

THE FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION

45TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007 6:00 TO 7:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS 7:00 TO 9:00 pm MEETING

NAVAL RESERVE ARMORY South Lake Union

DEBBIE GOETZ FROM SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) PREPARING FOR UNEXPECTED REGIONAL DISASTERS



Debbie Goetz, with Mary Jones and Giff Jones

The 2007 Annual Meeting program features emergency preparedness and historic ships. We'll elect our Board and maybe scarf some refreshments.

Debbie Goetz has long been involved in community education, teaching fire safety, injury prevention and emergency preparedness to schools, businesses, seniors and neighborhood groups. She is a West Seattle resident and thrilled to be working in Seattle for the first time in more than 15 years. Prior to joining the city last October, she spent nearly 14 years in public education with the Federal Way Fire Department.

At the Floating Homes Annual Meeting on April 24, Debbie will provide information on the city's newest preparedness pro-

MATTHEW STUBBS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SPECIALIST MARITIME HERITAGE AT SO LAKE UNION PARK

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gram called SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare), and how registered SNAP groups can qualify for the city's matching fund opportunities. She will discuss the hazards residents of the Puget Sound face, and specifically address the concerns of FHA members. She will also provide information on further training opportunities to enhance personal disaster preparedness skills.

This fast-paced, informative session is sure to spur further interest on how FHA members can take action and become even better prepared to face unexpected emergencies in the event of a regional disaster. Please plan to attend!

Maritime Heritage at Lake Union Park

Matthew Stubbs, Community Involvement Specialist. At the end of February, the Seattle Parks Foundation and the Seattle Parks Department was joined by many in celebrating the ground-breaking for the new South Lake Union Park. While the physical plans for the park are finalized and the construction of the seawall has started, the work of defining how maritime heritage will be exhibited, shared, and experienced in the park has just begun.

The Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) received a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant last fall to conduct a Master Planning Process for Interpretation and Exhibiting of Maritime Heritage at Lake Union Park. As part of this process, CWB is reaching out to maritime organizations and community groups. The Floating Homes Association is an essential part of the Lake Union community and its input is vital.

CWB's primary goal is to create a plan, but it also aims to further strengthen the maritime heritage community that floats on, and surrounds, Lake Union. Please go to www.cwbplan.com and click on Survey to see the 13 questions CWB has identified as the focus of the planning process for the coming months. You can communicate with Matthew at matthewstubbs@loudmonks.com

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This issue also features an extra on-line album with more photos of the storm.

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Association Standing Committee Reports



Legislative & Legal Sheri Greaves, Chair

As you may recall from the fall 2006 newsletter, Mike Ryherd, our FHA lobbyist, Melissa Ahlers (FHA Board member), and Sheri Greaves, Chair of the FHA Legislative Committee met with Michelle Hagen, Director of Commercial /Business Division, and Joe Arnold, Commercial Assessor to learn more about how the assessments on houseboats are determined. At that time they stressed the 3 things they look at –which are the same 3 things you must use in your appeal if you hope to succeed.

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1. Quality of Construction

2. Condition -how the structure has been maintained

3. Square Footage

To view the complete article on that meeting go to the FHA web site at www.seattlefloatinghomes.org and look for the Fall 2006 issue.

In addition the FHA provided an insert in that issue with some information and tools to help houseboaters prepare for personal property tax appeals. Some of us went about trying to get our assessments lowered. Here are a couple of examples with positive outcomes.

Tiffany McNamara writes:

For anyone who did or intends to remodel or rebuild his or her houseboat this information may be helpful. From October through December of 2005 our houseboat was uninhabitable due to remodeling demolition. In light of this we appealed the assessed value of our personal property with the King County Board of Equalization. To illustrate this claim we sent color photocopies of our houseboat before and after demolition. Joe Arnold, the Commercial Appraiser who reviewed our claim agreed that we were entitled to a value reduction of our personal property taxes by approximately 25 percent. He did relate that the appeal could have been handled through a "Deconstruct Form" instead of the appeals process. With no hearing required and some basic paperwork via mail and fax, our taxes were reduced and a refund check was sent to us. I would be more than happy to discuss this further with anyone interested. Email me at tiffmcnamara1@aim.com or call 206-854-5292.

Jann McFarland writes:

I appealed both our houseboat and my father's place. Despite spending a lot of time on the comparable sales

of houseboats from the time period of the assessment, the items that got our assessments reduced were good descriptions of the problem areas of both homes with photos to back up the descriptions. We also provided estimates of needed upgrades if we were to put the homes on the market at the assessed values. An example of this is my father's place which is large in square feet so with Joe Arnold's assessment its value came out quite high, but the condition of the home by photos showed it to be worth considerably less. Our place has several problem areas, one of which is a whole room that has leaked so badly that the ceiling is almost ready to collapse. This repair would cost X dollars before the house could be sold at the assessed value. So if you have serious problem areas - especially inside your houseboat that you can document, they will look at those things. We sent our packets in; Joe Arnold looked at them and offered to reduce the assessments. We accepted the reduced amounts in lieu of going on to the hearings. Both Joe Arnold at the Assessor's Office (206-205-5534) and the Tax Advisor's Office (206-296-5202), which is independent of the Assessor's Office, were very helpful in preparing for the appeals.

The FHA is interested in hearing from others who appealed their taxes and whether they were successful or not and why. You can submit your experiences to sgreaves@whi.org or write to Floating Homes Association, 2329 Fairview Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98102.

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Security & Safety

Giff Jones **Tiffany McNamara Co-Chairs**

Public Safety

Due in part to FHA members who communicated the need for more SPD and SFD staffing to the Seattle City Council Members there are some changes in the offing. The 2007 -2008 budget results are in and here is a summary of the safety related results:

"Thanks to your support Council created a package of public safety changes to the Mayor's proposal. This package combines adding more police officers with human services prevention programs. The package of additions for public safety will total \$5.9 million in 2007 and 2008.

Here are some highlights of changes the Council made to the Mayor's proposed Public Safety budget:

• \$2,916,000 for 31 new police officers over two years (in addition to the six added in the Mayor's budget).

• \$300,000 for the Seattle Youth Employment Program.



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• \$409,000 for Late Night Recreation Programs at High Point, Southwest and Rainier Beach Community Centers.

• \$840,000 for the Get Off the Streets and Clean Dreams programs in the Central Area and in Rainier Beach.

- \$121,000 for Re-investing in Youth.
- \$405,000 for assistance for victims of domestic violence.

The Council also directed the Mayor and Police Chief to return to City Council in 2007 with a staffing plan for the police department. - Tiff McNamara

Frozen Pipes

An unfortunate freeze-thaw victim of this winter's many storm ravages, was a small power-boat moored at Hamlin Cove. It took on water and partially sank.

The Seattle Police Harbor Unit responded to the Mayday call about 10:00 pm on Friday, Jan 12. The patrol unit arrived in minutes but it was already too late. Only her stretched mooring lines kept the boat from going to the bottom. A fuel/oil containment boom was placed around the half-submerged hull, and more lines were tied off to the dock, keeping the boat secure pending salvage/repair efforts.

The day before, Jan 11, 2007, was cold, with temperatures plummeting. There was ample warning that unprotected water pipes and hoses would soon be subjected to freezing temperatures. By 9:00 am on the 12th, the mercury had dipped to 19 degrees, only 6 above the 13 degree record low set in 1963. Then a slight warming trend followed. It was just enough.

Of course freezing isn't the problem – it's the thaw. And when the thaw occurs inside a contained vessel, like a boat, and as was likely the case here – in a water hose connecting the engine cooling system to its outside water source, there's nothing to keep that source outside other than a seacock or a scared sailor with a fast bucket. Apparently, neither was available that night until it was too late.

Moral of the story: When temperatures dip below the high 20s, water lines need protection. They can be insulated, heated, or they can be "dripped", but they can NOT be ignored.

- Giff Jones



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Communications Marilyn Robertson, Chair

Needed: Old Newsletters

You may be surprised to learn how much the *Newsletter* is part of our houseboat history. Can you believe the FHA has been printing a *Newsletter* since early 1963? If you haven't noticed, this copy you are reading is Number 151!

As our primary 'archivist' it has been fun to read our unique story as I attempt to sort through years of newsletters. Yes, it is the Communication Committee's responsibility to archive the newsletters.

Which brings me to my request for old *Newsletters*. In a recent assessment, we find there are some gaps in our collection. If you are willing to donate specific issues from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s we would be glad to accept issues. Please contact me. There are also a few specific years in the 1990s we need.

Are you willing to donate your entire collection? Let me know, please. Call Marilyn Robertson: 206-324-1257, or email isobel.rob@earthlink.net



Environmental Bob Bowman, Chair

As the new chair of the Environmental Committee, I am looking forward to working with other FHA members to help protect and preserve the great marine environment we houseboaters all enjoy. The first thing I want to do is acknowledge the great job Jan Carlson did as the previous chair – thanks Jan for all your hard work (and luckily Jan is still going to participate on the committee). The second thing I want to do is recognize the other committee members for their service and commitment to protecting the water on which we live: Diana Forman, Sheryl Landon, Darlene Madenwald and Pat Sampson.

From its start, the FHA has had an interest in protecting our environment. The Articles of Incorporation state that one of the pur-

poses of the FHA is:

"To work with all governmental and civic agencies for the conservation, preservation, multiple use and beautification of Seattle's inland waters and shore lands."

In January the Board voted to strengthen its environmental commitment by amending the FHA Mission statement to include environmental stewardship. The mission statement now reads:

"To protect, preserve and promote the vitality of Seattle's unique floating homes community through education, advocacy, environmental stewardship and collaboration."

Currently the Environmental Committee is developing a mission statement and a work plan for the year. Emphasis will be on environmental stewardship through education, example and volunteer activities, which help to protect and preserve our shore lands and "backyard" waterways.

As part of our environmental commitment, the FHA is again helping to sponsor the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance Lake Union Sweep. The "Sweep" will be on Saturday, May 12th. This is a great opportunity for the floating home community to get actively involved in cleaning up Lake Union and Portage Bay.

On Saturday March 24th, from 9:00 am to noon, several FHA members participated in a Puget Soundkeeper Alliance training session. The free training included an introductory seminar on water quality issues facing the Puget Sound region such as storm water runoff, industrial pollution, and the effects of toxic pollutants on fish and other water life. The classroom session was followed by an on-water tour of the Lake Washington Ship Canal aboard a Puget Soundkeeper patrol boat to learn how to spot poor protection of the water during painting and sandblasting, principally at dry-docks and marinas, and how to identify and report oil sheens and other pollution incidents. If you are interested in attending future training sessions, please call Puget Soundkeeper Alliance at 206-297-7002 for reservations.

This year we also plan to collaborate with other environmental organizations around clean water and a healthy habitat for fish and other sea life, waterfowl, birds and animals. We are now developing our action plan— so stay tuned to find out how you can get involved! Speaking of involvement, the Environmental Committee is recruiting new members. Come join us! Contact Bob Bowman, bobbowman2@msn.com or 547-5225



Priorities for a Healthy Washington Workshop

By Bob Bowman

Environmental Committee members, Diana Foreman and Bob Bowman, attended the 5th annual Priorities for a Healthy Washington Legislative Workshop held on the SPU



Campus in early January. The Priorities for a Healthy Washington coalition includes the Washington Environmental Council and 20 other environmental organizations. The full day workshop started off with presentations and question/ answer sessions on the four 2007 Priorities:

Clean Air—Clean Fuels

\$100 Million for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Save Our Sound

Elimination of Toxic Flame Retardants

Then followed a very informative legislative panel and question answer session with five state legislators (both Democrat and Republican who are strong environmental advocates). The luncheon keynote speaker was Congressman Jay Inslee who gave a lively presentation and answered questions from the audience.

The afternoon started with breakout sessions on the 2007 Priorities. Diana and Bob both attended the Save Our Sound breakout group because the issues are closely related to the FHA focus on protecting our inland waterways.

The afternoon ended with two skills trainings: 1) Communicating Your Message/Writing Effective Letters-to-the editor and 2) How to Effectively Lobby Your Legislator.

Diana attended the lobbying session and as a result, she and another houseboater attended the 2007 Priorities Lobby Day in Olympia on February 15th.

The Environmental Committee strongly recommends that interested FHA members attend the 2008 Priorities for a Healthy Washington Legislative Workshop. The committee will notify FHA members of next year's workshop.

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Marty Greer, Bill Keasler, Bob Bowman and Amalia Walton chat during lunch.

FHA Board Retreat By Marilyn Robertson

All current Floating Homes Association Board members met on Saturday, January 15 for a day-long retreat. The retreat kicked off with an FHA history presented by President Bill Keasler, who explained that the Association was established to protect the community and our floating way of life. Through the recitation of our history, Keasler demonstrated why the community must remain ever vigilant if we are to preserve our unique life style.

Agenda items included updating the current bylaws and articles, evaluating the efficacy and success of the various committees, and reviewing the 2006 Finance Report. Permeating all discussion was the theme of community building and outreach to members. To that end, an important goal for this year will be updating the FHA web site to provide a more interactive medium that would be an asset to the community.

The Eastlake Bar and Grill donated the space for the retreat.



Mark Koenig was moderator for Board Retreat.

Floating Homes Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	
7 April 10:00am - 2:00 pm	Colonnade Park Work Party	Meet at far NW edge of park near Newton (under SB freeway ramp)	
15 April	2007 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis	Contact Val Burgess (coachval@comcast.net) for time and place.	
17 April 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Public meeting and slide show on Eastlake History	TOPS - Seward School	
17 April 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Good Turn Park Work Party	Fairview at Martin Street End	
21 April 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Lake Union Southeast Shoreline Restoration Project	1609 Fairvew E. with gloves and grubbies	
24 April Social Hour 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	FHA Annual Meeting	Naval Reserve Armory South lake Union Park	
12 May 8:15 am - 1:00pm	Lake Union Sweep	South Lake Union Park	
17 May 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Good Turn Park Work Party	Fairview at Martin Street End	
14 June 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Good Turn Park Work Party	Fairview at Martin Street End	

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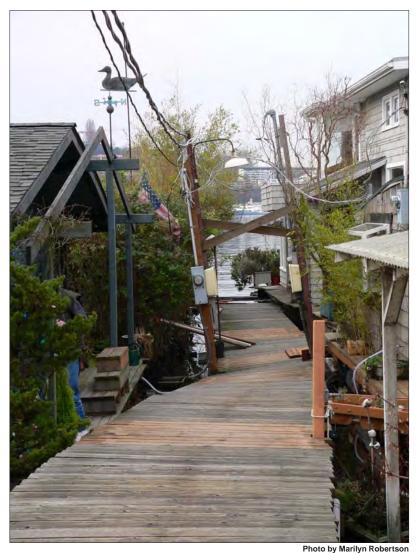
A Saga of Reconstruction, Neighborliness and Teamwork

By Mikela & Tom Naylor

Residents of Willow Dock co-op on Fairview stood watch over their ten houseboats the night of the December 14 storm. About 3:30 am a wrenching noise brought several of us outside in a hurry! If you imagine the dock normally in a 12 o'clock position, now the outer 4 homes and the dock were at 2 o'clock. The piles were bent or broken and leaning to about 40 degrees north. Yikes!!

At first light we gathered on our new "floating" dock to get a better handle on the damage and pull together the first of many work lists: find diver(s) and pile driving outfits, contact city for a permit, call electrician to take down the overhead service, locate enough extension cords to power up the new orphan homes and swap house keys to fill "plumbing" needs.

The lists grew exponentially, but first on the scene was Keith Landry from Waterfront Construction who confirmed our decision that the piles would have to be replaced, and by Saturday afternoon December 16, Keith had a huge barge moored off the end of the dock to begin setting piles first thing Monday morning! The barge had been scheduled to



Willow Dock after the storm on 12/14/06.



Photo by Robert M. Hubley

The Waterfront Construction barge sitting off the end of the Willow dock.

begin work for an Azteca restaurant on the Sound, and they graciously lent us the Waterfront team for what turned out to be two workdays.

Our Co-op crew worked madly all weekend to clear the way for the pile driver, moving houseboats,



Photo by Mike Naylor

New stringers are brought in to fix the end of the standing dock.



Photo by Robert M. Hubley

The collapsed dock is dismantled in prepartion for the new floating dock.

detaching all the services, pulling up decking and stringers. Neighbors helped in lots of ways: Jonathan Ezekiel at the end of Tenas Chuck graciously let us tie up Tom Laz's home. Giff Jones and a generous friend brought a boat to tow Tom over. Thanks to the kind couple from Tenas Chuck who brought over cookies and a bottle of wine — which we passed around and devoured on the spot while teetering on our lively stringers!! Thanks to all who pitched in!

Alas, the pile setting did not go as planned, for instead of a neat row beside the old, the 18 inch diameter steel piles refused to go in over and over again — bouncing and skittering on a

meant that a floating dock was possible, as it had become clear that a standing dock was not. For a while there we were wondering if <u>any</u> dock was possible.

Now the new dock is in, and although it has not been tested by storms, we are hooked up, can stroll again from homes to shore, and listen to some folks on our old dock express "dock envy" for our new floating front yard. Maybe one day when we have built up our treasury we will make the whole dock floating.

The bright side to this adventure is we continued to strengthen community among ourselves, and with others in our floating home neighborhood. Sid McFarland helped us locate great resources including: Shane "the Diver"

McCall, Dan and Terry with Anderson's Welding Service, and indirectly Cecil Johnston of Johnston Docks (who set aside his whole schedule to jump in and build us a new dock pronto). One of the fellows at Dunn Lumber tipped us off to electrician, Steve Pierce, who was a great help on short notice. The folks at the City permit desk were incredibly responsive and helpful, too.

We know a lot more now than we did before the storm, and while we don't want to live through it again, we sure are ready to pitch in with labor and our new savvy to help other docks in case of a future record windstorm!

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rock hard layer just below the mud. It probably is dense glacial till, but the "old timers" had some interesting, alternative theories - sunken barges full of concrete, or vast pans of concrete that had flowed underground from the I-5 construction in the 60s, or more prosaically, a field of junk, appliances, scuttled boats and so on that had been dumped over the side in the "days of yore". Do any of us still do this?? Thankfully, by the end of the second day the Waterfront team had successfully driven two piles at the break, one about one third of the way out, and, miraculously, three in a cluster at the outer end to form a dolphin. This



Tom Laz pulling his house back into place.

Photo by Robert M. Hubley

Life in Retirement

By Maxine and Larry Bailey

"Adventure, mental or physical, is an essential part of the worthwhile life."

In 1992 Larry and Maxine Bailey of Roanoke Reef set out on a sailing expedition, an adventure in the style of centuries past. Larry's primary goal had been to sail around Cape Horn. Maxine wanted to see Antarctica. They were retired and thought sailing was the way to visit some of the world. Instead, Maxine says, "We travelled 93,000 nautical miles, visited all continents, all oceans and 71 countries." They hadn't planned to be gone so long. But 14 years later, on October 1, 2006, they sailed back into Lake Union and home.

This grand adventure began in 1976 when the couple bought a used Ranger 33. But the boat was in Hawaii. "Our teenagers sailed between some of the islands with us, and we returned throughout the year to prepare the boat for the ocean crossing. We studied celestial navigation, and took the Coast Guard Auxiliary class on Rules of the Road. Our son and a friend joined us sailing the boat from Oahu to Seattle. It was a slow, mostly pleasant passage that convinced us we'd like to sail further. We joined the Ranger 33 fleet, and raced with them until 1983. Vacations were spent on the boat, always making longer trips and taking a few overnight passages, so we wouldn't forget how.

In 1984, they purchased new, a Sceptre 41 built in Canada. The official length is 41' with a beam of 12' 8" and a draft of 6'1". The designed gross weight is 21,500 lbs. Construction is of fiberglass and a general description would be a performance cruiser. "The name of the sailboat, *Shingebiss* came from a children's story about a small diving duck, (a Merganser) who refused to go south for the winter. This infuriated the north wind who did everything imaginable to get rid of this cheeky little duck who knew no fear. Our family loved the story and insisted on that name for our first sailboat, the Ranger 33, and it's been passed on as *Shingebiss II* for our Sceptre."

The year before they left on their sailing trip, friends invited Maxine and Larry to join them for part of a sail around the Northern Pacific Ocean. They sailed from Guam to Okinawa and learned some useful things about equipping the boat. After that trip the couple felt ready to begin their own journey.

"In May 1992 we left Seattle, intending to make a 5 to 8 year voyage by boat. But first we made a shakedown cruise to Alaska. We were phenomenally lucky weather-wise, and vowed to eventually return to that area, hoping to do more hiking on the islands. We returned to Seattle, headed south to California and then to Mexico's Sea of Cortez for a winter." The journey had begun.

In 1993, the couple sailed to Chile via El Salvador and Costa Rica, visiting the Galapagos and Easter Island. 1994 was spent traveling through Drake Passage, Cape Horn and Antarctica. Their visit to Antarctica was cut short by a broken transmission so they sailed on to the Falklands. The passage up the Atlantic in 1995 began in the Southern Ocean: South Georgia Island; into the Atlantic followed by visits to Tristan da Cunha, St. Helena, Cape Verdes and the Azores.

They entered the Mediterranean Sea and made stops at Gibraltar and in Spain, Italy, Malta and Tunisia.

"We spent a year (1996) in Greece and Turkey where we joined the Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally, which took us, in 1997 to North Cyprus, Syria, Leba-

We spent a year (1996) in Greece and Turkey where we joined the Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally

non and Israel with side trips to Egypt and Jordan. By 1998 we had returned to Spain, and headed north along Portugal's coast. We crossed the Bay of Biscay to Ireland. There was a brief visit to Scotland, before traveling the southern coast of England to winter in St. Catherine's Haven on the Thames, next to Tower Bridge, London.

"We decided to extend the trip into the Baltic Sea. It was one of those, "while we're here, why not do it?" moments.



Larry and Maxine; Happy Boat Bums

Photo from L& M Bailey

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1999 was spent with a brief visit to Belgium then the Netherlands canals that led us to the Kiel Canal through Germany to the Baltic Sea. We visited Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Estonia and Russia. Somewhere in here it turned 2000 and we were back in the Atlantic Ocean heading for the Faeroes, Greenland, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and Ile St. Pierre.

" Most of 2001 was spent on the east coast of North America. We were in Nova Scotia and Northeast States, just missing the 9/11 attacks. We travelled down the Inter-Coastal Waterway to Florida. We stopped in The Bahamas (by now it was 2002), circumnavigated Cuba and made a stop in Haiti before crossing to Bermuda, the Azores, Madeira and the Canaries."

In 2003 they sailed to Cape Town, South Africa. Here they spent a year doing a lot of interior travel. "The next year found us in the Indian Ocean. After 11 years with lots of gales but no storms, we experienced three storms in the Indian Ocean. We wouldn't choose to return there. In one storm, winds were 50-55K, which suddenly changed direction. The seas that resulted were impressive. One of them broke along the side of the boat, at spreader height. We weren't afraid, but were aware that if conditions became worse, there wasn't much we could do."

They headed to Australia and Tasmania and spent the following year, 2005 enjoying New Zealand. From New Zealand, they came directly north to Fiji, Tuvalu, Tarawa, and the Marshall Islands before continuing to Attu in the Aleutians, the one island they'd missed in

1992. "We completed our circumnavigation in Kiska and returned via the Aleutians, SE Alaska, and British Columbia."

Maxine and Larry are happy to be home. *Shingebiss II* is tied to the houseboat. Yes, they still have the houseboat! Their children lived at Roanoke Reef for the first 11 years the couple was gone. For the last three years family and neighbors looked after the houseboat. Maxine says, "At some point on this adventure we realized we're not as strong or agile as we used to be. No, we're not selling the boat. We feel that we're in the best cruising area in the world, and plan to enjoy it. But now it's time for less strenuous sailing."

Last thoughts: "When we started out, we looked forward to seeing places. But we've discovered some of our fondest memories are of new friends we've made."



We Return To Puget sound



Event Date/Time:

Saturday May 12, 2007 8:15 am- 8:45 am Volunteer Check-in 9:00 am- 12:00 am: On-Water Cleanup Event 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm: Celebration **Place:** South Lake Union Park: 860 Terry Ave N. Seattle, 98109 (near the old armory building just off Valley St.)

Event Description:

The event will involve volunteers in kayaks and other small boats picking up trash and transferring the material to larger craft for offloading and pickup by Seattle Public Utilities. Additional cleanup will be done in shore-side areas around the lakes to involve non-boaters.

Event Contact:

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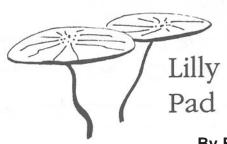
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By Bob Lilly

Editor's note: Winter may be a slow time for most houseboat gardeners; but not for Bob Lilly. At the 2007 Northwest Flower and Garden Show in mid February, he was involved with the Washington Arboretum display, "Front Porch Friendly". An inviting front entry garden was filled with perennials and small shrubs found, purchased, cared for and forced by Bob Lilly. It is a tribute to Bob, who has been the Arboretum 'plant guy' for over eight years, that their display this year won the 'Sunset Magazine Award'. Congratulations, Bob.

The winter of 2006-2007 has been a challenge and we have had several problems. Our first cold snap was a quick freeze down to about 22 degrees Fahrenheit here at Tenas Chuck. There were no previous light freezes. This order of events created the worst possible scenario for marginal plants.

Here is a list of plants, their responses and what those responses indicate.

Citrus: Fruit turns brown and falls off; leaves will drop later. Plants will be OK.

Fuchsias: Will freeze to ground. Cut back in mid March. **Lavender & Salvias:** Wait for new growth to prune back. Evergreen forms of salvias will drop all leaves but may regrow. Tender salvias may die to ground; some will re-grow. Spanish Lavender may be dead.

Giant Reed Grass (Arundo donax): Wait to cut back for new growth to start in April.

Pampas Grass: If burnt, cut to a large hedgehog shape, leaving a one foot or so tall bun.

Daphne: Will drop more leaves than normal.

Phormium: more leaves will turn brown and must be cut off at base. Do not cut brown tips off. You can never make the leaves look natural.

Tagetes lemonii, Leptospermum (Australian Tea), gardenias and other tender shrubs can be badly damaged. Wait for new growth to start before <u>any</u> pruning.

Remember, that with a few light freezes <u>before</u> a hard freeze, most of the plants listed will come through the winter in much better shape.

For those shrubs that have dropped more leaves than normal be sure to remove all the extra litter.

Spring is just around the corner so it's time for Plant Sales. Don't forget your local farmers market. I like the University District market on Saturdays. It's right on a bus line for us on Lake Union, and within walking distance for Portage Bay residents!

1. NORTHWEST PERENNIAL ALLIANCE SPRING PLANT SALE

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www.northwestperennialalliance.org What to look for? *Perennials*

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Saturday, April 28 Sunday, April 29 Sand Point/Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE www.arboretumfoundation.org Look for Perennials, Annuals & Vegetables.

3. KING COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 5 Sunday, May 6 Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st www.mgfkc.org Look for Shrubs & Perennials

4. a. NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY SPRING PLANT SALE Saturday, March 31 9am – 1pm

Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st www.nwfuchsiasociety.com Fuchsias

b. EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY PLANT SALE Saturday, May 5 10am – 2pm Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue www.nwfuchsiasociety.com Fuchsias

The wind — It was a pretty rough storm that kept some of us up all night. For the plants too, it was a rough night. A few top-heavy pots went into the lake. The only way to prevent this is, if you have advance warning, water your plants to make the pots heavier. I have used bungee cords to strap the pot to the deck. This does work for smaller pots.

Note: Most plants can be under water for several days. So, if you can retrieve them after they have jumped, it is worth it!





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Dear Bob,

How can I build up my soil to maximize my vegetable crops in container gardening? Sometimes one plant will grow huge and healthy while another doesn't even grow at all —both same variety, from same 6 pack or same nursery. Also, my houseboat deck isn't big enough to try composting. We don't have space on the very steep slope at the head of the dock either. – **Dirty Fingers**

Dear Dirty,

With all our plants in pots or large planters we don't have much opportunity to improve the soil as normal gardeners do. A yearly application of compost on ornamental plants and compost and manure roto-tilled into the vegetable gardens on land are the usual methods.

For best results in contained spaces, a weekly liquid feed is best – a sort of hydroponic variant. This presumes you have created a good soil/potting mix at the start. The weekly liquid feed will work for leafy vegetables, tomatoes, potatoes, peas, smaller squash, beans and herbs.

Unfortunately, you cannot grow potatoes and tomatoes repeatedly in the same soil. Several diseases and cultural problems will become serious even by the second year. So rotate your crops. Get new soil for tomatoes and potatoes and try carrots and radishes every three years or so. Bait with Sluggo and hand pick off any cutworms.

Editors note: Do you have a question for Bob Lilly? Send to Marilyn isobel.rob@earthlink.net

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Eastlake Community Council Report

By Chris Leman, ECC Secretary

April 17 meeting on Eastlake History. On Tuesday, April 17 (7:00 - 9:00 pm at TOPS-Seward School), hear and swap stories with professional historians and real pioneers, and enjoy our extensive slide collection. Please contribute to our Eastlake archives or help organize and write up what we have. Especially welcome are donated photos—and can't someone make a video or audio history of the neighborhood?

I-5 noise walls. ECC applauds another outcome of the Eastlake Neighborhood Plan—the next phase of constructing the I-5 noise walls on Boylston Ave. E., to extend south from Lynn and north from Roanoke. But it is disappointing that the Washington State Department of Transportation is not providing a few planting wells to allow vines on the bare walls, and is narrowing the sidewalk to under five feet in places, which—because that side of Boylston is on the I-5 right-of-way—would give WSDOT the authority to post these sidewalks (and their bus stops!) against any use by pedestrians, as it did last spring until the Seattle Department of Transportation stood up against WSDOT and took down the signs. Letters and e-mails urging sidewalks of at least five feet, and planting wells can be sent to WSDOT Project Engineer Kinyan Lui, 414 Olive Way, Suite 400, Seattle 98101, LuiK@wsdot.wa.gov.

SR-520. ECC and the Floating Homes Association continue to prefer a four-lane SR-520 rebuild and oppose the \$4.38 billion six-lane interchange alternative through Union Bay that WSDOT and the legislature are on the brink of declaring their preference (despite it being \$2 billion short of funding!). For more information, see www.noexpansionof SR520.org. Whatever your views, send them to the Mayor, City Council, Governor, and state legislators; addresses are at www.seattlelwv.org/pubs/TRY_2006.pdf

Good Turn Park (on Fairview at Martin Street End) work parties on April 17 (5:30 - 7:00 pm), May 17 (6:00 - 7:30 pm), and June 14 (6:00 - 7:30 pm). Coordinator is houseboater Tricia Rendina, 261-4271. For information about work parties at **Fairview Park** contact Mary Kay Gillispie, 328-2161.

Parks stewardship. Our parks thrive only with care by volunteers. We can connect you with a stewardship group, or help you get one started. Coordinator of stewardship efforts at <u>Colonnade Park</u> (under I-5) is Dan Kelley-Petersen, manager of the Eastlake Starbucks (which provides fresh coffee and pastries at the work parties!). For questions or to be added to the notification list: kellersen@comcast.net or 318-7050 ext. 303448.

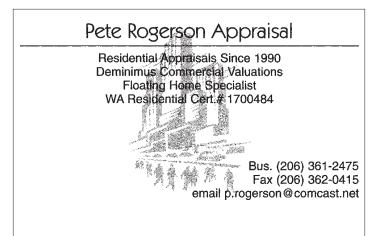
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Contact Bob Bowman at bobbowman2@msn.com or 547-5225.



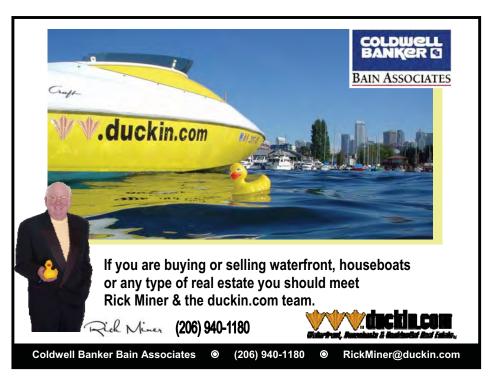




Photo by Marilyn Robertson

A shopper enjoys browsing through T-shirts and cookbooks.

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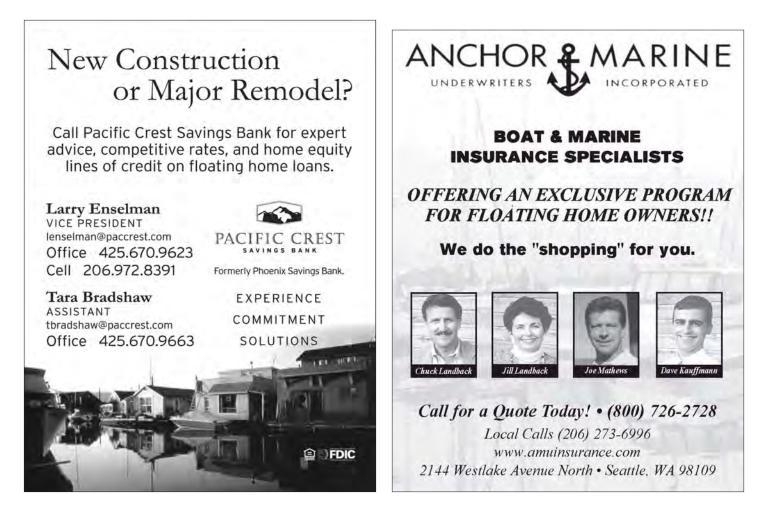
By Mary Jones

On the two weekends before Christmas, the Floating Homes office was decked with boughs of holly, holiday lights and stacked with gift items. One popular item, this year, was something every houseboater, cook and craft person needs: a lightweight denim apron emblazoned with the little red houseboat and mantra, "A neighborhood. An attitude. A way of life"!

The aroma of hot apple cider added to the festive atmosphere as shoppers sipped a warm drink and swapped stories of winters past and the latest windstorm with Houseboatique volunteers. The spirit of the holidays provided an opportunity to chat with friends and neighbors as well as folks from outside our community who were drawn by the holiday signs and stopped in to say "hi" and browse the shop.

The variety of items we want to provide for the Houseboatique has now outgrown our office cottage, so we've entered the techie world of online shopping. You can now find a wider assortment of many new and fun things to purchase by accessing our online website, CafePress.com/Houseboatique. Whether you select from our FHA office inventory or our online store, every item you purchase helps support YOUR Floating Homes Association.

You can shop the Houseboatique display at the FHA Annual Meeting on April 24th, or you can call Jann McFarland at 206-323-3489 for an appointment any time to purchase items carried at the office.



FHA Members Volunteer

Clean & Green Seattle Day

By Bob Bowman

In November some members of the Lake Union houseboat community joined other neighborhood groups and Seattle City departments for a half day work party to clean up the area around the Westlake Avenue trail. The Floating Homes Association was asked to participate in the kickoff ceremony. Board member Giff Jones gave the opening remarks and introduced Mayor Nickels to the neighborhood volunteers. The cleanup consisted of litter pick up, sprucing up green spaces and weeding planting strips. The Environmental Committee will notify FHA members about future cleanup efforts in our local neighborhoods.



Mayor Nickels and Giff Jones at the Clean and Green.





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By Marilyn Robertson



December storm: waves.

Spring 2007

As I write this at the beginning of March, we have experienced more cold weather and several inches of snow north of Seattle. What a winter. In case you don't remember, the bad weather began in November with heavy rains and flooding. In December two storms struck 48 hours apart on December 11 and 13, mostly affecting the northern regions of the state. On the night of December 14 a third storm included Seattle in its devastation. Many of us in the houseboat community felt its effect. Some people lost electric power. Others had bits and pieces blow off our decks while some dock owners woke to find damaged water and sewer lines. But several docks on Lake Union suffered major damages. (See lead story: "Wind in the Willow").

The following are a few tales from Lake Union and Portage Bay.

Blair Robbins says, "Having been houseboaters for 20 years now, Bob & I have weathered many storms on the Lake, but this one was by far the worst! Large whitecaps rolled over our floating raft, splashing our windows. We lost a couple of planters and the ramp to our floating raft busted apart. Chains snapped on our floating raft.... Bob checked the dock a few times over the night and reported back that the homes of **Claire Tangevald** and **Jim Smith** were interlocked and that our dock was shifting. The next morning it was quite something to see how warped the dock was."

Claire Tangevald sent this report: About 1:30 am, the wind was howling and huge swells were washing up over my front deck. The houseboat was tossing around. Suddenly, I began to feel and hear deep jarring thuds — like a battering ram. The whole house shook, again and again. I could hear wood splintering and metal screeching. I went out to look — my house and Jim Smith's were coming to blows at the south end. The logs under his raft were acting as a battering ram, coming up under my houseboat with each swell - breaking wooden pieces off my deck, fascia board and joists. Also, his roof and mine were banging and scraping together, splintering his roof fascia board and smashing in my metal gutter. Shaking, I called Rob (Widmeyer) and he said he'd be right over. Meanwhile, I threw my tennis shoes on and sat in my pajamas on the edge of my side deck. I braced my feet against Jim's deck and pushed like hell. With every new swell, our houses crashed together — breaking more wood below and scraping gutters above. Finally, I got so I could anticipate each swell. Each time my house started to lift up, I pushed hard with my feet against Jim's house, separating our houses slightly. In this way, the crashing was a bit softened. After what seemed an eternity, Rob arrived, and while I pushed with my feet, Rob managed to squeeze a good sized bumper between our houses at the point of contact, and fasten it there. Now, several panels of Jim's new metal roof were starting to loosen and "sail" - to be lifted up by the wind. Quickly, Rob found a rope and managed to tie the panel ends down. We went inside. I was shaking, but Rob patiently, logically talked me down — there was nothing more we could do at this point. Thank you, Rob! What a friend! After he left I watched the weather report. About 3:00 am, there were reports that the wind was dying down. I went to bed and slept like a log until 9:00 am. In the morning I saw the source of the trouble - the middle section of our dock was tilting over toward 2019. Instead of having a straight dock, the mid-section curved about 6 feet to the north."

In the intervening weeks, Waterfront Construction arrived with cranes and pulled the dock back into place and secured it. **Bob Burks**' before & after shots tell the story!

The storm tossed pots and furniture into the lake. Mark Sanderson & Jamie Thurner (2019) rescued neighbors' Ren Nanstad & Debbie Woodbury's (2025) Adirondack chairs when they floated across the channel during the storm. Tiff McNamara of The Lake Union, says their dock did fine although four of her neighbors were "out in the storm at 1:30 am bracing two very loose and live



Jim Smith and Claire Tangvald's houseboats 'come to blows' during the storm. Right: equilibrium restored.



Dock takes on a few curves. On the right the dock is back to normal.

electrical poles. It is an old system and there was no way to turn off the power. Needless to say we may be facing some extensive repairs or a dock replacement." Amalia Walton said she heard that an old clock on Dox starting working again after the storm! Robbie Rudine wrote, " On Tui Tui we have two floating dock sections that were joined by embedded 4" X 8"s. It was these timbers that shivered. We still await an insurance settlement and would like to know if our houseboat neighbors have received satisfaction from their insurance." Giff Jones said Mallard Cove suffered little more than a broken flex water line and a cleat torn out by its roots. But on the Sunday after the storm Mallard Cove answered a MAYDAY call for a towboat from Willow Dock. (See related article) Seems an enormous crane barge needed access before it could begin replacing numerous damaged pilings. But an end houseboat was blocking the crane's access. That houseboat had to be moved. RIGHT NOW, BEFORE DARK. Giff answered the SOS and recruited neighbor, Dr. Doug Hanel and his 20 foot runabout "I have to admit, Doug's eyes opened wider and his brow furrowed, when we found not a little houseboat, but Tom Laz's funky dwelling/arboretum. Anyway, neo-tugboat skipper Hanel and deckhand Jones hooked up to the assorted string of rafts and islets of greenery. Then we s - l - o - w - l - y dragged it and trailing bits of debris out and around the crane barge and north to a temporary address on the end of Tenus Chuck. It's all in a day's work in the houseboat community!" From Westlake, Marty Greer reported on 16 December that their new dock, 2466 WL, did fine. The boathouse on the Nesika Chuck (north) side broke loose around 10:00 pm and after blowing almost into the marina across from it, was pulled back during the



Happy Log Foundation houseboater, Claire Tangevald

lulls and secured with ropes. Another house broke a turnbuckle, and Marty's hot tub cover was rescued in the middle of the night by a neighbor. Emily Hine said on 2766 WL Westlake Cove a couple of sewer lines disconnected. Luckily, one houseboat is under construction & one is not occupied. Emerald City was able to come out the same day & reconnect them with no problem. Emily had a cable wire rip from her house, but other than that, nothing major.

Those of us on Portage Bay were less disturbed by the storm. Iohn Pursell rescued a neighbor's houseboat that had slipped some moorings. Jim Weyand and I lost power about 1:00 am, at the peak of the storm,



Lilian visits mom, Amalia Walton, FHA Board member during retreat break.

Tenderfoot Adventurers Escape to Schweitzer Mountain By Val Burgess

Val Burgess (Tenas Chuck) asks, How do you make the winter months fly by? When the weather is rainy, stormy, cold, and grey what do you do? Some FHA members are keeping active and enjoying activities outside as well as inside. Giff & Mary Jones, Jim & Barb Donnette, Hermann & Christie Madsen, Dean & Pat Sampson and Val & Barry Burgess, say, "keeping active is the best medicine for a grey winter." Most of us hadn't been on downhill skis in about 15 to 20 years. Had we forgotten how to ski? We are physically capable, why not try. Off we went to Schweitzer Mt. in Sandpoint, Idaho. With thoughts of dry, crystal white, glistening snow, clear skies and crisp weather, we joyfully headed up the pass thinking nothing of the rain that was coming down. As we got closer to the pass the rain was turning to snow. Then the reader board said, "EXPECT DELAYS" at the pass. We arrived at the stopped cars and thought, no worries. We've plenty of food and wine in the coolers in the back. The radio said "Chains will be required on all vehicles when traffic moves". So, the guys decided to install the new chains. They were out there laying in the 8 inches of wet, slush trying to accomplish a small task. It was rather comical watching them from our dry spot in the car.

Mission accomplished we continued on our journey when we got a call from Hermann and Christie. "Our car has overheated and we are waiting for a tow-truck. We will have to turn back and start again tomorrow morning." The rest of us arrived at the mountain greeted by gusts of cold wind. Our reward was the accommodations. A massive timber home with 5 bedrooms, each with its own bath, a gourmet kitchen, and an impressive fireplace surrounded with overstuffed leather chairs. Another plus was a hot tub, just steps from the village and lifts.

The next morning was clear and cold. Life was easier on the new shape skis and the day was a winter wonderland full of skiing adventures. Dinner was a home cooked meal by one of us as the others relaxed. The following day, some of us tried our hand at Nordic skiing with a mountain guide who enlightened us about the Idaho culture and scenery, while others did another day of Alpine skiing.

Our final day we heard the pitter patter of rain on the roof. The temperature had dropped and we were experiencing a north Idaho "Chinook". We were stranded in our chalet with no reason to go anywhere. We could read, nap, play games, learn to knit, talk, eat, take baths, and just relax. When the rain stopped we took a walk to the village for a latte, looking forward to another gourmet meal.

"What an Adventure." Just little ones like these, learning new things, laughing, eating, and sharing life experiences with our neighbors.

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but lights came on again by 8:30 am. The storm forced a number of water birds to congregate on PB including a large flotilla of mud hens. The same day, I sighted a pair of widgeons, something we seldom see on PB.

Sheri Greaves from <u>Houseboat Harbor</u> reported being without power from 1:00 am Friday, December 15 to Monday evening, December 18. A tree had fallen across the stairs going up to Allison Street and took out the power lines, as well as a couple of cars. There seemed to be a little pocket of houses without power for several days. Sheri and Steve could see Christmas lights on the next dock, while they shivered in the dark. On Friday evening, after work, Sheri drove up the



Photo from Val Burgess

In early January houseboat skiers at Schweitzer Mountain, Idaho.

freeway planning to hit the supermarkets as she came back down Roosevelt. "As soon as I got onto Roosevelt, I knew I was in trouble. No lights anywhere! I got to 50th before there were any lights, so I think, 'University Safeway, great!' I go into a well-lighted and very crowded Safeway with my first thought being, no refrigerator, but I can still cook meat tonight." She began pulling out steaks, chicken pieces and stacked them in her shopping cart. "Then it hits me. I can't cook (electric stove and oven, and too danged cold to grill outside)." Never mind, she told herself as she replaced the meats, "I'll get some microwave popcorn". She had stacked boxes of popcorn into her cart before the light dawned. The microwave is a plug-in appliance. Dismayed she returned the popcorn to the shelves. "So, the realization finally hits that I'm down to cold cuts and cheese. Not so bad. I'll make sandwiches. Unfortunately, a lot of other people had come to

the same realization. The prepackaged, smoked meats shelves were decimated. A few lonely packets remained." She grabbed them, bought a jar of peanut butter and a loaf of bread and several bottles of wine. When she reached home Steve was waiting at the door. "What did you get? What did you get?" "Umm, Peanut butter, cold cuts and merlot." OK.

"What have I learned from this storm? Don't ever, ever, be without plenty of cheese, triscuits, and vino. Especially VINO."

General News

On March 8, **Jim Weyand** and I watched as four lively otters fished in Portage Bay. **Robbie Rudine** remarks that the residents of <u>Tui Tui</u> have had both raccoons and otters visiting. This has excited Saba the 12-year old Keeshond. Lately, as well, a beautiful common merganser drake has been preening himself and hanging out. **Janet**

Raccoon Footprints on Shelby Dock.

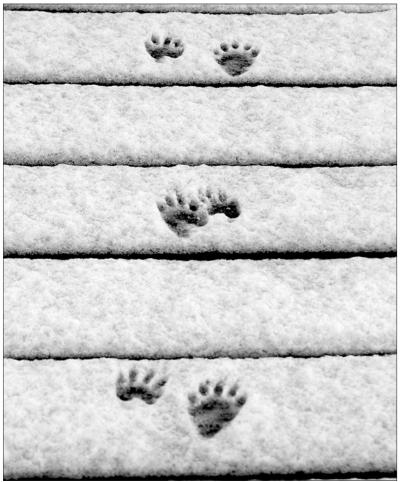


Photo by Betty Swift

(Yoder) won a fiction prize for her short piece called "Four Hands" that was published in Barton College's <u>Crucible</u> magazine's Fall 2006 issue. Robbie will have some of his stamp art exhibited along with that of other similar artists in the print room of the Fine Arts Museum in Budapest this coming May. The big news on <u>The Lake</u> <u>Union</u> (2031 FVE) is **Gina Griffith & Sean Cole** are engaged to be married! They look forward to their wedding in October. **Emily Welch** has nearly completed the first half of her journey towards earning a Master of Arts in Photographic Preservation and Collections Management. **Tiff & Brad McNamara** are very grateful to all

of their wonderful neighbors for their patience and grace throughout the remodel of their houseboat. They are overjoyed to say they have moved home. Just in time, as they are expecting a baby boy to arrive in May. Sally Weems says Lee's Moorings have acquired another bachelor, Kevin Conroy, who bought Jan Loeken's houseboat, #14. Jann McFarland from Log Foundation reports that the two bald eagles that sit at the very top of the sequoia tree at the head of 2019 dock are back. Val Burgess of Tenas Chuck will participate in the 2007 MS Walk on Sunday April 15. It's 4 miles on the Burke Gilman Trail. Your participation and donations help to support programs, services, and research sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Betty Swift of Shelby dock writes, as 2006 ended, the Shelby Group dock gained a charming newcomer, **Sophie**, the new daughter of Krissy and Todd Biernacki. Sadly, though, the dock will soon lose, as the whole family moves to a spread of forested property near the Columbia Gorge where they are building a new home. A place where the children can run free without life jackets!

Join Houseboat Groups

Jeanette Corkery suggests knitting could be the answer to stress. A group of knitting enthusiasts on the lake has banded together under the moniker of <u>Floating Knitters</u>. "We meet every third Wednesday at one of our houses and share refreshments, our knitting projects, ideas for charity knitting, dock talk (How DO you get rid of those pesky, odiferous otters), etc. So if life has you tied up in knots, come unravel with us as you knit and purl yourself into a state of knotty oblivion." For more information call Jeanette at 206-325-2256.

<u>Floating Families:</u> Are you raising a family on your houseboat? Interested in getting in touch with other floating families? Board member and new parent **Amalia Walton**, has created a listserv for the use of houseboat parents who would like to share information, ask advice of each other, and possibly form a playgroup. If you have a favorite deck fencing or an ingenious space saving technique, please, speak up! Email:

floatingfamilies-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or amaliawalton@gmail.com

Thanks to all contacts and others who sent in storm related stories and general news. Phone or email dock and community news to the Waterlog editor, Marilyn Robertson. Phone: 324-1257, Email: isobel.rob@earthlink.net

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