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Phinney Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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PNA Home and Garden Tour

The PNA's Home and Garden Tour takes place Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sponsored by Northwest Homecrafters, Peoples Bank, Swansons Nursery and ecohaus, the event features five remodeled homes and five urban gardens in the Phinney/Greenwood neighborhood. This year's homes showcase a variety of housing styles and projects including raising a home for a daylight basement, starting from scratch on the inside and second story additions. The gardens include water features, patios and

a garden in which over 3,800 square feet of ivy and 500 square feet of lawn were replaced with terraced planting beds.

The tour is self-guided and you can view the homes and gardens by walking, biking or driving (keep in mind that parking may be difficult). Slip-on footwear is recommended as participants must remove their shoes before entering each house.

Tickets cost \$12 for PNA members or \$15 for the general public and are available online or at the Phinney Neighborhood Center.

Babes-in-arms are free, but tickets for children ages 2-12 cost \$5. The ticket brochure includes a map, addresses and a brief description of each home or garden.

The Tour also includes a Home and Garden Art Show/Sale at the Center. For a sneak peak at the gardens, home exteriors, the Home and Garden Art sale artists and for links to our sponsor websites, visit phinneycenter.org.

Volunteers are still needed to "house or garden sit" for three-hour shifts. This is a fun volunteer activity to do with a friend, and each volunteer receives a free ticket for the Tour. For information or to volunteer, call (206) 783-2244 or email marylee@phinneycenter.org.

PNA Events, Activities and Classes

Events & Activities

- 5/29 Farmers Market Opening Day—entertainment by Gary Paine
- 6/5 Farmers Market—JD Hobson
- 6/5 Art Gallery: Opening Night - Jules Anslow and Li-Ting Hung
- 6/7 PNA Home and Garden Tour
- 6/7 Family Sing-along with Gary Paine
- 6/10 PNA Book Club: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers
- 6/12 PNA Game Night
- 6/12 Farmers Market—Tai Shawn
- 6/16 PNA Member Orientation
- 6/26 Farmers Market—Ali Marcus
- 6/26 Untitled [Intersection]: Cathy Ruiz and Jared Leising and panel on "Teaching Writing"
- 6/26 Bingo/Karaoke night at GSC
- 6/28 PNA Community Celebration

Education Classes

- 6/3 Earthquake Home Retrofit
- 6/10 Rainwater Harvesting, Catchment & Management
- 6/12 Infant/Child CPR
- 6/13 CPR/First Aid/HIV Certification
- 6/15 What You Need to Know about Pandemics
- 6/17 Water Conservation for the Homeowner
- 6/20 Exploring: A Class for Older Women
- 6/27 Babysitter Training

AT THE GSC

Seniors Teaching Seniors

To register call (206) 684-0639.

- 6/2 & 6/4 Computer Basics
- 6/9 Basics and Beyond
- 6/22-26 Easy Photo Editing

Weekly Groups

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

Monthly Meetings

- 6/2 Phinney Ridge Community Council
- 6/4 Seattle Peak Oil Awareness
- 6/17 American Cetacean Society "The Whale Trail"
- 6/23 NW Biodiesel Network
- 6/24 NW EcoBuilding Guild "Building Science Site Testing"

Emerald City Contra Dances

- Fridays 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26
seattledance.org/contra/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 phinneycenter.org

Please consider switching from this paper version of the PNA Member Newsletter to the email version. To make the change contact Chardell at (206) 783-2244 or chardell@phinneycenter.org.

Community Celebration

Jugglers and bubbles and aerialists – oh my! Come celebrate the Phinney Neighborhood Center on June 28 from 2-4 p.m. and enjoy music, games and carnival activities including jugglers, face painters, chalk art, the Bubble Man and, yes, aerialists from Versatile Arts.

Earlier this year, the Phinney Neighborhood Association – and the neighborhood – became the official owner of the Phinney Neighborhood Center and now it's time to celebrate.

The Mayor, City Council President, School Board President and State Representatives have all been invited but the really honored guests will be the community. Come enjoy YOUR community center.

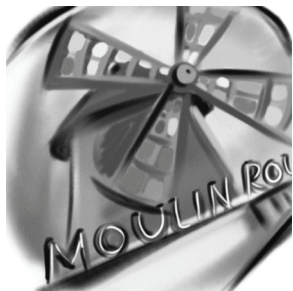
The fun starts in the Center's upper parking lot at 2 p.m. with music, chalk art, jugglers, the Bubble Man, aerialists and more.

At 3 p.m., we'll have a short program with our local dignitaries and music from the Phinney Community Chorus, then it's time for refreshments. Historic photos and materials detailing our plans for the future, including elevators and new entries for both building and an urban green space on the hillside will be on display.

And don't worry, if the weather won't cooperate, we'll move what we can indoors and set up games and other activities. Rain can't stop this party!

We're looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up, as well as to run the popcorn booth, supervise the chalk art and serve the cake. Interested? Contact Ann Bowden at (206) 783-2244 or ann@phinneycenter.org.

Moulin Rouge



This year's auction was a terrific party and a fabulous success! Thanks to the generosity and support of our sponsors,

donors, volunteers and participants, the auction grossed over \$89,000 including \$5,400 from the dessert auction alone (kudos to the dessert makers and bidders). This year's fund-an-item for a portable sound system and updated lighting fixtures raised \$8,000! All proceeds from the auction benefit PNA programs and activities.

The success of the auction would not have been possible without the help of the following: **Sponsors** who provide financial and in-kind support - *Gary's Games & Hobbies, Woodland Park Zoo, Ron & Robyn Lewis, Jan Gray & Kerry Fowler, NRG::Seattle, Ken's Market, Red Mill Burgers, PNA Board of Directors and Allegra Print & Imaging;* **Auctioneer** *Jerry Toner*, who raised bidding fervor ... and dollars; **Caterer** *Bacchus & Arianna*, who prepared an incredible feast; **Beverage Donors** *Maritime Pacific Brewery, Starbucks, Susan & Glenn Beebe and The Vineyard Wine Shop;* **Photographers** *Hitomi and Joel Dames;* **Donors** who provided amazing items and services; **Graphic Designer** *Sarah Watson Designs* for the fantastic invitation and print design; **Decorations Diva** *Lisa Crabtree* and **Acquisitions Specialist** *Greg Trudeau*; enthusiastic **Bidders** who attended the event; and, last but not least, the **Auction Committee** and all of the **Volunteers** who provided the talent and critical energy necessary to make the auction such a success! Merci beaucoup!

To view a slideshow of photos from the auction, visit the PNA's web site at phinneycenter.org/events/auction.shtml

Thank You Volunteers!

A big thanks goes to George Suriya for organizing a wonderful group of neighbors and members of Mars Hill Church to give Heart of Phinney Park a make-over for its 10-year birthday. A donation from the church enabled us to purchase many plants to replace ones that have suffered damage or died over the years. Volunteers transplanted numerous specimens, got new plants into the ground, spread a load of mulch, and completed various springtime clean-up tasks. If you'd like to help keep things green and growing, contact judith@phinneycenter.org to join the ranks of independent volunteer gardeners known as Pacemakers. We'd love to have your help.

PNA Member Orientations

Learn about the scope of the PNA programs, activities and services, have your questions answered and see how you can get connected and involved. There will be a PNA member orientation on Tuesday, June 16 at 2 p.m. at the Greenwood Senior Center and one at 7 p.m. at the Phinney Neighborhood Center.

It Takes a Village

The phrase "it takes a village ..." has been given new meaning by groups all over the country who are developing programs/organizations to assist people to stay longer in their homes as they age. The basic idea is that, for an annual fee, members have access to a support system of service providers and volunteers to help with daily living needs. These may include rides, medical and other advocacy, shopping and cooking services, assisted living services, etc.

The PNA is exploring this program concept as a new level of membership. Since each village is unique, we would like to begin with an informational gathering of people who might be interested in finding out more about this concept and possibly help to shape what the "Northwest Village" might be.

Our first meeting will be facilitated by PNA Executive Director Ed Medeiros at the Greenwood Senior Center, 525 N 85th, on June 25 at 7 p.m.

PNAKids! Summer Art Camp

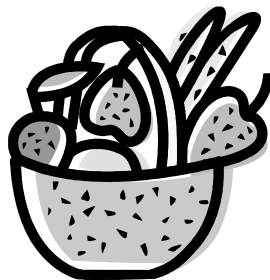
PNAKids! has added another summer camp! We will offer for the first time an art camp for 2nd to 8th graders to be held in the Art Room at Whittier Elementary. We have gathered an excellent group of very creative instructors who are excited to be working with kids. For more information, visit the center to pick up a brochure or go to tinyurl.com/PNAKidsArtCamp2009.

High school and college volunteers help with Summer Safari activities and field trips, committing to at least one full week (Monday-Friday) from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This year we will be offering summer programs both at the Phinney Neighborhood Center and Whittier Elementary School. Preschool Assistants are also needed at Whittier Kids! on a more flexible morning schedule. Contact judith@phinneycenter.org for volunteer application and orientation information.

Phinney Farmers Market

Summer must be on the way, because the Phinney Farmers Market season opens on Friday, May 29! Please plan to shop the array of fresh fruits

and vegetables, along with other delicious items including baked goods, pastas, honey, cheese, jam, and more. As always there will be ready-to-eat choices and entertainment to be enjoyed while you visit with friends and neighbors. Be sure to stop by the PNA table to learn about upcoming classes and events and pick up a Market Passport for the youngest shoppers in your group. While you're there, check out the shopping bags and t-shirts featuring a new design by PNA member Sandy Nelson. Remaining shirts from 2007 and 2008 will be selling at a discount, so please help us clear out our old stock. We're also looking for one or two more volunteers to represent the PNA on Fridays from 4:45-7:15 p.m. Contact judith@phinneycenter.org or call (206) 783-2244 if you'd like to be a PNA Ambassador.



LGBT Pride Event

Some PNA members have expressed interest in having a LGBT Pride event. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please call (206) 783-2244 or email chardell@phinneycenter.org.



The Greenwood SAGE Project June meetings

During the summer months the Greenwood SAGE Project (Seniors, Active, Giving, and Engaged in their community) will be exploring issues related to sustainable food and agriculture systems and how they impact our community. Come to the Greenwood Senior Center on Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m. for a showing of the film *Good Food*, which offers an intimate look at the farmers, ranchers, and businesses that are creating a more sustainable food system in the Pacific Northwest. Discussion will follow. Visit www.goodfoodthemovie.org for more information on the film. Come again on Tuesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. to learn skills for a new millennium to make our own community more sustainable.

Movie Night: *The Visitor*

During the month of April, the Greenwood SAGE Project raised awareness about issues surrounding immigration. To follow up, SAGE and Sustainable Greenwood are joining together to host a screening of the feature film *The Visitor*. The film offers a unique glimpse into the U.S. immigration system and the people it affects. Come to the Greenwood Senior Center on Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m. for a screening of the film followed by discussion. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

Community Dinner at the GSC

At the beginning of March the Greenwood SAGE Project, in partnership with Awake Church, hosted a community dinner at the Greenwood Senior Center for residents of Phinney/Greenwood and families and individuals living in motels along the Aurora corridor. A group of volunteers and guests from all over the community came together to enjoy a warm meal and live entertainment, bridging communities and fostering fellowship between neighbors who might not otherwise interact. A second dinner is in the works for Monday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m., and all are welcome. Call Jenny McIntosh at (206) 297-0875 to RSVP for the dinner or to sign up to volunteer.

Save the Date!

**4th Annual
PNA Summer
Beer Taste
July 18, 2009
4-7 p.m.**

