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NO JANUARY MEETING

The Leschi CC constitution does not require a meeting in January, as the date falls so close to the end of the holiday season, but we are able to hold a meeting in January if there is a community need for it. In the past 20 years, there have been only two such meetings scheduled. There seems to be no need this year and so we will NOT meet, and encourage you to recover from the many holiday activities and work on your resolutions and we will see you in February.

Our January 7 board meeting will be a planning meeting that all volunteers are welcome to join. They should email leschicouncil@gmail.com for details.

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SAVE THE DATE

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Paul de Barros

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President's Message

Hello Leschi Community!

Happy new year! Last month I reflected on the Leschi Community Council's accomplishments in 2024, but I wanted to share an additional point of reflection. I'd like to recognize two positive partnerships with the City of Seattle. Facilitating community conversations is not easy, and these folks put a lot of time and attention into it.

First up, Council Member Joy Hollingsworth and her team have thoughtfully engaged across the District 3 community. In 2025, they are introducing quarterly meetings to bring neighborhood council leads together with City organizations. This will foster visibility into priorities and concerns across our district. It will also help those organizations scale their support and resources. It's another reason to stay connected with the Leschi Community Council, as we will attend those sessions to represent Leschi.

The second partnership to recognize is Jordan Hoy and his team from the City Planning Department. He has been incredibly proactive and responsive when engaging with the community about traffic calming and management. He manages a lot of difficult conversations, all while maintaining respectful partnership and active listening.

As we enter 2025, we'll be holding a planning session to identify our priorities and draft a plan to ensure that the LCC is helping Leschi continue to be a great place to live and visit.

This is a great time to get involved, so if you're interested, please join us for our planning meeting on Tuesday, January 7 from 6-8pm. We'll be in the lower room of Grace United Methodist Church. Email leschicouncil@gmail.com with questions.

Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Ashley Martin
President, Leschi Community Council



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GHOSTS FROM THE WTO

When I saw that Mohai was featuring an exhibit on the WTO protest, it took me back in time, remembering how we rather innocently became involved in the drama of those days.

It began with a phone call from our nephew in California who wanted to know if we could put up both he and a friend who wanted to protest the adulteration of seeds. They called themselves Seed People. We said sure, looking forward to seeing him again.

It wasn't until they arrived that it looked as though this might be a more "interesting" event than we had bargained for. The two young protesters turned out to be six in all!

This is a rather small house with only 2 bedrooms (both in use) but two of them wanted to sleep in their van in the driveway and the others opted for the floor in their sleeping bags.

I was still working as a home health and hospice social worker but had been given strict orders to work from home during the length of this protest. My boss actually said "they" (the mysterious they) had threatened to blow up the bridges. I thought this very unlikely, but she would not be swayed. It

doesn't take long to visit your patients by phone, so I turned out to have more time than usual on my hands. Enough time to cook for 6 extra people, all vegetarians.

Being Seed People, they were not as interesting to look at as the Sea Turtles, but they were all committed to their project. The driver of the van had taken the first aid course and would wear armbands identifying him as a medic. The one girl was a belly dancer, and I was never able to connect that with seeds.

Fortunately, they were all gone during the day, doing their part for seeds. At some point the protests turned ugly and folks pointed to the interlopers: anarchists from Portland. The one person from our group of six to get arrested was the medic(!) but he was just held overnight as his doctor father in California got on the phone and managed to convince the police to release him. But it was a scary night for all of us.

When it was finally over, we said good-bye to nephew Ishi, and our 5 new friends. After spending a week with these young idealists, it was sad to see the protest disintegrate with looting and broken windows; it seems that will be the lasting memory of the event and not the plight of the sea turtles.

-Diane Snell



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Neighborhood and Beyond

2025 PLANNING MEETING

Want to get involved in the LCC but aren't sure where to start? Join us on January 7, 6-8pm at the Grace United Methodist Church where we'll be setting our 2025 priorities and projects! Some of the ideas on the agenda include monthly event programming, green spaces, Leschi ArtWalk, public safety, and the *Leschi News*.

Interested but don't want to over-commit yourself? Don't worry—all levels of involvement are welcome! If you have ideas but can't join the meeting, reach out to us at leschicouncil@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you on the 7th!

-Nicola Davidson

MARCH MEETING

James Overland is an oceanographer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, and an affiliate professor at the University of Washington, in Seattle. Leschi Council talk, March 5



Overland's interests are scientific support for decision makers on climate and ecosystems in the Arctic and sub-Arctic. He leads projects on atmospheric dynamics, Arctic changes and historical climate, sea ice, and ecosystem impacts. Overland was a lead author for the Arctic Report Card annual summary, a recent Arctic Assessment for the international Arctic Council, and was a Lead author to the 5th IPCC Assessment Report.

He works with NOAA biologists on endangered species and fisheries management.

Having traveled to Arctic as a student in the late 1960s, he has since seen the Arctic change to a different place with loss of sea ice, temperature rise, and global impacts. He has received the International Arctic Award, the NOAA Distinguished Career and Communication Awards, and has over 300 science publications.

-Anne Depue

NEW YEAR'S DAY PARK CARE PARTY

January 1, 2025 1-3pm @ SSE #60 E. Pine St—just south of 1600 Lake Washington Blvd.

Start out the new year by readying our beloved Madrona lakeside park for 2025!! Be a hero—liberate our old growth trees and shrubs from invasive ivy and blackberries. 2024 saw many new plantings, mulch and

irrigation installed. Let's start the new year out right by helping our older natural resources thrive in the coming year. Warm cider will be provided! If it is pouring down rain, the event will be postponed to a later date.

-Sponsored by FOSE (Friends of Street Ends)

ARE YOU A LATE BLOOMER? CHALLENGE JOHN!

John Barber and Katarina Kleinmann were married November 18, 2024.

John Barber at age 84, married his sweetheart Katarina Kleinmann. The couple eloped to Snoqualmie Falls with five of their local relatives.

John is a Leschi resident since 1971, and we are only running this story because he claims they are breaking a record for late-life marriage in the neighborhood. Any neighbors who want to challenge that claim should notify us as soon as possible.

-John Barber



UPDATE FROM LESCHI ELEMENTARY

The winter holidays are upon us and we are rapidly approaching the halfway point in the school year! Last month, we were thrilled to celebrate our families and heritage at Taste of Leschi, our annual cultural potluck and celebration of our school's diversity. The fight grade events committee compiled a lovely cookbook with all the recipes shared, which was distributed at the event. Our fifth graders are also looking forward to their week at 5th grade camp at Island Wood on Bainbridge Island in February!

Our annual giving campaign is underway! Please visit our website at leschipta.org for events and school updates, and to support our work on behalf of educators, students and their families.

-Benson Wilder



MAKING MERRY TO SUPPORT LESCHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Once again, the BluWater Bistro has been holding its end-of-year annual fundraising effort for Leschi Elementary. Buy a \$100 gift card and BluWater will make a matching donation of \$100 to the school. This is the fifth year BluWater has supported neighborhood students. The goal is to raise \$10,000 and this year Bart Evans and his staff hope to surpass that amount. Check with them now to see if you can still get in on this generous and vital effort to make an immediate impact at our local school. If it is too late, plan for next year!

<https://bluwaterbistro.com/leschi-elementary/>

From Bart Evans: *"p.s. Yes, we know we lose money on this. Please don't email us about learning math. c'mon it's for the kids."*

-Anne Depue

FEBRUARY MEETING

Come learn about the new Jackson Street Jazz Trail. Join Paul de Barros, nationally renowned jazz critic, book author, and a living archive of local jazz lore as he presents a journey through the music scene that established Jackson Street as one of the nation's leading jazz hubs from the 1930s to 1950s.

Paul will tell stories about local clubs where the likes of Ray Charles, Quincy Jones, Ernestine Anderson, and Billie Holiday played and sang. And he will introduce the new app that allows you to map where those places were located and to see how the landscape has changed.

Copies of *Shall We Play That One Together*, Paul's biography of the great jazz pianist and radio host Marian MacPartland, will be available for purchase.

-Anne Depue

LESCHI RESIDENT WAS HALFTIME WALES RESIDENT

This is a belated obituary sent from Wales by husband Brinley Morgan. We finally have room in the Leschi News to remember this exceptional person

Cheryl Morgan was a longtime resident in Leschi (40 years). Her brief synopsis is below. She had a large collection of Leschi and Washington State postcards. They were displayed a few year ago at the Leschi Centennial and were put on a CD/DVD.

INTRODUCTION

Cheryl Hansen, as she was known from 1945 to 1992, was a celebrated daughter of Seattle. She brought honor to her place of birth on the international education scene.

From Franklin HS to night time telephone operator in the Bell Telephone Company where she saved them many thousands of dollars; to University of Washington, a PHD and post Graduate, Fulbright scholar; leader of a Federal Education program; three times educational principal, including the first female HS principal in Washington State; to key roles in college education and beyond in England and Wales; to international roles as an inspiring and innovative educator. She brought great honor and respect to her country, state and city. On her life journey she became as an honorary Arabian princess and Lady of the Manor of Raglan in Wales.

SUMMARY

She had, not only a remarkable career in the United States up to that point, but later went on to great success in the United Kingdom.

An advanced leader in computer technology, she was instrumental in the technical design of the new Foster high school, though some of her advanced ideas were rejected at the time. In Foster, she pioneered the use of video technology via video telephones to promote the very first international educational conferences between schools and connecting foster to New York, London, Amsterdam and schools in Korea.

Prior to her being appointed principal she had been the principal of an alternative HS in WA and principal of a special needs school for all ages up to 65 at the University of Pennsylvania. Her remarkable career began when she left Franklin HS in Seattle to work as a nighttime telephone operator for the bell telephone company. While there she developed a special system that simplified and modified the complicated wages calculation. She saved the company



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Head of Foster HS, Tukwila, 1988

MA, PhD. She went on to lead a specialist team of PhD qualified specialists on a nationwide federal program assisting schools and colleges in many of the states. Cheryl left Foster to marry a London Secondary School Headmaster whom she met in Seattle when he was on a scholarship tour of US Schools and colleges.

She had then a highly successful second career in Wales in two British colleges of further education to be followed by being part of team that introduced a wide range of live skills to students and teachers in Wales, including the Welsh Baccalaureate. Finally, she was educational advisor to the Welsh Education Minister.

Outside her professional success, she became a local historian putting the village of Raglan ...“on the map.” She was always in advance of her time and very much loved and honored in her new homeland.

Twice she was invited to Buckingham Palace, became (by accident) an honorary Arabian princess and Lady of the Manor of Raglan.

thousands of dollars in the long run. They then assisted her to complete academic courses at the University of Washington.

There she obtained three academic degrees, BA,

Years ago, I spent time with Rich in his private “Peaceable Kingdom” in his sprawling Okanogan country. We made frequent stops to tramp riverbanks, explore cliffside bird colonies, and banter with locals in Twisp and Methow.

Rich’s remote studio, with a large open door to the cold waters of the Columbia River (I jumped in the frigid flow off the prow of an old dock), held the usual jumble of artist’s tools and paraphernalia.

Before those halcyon years, Rich came to Seattle in 1957 with a Columbia University liberal arts degree, a master’s from Putney-Antioch, Vermont, and a clear eye for human foibles. The glint in his eye is reflected in his work. Freely mixing animals and humans as subjects of his work, he gave the preferred nod to members of the animal kingdom when portraying wisdom, strength, and wry humor. His works



Children Playing Train at the Switch (Richard Beyer, 1991), Auburn City Hall Courtesy Beyer Family.

are bold, often over-sized, and emerge next to children’s playgrounds and urban streets.

For example, Beyer’s animals can be found in the smooth, quiet features of “McGilvra’s Farm” in Seattle’s Madison Park, the patiently observing sandstone “Three Dogs” in Belltown, and the reclining bull in downtown Ellensburg. Another friendly milestone is the captain’s chair in front of Ivar Haglund’s seagull on Seattle’s waterfront, which depicts the almost-smiling birds nuzzling against the torso of the benign seafood purveyor.

Newcomers to Seattle should know that Rich Beyer’s works each tell a local story. For example, the Fremont “Interurban” cluster reminds observers that Fremont was once a thriving independent village and key stop on the long-defunct Interurban Railroad which stretched from Everett to Tacoma. Rich suggested that his somber, patiently waiting passengers represent a kind of protest “of what automobiles have done to our urban scene.”

Rich moved to New York, where he passed away surrounded by dreams of his characters. I attended a memorial service for him in Seattle’s Fremont neighborhood, with music and intense conversation everywhere about the public characters he left behind.

-Brinley Morgan

WHO’S THAT MASKED MAN?

It should be YOU, according to King County Health Dept. They recommend wearing a mask when visiting a hospital or clinic where you might encounter sick people. Not that many people have taken advantage of the vaccines, but they are unlikely to stay home if they feel sick.

RICHARD BEYER: THE CHARACTERS HE LEFT BEHIND

Sculptor Richard Beyer has placed more art in Seattle public places than any other local artist. After gracing Seattle’s Fremont intersection with the now-famous passengers named “Waiting for the Interurban,” or the dramatic “Whale’s Tail” in the Alki playground or Madrona’s aluminum animals called “Peaceable Kingdom,” the artist left Seattle for the banks of the Columbia River at Pateros, Washington.

I once referred to Rich's work as "public art," which Rich gently suggested was actually "Art in public places."



-Junius Rochester

Junius Rochester, whose family has shaped the city for many generations, is an award-winning Northwest historian and author of numerous books about Seattle and other places.

LIFE AND TIMES IN LESCHI

The Army Camp: A Researcher's Odyssey Part 2

As I continued my investigation of the World War II army camp at present-day Powell Barnett Park, I had the opportunity to go to Washington, DC for work, so I took a day to go out to the National Archives repository in Maryland. There, the archivists were as helpful as could be. They have indexes and entire books as guides to categories of military records. We reviewed the "War Department Decimal File System: A Subjective Decimal Classification with a complete alphabetical index for Use of the War Department and the United States Army." Vast as the US military's records are, it has a commensurately sizable system for keeping track of those records.

They picked out a number of files for me to read. I found nothing referencing the use of Seattle school facilities for military purposes during the war. But I did get a more detailed view of the government's observation of the Japanese American community. The government had been paying attention to "enemy aliens"—namely, citizens of Germany, Italy, and Japan – since the official outbreak of World War II in 1939. The Issei, as immigrants from Japan were known, were ineligible for US citizenship under federal law until 1952. Only their US-born descendants, Nisei, were US citizens. By the time of Pearl Harbor, about two thirds of Japanese Americans were citizens.

As early as 1940, the government discussed that in the event of the US entering the war, measures would be taken to intern US citizens as well as foreign nationals. By mid-1941, government agencies had agreed on their responsibilities for the roundups that came to pass after Pearl Harbor. *

An army report, "History of the Japanese Program," states, "The War Department security program relative to persons of Japanese ancestry was not initiated until after the declaration of war. The steps taken by the War Department toward national security in the two years immediately preceding the war made no direct provision for Japanese except as they may have been affected by the general provisions of the alien and subversive programs. No particular attention or study had ever been given to the Japanese situation existing on the Pacific Coast." ** But once Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Army set up a camp at the Garfield track site, as well as at some other schools and various city parks.

There have never been any documented cases of sabotage or spying by any west coast. Japanese Americans; nor even in Hawaii, with the minor exception of one individual, who was not prosecuted.

"A Tragedy of Democracy," by Greg Robinson:

Germany, on the other hand, began efforts to create a Nazi spy network in the US as early as 1935. Germany invited Japan to pool espionage resources, pointing out that only Caucasians could be effective spies in the US, since Asians would be more easily detected. The Japanese government agreed to participate but sent very few agents to this country. There is only one reported case attributable to a Japanese agent; all other arrests and convictions involved from or acting on behalf of European Axis countries.

"Judgment Without Trial," by Tetsuden Kashima

Reading the army documents and other materials, I realized that I had been misdirected in assuming that military spying on Japanese Americans had begun much earlier than Pearl Harbor.

On returning home from the Archives visit, I returned to the school district archives and took a close look at materials from 1942. I still saw nothing about the Garfield location, but I found a mention of similar installations mentioned at Franklin and West Seattle high schools. In school board minutes of June 5, 1942, there was a report of a request by the Army for permission to use the lavatories and showers for encampments it had at those two schools. The board agreed that it should cooperate wherever possible. *** Neither of these discussions was to be found in the index of meeting minutes. And the puzzle remains: how did these two camps, as well as the one at Garfield, get established with no written record at the school district?

* *Judgment without trial: Japanese American imprisonment during World War II, by Tetsuden Kashima, 2003, UW Press, page 24*

** "History of the Japanese Program," *Office of the Provost Marshal General (US Army), Washington, DC.*

Undated, but probably written at the end of the war. Declassified September 1961.

*** *School Board minutes, 1942. The Army also took over Sick's Seattle Stadium (home of the minor league Seattle Rainiers). Mercer School on lower Queen Anne, later to become the school district headquarters, was taken over as well, after an oral request to the superintendent.*

Next month: The investigation takes a surprising turn.

-Roger Lippman

The author writes monthly about Leschi history and his experiences over his 48 years in the neighborhood.



COMPASS

Hi Neighbors,

It's now 2025 and the busy season for residential real estate sales is upon us.

The good news for Buyers is there's more inventory to choose from. This should continue for a few months.

The good news for Sellers is there are still many more buyers than available homes, and good homes, priced right are selling quickly.

If you'd like to strategize how to maximize the sale of your home or bid and win the one you've been looking for, please reach out. I'd love to help.

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LIVING WITH THE DEATH OF EMMETT TILL –PART 1

Just in case you do not recognize the name Emmett Till, here is a summary of the incident which places him in the American history book. In August 1955, fourteen-year-old Emmett left his home in Chicago, Illinois, to visit relatives in Money, Mississippi. His mother, Mamie Till, did not want him to go; she had told him about life in Mississippi for Blacks. She cautioned him about the environment and differences between life in the North and South. After much of Emmett's pleading, his mother permitted him to go. Emmett wrote to his mom he was having a "fine" time. A few days later, on August 21st, he and his cousins went to town where they entered a store owned by Roy Bryant. There it was that Emmett saw Carolyn Bryant, a white woman. You should know that some folks say he whistled at her; some folks say he did not whistle. Because he stuttered, some folks said his mom had told him he could control the stuttering by whistling. Carolyn Bryant told her husband the boy from out of town had whistled at her. On August 28th, Roy Bryant and his brother J. W. Milam abducted Emmett from his cousins' house. They tortured and shot him in the head, wrapped a cotton gin fan around his neck, and threw his body in the river. Battered and decomposing, the body was recovered on August 31st. The sheriff ordered that the body of Emmett be buried immediately. Mamie Till demanded her son's body be returned to Chicago where she insisted the casket be open for a funeral service on September 3rd so the world could "see what they did to my boy." About 100,000 people paid their respects and viewed Emmett Till's body. In September, weeks after the murder, a jury acquitted Bryant and Milam after 67 minutes of trial. In January 1956, four months later, the men admitted to *Look* magazine that they had killed Emmett. American law says a person can't be tried twice for the same offense. No one was ever punished for the murder.

I remembered everything in the above paragraph but the dates and first names of the murderers. I saw the *Jet* magazine picture of the mutilated, dead Emmett Till and a picture of Emmett before his venture to Mississippi. Emmett Till shows up in my writings ever so often. In 2005 I sat across from his casket in the small chapel at the National Museum of African-American History and Culture (NMAAHC). Most people walk slowly past the casket. But visitors can sit on a pew in front of the casket. A huge photograph of mourners



Till in a photograph taken by his mother on Christmas Day, 1954. Original photograph taken by Mamie Bradley.

in the church during the service is on the chapel walls. I sat about ten minutes convincing myself that maybe I would no longer think about Emmett Till.

I was wrong. After many years, I still think of Emmett Till when another unarmed Black person is murdered. The Till case was reopened in 2004 because the body had to be exhumed for an autopsy. In early 2017, Emmett Till's story again came to the fore when it was reported by Timothy Tyson, a Duke University senior research scholar to whom Carolyn Bryant (now age 72) admitted she had lied. The case was reopened in 2018. In 2022, CBS News reported a 1955 arrest warrant discovered in the Leflore County Circuit Courthouse basement in Mississippi—for Carolyn Bryant. Bryant had not been indicted because "Leflore County sheriff at the time, George Smith, told reporters that he did not want to 'bother' the woman [Bryant] since she was raising two young children." Then, in 2023, again as I was leisurely reading the *Seattle Times*, I turned the page to see a headline: "White Woman whose claim caused Emmett Till murder has died."

Surely, this was the end of the Emmett Till story. However, on September 24th I received a call asking if I could interview Emmett Till's cousin the next morning! No what time, where, or why entered my mind. Yes was my answer. So, on Wednesday, September 25th I met the Reverend Wheeler Parker, Jr., at the Northwest African-American Museum (NAAM) for what was to be a twenty-minute interview. Over an hour later, I had an experience I will never forget.

I learned more about the horrid deed. Though Rev. Parker had come from Chicago with Emmett, been at the store with him, been in the house when Emmett was abducted, and been at the trial, no one had asked him about this historical event that continues to haunt so many of us! *Look*—the magazine that had interviewed Milam and Bryant, the magazine where they had admitted their guilt—approached Rev. Wheeler about Emmett Till thirty years after the fact. Now he has documented his story in the book *A Few Days Full of Trouble: Revelations on the Journey to Justice for My Cousin and Best Friend*.

As the last eyewitness of the event, Rev. Parker told the truth and now travels near and far telling this same truth, the whole truth. Most of his life he has listened to speculation and lies. Now, he feels compelled to correct the lies. Now, he is the narrator. Perhaps more importantly, Rev. Wheeler says, "If you don't remember, you're subject to repeat. That's the bottom....You can fill in a lot of things other than that, but you don't want to forget. And we are so easy to forget. And some people never knew." He wants people to remember.

This was the first time I had heard that someone accompanied Emmett. Though only two years older than Emmett, Rev. Parker, had moved from Mississippi to Chicago, so he had information about and experience with the South that Emmett did not have. Of course, I wanted to know if Emmett had whistled. Yes. He whistled outside the store. But Emmett was not in the store long enough to flirt as Carolyn Bryant said he had flirted. It would take years for her to admit that she lied. Eventually, she confessed that she did not want to work in the store. She thought if she told her

husband she was afraid to work in the store, she would not have to work. She herself said, decades later, "He did nothing to deserve what happened to him."

Rev. Parker wants the world to know how bold Mamie Till was. Though an open casket is common in the Black community, Emmett's swollen, battered, mutilated body was not something to be seen. The sheriff in Mississippi wanted the casket closed; some in the Black community wanted the casket closed. But Mamie Till said no. The casket would be open. There would be no hiding this brutality. Rev. Parker does not seem to be able to say everything he thinks needs to be said about the bravery of this woman in this time and place.

Rev. Parker exudes calm and displays an ever-so-pleasant demeanor despite having witnessed and lived through such a traumatic ordeal. Living with the lies and speculation surrounding the murder for almost seventy years cannot have been easy. The greatest takeaway from my encounter with Rev. Parker lies in his answer to a question I might not have asked had I not known he is a pastor: how do you reconcile the horrendous murder of Emmett Till with the omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence of God? Without a pause, the pastor/teacher replied, "I was always taught to love and forgive." His simple answer came so easily, almost as if anybody taught to love and forgive would conclude the same. Some of us, for myriad reasons, are not taught to love and forgive, and we ourselves are not loved and forgiven.

Thanks to the Museum, many in the Seattle area, especially school children, had the opportunity to follow Emmett's timeline from Chicago to Money, Mississippi, and back to

Chicago and learn about the aftermath of his death. If we learn anything from the story, we can resolve to erase hate and discrimination. This means telling the truth, always acknowledging the humanity of each other. If we do not, we increase our chances of ruining lives and having our lives ruined, most likely unlike Emmett's. But one person killed because of skin color, gender, religion, or creed is one too many. And too many persons are deceased because of the ignorance of the murderers. Rev. Wheeler and his wife of fifty years, Dr. Marvel Parker, executive director of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Institute, spend much of their time telling and explaining the story.

Perhaps Rev. Parker can rest a bit easier now that many all over the country will hear him, visit the Institute, and/or visit museums that exhibit "Let the World See."

-Georgia S. McDade, Ph. D.

Georgia S. McDade, a charter member of the African-American Writers' Alliance, began reading her stories in public in 1991 and credits the group with making her write poetry. Many poems are inspired by artists. Georgia writes for South Seattle Emerald and Leschi News. She also does interviews for KVRU (105.7) and KBCS (107.3). Outside the Cave is the name of four volumes of poetry; Observation and Revelations: Stories, Sketches, and Essays is the name of her volume of prose.



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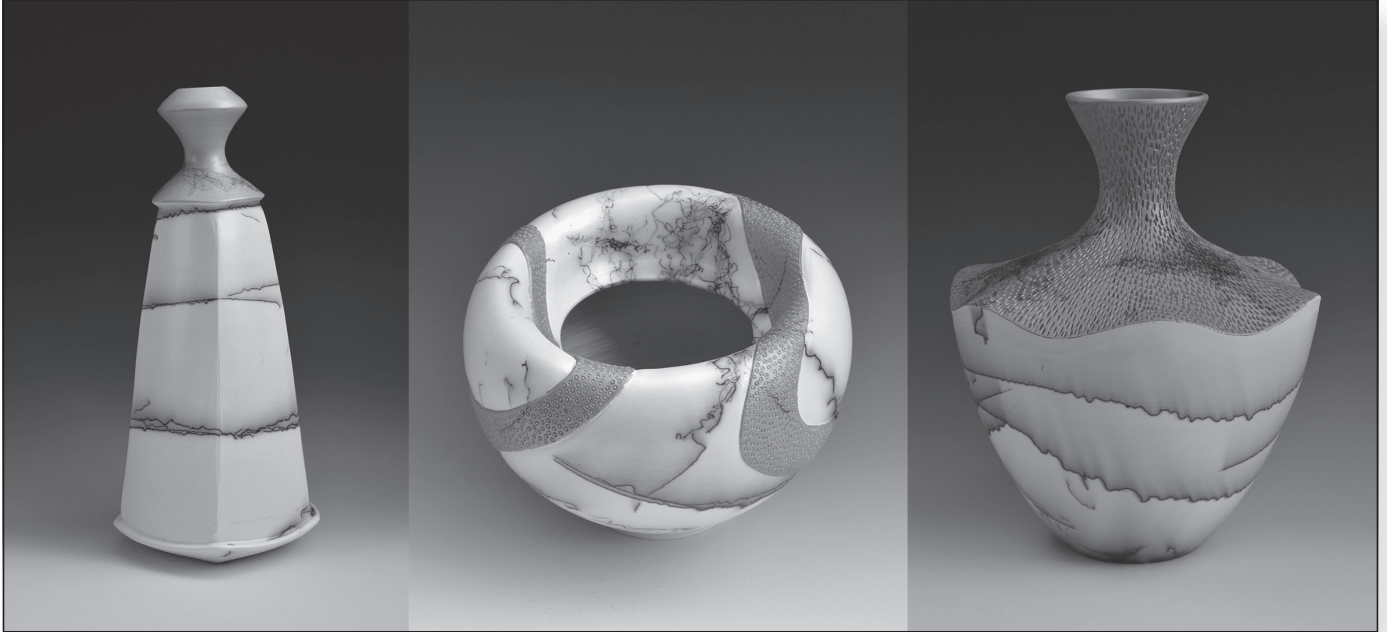
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This Member Exhibit will feature Raku ceramics by Rupa Palasamudram, along with small works by several fellow Gallery members. Palasamudram says, “Raku is simply based on the philosophy of ‘happiness by chance.’ My passion is for the process; I find the technique of horsehair raku both mysterious and captivating. For me, leaving my work and its surface to the randomness of the elements is a challenge and a need at the same time. Within this ancient process there have been several opportunities to add new twists, such as my addition of mica powders to obtain a colorful, shimmery smooth surface. This entire process with its historic beginnings and elemental qualities has captivated me and sustains me to pursue new creative ideas.”

Columbia City Gallery is a program of SEEDArts / SouthEast Effective Development.

TEAMSTERS, TURTLES, AND BEYOND: THE LEGACY OF THE SEATTLE WTO PROTESTS

MOHAI, 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle WA, 98109

Runs November 29, 2024 to April 27, 2025

In late November 1999, the World Trade Organization (WTO) conference sparked one of the largest political demonstrations in Seattle history. This exhibit guest curated by UW History Professor James Gregory revisits the “Battle of Seattle” through key artifacts, immersive images, and powerful statements from the people who were present. From the origins of the WTO to the legacy of these events on activism, policing, and global trade policy, visitors are invited to consider multiple perspectives and reflect on their relationship to democracy—an issue at the heart of the WTO protests of continuing relevance today.





ABYAYALA

INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS EN LATINOAMÉRICA

ABYA YALA: INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS EN LATINOAMÉRICA

Columbia City Gallery, 4864 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

Runs November 6, 2024 to January 5, 2025

La Sala invites you to Abya Yala: Indigenous Connections en Latinoamérica, a celebration of visual and literary art featuring local Latiné/x artists of Indigenous descent. Abya Yala brings the memory of displacement and the power of reclamation through art and storytelling, together in vivid visuals and ekphrastic experiences that dare us to dream beyond the limitations of Latinidad. Feel “the Land of Vital Blood” coursing through each artist’s veins and onto their canvas, pages and clay, and witness a world that grounds your senses into a history as expansive as the lands we call home.



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BEST WINE OF 2024

Happy New Year Leschi! Before we move forward with resolutions, wishes and hopes for the new year, let's rewind and reflect for just a bit on 2024 from a wine perspective. Tradition and Growth were key themes. In a tradition like no other, we held our 20th annual spring wine tasting with the Lakewood-Seward Park neighborhood, helping fund their annual scholarship. Conversely, we held our first ever fall wine tasting with the Mount Baker neighborhood, which went off with wild success, and slated to be an annual pre-holiday event not to be missed. In the store, the wine department added one whole shelf to EACH side of the aisle – garnering well over 200 new placement possibilities! The Market also worked hard to land a Washington State spirits license – allowing us to sell your favorite whiskeys, gins and liqueurs – that's another article for another day.

Reflecting is a powerful tool. Looking back at what worked and what didn't. Learning. See what wines sold. See what wines didn't sell. Some wines you forget about over time, and it's a nice surprise when you remember them. I make lists: Overall Best Sellers, Worst Sellers, Best Seller by Region/Country, Best Under \$10, and so forth. I thought it might be fun to share a few of those lists to help close out 2024 and begin 2025.

A couple of rules worth mentioning: No wine will be repeated, for example, if it made the Best Red list and is \$25, it wouldn't appear on the Best Wine Over \$20, because its already on a Best of List. This allows for more different unique wines to be mentioned! Also, prices are rounded to give the reader a rough price point for reference. Pricing is constantly changing, and honestly, may have changed since the deadline for this column!

So, here you have it. Four lists of ten wines, or essentially, the Top 40 Wines from Leschi Market for 2024. Happy New Year! Cheers and enjoy!

Top 10 Red Wines

1. Leschi Cellars Lakeside Malbec (\$15)
 2. Leschi Cellars Lakeside Rouge (\$15)
 3. Chateau St. Cosme Cotes du Rhone (\$14)
 4. Thurston Wolfe Dr. Wolfe Red (\$15)
 5. Mark Ryan Vincent Red (\$18)
 6. Shulman Estate Betty Lou (\$30)
 7. Ross Andrew Glaze (SOLD OUT)
 8. Simply Red (\$10)
 9. Lobo Hills Right Bank Red (\$18)
 10. Mark Ryan The Chief Cabernet (\$24)
- Honorable Mention:** Colterenzio St. Magdalener (\$12)

Top 10 White Wines

1. Ducasse Bordeaux Blanc (\$16)
2. Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc (\$12)
3. La Lisse Chenin Blanc (\$11)
4. OT Sauvignon Blanc (\$9)
5. Thurston Wolfe PGV (\$14)
6. Mary Taylor Gascogne (\$11)
7. Airfield Sauvignon Blanc (\$14)
8. Rombauer Chardonnay (\$40)
9. Ovum Big Salt (\$17)
10. Shulman Estate Legacy (\$10)

Top 10 Wines Over \$20

1. Sonoma Cutrer Russian River Chardonnay (\$28)
2. La Crema Sonoma Chardonnay (\$24)
3. Leschi Sagemoor Collection Chardonnay (\$25)
4. Cherrier Sancerre (\$25)
5. Chagnoleau Chablis (\$24)
6. Leschi Sagemoor Collection Red (\$25)
7. Champagne Moutard (\$30)
8. Domaine Ott By.Ott (\$30)
9. Domaine Passy Chablis (\$24)
10. Reverdy Sancerre (\$25)

Top 10 Pink Wines

1. Mr. Pink (\$10)
2. Montrose (\$10)
3. Triennes Provence (\$15)
4. Underwood cans (\$8)
5. Campuget (\$10)
6. Tranche (\$20)
7. Kind Stranger (\$15)
8. Mark Ryan Flowerhead (\$16)
9. J. Laurens Cremant (\$17)
10. Peyrassol Commanderie (\$24)

-Kenneth Benner

Kenneth Benner, a Seattle area native, is a trained chef and has worked in such restaurants as Barbacoa, B.O.K.A. Kitchen + Bar, and Dahlia Lounge. Ken is the wine buyer at Leschi Market. He has a passion for learning, a meticulous palate, and a tenacity for searching out the best for his customers while offering some of the most highly coveted wines in the area. His monthly column is intended to inspire and explore new choices in wine, learn about wine with his readers, and share his knowledge and experience in the wine world. Check out the latest at LeschiMart.com or to request to be added to email updates at wine@leschimarket.com.





...in the Wilds of Seattle

EAT YOUR WAY DOWN JACKSON

This column highlights the many restaurants lining Jackson Street beginning in Leschi at Jackson and 31st Ave. S. and down to Rainier Ave. Jackson Street offers a wide selection of food choices from pizza, international, barbecue, sushi, pub food, soul food, before hitting the mecca of great Asian restaurants in the ID. Join me as we take a short drive, walk, bike or hop the 14 bus to check out nearby spots.

When You Feel Adventurous!

Reckless Noodle House, 2519 S. Jackson, open Mon-Thurs from 4-11pm, Fri and Sat 4pm to midnight, and Sunday 4-10pm. There is seating inside and an outdoor patio (ask if it is open). There is a very good wine, craft beer and fun cocktail list. Happy Hour starts at 4pm every day with varying hours.

Reckless Noodle House owners named their restaurant to reflect not only their love of Asian-inspired food but a passion for the outdoor sports, adventure, and travel. Look around and you will see surf boards, mountains and landscapes, and a bathroom wall papered in surfing and beach photos. Started as a tiny restaurant almost 10 years ago, the immediate popularity of the restaurant helped grow it to twice its size today. Most nights it is packed with adventurous eaters enjoying the lively atmosphere and Asian food with the chef's special twist. The menu is divided into Snacks and Small Bites (\$9-19) which include many dishes easily shared, Large Bites which are larger entrees, (\$19-27), Wok Bites which are bowls of rice or noodle dishes (\$18-27). Remember the restaurant is named Reckless which translates into many spicy and bold dishes on the menu. But be assured there are many milder dishes, just ask your server for advice or how to lessen the heat.

Recently I met up with friends on a rainy, cold evening eager to be warmed by the comfort of Asian-inspired foods. I've eaten at Reckless many times and have always liked the food. We were on the early side and discovered the restaurant was not as full as we thought it might be.

Our server Joe said they had just finished the two-week run of Restaurant Week when every evening was full so having a mellow night was appreciated. However, by the time we left, the restaurant was buzzing with most tables and the bar filled. Joe gave a mouthwatering description of the evening special which we could not pass up: Lobster Rangoon Bao (\$14), two bao buns filled with creamy lobster sauce and just a little kick of heat. We also ordered Mu Xu, a tasty crispy roast duck roll (\$10) filled with wood ear mushrooms, carrots, scallion which you wrap in lettuce and dip into a sauce of hoisin. For our main dishes we had the Reckless Fried Rice (\$19), a bowl of coconut rice seasoned with turmeric, Thai basil, scallions, tomato, cucumber and seasoned with chili jam, and soy and topped with a soft boiled or scrambled egg. It was the perfect comfort food for the rainy night. You can add on either pork belly, pastrami, prawns or tofu. I added pastrami and my friend added tofu.

The other two both ordered a seared turmeric rockfish (\$21) seasoned with dill, fennel, lemongrass, galangal, coconut cream, fresh herbs and served on top vermicelli noodles with a toasted chili lime fish sauce on the side. Both were delighted with the dish and said it was perfectly cooked and the topping was flavorful. I had a taste and agreed with them. We shared a coconut tapioca pudding with roasted pineapple and coconut (\$7). The bites of the cooling dessert gave a refreshing ending to our meal.

Reckless can get noisy. If you want quiet, come early and ask for a table near the front, or the heated patio. They do not take reservations but there is a wait option on their website which makes it easy to stay home and wait until a table is ready. Take-out orders are popular as well, with some folks eating theirs at the Dog Bar across the street where dogs are allowed but no cooking on the premise.

-Mary Carter Creech

Hanok Korean Restaurant, 4021 East Madison, 205.402.3847, free parking next door. Open Monday 5-8pm; Tues-Fri 11am-1:45pm; 5-8pm; Sat Noon-2:45pm; 5-8pm; Sunday Closed.

Imagine a small Korean inn, run by a man and wife, serving delicious home cooking. It exists here in Seattle. In fact, it's only a short distance from Leschi, in Madison Park.

Hanok is one of my favorite escapes. Han, the waiter, and Jade Ok, the cook, are the complete staff at this cozy 30-person capacity inn. Katarina and I have treated ourselves to warm, savory, delectable food over a dozen times, and we will come back for more. I usually order the dolsot bibimbap, a mix of crispy-on-the-edges purple rice, cooked veggies, a protein like beef or seafood, and a fried egg. It comes in a piping hot stone bowl atop a wood stand, with dashi broth on the side and a tasty sauce to add to the mixture. Katarina often orders one of the udon soups. If you want mild don't try the spicy!

We also order three or four items from the appetizer menu, especially the ghimhari (peppery glass noodle bundles wrapped in seaweed and deep-fried), the ddukbokki (fried rice cakes with a donut-like chew on the inside and a caramelized sweet chili sauce on the outside), and since we're on a health kick, the edamame and a seaweed salad. That's not to say, there are many more delectable-sounding dishes on the menu worth exploring and the more we get there, the more we will tick them also. Stir-fried udon with seafood is already a favorite alternative for me.

It's a warm, intimate experience with a friendly host and his chef wife, reservations recommended. I like it so much; I've been reluctant to write a review hoping it won't become inaccessible.

-John Barber

Editor: Be sure to visit the website as photos of some entrees are presented and there is a lovely photo of the building which looks like a Korean house and not a building on Madison St.

LESCHI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LESCHI CC BOARD MEETING 12/17/24, 6PM

- Meeting started at 6:02
- Attendees: Ashley, Matthias, Nikola, Diane, Trevor, Will, Allen, and John
- We will align on a deadline to approve meeting minutes after the meeting.
- Leschi News - there can be some leeway on when the papers go to the bulk mail. Will, a new member, is willing to take the news to the mail center in Tukwila. Ashley suggests Will and Allen go together for the first time.
- Ashley suggests a Leschi News committee to cover logistics besides Diane. It is just sending an email every month.
- Parks Update - There was a breakthrough about the view issue at Leschi Park. The issue has to do with the aesthetics of the shoreline. How to frame the view there. John thinks the aesthetics can be approved. We need to come together and bring a suggestion to the Parks Department. John suggests a meeting in January to craft a recommendation to Parks. Max and Gino are interested in helping John with the Parks committee work. Ashley will connect John, Gino, and Max.
- There is an issue with off-roading around the conform center at the center of Leschi Park. There is another issue of litter all around the park as well. People can use the barcodes around the park and Find It, Fix It to communicate to the city that there are issues here. We can send an email to d3help@seattle.gov as well to bring this awareness to Joy Hollingsworth.
- The Comfort Station in Leschi Park is currently boarded up. Matthias suggests getting the parks' contact information and write a friendly letter to them discussing the litter issues.
- ArtWalk - nothing has happened yet besides the Star Awards to Tonna and Janice at the December meeting. Ashley suggests Janice provide notes. Ashley to create an action plan based off the feedback at the retro for the ArtWalk.
- Public Safety Update - no material updates. Allen is putting together a proposal to add six new sources to our LCC website on Public Safety information for our neighborhood.
- Upcoming meetings - January has no community meeting. The board meeting will be in-person. 6-8pm, as a planning meeting to outline our team priorities. We have the hall in the church for the meeting. We will be looking at the whole year at the meeting and identify opportunities in 2025. We need to figure out how to activate the community in 2025 to highlight opportunities. Our ultimate goal is to involve as much of our community as possible and get new and diverse voices to the table. We will be identifying who will be leading efforts for the year as well. Ashley will reach out to anyone interested in getting involved and bring them into the team. Ashley to write a short article in the January Leschi News promoting the Board Meeting. The goal is to get people to come out and sign up to help! We will talk about our key events, as well as recruiting.
- Ashley will send out a high-level agenda for the Jan board meeting to the board for review before the meeting. Allen has supplies we will leverage during the meeting. We connect with the community through education, history, and fun! We leverage the Leschi News, our LCC committees and all of you!
- If you have neighbors that have expressed interest, please encourage them to attend! Max, Gino, Nikola, Will, are all new and excited to help out!
- Nikola is willing to help Ashley out with January meeting messaging!
- Anne is a literary agent living in Leschi. She writes for the Leschi News, and helps to distribute the News. Anne has been a big help coordinating Feb and March speakers
- We need more people to sign up to help with the ArtWalk.
- We have booked out Feb and Mar community meetings so in January we can focus on CQ2 and onwards in the January planning meeting. Jan is history of jazz, and Feb is arctic climate science
- Ashley proposes the speakers start at 7:20, and use the first 20 minutes of the meeting as a time to give community updates and questions.
- There is a nominal speakers fee for the Feb speaker. We believe the talk will be very popular, so we want to get the word out. Having the kiosk updated is a great start, but we need more.
- Matthias is looking into how to attract advertisers for the Leschi News. Ashley suggests we query the Leschi Market and Grocery Outlet managers to see what the take rate for Leschi News is at those locations.
- Madrona Times has stopped running for the last few years. They lost their bulk mail permit. Mt Baker only has an online notice for events.
- Feb and March dates are Feb 5, and Mar 5 at 7pm. Ashley will send out placeholders on calendars for the board. Matthias suggests adding the .ics to the email sent to the mailing list for ease of use to the general public.
- Ashley will talk about the upcoming community meetings in the next public email.
- Diane suggests we make part of the meeting in January about engaging with the people in Upper Leschi. We used to be more connected with the communities up and around the Senior Center. We also used to celebrate Flo Ware Day to celebrate the Flo Ware park. It was a great community event. They used to get the cops to come out and grill halal hot dogs.
- Nikola lives in Upper Leschi and remembers the Flo Ware Day events.
- We used to do events at the school with a marimba band. It was a great event with lots of food, and it brought out the community. Diane points out that the LCC events used to be a lot more fun, and less serious. It would be great to figure out how to recapture that magic again.
- Will commits to deliver the Leschi News. Will is interested in Emergency Preparedness for the January meeting. Will is willing to help anyway they can.
- Our goal for January is to make meaningful progress on our goals in 2025. We will have to get buy-in from the community for tasks to take on at LCC.
- Ashley will send email instructions to Will and Allen on how to send the Leschi News in bulk!
- 2025 will be a really good year for the Leschi Community Council!
- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Trevor Lalish-Menagh

Support your community by joining the Leschi Community Council!

The Leschi Community Council works with the community to make Leschi a great place to live and visit. Your financial support helps us bring this mission to life.

- LCC produces the *Leschi News* to keep you informed. You can find all past issues and many other resources on our website, leschicommunitycouncil.org.
- LCC puts on monthly community meetings, providing opportunities to engage with public service organizations, the city and our lawmakers to address local issues of concern and make change.
- LCC also uses these monthly meetings to connect you with local artists, historians and indigenous culture, honoring Leschi's heritage.
- LCC organizes and provides a conduit for volunteer efforts, from park maintenance to local events. One of our major events is the popular annual ArtWalk in September in the Leschi business district.
- LCC supports the Leschi Business Association, Leschi Elementary School, and the Central Area Senior Center.
- LCC sponsors committees dedicated to pursuing local causes on an ongoing basis, such as parks and public safety.
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| Dues | \$2,032.47 | | |
| Donations | \$2,335.88 | | |
| Reimbursement | | | |
| Insurance | | (\$790.00) | |
| Printing and postage | \$193.00 | (\$8,262.31) | |
| Room Rentals | | (\$840.00) | |
| Other Income & Expenses | \$557.67 | (\$824.29) | |
| Totals | \$12,296.85 | (\$10,716.60) | \$16,897.45 |
| Restricted Funds | | | |
| ArtWalk | \$6,670.56 | (\$5,502.68) | \$1,641.28 |
| Cherry Street Corridor | | | \$635.76 |
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| Friends of Powell Barnett | | | \$1,068.06 |
| Friends of Street Ends | \$7.50 | (\$536.59) | \$4,017.22 |
| Frink Park | | | \$1,979.43 |
| King Street | | | \$1,270.00 |
| Leschi Gateway Project | | | \$51.03 |
| Leschi Natural Area | | | \$6,345.39 |
| Officer Brenton Fund | | | \$2,527.27 |
| Steve Shulman Memorial | | | \$65.00 |
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JANUARY CALENDAR

- » **January 1**
New Year's Day
- » **January 7**
Leschi CC Board Meeting
- » **January 20**
Martin Luther King Birthday
Observance; deadline for
February *Leschi News*
- » *January has few federal holidays
to allow us to recover from a busy
holiday season, but if you feel inclined
to celebrate, don a hat and munch on*

*a bagel as you honor National Bagel
Day and National Hat Day. These
honors seem to get through Congress
more easily than budget bills.*



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