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20th Anniversary Meeting April 20th



A slide show of historic photographs of Seattle houseboats will be featured at the 20th annual membership meeting Tuesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. This photo shows houseboats clustered below Westlake Avenue near the Fremont Bridge, with the Interurban trolley passing by.

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Annual Membership Meeting To Celebrate Our History

Celebration of the Association's 20th anniversary will set a festive tone for the annual membership meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in St. Patrick's Parish Hall (basement) at East Broadway and Edgar. The meeting will have a historical theme, with Rob Anglin showing slides of old photographs of Seattle houseboats, some dating back to around 1910. Rick Droker's striking pictures of today's life on the water featuring flora, fauna and floating folk, will contrast with the historical photos and remind us all of why we live here.

Rob Anglin will also report on the effort to inventory all houseboats. His committee has been working with the City of Seattle's Office of Urban Conservation for over a year to record ages and characteristics, and to photograph every houseboat on Lake Union and Portage Bay. Rob will share these results, and consider how we can use this new comprehensive knowledge of our floating community.

Have you been wondering what happened to the state's threat to greatly increase underwater state leased land fees? A report on the Association's successful efforts to keep these increases reasonable will be given in an up-to-the-minute report on developments in Olympia.

Association lawyer Larry Ransom and President Bill Keasler will review the past year's significant development and preview next year's agenda in the business portion of the meeting. An election of officers for the Executive Committee will be held, and the financial report presented.

The annual meeting also marks the first public appearance of our new Seattle houseboat T-shirt. They will be on sale with profits going to the Association legal fund.

The social hour following the meeting will continue the 20th anniversary celebration with cake, wine and other refreshments.
—C.C.T.

Special Invitation to Charter Members

The Executive Committee would like to extend a special invitation to all charter members of the Association who are still around. We hope you will join us on April 20th to help us celebrate the Association's 20th anniversary.

Following is our current list of charter members: Richard Barrett, Robert & Joyce Brown, Esther Carhart, Delbert & Muriel Eklund, Gertrude Eva, James D. Gray, Richard & Peggie Hoyt, Leonard & Marie Johnston, George Johnston, Carlisle & Karen King, Ken & Clara Kennedy, Betty Ann Morse, Alfa McClung, Gladys Mattson, Hazel Nigh, Elmer & Barbara Nelson, John M. Pursell, Terry Pettus, Billy Joe & Ruth Irene Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. James M. Smith, Betty Smith, Carrie Stafford, George K. Simons, Gloria Welch and Jim Wandesforde.

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Photo by Anita Klapper

Terry Pettus contemplates the wood carving presented to him at the Pete Seeger concert in his honor.

NEWSLETTER

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Pete Seeger Concert Builds Feeling of Unity



Photo by Anita Klapper

The Moore Theatre sold out well in advance of the concert date. The crowd, once assembled, was 1400 strong. They had come to honor Terry Pettus and to hear his friend, folksinger Pete Seeger.

Seeger quickly engaged the crowd with his songs about peace and caring. Song by song he built a unity within the crowd. Even non-singers found themselves joining in to produce the warm enthusiastic harmony that characterized the evening.

Highlighting the evening was the ceremony honoring Terry Pettus for his years of service to the floating homes community. On stage during the ceremony were Pete Seeger, Terry Pettus, Deputy-Mayor Bob Royer and Floating Homes President Bill Keasler. Deputy Mayor Royer read a proclamation declaring March 7, 1982 as Terry Pettus Day. Bill Keasler then presented Terry with a carved statue of a war resister, a special thank you for Terry's years of unfailing generosity and hard work in fighting to maintain and improve the floating homes community. Terry received the standing ovation he so richly deserved.

The concert was a great success due to the well coordinated efforts of many individuals. Special thanks go to Pete Seeger who donated his time and effort so that the evening's proceeds, \$8970, would go to the Floating Homes Association. Mayor Royer is to be thanked for his proclamation of Terry Pettus Day. The committee chaired by Jim Knight, and comprised of Anita Klapper, Jann McFarland, Sharon Greenberg, Sandy Oellien, Kate Thayer, Dick Wagner and Bob West is to be thanked. Barbara Nelson, Ellen Hansen, Ann LeVasseur, and Dixie Pintler were outstanding with their ticket sales. Dutch Schultz deserves special recognition and a thank you for his masterful carving. Many, many others provided their special touches with generous contributions of time and caring that culminated in the concert being a great success and a wonderful evening to remember.—J.E.

City of Seattle - Office of the Mayor Proclamation

WHEREAS, Terry Pettus through his tireless work for his community, his dedication, know-how, and eloquence has inspired others to follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated wisdom and the courage to speak out whenever the quality of life in our city has been threatened; and

WHEREAS, his community-mindedness and experience have led to his appointment and service on such public bodies as the Board of Adjustment and the Advisory Committee for the Shoreline Master Program; and

WHEREAS, he has singlehandedly spearheaded the fight to preserve and protect the floating homes community in Seattle, and the diversity and vitality of Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, his sense of history provides us with a link to our city's past and a vision of its future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles Royer, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim March 7, 1982, as TERRY PETTUS DAY in Seattle.

Charles Royer
Mayor, Charles Royer



Photo by Sheri Lockwood

Terry Pettus and Pete Seeger share thoughts and memories at the post-concert party at the Hungry Turtle.





Photo by Bill Keasler

Mark Freeman (left) looks on as Frank Granat (center), assistant dock manager for the Freeman-Gibson-Jeffrey docks, and lawyer Clinton Hatstrup (right) represent the dockowners at the recent hearing. Granat also represented moorage owner Robert Skarperud in another fact-finding hearing.

Hearing Examiner Denies Moorage Fee Increase

After three years of delays, judgments, and more fee increases, homeowners on the Freeman-Gibson-Jeffrey moorage at 2017, 2019 and 2025 Fairview have finally had their moorage fees set. City hearing examiner Margaret Klockars ruled that moorage increases levied in November 1979, and July 1981, were not justified.

The 1979 increase had been disallowed by a fact-finder under the original Equity Ordinance, but had been demanded anyway. Individual judgments had been filed against homeowners in an attempt to force them to pay. Klockars ruled against both increases because there had been no increased costs or improvements in the last few years, and the moorage owners were making a "fair and reasonable return."

The most important idea to be confirmed by this finding is that **once a dispute goes to a hearing, the moorage owner isn't guaranteed any sort of minimum increase** such as the CPI factor which is allowed without challenge under the ordinance. Klockars states that moorage owners can "choose between a 'safe' increase which may be imposed without challenge or to demand more and risk a finding... that no increase is necessary for a reasonable return. Respondents chose the latter course and are found not to be entitled to an increase."

Klockars based her ruling on a number of factors listed in the ordinance:

The net income from the moorage was found to be \$91,186. But moorage owners did not present any figures reflecting their capital investment when asked to do so. They tried instead to argue that the return should be calculated on the basis of the current fair market value of the property. Klockars points out in her decision that any reference to fair market value is conspicuously absent from the revised ordinance. So the rate of return on the owner's property was assumed to be reasonable.

Although the Consumer Price Index had increased 55 percent since the last increase in 1977, the net return on the state and city leased lands was so much more than "reasonable" that these two factors cancelled each other. And moorage fees charged at this moorage, \$140-\$150-\$160, were found to be comparable to others.

As a result of this decision, moorage owners Gordon Jeffrey and Frank Granat have requested postponements of their fact-finding hearings and are negotiating with homeowners for settlements.

Hearing Examiner Sets CPI Factor

Homeowners at 2420 Westlake petitioned the Hearing Examiner to determine if a portion of state leased land which extends 85 feet beyond the end houseboats should be included in figuring the CPI factor for a moorage increase. Last year, moorage owner Robert Skarperud did include the extra land, and this year he didn't. Moorage fee increases in 1977 and 1979 included the increase in the fee for the rental of the extra state land.

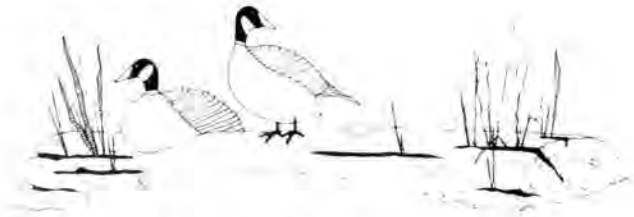
In 1981, Skarperud applied for a permit to change the designated use of the outer 85 feet from floating home moorage to commercial boat moorage. But as of the hearing date, the requirements of the Shorelines Management Act for this use (parking, toilets, etc.) had not been met.

Hearing Examiner Margaret Klockars ruled that approval of the permit established the change of use, so that area could now be excluded from the computation of the CPI factor. This increases the proportion of the houseboat moorage owned by Skarperud and thereby increases the factor and the moorage increase. Klockars states that homeowners should not have had to pay for the unused land, but that she is without jurisdiction to adjust prior moorage increases.—C.K.



Photo by Racine Morton

Racine Morton, 3226 Portage Bay Place, and Michael Sabin are designing and building liveaboard barges that fit into boat slips.



Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

Two weeks of sun in March brought out tulips, daffodils, hibachis, sunglasses, amorous ducks (who needs an alarm clock with them splashing around your windows?), house repairers, car washers and dockside conversation. Wasn't it great! . . . makes one greedy for more. . . . Rain or shine, **Portage Bayers** are looking forward to their Opening Day parties. . . . **2219-2235 Fairview** will celebrate their 3rd Annual Mt. St. Helen's Memorial Party with blindfolded dinghy races, rope throwing, and balloon stomping among the festivities. . . . **2025 Fairview's** Annual Dock Rummage Sale will be held June 19th and 20th from 12 to 5 p.m. Twenty per cent of their net profits will go to the Floating Homes Association (the remainder goes for their annual pig roast and for their dock legal fund). They will be happy to take any discards off your hands. . . . in fact they'll even pick them up. There's a fun party atmosphere at the sale with refreshments provided. If you haven't participated yet, don't miss it this year. In addition the sale usually raises close to \$200 for the Association, so you could help the community and have fun at the same time. If you'd like to donate some "treasures" call Jann McFarland at 323-3489 or Linda Knight at 329-7530. . . . **Gary Oman**, (1214 E. Hamlin) reports a heartening community effort by houseboaters and their land-dwelling neighbors. They are clearing and cleaning a little street end for a park. Underbrush and litter was cleared away in March. They hope to have a path and picnic table in the little park at the foot of Hamlin Street on Portage Bay by late spring. . . . **Jane LeCuyer** and **Laurie Lorance** (2019 Fairview) are putting together a Fairview Avenue Street Fair to raise money for Floating Homes. They are looking for helpers, artisans, craftspeople, entertainers to participate at the end of May or beginning of June. They haven't gotten much response yet from the little notices they distributed but are hoping for more. If you have some ideas call them at 329-6680 or 323-9263. . . . **Susie Mucklestone** (2822 Boyer) should be back from her Caribbean cruise and since she's also recently spent three weeks in Mexico some of her neighbors and certainly this reporter are just a teensy bit green eyed with envy. . . . Speaking of envy. . . . **Sharon Smith** (2235 Fairview) just returned from a tour of Europe. . . . How about a vacation in the mountains?—Gwen Hoxie would like to exchange the use of her alpine mountain cabin (sleeps five, fireplace) for any part of the summer. Her cabin is on Chinook Pass, 3 miles from Whistling Jack Lodge, and right on the Natches River. You can call Nancy and Steve Kono, 433-8528, for a reference and you can call her at 1-509-829-5195 or write to P.O. Box 403, Villah, WA 98953. . . . **Sandy Oellien** had a housewarming party on her new dock (2035-37 Fairview). . . . **Tom Susor** has bought a houseboat on 2035-37 and is remodeling from the floor up. . . . **Mary Gey** held a farewell party on 2017 Fairview for **John and Kathleen Maurel** and a welcome aboard party for their new residents **Bill and Pam Goetz**. . . . **Don and Paula Brownlee** and little **Allison** will be missed when they leave 2235 Fairview in June to move to their new houseboat on 3110-26 Portage Bay Place. . . . The joys of **co-op docking** were shared by the folks on **3110-26 Portage Bay Place** when their sewer pump clogged and they had the unhappy task of unclogging it. But it does make one pause to



Photo by Sheri Lockwood

Pre-concert celebrants relax at Jim and Linda Knight's party for those who helped with concert plans and preparations.

consider who is **really** in the sewer, the co-op folks or the rest of us. . . . Hopefully we'll never have another oil slick like the one we experienced last month, but **Elizabeth Johnson** (2600 Fairview) found that vinegar and water will take quite a bit of the oil off ducks and geese without harming the natural oil in their feathers. It also makes them smell a little better and feel a bit more comfortable. Her pet goose and ducks were sick for three days as a result of the slick. . . . The houseboaters of **2600 Fairview** finally got most of the dredging done that was needed to free their boats. They received a little help from attorney **Larry Ransom**. . . . **Jeff Acorn** of 933 N. Northlake, was one of the actors in a fun outdoor play that ran for seven performances at the end of February and beginning of March at Gasworks Park. The play was the brainchild of the same Cornish graduates who did the Tour of Capital Hill (alleys), and was entitled "The Dedication of Gasworks Park as a Spaceship Landing Site". Set 5,000 years in the future, it featured two societies: clones (men) and mutants (women) who are descendants of nuclear war survivors. The clones' leader resides in a spaceship orbiting earth and they are trying to form a perfect society when they meet up with the mutants. It sounds like fun. . . . they are hoping to perform again at Bumbershoot. . . . Congratulations are in order for **Jeff Wright** and **Margo Elbert** of 2349 Fairview. Jeff and Margo were married March 27. . . . **Racine Morton**, 3226 Portage Bay Place, and her partner **Michael Sabin**, are building liveaboard, 2 story barges that can fit into a boat slip. They are quite comfortable with 600 square feet, a 10 inch draft and have either an inboard or an outboard motor. They have sold two already and we are told they resemble a tiny steamboat. If you're interested you can call Racine at 328-1536. . . . it's worth it just to listen to her looney answering service messages. . . . WELCOME NEW FLOATING HOME FOLK: **Phil Weber**, 2464-66 Westlake; **Bill and Pam Goetz**, 2017 Fairview; and **Neil Hartman**, 2031 Fairview Ave. E. . . . I just had to add that our Pete Seeger Evening was one of the best. **The Knight's** (2025 Fairview) pre-concert party and food was wonderful. The post-concert party at the Hungry Turtle was a great opportunity to give Terry Pettus the hugs and pats on the back he deserves. The concert was very special. It's still difficult to believe that all we non-singers warbled along for a couple **hours** and in **French** and **Spanish** to boot! Thank you, thank you to all who worked so hard to put it together and to Terry Pettus and especially to Mr. Seeger. What a warm and wonderful feeling of closeness and community.

Living Afloat

by Connie Jump

Much of the focus in recent years has been on the people who live in the houseboats in Seattle. There have been profiles on our lifestyles, analyses of our decorating techniques, and comments on our legal predicaments. Little attention has been given to the other inhabitants of these houseboats, our non-human neighbors and housemates.

Raccoons are familiar to most of us. Curious and friendly, they form a large resident population in the houseboat community. On my dock, an extended family of 5 respond to my clicking call for my cats and often sit outside my open windows, chirring and growling to attract my attention. Recently, when I left a bucket of bread scraps outside, they helped themselves over a several day period, and I am certain that the JumpInn is now designated the Portage Bay Deli for the raccoons! Because raccoons are so visible, it is particularly important to remember that they are indeed wild animals, cautious and nervous about human beings, and capable of a painful and dangerous bite if frightened. Feeding raccoons can be fun — try a raw egg or a bunch of grapes — but put the food on the deck, rather than trying to feed them by hand. And remember, curious raccoons are perfectly capable of wandering into our houses . . . I wandered out to the kitchen early one morning to find one of the teenage raccoons gobbling my cat's food . . . he had come in through the cat door! If you see a raccoon acting strangely, or looking ill, report this to the State Game Department, since raccoons can carry rabies. If you find that your raccoons are becoming too bold and familiar, you can arrange to borrow a "live trap" from the Game Department (464-7764, weekdays). There is a long waiting list, so the delay may be up to 4 weeks before a trap is available, and you may keep the trap for 3 days. At this time, you are responsible for relocating the raccoon, although the Department is currently building a "holding pen" to which you will eventually be able to bring the animals.

DUCKS are another familiar sight on and around houseboats and most of us enjoy their cheery quacks. Ducks are readily adaptable to human schedules. "My" ducks come aquacking each morning when they hear the growling of my coffee grinder and insist on a few moments of my time before they move on to other visits. I feed them with left over bread which I get for free from local restaurants or from bakery outlets in the area.

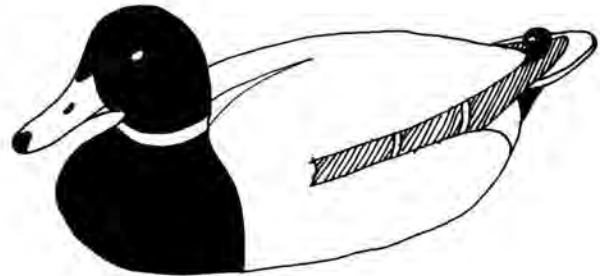
Last year, one mama duck staked me out as a "soft touch" and carefully trained all her brood to hop up to my door and engage in the traditional "sing for their supper." If I failed to respond quickly, the brood cautiously and firmly moved right on into the kitchen. Mieke, my Siamese cat, who catches mice with alacrity, is carefully respectful of the ducks (she was nipped on the nose as a kitten, and has never realized that the situation has reversed itself as she has grown up!) and permits them into the kitchen, although she becomes agitated and begins hissing and growling when the ducks try to explore further into the houseboat!

FREE HOT WATER BLANKETS

Do you have an electric hot water heater that hasn't yet been wrapped? Association member Connie Jump is a local representative of the Blanket Seattle program, and would like to provide this free service to all houseboaters who need it.

She can wrap your hot water heater and check and adjust the thermostat with no charge to you. If you had this done several years ago, Connie can check to see if the insulation is up to today's standards. Call Connie at 322-2566.

RIGHT: A Lake Union raccoon takes a break on his early morning constitutional.



Most of us who garden in boxes on our houseboats regard the ducks with exasperation as we attempt to preserve some of our vegetables and flowers for our own use. For some, the situation is simple, for many houseboats are quite high off the water, and this can discourage many inroads on your gardens. Putting screening around the boxes can discourage ducks, as well, and stringing cord back and forth across the top of the planters will keep the ducks off until the plants begin to come up through the string. Gardening books have many lists of plants which ducks will not eat, but in my experience, the only thing they truly will not eat is mint . . . and while mint is lovely and fragrant, there is a limit to how much mint one may want to grow. My own solution is to grow lots of everything, selecting several plants each year to focus my energies . . . and to share the results of the energies with the ducks. As a last resort, I get out my indoor plant spray bottle, and direct a stream of water right at the ducks while shouting rude things. This works as long as I stand guard, and releases a good deal of frustration . . . try it!

SPIDERS are taking over my houseboat. I definitely have the supreme collection in the entire city . . . variety, size, density, activity. In fact, I am certain that the news has gone out, woven into the webs like messages in Madame LeFarge's knitting, that the JumpInn is Spider Condoland. I have lively, lusty spiders weaving webs across all my windows, doors, in corners, and between gangplank and deck; a marvelous collection of cocoons in the corners of the house, in the cracks between the siding and my eyes, and a spectacular collection of spiders in the woodpile, bathroom and kitchen. It has become a bit more than I had bargained for, and when a nice juicy spider rappelled from the living room ceiling into the dinner plate of a foreign guest, I decided it was time to take action.

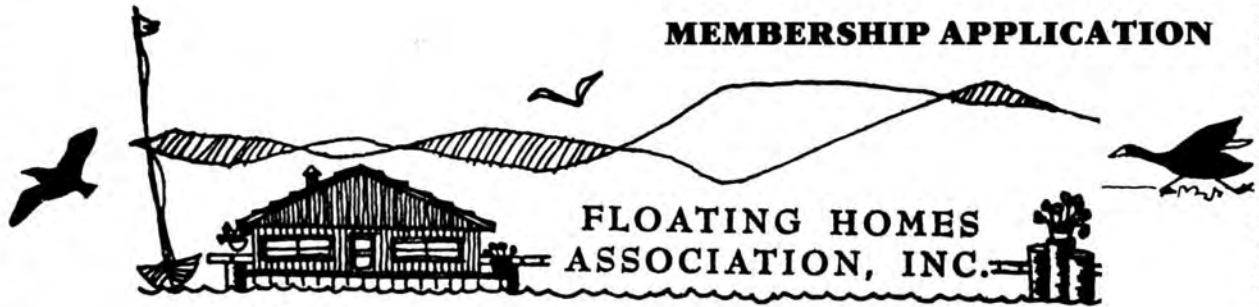
I telephoned the King County Extension Service and listened to a tape on spiders. This tape reminded me that spiders are helpful predators, eating many annoying insects, and that spiders in Western Washington are not poisonous. Most will not bother humans unless threatened . . . wear gloves when working in areas where spiders are present.

I was told to clear away debris where the spiders could live . . . including woodpiles, which are perfect spider havens. I chose to remove the spiders by brushing the outside of my house with a stiff broom and then spraying with a hose, rather than using a pesticide. Inside, I dusted cobwebs from the corners and then vacuumed well, and most of the gang seems to have moved on to other areas . . . probably to my neighbors' boats! If pesticides are selected to deal with the solution, be certain to read the instructions, and do not use outside sprays inside. For more information, call Dial Extension at 344-7984 and ask for tape #387, or write to them at 312 Smith Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, and ask for Spiders, Em3499.



Photo by Rick Droker

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



2329 Fairview East

Seattle, Washington 98102

325-1132

- Make checks payable to the Floating Homes Association.
- Dues payment covers all adults in the household.
- If more than one membership card needed list names below
- Dues payments cover the 12 months from date of joining.

- \$24.00 Regular Household Dues
- \$16.00 Retired Household Dues

(New members will receive a complimentary copy of Howard Drokens illustrated history (\$4.95) "Seattle's Unsinkable Houseboats.")

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____

Name(s) _____ Moorage No. _____ Phone _____

"To protect Seattle's old and colorful Houseboat Colony."

13th MONTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP CLIMBS

NEWSLETTER 8

Legal fund donations and pledges continue to roll in to the Floating Homes office in response to the recent 13th Month appeal. In addition to donations reported in the last newsletter, \$5641 has been pledged and \$3994.25 has been paid as of this writing.

Last year, due to personnel changes on the newsletter staff, contributions were not reported regularly. The Executive Committee would again like to thank the many members who made contributions in 1981 which doubled those made in 1980. This increase in support came when your Association needed it the most.

This year, each newsletter will have an update on contributions made since the previous printing. Since there is always a danger of leaving someone out when printing lists, please let us know if your name is omitted.

Recent contributions have been made by the following people: 13th MONTH CLUB: Rose Marie Parker, Herb & Betty Sigmund, Helen Mitchell, Robert McConnell, Burt & Helen Nelson, Pat Fay, Ruth Coffin, Katherine Malone, Cynthia & Phil Kranz, Karen & Adrian Winquist, Michael S. Dash, Stephen & Mary Dunphy, Elsa R. Durham, Horace G. Bradt, John Pursell, Sandra R. Oellien, Keith Magnuson, James Weyland, Lucy Reid & Paul Rerucha, Carlisle King, James & Linda Knight, Bob & Elaine Schroeder, Andrew Walkover & Barbara Cox, Juliette Sauvage, Peter Erickson, Barbara & Elmer Nelson, Pat & Theresa Harvey, P.C. Chelgren & T.G. Susor, Tom Susor, Arthur & Dolores Goodfellow, Abby Adams & Rusty Moore, Mike & Doris Taylor, Mary Gey, Raymond Woods, Terry Pettus, Robert & Diana Forman.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: Gene Morris, Glenn Chinn & Mayumi Tsutakawa, Ken & Linda Davidson, Tim Nolan, William Covington, Robert & Derith Sherensky, Terry & Jean Scott, Carol Galanos, Greg & Kathy Maxwell.—C.K.

Houseboat Tour, May 23

Sunday May 23 is the date set for the second annual Floating Homes Tour. There will be eight houseboats on the tour ranging from Hamlin Street along Fairview to Boston Street.

Again, the tour will begin with a boat tour of Lake Union leaving from Ivar's Salmon House and docking at the Hungry Turtle. Refreshments will be served on the boat. There will be five tours departing at noon, 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.

Each tour lasts approximately two hours, returning to Ivar's by boat. The 4 p.m. tour is somewhat shorter as the boat will make its last trip back to Ivar's at 5:45 p.m. The last tour is being called a dinner tour for people who wish to stay for dinner at the Hungry Turtle and then return on their launch.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available through the Floating Homes office. The tour sold out early last year, so order your tickets soon. Indicate which tour time you prefer on the form below.

"Gold Diggers" to Raise Funds for Association

The Association has a new committee called the "Gold Diggers," created for the purpose of raising money for the Association. The committee was Jim Knight's idea. He felt, and the Executive Committee agreed, that with an outstanding debt of over \$32,000, we need a special group of people committed to handling the problem. This at once frees the Executive Committee to concentrate on other policy matters and focuses even more attention on fund raising.

The most obvious way for the Association to acquire money is through increased membership. Presently, only about 60% of houseboat owners are members of the Association. The Association needs all houseboat owners just as all houseboat owners need the Association. Toward this goal of increased membership, Ann LeVasseur is organizing a Membership Committee consisting of six people (2 from Portage Bay, 2 from Fairview and 2 from Westlake) and a chairperson. Their duty is to forge a strong community network by keeping dock lists up-to-date, establishing dock contacts and informing all new-comers about the Association. This is an effort for people who enjoy meeting their neighbors and convincing them to support a worthwhile cause. Anyone interested in this most important committee should contact Ann LeVasseur through the Floating Homes office, 325-1132.

The main concern of the Gold Diggers at this time is the need to get more people involved in the Association. One of the dominant reasons many people seem not to get more involved is that they are at a loss as to where to contribute their ideas and time. For these people, here is a list of projects being planned by the committee.

Come May 23, there is the Houseboat Tour. Needed are organizers, dock hosts/hostesses, and refreshment servers. In September an auction is planned. Not only will material goods be auctioned, but so will services and entertainment, such as wind surfing lessons, or a dinner on a sailboat. Winter brings the annual Christmas Cruise, this year seasoned once again with the Great Excelsior Jazz Band. And, next spring, a Lake Union Run is being considered. Ideas, bodies and energy are needed for all these endeavors. —C.C.T.

CIRCULATION EDITOR NEEDED

WANTED: The newsletter staff needs someone to help with distribution. This would require only a few hours of counting, mailing, and delivering every couple of months, plus occasional checks on the delivery system and replacement of dock deliverers, as needed. This job would not require a large time commitment, but needs someone's attention to assure prompt delivery on all docks. If this job appeals to you, call the Floating Homes Office, 325-1132.

-----CLIP AND MAIL-----

Second Annual Floating Homes Association Houseboat Tour

Please send _____ tickets at \$10.00 each, \$_____ Total enclosed.

My first and second choices for May 23rd tour departures are:

12 noon 1 P.M. 2 P.M. 3 P.M. 4 P.M. (Dinner Tour)

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

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