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Phinney Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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PNA Events, Activities and Classes

Events & Activities

- 4/3 Art Gallery: Earth Day 2009
- 4/4 Ridge Romp: The Reptile Man
- 4/5 Family Sing-along w/ Gary Paine
- 4/8 PNA Book Club: *Mexican Enough: My Life Between the Borderlines* by Stephanie Griest
- 4/10 PNA Game Night
- 4/16 New Member Orientation
- 4/20 Phinney Reads: *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch
- 4/24 Bingo/Karaoke (GSC)
- 4/24 Untitled[Intersection]Contemporary Art & Poetry: Shin Yu Pai & Kris Wheeler

Education Classes

- 4/1 Building Codes & the Permit Process
- 4/3 Infant/Child CPR
- 4/4 CPR/First Aid/HIV Certification
- 4/4-6/13 Japanese Conversation
- 4/8 Basics of Estate Planning
- 4/8 How to Inspect Your Own Home
- 4/18 Greywater Roof Workshop
- 4/24 Self-Help Acupressure for Insomnia
- 4/29 Storm Window Workshop
- 4/30 SNAP Seattle Neighbors Actively Prepare

AT THE GSC

Community Technology Workshops for All

- 4/1 Wired for Learning - Computer Basics
- 4/2 & 4/9 Microsoft Outlook
- 4/6 - 4/20 Microsoft PowerPoint
- 4/7 Mozilla Firefox
- 4/8 Wired for Learning - Word Processing
- 4/15 Wired for Learning - Internet
- 4/22 Wired for Learning - Email
- 4/30 Backup Your Computer

Seniors Teaching Seniors

- (To register for these classes, call (206) 684-0639)
- 4/7 & 4/9 Computer Basics
 - 4/14 Basics and Beyond
 - 4/21 & 4/23 Touring the World Wide Web
 - 4/27 - 5/1 Easy Photo Editing

Weekly Groups

- Mondays:** Spanish Conversation (Beginning & Intermediate)
- Thursdays:** Phinney Friends Crochet Group
- Thursdays:** Movie Night
- Fridays:** Bridge Club

Monthly Meetings

- 4/2 Seattle Peak Oil Awareness
- 4/7 Phinney Ridge Community Council
- 4/15 American Cetacean Society "Dolphin Mysteries, Unlocking the Secrets of Communication"
- 4/22 NW EcoBuilding Guild "Living Building Case Study"
- 4/28 NW Biodiesel Network

Seattle Folklore Society Concerts

- 4/4 Pandit Vikash Maharaj w/ Prabhash Maharaj
 - 4/11 Claudia Schmidt
 - 4/18 David Roth
 - 4/25 Lynn Miles
- Tickets (206) 528-8523 or www.seafolklore.org

Emerald City Contra Dances

- Fridays 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24
- www.seattledance.org/contr/emerald.city.html

PNA Well Home Program

- Wed. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tool donations, antique or useable, accepted anytime!
- Relief Tool Librarians are needed. Call Mike Broili at (206) 789-4993 for details.

For more information or to register for PNA classes, call (206) 783-2244, email pna@phinneycenter.org or visit our website at www.phinneycenter.org

Get More For Less!

Get the PNA Member Newsletter via email! Save us money & save the environment!
Contact Chardell to make the switch: Chardell@phinneycenter.org



Community Begins Here

Phinney Neighborhood Center | Capital Campaign

It's official! We are happy to announce that on February 27, the PNA became the official owner of the Phinney Neighborhood Center site, after 29 years of leasing the property from the Seattle School District. Thank you to the City of Seattle and the State of Washington for providing the funding for the purchase. Thanks also to the volunteer committee who worked for months negotiating the deal: Rhoda Lawrence, Alan Kirtley, Matt Knox, Janet Strand Selby, Mark Blatter, Marco Lowe, Andrew Parker and John Smith.

To celebrate, we're planning a community party on Sunday, June 28. Mark your calendars now.

And finally, now that we own the site, we can begin to move forward with some exciting plans for increasing accessibility and enhancing gathering spaces in the buildings and on the grounds. For details, check the website at phinneycenter.org/capital-campaign.

Phinney Reads



On Monday, April 20, author Jim Lynch will read from and discuss his book, *The Highest Tide*, for Phinney Reads. In this

poignant coming of age tale, a precocious boy has a summer in which inexplicable things keep happening and he's trying to make sense of it with the help of a marine biologist, a mystical lady and his own clear-headed observations. Lynch will be here at 7:30 p.m. in Room 6 of the Blue Building. Santoro's Books, at 7405 Greenwood Ave N, is offering a 15% discount on the book. For more information, contact Chardell at chardell@phinneycenter.org or (206) 783-2244.

Thank You Volunteers!

April is National Volunteer Month and we'd like to thank everyone who shares the gift of their time to support the PNA all year long. Whether you are a co-op parent, serve at the soup kitchen or overflow shelter, put in long hours on the Board or a committee, volunteer during our many events, teach a class, or help keep our building and grounds looking good, we really appreciate all that you do. The Phinney Neighborhood Association wouldn't be the same without you!

Phinney Neighbors in Action

The Comfort & Joy Gift Drive continues through April 13. It's not too late to purchase items to benefit children at Childhaven and the Broadview Emergency Shelter. To see a list of suggested gifts visit the PNC or GSC lobbies or go to comfortandjoy.notlong.com.

Volunteers Needed

It's spring and Heart of Phinney Park, at the intersection of Phinney/Greenwood and N. 67th Street, is ready for some TLC. We're looking for volunteers willing to spend a few hours each month weeding, deadheading, picking up litter and keeping things looking good. These independent gardeners, dubbed Pacemakers, work on their own schedules following a brief orientation. Email judith@phinneycenter.org to schedule a walk-through.

If you've recently experienced a change in your work situation, we would love to benefit from some of your extra time and energy. Skilled volunteers are needed to take on a number of special projects. Most projects are ideal for workers who'd like to take ownership of the project outcome. Contact judith@phinneycenter.org for a list of opportunities and to set up a meeting to discuss your skills.

Phinney Farmers Market

Phinney Farmers Market begins the summer season May 29. Between April 20 and May 1 you will be able to vote on the t-shirt and tote bag designs submitted through a contest. To see the finalists and cast your vote, log on to www.phinneycenter.org/programs/market.shtml. If you can't wait, stop by the PNC and pick up a market t-shirt from 2007 or 2008 - they're on sale!

Call to Artists

Visit the Phinney Center Gallery webpage phinneycenter.org/arts.shtml for the call to artists of the 2010 gallery season. Complete submission details and application information will be listed at this web address.

Upcoming gallery openings:

May: Greenwood/Phinney Artwalk

Juror's Pick: May 8, 7 - 9 p.m.

June: Jules Anslow and Li-Ting Hung:

Dreaming Fiction: June 5, 7 - 9 p.m.

Read Ahead

The PNA Book Club meets in the Blue Room on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. The May selection is *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks.

New PNA Kids! Summer Camps

PNA Kids! announces a new summer camp for preschool age children 3 - 5 years! This year, we will offer for the first time a summer camp at our Whittier Kids! location. The preschool staff is excited and has created a curriculum with engaging activities and lots of fun for all! The camp will offer week long themes from July 6 through August 14. For more information, visit our website at PNAkids.notlong.com. PNA Kids! is also rolling out another great summer for kids 5 - 12 years. Our brochure is ready and available on line.

Ridge Romp

The Reptile Man is the final show of the Ridge Romp season, April 4, 10:30 a.m. in the Community Hall, \$3 per person. Please arrive early as this is a popular show and could possibly sell out. For more details go to www.ridgeromp.org. The 2009-2010 season begins in October. Check the PNA or Ridge Romp website for updates. If you have suggestions for next season's performers email ridgeromp@yahoo.com. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have made Ridge Romp possible.

Moulin Rouge Auction



On May 2, the Blue Building and a large tent in the upper parking lot will be transformed into a fanciful bohemian Moulin Rouge. Join us for the PNA's biggest fundraising party of the year. The auction is always fun and, with your help, it will be a fabulous success!

Invitations are in the mail so gather a group of friends and get your reservations early. Tickets cost \$50 per person or \$75 for patrons. Hot items you'll want to bid on include a variety of getaways, a pony party, custom wedding photography, Zoo Tunes season tickets, a rooftop party, a sunset cruise, gourmet dinners, a custom made guitar, classes, services from PNA members and restaurant gift certificates. Preview auction items on the PNA website and start planning your bidding strategy. The website will be updated every week with new donations. It's not too late to make a donation! If you need a form or have a question about a donation, let us know.

To preview the auction donations or to make a reservation online, go to www.phinneycenter.org.

We need a lot of help getting ready for this party. To volunteer with pre event tasks, decorating, setting up or during the event, call (206) 783-2244 or email judith@phinneycenter.org.

New Member Orientation

Learn about what's going on at the Phinney Neighborhood Association and how you can get involved. There will be a new member orientation on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Room 6 of the Blue Building.

Family Sing-Along

Join Gary Paine on Sunday, April 5, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Community Hall for a free family sing-along.

PNA Home & Garden Tour

The Home Tour and Garden Tour are being combined this year into one Home & Garden Tour that will be on Sunday June 7, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The tour will feature five remodeled homes and five neighborhood gardens to inspire your summertime projects!

Office Space Available

Beginning in April we will have office space available on the top floor of the Brick Building. The office (Room 33) is 280 square feet, with built in cabinets and shelves along one wall. With tax, it will lease for \$569. It's perfect for someone in the neighborhood who would like to have an office near home.

Bingo/Karaoke



Bingo AND karaoke?! It's entertainment at its best. Come on out for food, fun, singing, dancing, cash prizes and more! An entrance fee of \$10 gets you in on the action for eight bingo games. Between games, grab a hot dog, some chili, fresh popcorn or a few jalapeño poppers. Drinks are also available for only \$3. Friday, April 24, 7 - 10 p.m.

Understanding Immigration Issues

In April the Greenwood SAGE Project will explore issues surrounding immigration including the role of globalization, the challenges to new immigrants and the factors that affect our communities economically and socially. Come to this three-week series at the Greenwood Senior Center for film, discussion and real-life stories. Tuesday, April 14, 21 & 28, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Free. Call Jenny at the GSC for more details (206) 297-0875.

A Vibrant Elder Culture

In 1969 Theodore Roszak defined baby boomers in *The Making of a Counter Culture*. Now in *The Making of an Elder Culture* he outlines the possibilities for boomers as they age and reclaim the values of their younger days. Join us for this free event Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. as we envision a new Elder Culture. Facilitated by Cecile Andrews, author of *Slow is Beautiful* and *Circle of Simplicity*.

Line Dancing!

In this fun dance class, you will learn many line dances to a variety of music like swing, rock and roll, waltz, zydeco and western. It's a beginning class but great for everyone who loves to move to music. Benefits include more flexibility, better balance, and stronger muscles. Registration required. Call (206) 297-0875 to sign up. Thursday, April 2 - 30, 1 - 2 p.m. Cost: \$30/members, \$40/General Public.