scale of 1-4 with 4 being most likely, how likely would you be to attend or engage in any of the following types of FHA fundraisers?

Auction:  1. unlikely  2. neutral  3. somewhat likely  4. very likely

Formal dinner:  1. unlikely  2. neutral  3. somewhat likely  4. very likely

Biannual floating home tour:  1. unlikely  2. neutral  3. somewhat likely  4. very likely

Carnival:  1. unlikely  2. neutral  3. somewhat likely  4. very likely

Concert:  1. unlikely  2. neutral  3. somewhat likely  4. very likely

No event:  I'd rather send a donation to FHA than attend special events.

**Other - Please list:**

---

---

17. Are you interested in volunteering with Floating Homes Association fundraisers or other FHA board activities? (If yes, please include your name & email on the bottom of this survey). Please list your volunteer area of interest and/or area of expertise:

---

---

---

18. Are there any other services you'd like to see provided by FHA?  
Comments:

---

---

---

19. Do you have any other comments you wish to share with the FHA Board of Directors?  
Comments:

---

---

---

Contact information - optional (unless you would like us to contact you regarding FHA opportunities):

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:



**Please fold in half, staple, add stamp & put in mail by March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

---

Floating Home Association  
2329 Fairview Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98109

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

**Floating Home Association  
2329 Fairview Avenue East  
Seattle, WA 98109**