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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE MAY 20 ANNUAL MEETING

ANC Meeting Chair Stephen Diamond welcomed attendees to the 2009 Annual Meeting and acknowledged Cambridge City Councillor Craig Kelley, who attended briefly. Following, ABC Board Co-Chair Andrea Walsh thanked the individuals below on behalf of the Board:

- ABC Executive Director **Terry DeLancey**, who offers incredible, energetic, and thoughtful leadership;
- **Stephen Diamond**, for his leadership of the ANC meetings;
- **Phoebe Sinclair**, for her many invaluable contributions as Community Liaison;
- **Phyllis Smith**, departing Board Member and Parent Representative. Phyllis' sense of dedication, skill in creative problem solving, and commitment to the mission of the

- organization will be missed;
- Our consultants from the **Executive Service Corps of New England**, a group who have long partnered with Agassiz Baldwin in helping us to achieve our mission and given generously of their time and wisdom;
- **Pam Swain** and **Theresa Hamacher**, for general consultation;
- For their work on developing ABC's Living Well Network: **Jack Smith**, **John Kogan**, **Bob Seiler** and **Julie Shaw**. Also, **Ann Bookman**, who worked tirelessly to help articulate our vision;
- **Kristina Snyder**, who authored the "Living Well Guide," an excellent compilation of resources for older Cambridge residents;
- **Charles Sullivan** and the **Cambridge Historical Commission**, who enabled us to continue to maintain and restore our historic building at 20 Sacramento St.;
- Goodwin Proctor Lawyers **Adam Weisenberg**, **Dan Dain**, and **James Sweet**, who provided pro bono representation over several years to help us win our case to build the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center;

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



JUNE 17 - 7:30 PM
Baldwin School Cafeteria
28 Sacramento Street
(Press buzzer for entry)

AGENDA

- *CCTV Orientation with Nilagia McCoy*
- *Introduction to Cambridge Local First with Dan Meyers*
- *Lesley Zoning Update*

- And the ABC Nominating Committee: **Joel Bard, Willie Bloomstein, Anna Eckert Byrne, and Hull Fulweiler**

2009/2010 Board of Directors

The Council voted unanimously to approve the 2009/2010 Board slate, as listed below:

Officers elected for a one-year term:

- Miriam Goldberg, Board Co-Chair
- Andrea Walsh, Board Co-Chair
- Gao-Wen Shao*, Treasurer
- Hull Fulweiler, Clerk

Directors nominated for a two-year term:

- Stephen Diamond
- George Hein
- Wendy Prellwitz

Continuing Directors:

- Anna Eckert Byrne*
- Fred Meyer

*Parent Representatives

Following the election of the Board, Ms. Walsh introduced new Board Treasurer and Parent Representative Gao-Wen Shao. Ms. Shao has been an active member of the Agassiz Baldwin Community as a parent of a current 4th grader at the Baldwin School and an entering kindergartner this September. She grew up in Cambridge and has extensive experience in finance, business strategy and consulting, and has also held several Board-level positions with the Wesleyan Alumni Association.

Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center Awarded Grant

ABC Executive Director Terry DeLancey announced that the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center was recently awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. Combined with money remaining from the original fundraising campaign, the grant will allow ABC to begin building the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center in the carriage house behind 20 Sacramento St. She added, "There are other

expenses we need to fundraise for, but we anticipate starting the project in September."

Living Well Network Update

Miriam Goldberg updated the Council on next steps for the Living Well Network (LWN), a program whose basic aim is to enable older residents to stay in their homes and community for as long as they desire. LWN's plans for Fall 2009 include hiring a coordinator to assist with organizing the program. Additionally LWN will offer:

- Living Well Guide Navigation: volunteers will help members find appropriate resources for residents age 55 and older using the Living Well Guide authored by Kristina Snyder
- Living Well in the Kitchen: Cooking with Kids in Agassiz Baldwin Afterschool
- Staffed Computer Lab and Computer Training in our new lab located in the North Hall Community Room at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Wendell St.
- Daytime Drawing Studio with staff from the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Programs
- Over 55 Forums to problem solve issues. Suggested topics include:
 - Snow Removal
 - Pedestrian Concerns
 - Indoor and outdoor maintenance
 - Financial Planning
- * Scheduled Fall and Spring Cambridge Walks (bird walks, historic walks, find walking partners)
- * Volunteer Opportunities: join our net-



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Ms. Goldberg explained, "Our program has many aspects that will unfold over time. Hopefully this will be a large and active program."

For more information on Living Well Network, contact Phoebe Sinclair at psinclair@agassiz.org or (617) 349-6287 x10.

ABC Community

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

ABC seeks a skilled digital photographer to volunteer to take photos for our new website. Images we need captured include:

- 20 Sacramento St. Community Center and backyard
- Sacramento St. Gallery
- North Hall Community Room
- ABC School Program rooms at 20 Sacramento St. and Baldwin School



Inno'vision

Help us set a friendly tone on our new website with colorful and relevant photos. To volunteer or learn more, contact Phoebe Sinclair at psinclair@agassiz.org or (617) 349-6287 x10.

AGASSIZ PRESCHOOL COOP UPDATE



The Agassiz Preschool Coop, currently located in the basement of the North Prospect Church at the corner of Roseland Street and Mass. Ave., has closed on new property at 184 Summer St. in Somerville. Demolition of the new space will begin in June and renovation is expected to take six months or less. The preschool still needs to raise \$100,000 and is hard at work fundraising via their capital campaign and grant writing. They hope to move to Somerville in September and to start

the new year there.

To learn more or discover how you can help visit: www.agassizpreschool.org.



Agassiz Baldwin Children's Programs

PRESCHOOL ART SHOW RECEPTION

Prepared by Priscilla Browne, Preschool Lead Teacher

Our Mother's Day Breakfast/Art show was a great success. It was great to have such a big turn out. The children were so excited to show their family members their special masks and wands. Almost all of the children also enjoyed wearing their crowns to top off the celebration. Thank you all for attending and we hope you had as good a time as we did!



PRESCHOOL RINGS IN SPRING WITH GROWING

Prepared by Priscilla Browne, Preschool Lead Teacher

During the month of May we had a great time planting and learning about various seeds and flowers. The children had an opportunity to plant a variety of things to watch grow such as: grass, zinnias, morning glories, and peas. The children have also put lima beans up on our windows to grow roots and will take them home to plant when they are ready.

During the month of June, the children will be working hard to get ready for the end of year celebration. We will be making graduation caps, flower bracelets, and decorations. The children will also create books about their favorite activities from Preschool, which will include dictation and drawings.

AFTERSCHOOL STUDENTS CURATE SUCCESSFUL ART SHOW

Prepared by Alice Vogler, 1-5 Site Director

Our student-curated art show, "Fantasy Combination Creatures," opened on May 14th in the Sacramento St. Gallery, as well as at Oxford Spa, 102 Oxford Street.



Submission packets mailed to other afterschool programs

The show highlights Kindergarten-5th grade student artwork from Agassiz Baldwin

Community Afterschool, Sacramento Street Preschool and three Cambridge afterschool programs.

ABC Afterschool students have been experiencing hands-on what it means to curate an art show. Led by the 4th & 5th grade "art crew," students brainstormed and voted on the theme, visited galleries and museums, created original artwork with three different local artists, and hung the show.

Local curator Jim Manning came in to talk about how he curates shows. He shared his experience of finding artists, visiting studios, planning the installation of the show, as well as everything else it takes to put a successful show together.

Like all of our project-based learning projects, all the children and teachers participated in some way, marking another success for our 2008-2009 year!





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REGISTER FOR OUTBACK 2009

Beginning on June 29 and running through August 21, Outback Summer Program 2009 will engage and inspire children with a variety of arts and physical activities in our shady backyard. Spaces are available in weeks one through three, as well as in weeks six and eight. (Families may also sign up for week four, five, and seven wait-lists.) Register now!

Regular Day	8:30 AM to 2:30 PM - \$225.00 per week
Extended Day	8:30 AM to 5:30 PM - \$281.00 per week

The registration fee is \$50 per family and 50% of tuition for registered weeks. Outback is open to students entering first through sixth grades in September of 2009. To learn more about the program and to download an application, visit our website at:
www.agassiz.org/OutbackSummerProgram.asp.

For program questions, please email Jacy Edelman at jedelman@agassiz.org.

KINDERGARTEN OUTBACK SUMMER PROGRAM

Agassiz Baldwin Children’s Programs are pleased to introduce the new Kindergarten Outback Summer Program, a five-week program from June 29th-July 31st for students entering K1 or K2 in Fall 2009. Students must be 4 years

and 9 months old by June 28, 2009 to take part.

Our theme this summer is “Around the World,” where we will be visiting a different country or region each week. The program runs Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM (closed July 3rd). Families may sign up for one, two, or all three sessions.

Session 1 (1 week): Caribbean
June 29th-July 2nd
\$250

Session 2 (2 weeks): Mexico and Japan
July 6th-July 17th
\$500

Session 3 (2 weeks): Egypt and India
July 20th- July 31st
\$500

Daily choices will focus on the different parts of the world through creative movement, dance, drama, music, and the visual arts. The programming is mainly arts-based but there will also be opportunities for cooking, cooperative games, nature discovery, sprinklers, and water play on hot days.

K Outback is based out of a kindergarten classroom at the Baldwin School, with access to the gym, cafeteria, and kitchen. Daily activities will be held at Alden Park, Sacramento Field, and the large tree-shaded backyard at 20 Sacramento St. We will go on outings around the neighborhood and take local field trips each week.

To learn more, visit
www.agassiz.org/OutbackSummerProgram.asp.

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CAMBRIDGE FARMERS' MARKETS 2009

Shop for delicious, locally grown fruits and vegetables at Cambridge farmers' markets this summer and fall. All



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Central Square Farmers' Market

June 1 - November* 23

Location: Bishop Allen Dr. by Norfolk Street

Date/Time: Mondays, 11:30 AM-6 PM

*Note: In November, market closes at 5 PM

Charles Square Farmers' Market

June 5 - November 20

Location: Charles Hotel at Harvard Square

Date/Time: Fridays, 12 Noon-6 PM

Cambridgeport Farmers' Market

June 6 - October 24

Location: Morse School parking lot, Magazine Street & Memorial Drive

Date/Time: Saturdays, 10 AM-3 PM

Cambridge/Harvard University Farmers' Market

June 16 to October 27

Location: Near Sanders Theatre, corner of Oxford and Kirkland streets

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 12:30 PM-6 PM

Kendall Square Farmers' Market

June 4 to November 5

Location: 500 Kendall Street, Kendall Square, Cambridge

Date/Time: Thursdays, 11 AM-1:30 PM

To learn more or locate other Boston-area markets, visit: www.massfarmersmarkets.org

WORLD WIDE VIEWS ON GLOBAL WARMING

Join participants from over 40 nations in a discussion on global warming and share your recommendations with the United Nations!

Your voice will be added to recommendations being developed for the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December. The Boston Science Museum is among several sites participating in this worldwide event, and 100 Greater Boston residents will be chosen to join.

These global discussions offer participants the opportunity to join an international conversation about environmental policy options that affect us both locally and globally. Consider questions regarding emission reduction, implementation, and funding; watch videos from worldwide experts and advisors; and share policy recommendations with participants at other sites.

When: Saturday, September 26, 9:00 AM

Where: Museum of Science, Skyline Room

Contact: (617) 589-0100 or www.mos.org

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The deadline for applications is Friday, July 31. Eligible applicants will receive a stipend for participating.

The Museum will also host a follow-up event on **Sunday, September 27** to share results of the local and global discussions with friends and family, policymakers, and the public.

CARING FOR YOUR NEW STREET TREE



Was a new street tree planted near your home? Here's how to care for it during the hot summer months. The Cambridge City Arborist recommends: **A healthy tree –easy as 1, 2, 3**

- 1 -Water: Once per week, slowly, with 5-10 gallons of water, especially during dry periods. Avoid over watering. If the tree came with a green gator bag or watering loop (small round grate visible at soil surface), refill once per week.
- 2 -Mulch: To prevent weeds and keep soil cool and moist. Mulch should not be more than 3" thick at the edge of the tree well and should be feathered toward the tree base. (Mulch piled up against the trunk can create an ideal environment for pest and disease infestation.)
- 3 -Weed: To remove other plants, which consume valuable nutrients and water needed by the young tree. Be careful with lawn mowers or string trimmers--damaged bark can kill a tree.

Remember: tree wells are for trees only. Annuals and perennials are attractive, but these plants consume valuable nutrients and water needed by the young tree. Decorative borders --stone, wood, brick and especially wire --create trip hazards for pedestrians.

For more information or assistance, contact the City Arborist at (617) 349-6433, cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov, or visit www.cambridgema.gov/theworks.

RESOURCES FOR GARDENING IN CAMBRIDGE

Got the gardening bug? Check out this list of resources developed by the Cambridge Department of Public Works at www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/news/gardening.html.



Sacramento Street Gallery

"REFLECTIONS" BY ROBERT GARDNER

The Sacramento Street Gallery Presents "Reflections," watercolors by Robert Gardner. All proceeds will benefit the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center.

The artist states about his work, "The watercolors in this exhibition reflect inner and outer worlds and the intersections between the two. Playful, serious, humorous, and reflective, the paintings reveal the tensions, contradictions, and moving currents that are part of nature and everyday life."

Please join us for the Opening Reception on Sunday, June 14th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The show will run June 14 through July 17, 2009.

Gallery Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Community Calendar

June 2009

Wednesday, June 10	6:00 - 7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
Wednesday, June 17	7:30 - 9:00 PM	ANC Monthly Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Baldwin School Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento St. All are welcome
Friday, June 19		Last day of school (full day) Baldwin School and ABC Children's Programs
Sunday, June 21		Father's Day, First Day of Summer

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DO NOT FORWARD

NOTE: *The Whistler* newsletter is not published during July or August. Similarly, scheduled ABC Board and ANC Community meetings are in recess. Newsletter publication and meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and splendid summer!