



Frenetic world calls for dynamic art

BY MARGARET DAVIS

ARTIST JEAN-PIERRE VEILLET specializes in art built for our fast-paced 21st-century life; his best works, he says, can be absorbed at 60 mph.

Take for example, his sculpture "Faster," in front of Fife restaurant at 45th Avenue, which seems to veer alongside motorists that speed down Northeast Fremont. Veillet has outfitted the character in the piece with wings, wheels, and lights that "breathe," achieving the sculptor's desire for movement. "A lot of my artwork has a kinetic function to it," he says. "That way, you have a more poetic, physical experience."

Neighborhood residents can expect to see the space where "Faster" turn into a showcase for Veillet's creativity. At first



'Faster' viewable at NE Fremont & 45th

Veillet planned to replace "Faster" with a cylindrical metal work called "Ego" within the next month, but it was stolen from the back of the building at the end of April. While the theft puts off, for now, the plan for rotating sculptures at the spot, Veillet

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NEIGHBOR FOCUS

Yoder family traditions live on

BY JOHN CARSON

THIS STORY begins almost 100 years ago in the early 1900's with two young couples who enjoyed double dating. Both couples eventually married and settled in the Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood. They continued to socialize and getting together for homemade ice cream was one of their favorite traditions.

Dee Yoder and Lorraine Smith were children in these two respective families. They grew up at a time when there were many vacant lots to play in the BW neigh-



Lorraine and Dee Yoder, 1940's

borhood and some streets were unpaved. They both attended Beaumont and Grant schools. Dee and Lorraine's relationship began when they became acquainted at one of their parents' mutual ice cream socials and the result was their marriage in May 1946.

Dee had joined the US Army Air Corps in January 1943 after just one year at the University of Portland and one year with the telephone company. He served three years during World War II piloting C-47s primarily as troop carriers.

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Land use summit slated for BW meeting

BY TED PERKINS

BWNA General Meeting
Monday, June 9, 7:30 PM
Bethany Lutheran Church
NE 37th & Skidmore
All Beaumont Wilshire residents welcome

INEPT LAND use planning is like pornography: it may be difficult to define, but you know it when you see it. In the interest of broadening our understanding of land use issues and providing a basis for the critical decisions we will need to make as our neighborhood continues to grow, the BWNA Board has scheduled two speakers for the June 9 general meeting.

Brian Scott, a planner with the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association, will make a twenty minute presentation coordinated through the efforts of the Oregon Community Protection Coalition, The Oregon's land-use system, which celebrates its 30 year anniversary, is recognized as a national model. However, research by the Oregon Community Protection Coalition shows that many Oregonians are confused about the system and how it operates.

The Oregon Community Protection Coalition was formed by 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Sierra Club, the Audubon

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Calendar

Monday, June 9, 7:30pm
BWNA General Meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37 & Skidmore

Friday, July 11
Deadline for articles & ads for
Aug/Sept Beaumont Wilshire newsletter

Monday, July 14, 7:30pm
BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37 & Skidmore

Saturday, August 2, all day
Fremont Fest, along NE Fremont

Tuesday, August 5, 6:30-8:30pm
National Night Out Picnic, Wilshire Park

Congratulations new board members

BY MELISSA G. RITTER
BWNA PRESIDENT



AT OUR APRIL general meeting, the neighborhood elected several new officers and many new board members. I want to welcome them all and say how excited I am personally about all the new people I'll be working with. We have teachers, urban planners, tree experts, business leaders, and others with a wide variety of skills that will truly be an asset to the neighborhood. Serving on the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association Board takes time and effort, and I appreciate their dedication.

Congratulations to Ted Perkins who will continue as Vice President, Jim Karlock who will serve as Secretary, and David de la Rocha who will serve as Treasurer. New and returning board members include Heidi Blischke, Glen Bolen, Marj Cannon, Margaret Davis, Julia Haykin, Bill Markwart, Craig Oldenburg, Mary Oldenburg, Greg Schramm, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Warren-Sams, and David Whitaker. I and the other current board members are thrilled to have such a great new team!

Band plays on as neighbors feast

BY HELEN KOBA

ABOUT ONE hundred people showed up April 14 to one of the livelier Beaumont Wilshire general meetings to be entertained by the Beaumont School Jazz Band and sample treats from ten new and old restaurants along NE Fremont St.

The meeting began with band director Cynthia Pitts leading the band in a number of familiar jazz tunes. Next, restaurant owners of some of the best eateries in the neighborhood introduced themselves and spoke of the specialties that they offer in their restaurants. Finally we all got to taste the goods!

Thanks to the Jazz Band, and to the following restaurants for making this first



Beaumont School Jazz Band

Taste of Beaumont Wilshire a great success: Alameda Café, Beaumont Grill, Alameda Baking Company, Cool Runnings, Savory, Alameda Brewhouse, Suzanne's, Fife and Stanich's.

To view photos from this event, go to www.bwna.org, click on Photos, then click on Taste of BW.

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A Savory Side of the Street

By BAER CHARLTON

TAKE ONE OLD house that has been empty, gut it, wave a magic wand over it, and stir in a Vietnamese cook from a family of cooks, a savvy manager, and a knowledgeable wine distributor. What you end up with is: Savory Bistro and Wine Bar, a new restaurant with warm red curry walls, a saffron yellow outside, a heated deck and a caring staff.

Savory is the dream child of owners Brian Raab, the host, Fawn Raab, the chef, and Dave Templeman, the wine expert. The three have been friends since the previous millennium and wanted to do something new and fun together. They created this comfortable and relaxing dining space, where the fare for lunch and dinner is not too expensive, and it is within the B-W neighborhood walking zone that has become the restaurant row of NE Fremont.



Brian, Fawn and Dave of Savory

The interior is cozy and relaxing, and the heated deck may tempt you during the cooler days. Brian is usually found behind the bar ready with liquid libations. He also will let you check your emails on his laptop, if you need to. His wife Fawn is the mistress of the new spotless kitchen preparing curry or lemongrass chicken, or rubbing down some of her famous 'Radon Ridge Ribs'. Fawn was born in Viet Nam

but grew-up in Southern California, so she brings a wonderful California touch to some old family recipes.

Dave Templeman merged his vast knowledge of wine and an understanding of economy hammered pocketbooks to provide a great selection of wines priced from \$12-25. He also offers some reserve wines in the \$70-80 range, which he says are still bargain prices.

The atmosphere is cozy, the wines reasonably priced, the food yummy with most items under \$20 on the dinner menu and the service is outstanding. Don't be surprised if you find me a regular here, especially with deck season coming on. But according to Brian, "it's always sunny on the Savory deck, especially when run by Savory's sassy server, Courtney."

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says, "On the positive side, it gives me a chance to make another piece."

Veillet, 31, works out of a studio in Southeast but has an office space in the creative services co-op that occupies the top floor of the building that also houses Fife. Visitors are welcome to stop in upstairs and see the four wall reliefs he created for a show at Contemporary Crafts Gallery in 2000, including one of a farm implement with an improbably bent handle. Inside Fife sits "Nomad," Veillet's house-on-wheels invention that suits a life on the go.

Elsewhere in Portland, Veillet has work at a sculpture garden at Southwest 19th Avenue and Vermont Street. In three years, he will unveil a major commission for Pacific University that will incorporate sequoia, white oak, and walnut trees cut down on the campus.

A student at Pacific Northwest College of Art since age 5, Veillet grew up in the Portland area and teaches metalwork, welding, and sculpture at Pacific NW College of Art (PNCA). Favoring found objects because they "have a lot of narrative," Veillet lets pieces take shape in the process, rather than fitting them to a fore-

Mark your Calendars!

FREMONT FEST

□ Saturday, Aug 2nd

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

ANNUAL PICNIC

□ Tuesday, Aug 5th

Meet new neighbors or renew friendships at Wilshire Park. Good eats, treats and fun! New picnic chairperson, Julia Haykin, needs volunteers to "step up to the plate." Contact Julia at 503-249-1094 or haykin@pacifier.com

drawn concept: "I don't draw things out," he says. "I like to discover things along the way."

A more spontaneous creative process and, where possible, the addition of moving parts or electrical components gives Veillet's work more of a presence than the typical static sculpture. As Veillet says, "In art, engaging people is half the battle."

Student intern wanted

BY TED PERKINS

THE BWNA BOARD is seeking a neighborhood high school student with an interest in civics or community service to serve as our alternate or possibly primary representative to the board of Central Northeast Neighbors. The candidate would need to be available two nights a month in order to attend both the BWNA board meetings and the board meetings of Central Northeast Neighbors.

Central Northeast Neighbors is a community-based non-profit organization, serving the neighborhoods of Beaumont-Wilshire, Cully, Hollywood, Madison South, Rose City Park, Roseway, Sumner and Sunderland. They provide a communication and services network to solve problems and promote citizen input in the affairs of neighborhood associations. They recently relocated to the new fire station at NE Sandy and 87th.

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Block yard sale July 12

BY DIANE CHARLTON

LAST CHRISTMAS neighbors on 40th Ave. between Skidmore and Prescott gathered for a holiday party at the home of Wanda and David McKinney. One of the topics of neighborly conversation was the idea for an all block yard sale. And here it is! Whatever you're looking for, this is the yard sale for you!

- ✓ 40th Avenue between Prescott and Skidmore
- ✓ Saturday, July 12th between 9am – 4pm (please no early birds)

Houses on the entire block will have a wide selection for sale, including:

- Children's toys and clothing
- Baby items and clothing
- Garden tools, pots and plants
- Kitchenware and house wares
- Linens
- Furniture
- Books and magazines
- Pet items
- Collectibles
- Much, much, more

Some residents on this block have lived in their homes 30 – 50 years so just imagine the wonderful vintage treasures that will be available. "This is a friendly block and children and grandchildren now live in the homes their parents and

Land use summit

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Society and others to educate Oregonians about Oregon's land-use planning and resource conservation system. Their research indicates that roughly 50 percent of the people who live in Oregon today either weren't born or hadn't moved here yet when Senate Bill 100 was passed in the early 70's and that many of the people voting on land use laws and initiatives today are operating without an understanding of planning. To address this, they have formed a speaker's bureau in alliance with the American Planning Association aimed at answering questions about land-use planning in Oregon.

Jim Karlock, the BWNA Secretary and a passionate property rights advocate, will also be providing a speaker who will offer a perspective that differs somewhat from the views of the Oregon Community Protection Coalition, focusing on the compensation of land owners whose property is devalued through land use regulation.

grandparents bought", says one long time resident, Eleanor Hunting. Unfortunately, one senior resident who lived here into her 90s recently passed away and her home is currently for sale. That's probably the only house that won't be participating in the sale on Saturday, July 12th.

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Yoder Family Traditions

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After the war he returned to work for the telephone company where he was employed 44 years working his way up to second-line manager.

Lorraine recalls their living with Dee's parents on 41st Ave. after they were married. Then after living in other places they decided in 1951 to build a home on a vacant lot where Dee played softball as a kid, across from his parents' home. Here Dee and Lorraine raised their two daughters, Jeannine and Sandra, who both attended the same schools as their parents. The daughters married and had families; Jeannine raised two stepsons and Sandra had three daughters.

During this time in addition to being a homemaker, Lorraine was active in the local garden club, their church, the election board, campfire girls, and was a room mother at Beaumont School. Family traditions have kept the Yoder family close over the generations. Dee enjoys pheasant hunting as did his father and grandfather. Every winter Dee and Lorraine ski at Mount Bachelor with their daughters and grandchildren. And every Fourth of July the entire Yoder family returns to Beaumont Wilshire, where it all started, for their favorite tradition—homemade ice cream.



Lorraine and Dee, recent photo



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Safe riding's no accident

BY MARGARET DAVIS

THANKS TO the neighborhood association, which put up the funds, Beaumont-Wilshire will soon get at least 20 new bike racks. It's hoped the bike racks will encourage cleaner, more healthful transportation.

In anticipation of more varied modes of traffic, here are some basic traffic rules:

Beware of car doors. According to state law, motorists must ensure "it is reasonably safe to do so" when they open their car doors. It is not only illegal to open the door when it interferes with through traffic but also to leave doors open longer than necessary.

Ride right. Bicyclists must ride as "far to the right as practicable," except when avoiding hazardous conditions, such as parked cars.

Use sidewalk sense. Outside of downtown, bicyclists are allowed to ride on the sidewalk but only if they travel at the speed of an ordinary walk, about 3 mph. When passing pedestrians, bikers must give an audible signal.

Yield to through traffic. People at stop signs, say, along Fremont, must yield to all through traffic, whether it's motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, or clowns on pogo sticks.

Generally, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Everyone is advised to use signals, move predictably, and watch for potential hazards. And remember, even if you know you're in the right, it's certainly not worth laying down your life for it—or even your car's paint job. Consider all the money, time, and months of court hassle you'll save by avoiding an accident in the first place.

The winter monsoon is over, so go ahead and reach for the bike instead of the car keys. Because now in Beaumont-Wilshire, bicyclists have plenty of new places to park it.

Sources: Oregon Revised Statutes, "Pedal Power: A Legal Guide for Oregon Bicyclists," by attorney Ray Thomas; Bicycle Transportation Alliance



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Trees beautify our neighborhood

BY RICHARD WEBER

THE BEAUMONT Wilshire and Concordia neighborhoods teamed up with Friends of Trees this year to plant 127 trees on March 15. Bright and early, dozens of area homeowners and volunteers with Friends of Trees met at Bethany Lutheran Church to plant a wide diversity of trees in parking strips and yards. The weather mostly cooperated and the mood was positive.



Inspired tree planters

Many volunteers were moved and inspired by the event, especially at a time when there is so much destruction in the world. "What an incredible way to build community support, encourage new friendships and give back to the environment," remarked Eileen Stark, this year's neighborhood tree planting coordinator. "Planting trees is really one of the best things we can do for the planet and for our neighborhood."

Alameda Baking Company, Beaumont Market, New Seasons Markets, Noah's Bagels and Starbucks generously donated refreshments for hungry volunteers. A special thanks goes to Bethany Lutheran Church for use of their parking lot and kitchen facility. For more information about Friends of Trees, visit their website at www.friendsoftrees.org.

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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.

Pancake Breakfast

Wilshire United Methodist Church will be serving a hearty Pancake Breakfast with sausage, eggs, toppings and beverage on **Saturday, June 21st, 2003 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon**. 3917 NE Shaver.

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Folks of all ages, come and join us for an exciting and fun night of 'karaoke' from **6:30-10:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall of Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Ave. on **Saturday, June 14th**. Enjoy pizza and soft drinks as you sing your favorite oldies, dance songs, romantic melodies, or classic show tunes. \$1 entrance fee per person. Music provided by Karaoke Express. For more information, call Matt Weiers at 503-231-6416.

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