Beaumont Wilshire

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Business Focus:
Gazelle, 20th anniversary

California dreaming, Beaumont scheming

by Margaret Davis



Byron and Robin Ady invite you to Gazelle's 20th anniversary celebration on June 11th

Crossing the border into California, inspiration struck.

Some 20 years ago, when Robin and Byron Ady were driving to San Francisco for their first trade show to stock their soon to open clothing store, they were struggling to come up with a name. Robin knew she wanted "natural fibre clothing" as the tag line for the store, which they planned to open in Portland's Old Town, but beyond that, they had no idea.

Passing Azalea in southern Oregon got them started looking at road signs for inspiration. They were considering using 'Azalea' when they passed the turn off for Gazelle in northern California. There it was: a tiny town nestled in a sweet valley, with Mount Shasta rising handsomely behind it: *Gazelle*. The Adys ran with it, and the name not only recalls a cute outpost in the Northern California landscape but also garments that drape, flow, and exude naturalism.

After close to a decade in downtown Portland, the Adys opened a second store at the current Beaumont Wilshire location, a move that Robin calls an "instinctual

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Native American fellowship at local church

by Barbara Warren-Sams



Devon and Joshua Bruno, grass dancers

The 60-member Wilshire United Methodist Church, located at 3917 NE Shaver, reaches out to the Native Americans in the Portland community.

"Our congregation was looking for a new focus, and we had the most interest in Native American ministry," says the Rev. Lois Wagner, Wilshire United pastor.

A great number of Oregon's Native American population lives in the greater Portland area. This compelled the Native American Comprehensive Plan of the Methodist United Church to award Wilshire a $8,300 grant to start an urban native ministry. With the grant Wilshire United has reached out to native groups in the area. They provide a meeting space, support a Native American Parent Group with child care, enhance the involvement with the Native American campus ministry in the area, and support the Native American Youth organization.

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Fremont Traffic and Safety

by David Whitaker

BWNA General Meeting
Monday, June 14, 7:30 PM
Bethany Lutheran Church, NE 37th & Skidmore

Nine neighbors met at the Alameda Brew Pub last month to discuss land use and transportation issues in Beaumont Wilshire. The impetus behind the meeting was to develop a list of neighborhood issues around bike and pedestrian safety, fluid auto movement and the desire for a financially viable business district along Fremont. The list was presented to Debbie Bishoff, the Bureau of Planning's new NE Portland District Liaison Officer. Debbie will speak at the June 14 meeting about her new position, and will describe the connection between the Bureau of Planning and our neighborhood, and the methods for working with the Bureau to accomplish the goals we have for our neighborhood. She will be joined by Sandra Lefrancois, the neighborhood involvement specialist for the Central NE Neighborhoods.

BW Land Use Meetings

Every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm

Alameda Brew Pub, 4765 NE Fremont
Discussion of Land Use &Transportation issues in the neighborhood.

Calendar

Monday, June 14, 7:30pm
BWNA General meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Friday, July 9
Deadline for articles and ads for Aug/Sept Beaumont Wilshire Newsletter

Monday, July 12, 7:30pm
BWNA Board meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30–8:30pm
Annual Picnic @ Wilshire Park

Saturday, August 7, all day
Fremont Fest

Summer is Here



by Heidi Blischke
BWNA President

IT'S JUNE AND SUMMER weather is here. Everyone is outside walking, skateboarding, biking, or driving with the top down and windows open. My five year-old son Andy and I ride our bikes every morning along Alameda across Fremont and into Hollywood to his preschool. Crossing at Fremont and Alameda can be tough and we usually need to wait before we can cross. I am always impressed with the number of people who stop for us as we make our way across Fremont. This is the place on our ride where Andy often has trouble getting back on his bike to start across the street. Thank you for your patience with the little ones in our neighborhood!

Our neighborhood transportation and land-use committee has identified traffic along Fremont as one of the main concerns, primarily for cars pulling out of side streets and pedestrians crossing. We are working with Debbie Bishoff at the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning to address traffic concerns in our neighborhood. Debbie will attend our general meeting on June 14th. She will explain how the City is prioritizing traffic concerns and is interested in your input. You can also give feedback into the process by calling our neighborhood transportation/land-use chair, David Whitaker at 503-281-2176. As we are in the process of searching for solutions to make Fremont safer, please be aware of the many people crossing the street and cars entering traffic. We are lucky to live in a neighborhood with so many great businesses where we can shop and enjoy strolling down our neighborhood's main street, Fremont.

I had the honor of being elected president at our BWNA Board elections in April. I am looking forward to serving you for the next couple of years and look forward to lots of great input from the neighborhood. I would like to welcome back our current members, all the neighbors who deliver newsletters and everyone who has been contributing to planning neighborhood activities and seeing neighborhood projects through completion. I am excited about our newly elected board members who bring new ideas and renewed energy. And finally, I would like to give a special thanks to Helen and Mario who put together this very successful newsletter every other month and maintain the BWNA website. These both require a tremendous amount of volunteer time. Thank you Helen and Mario!

How To Get 'Neighborhood Watches' Going

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Criollo Bakery brings scratch baking to Beaumont Village

by Jenny Lisk



Melissa McKinney of Criollo Bakery

"People ask me what my style is," says Melissa McKinney, owner of the new Criollo Bakery in Beaumont Village. "It's a little bit of everything, from rustic to home style to Parisian patisserie."

Criollo (pronounced Cree-oh-lo) will have a full line of baked goods. Breakfast will feature muffins, scones, Danish, coffee cake, and gourmet donuts, all made from 'scratch'. The bakery will carry organic artisan breads, made fresh every day by McKinney and her team. She has several unique 'starters'—a key ingredient in bread—including one from a 150-year-old Paris bakery and one from a community bakery in Bahrain. At lunchtime, Criollo will have homemade soups and salads, sandwiches and panini made with the bakery's specialty breads.

The desserts at Criollo –cakes, cookies, tarts, torts, pies, and candies– are sure to be a neighborhood favorite. Criollo will be open for dessert by candlelight until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with tables both inside and outside for the enjoyment of the patrons. McKinney, plans to use lots of local fresh fruits in her desserts, and says, "The things that are very important to me are using local ingredients, supporting local farmers, growers and artisans, and using organic ingredients where I can."

McKinney, who has lived within walking distance of her new shop for 10 years, looked all over town before deciding to open her bakery at 4727 NE Fremont.

She is particularly excited about the neighborhood and about being located next door to Java Man coffee. The French doors between Criollo and Java Man will remain open during business hours so that patrons can take full advantage of both shops. The two businesses are planning joint events for the summer, and people are welcome to sit in either shop to eat their pastries and sip their coffee.

Criollo Bakery will open the first week in June. They will open at 7:00 am every day, and close at 7:00 pm Monday to Thursday, 11:00 pm Friday to Saturday, and 4:00 pm Sunday, 4727 NE Fremont.

It was a lupine!

In the last issue of this newsletter, I mistakenly labeled the plant in Rita Catapano's photo as foxglove, when it actually is a lupine. Thanks to Rita, Loyd Schaad and Lois Wagner for quickly straightening me out about that.

Plant lovers may also enjoy the photos of gardens around Portland, which can be viewed on www.bwna.org/photos. Click on '2002 Garden Tour.' —H. Koba, editor

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California Dreaming

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win." The family lives off NE Fremont St. and frequently passed by the Dutch Village building, where the For Lease sign tipped off something of a Gazelle franchise. For four years, the Adys ran the two stores, and then consolidated at the present location when Robin decided to simplify her life and business.

"I felt like I was coming home," Robin says of the Beaumont Wilshire move. "It's a gorgeous building, and I feel so loved here."

Robin, who got her start working as a shipping clerk—and then "handling everything"—for a local wholesale clothing manufacturer, enjoys spending more time on the floor, and her "mathematician wizard" husband, Byron, keeps the books. Along with their three employees, they offer a wide range of clothing and gifts for women and men ranging in ages 20 to 70.

This June, Gazelle celebrates its 20-year anniversary. They will hold their annual June anniversary sale from Friday, June 11th to Sunday the 20th. Gazelle will be hosting a reception with live music open to the public from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, June 11. Gazelle, 4100 NE Fremont St., 503-288-3422.

Tree Planting – Big Success

by Barbara Warren-Sams



Beaumont tree planters 2004. More photos at www.bwna.org

On March 13, nearly 90 volunteers, including nine young people, from Beaumont Wilshire, Alameda and Concordia neighborhoods planted 94 street and yard trees as part of this year's Friends of Trees (FOT) neighborhood tree planting.

Thirty seven trees were planted in the Beaumont Wilshire area.

Planning for this event began last spring. Board member Barbara Warren-Sams worked with Reed Hall (Alameda) and Lisa Johnston-Smith (Concordia) to organize the tri-neighborhood event.

Interested neighbors received information about the planting through the bi-monthly BWNA newsletter, posters located in strategic locations around the neighborhood, and information provided at several community events. They accessed information about available tree species on the FOT web site (www.friendsoftrees.org), from brochures provided by FOT, and by attending a slide show in January where Jim Gersbach, local tree expert, gave detailed information about tree species.

The following local businesses supported this year's planting: Umpqua Bank was the official corporate sponsor; Trader Joe's, Delphina's Bakery, Noah's Bagels, and Marsee Baking donated food items. Figaro's and Java Man on Fremont provided pizza and coffee at reduced prices. Elizabeth Shepherd coordinated the effort to feed hard-working planting crews.

A special thanks to Wilshire United Methodist Church, which hosted the slide show and served as the staging area for the planting. And a warm thank you to everyone who purchased trees, and especially to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to continue Friends of Trees' fifteen year local-action effort to keep Portland's urban environment healthy and beautiful.

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Neighborhood team finishes third in nation

by Jamal Baghdadi and Ted Perkins



When the BWNA board agreed to fund Grant High School's constitutional law team to the tune of two hundred dollars from our modest general fund, we had no way of knowing that we would soon be the proud sponsors of a neighborhood team that would place first in the state and third in the nation in competition that drew more than 1500 students from around the country.

Our Northeast Portland team, composed of 36 GHS seniors and coached by teacher Diane Thelen-Sager, placed just behind national champion East Brunswick High of New Jersey and second-place winner Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Richmond, Va.

The contest, called We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, is directed by the nonprofit Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Teams compete in six groups, each specializing in areas such as roots of the Constitution, history and current constitutional issues.

Each group is grilled by a three-member panel composed of judges, lawyers, congressional staff and constitutional scholars. The teams are judged on six criteria: understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness and participation.

After the dedicated Grant students learned that they had placed among the final 10 teams in the national competition, they left a dance to go back to their hotel and study. The team was awarded an engraved walnut plaque, and each student received a gold medallion.

Grant's team went to the national competition two years ago but did not make it into final round. Loathsome cross-town rival, Lincoln High School of Portland won the national championship in 1990, 1991 and 1996. Lincoln has won the state competition every year since the contest began in 1987, except for the two glorious years it lost to Grant.

Grant team members took a semester government class from Thelen-Sager and studied the Constitution for hours each week, including meetings with volunteer coaches—many of them lawyers and judges. Six coaches accompanied the team to Washington, D.C.

The victorious students say their studies gave them a deeper understanding of power, politics, democracy and the possibilities for themselves.

Native American

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"Right now, the ministry is integrated with the congregation at Wilshire because that is what the Native Americans at the church wanted," Wagner says. The ministry has become a place where native people can gather and not be put down for their culture, says Ed Edmo, a ministry member. "We can cook our own native foods, enjoy fellowship, and sing our songs."

In addition to the weekly gatherings, the Native American ministry has a fifth Sunday service, where members meet for worship, fellowship and food, all provided from a native perspective. "The church allows us to do it our way. It might take a while to get the numbers, but the feeling is good," says Edmo.

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by Julia Haykin

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If your family is interested in being a Host Family for a student from Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Brazil, Germany or Kyrgyzstan, please call ETC Community Coordinator Julia Haykin at (503) 249-1094.

New Board Members

by Helen Koba

At the April General Meeting, those present elected Heidi Blischke as the new president of the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association. Heidi is active in neighborhood affairs, is on the Central Northeast Neighbors' Board, and one of her goals is to revitalize the neighborhood watch program.

Also elected were David de la Rocha to the treasurer position, and the following residents to board positions at large: Jamal Baghdadi, Liz Johnston, Jenny Lisk, Wendy Martin, and Roger Price. Congratulations to all and thanks for committing time to the Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood.

Free Blood Pressure Check

On each second and fourth Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., two registered nurses will provide free blood pressure screening at Bethany Lutheran Church sponsored by the American Heart Association. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to maintain good health. Bethany is located at NE 37th and Skidmore. For more information, call the church office at 503-284-3836.

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Fresh crop of graffiti springs up

by Diane Charlton



To some it is underground art, but to most of us, it is an unwelcome intrusion in our neighborhood. Graffiti in Beaumont Wilshire is mostly the "tagging" variety, meaning the vandal boldly signs his/her name or message. It appears on both private and public property but it is illegal. Unfortunately many choose to ignore it and forget that it detracts from the livability of Beaumont Wilshire.

You can do something about it: whenever possible, remove it yourself. I carry the following in my car ready to use: disposable gloves, Hillyard brand "Quick & Clean" graffiti remover, and ready-to-work towel wipes saturated with paint remover solution. These are great for removing tagging from signs, bus stops, mailboxes, etc. I also paint over graffiti on telephone poles with brown paint donated by Beaumont Hardware store.

If it is not possible to remove the graffiti yourself, report the exact location to the city's Graffiti Hotline 503-823-4824. You can also report on-line at www.portlandonline.com. Go to the search section (on the left side of the home page) under City Web Sites/ Agencies/Police Bureau, click on "I want to: Report Graffiti online". Attaching digital photos when reporting it online is very helpful to the police.

Traditionally more tagging appears in our neighborhood when school is out. Please be an active neighbor and help remove graffiti in our neighborhood.

Newsletter Captains and Carriers Wanted

by Lisa Chiba Perkins

Beaumont Wilshire is looking for captains and carriers to help distribute the bi-monthly newsletters. The Captain receives a bundle of newsletter (usually 200-300) and counts them out and delivers them to each Newsletter Delivery Person (usually about 4-6 people). This should take less than an hour. We have two Captain Sections open.

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Annual Picnic

- **Tuesday, Aug 3rd, 6:30–8:30pm**

Meet new neighbors or renew friendships at Wilshire Park. Good eats, treats and fun! Picnic committee needs volunteers. Contact Heidi, 503-280-0133.

Fremont Fest

- **Saturday, Aug 7th, All Day**

Join your neighbors for the bicycle parade, sidewalk sales, food, music, art and craft booths, and more fun in the heart of Beaumont Village.



BW artist shows at Purple Parlor

Paintings by Beaumont Artspace artist Mario Caoile are on exhibit **during the month of June** at the Purple Parlor Cafe, located at 3560 N. Mississippi (one block north of Fremont). Hours: Tues–Fri 7:30–2:30pm, Sat–Sun 8–3pm.

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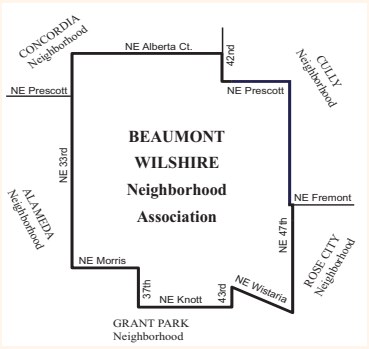
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Houses on the entire block will have items for sale. Some residents have been in their homes for 50+ years so just imagine the wonderful vintage treasures that'll be available that day.



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