

Implementing a Vision for the Yahara River Watershed

Editor's note: - This is the executive summary from the Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Reducing Phosphorus

The impaired water quality of the Yahara River chain of lakes, Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa, can be seen in the number of beach closures due to potentially toxic blue green algae, the lack of water clarity, and the smell of decay from our over-fertilized lakes. Past efforts to clean the lakes of these problems led to improvements in the treatment of sewage and other point sources of pollution. Today's challenge is to address phosphorus enriched runoff from urban and rural lands, known as nonpoint source pollution.

The Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Reducing Phosphorus enumerates fourteen specifications with clear achievable phosphorus reduction goals to clean the lakes. The actions promote proven, cost-effective urban and rural practices to address phosphorus pollution now. The goal of the plan is to produce dramatic improvements in lake water quality by achieving a 50%

reduction in the average annual phosphorus load from direct drainage sources in the Yahara chain of lakes. If no other significant water quality threats intervene – and once phosphorus load reduction goals are realized --we will double the number of days when the lakes are clear, our beaches are open, and we will significantly reduce the number toxic algal blooms that limit recreational enjoyment of the lakes.

Overall, 71% of the phosphorus load reduction must come from rural areas. Fortunately, many farmers and livestock owners are already hard at work to reduce phosphorus enriched runoff. They will be intensifying their efforts to improve cropping, tillage, and in-field practices and managing manure and nutrients to meet the goals in the plan. Yahara Pride Farms will be supporting farmers in their phosphorus reduction efforts.

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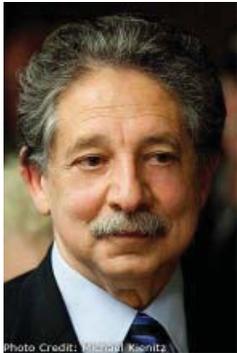


Do More Placemaking

By Mayor Paul Soglin

Madison is a place that has, and will always have, creative ideas from people of all occupations. Madison has places of beauty, buildings, and places that have a function, but it also has places that do not have everyday activities that make them lively. At the recent citywide neighborhood conference, the keynote speaker, Fred Kent, President of Project for Public Spaces stated the need to “turn a place upside down and inside out” to remake it as a place that people want to be.

While Fred was in town, we spent time at Penn Park, Monroe Street, State Street, and in Meadowood. We walked around the Capitol Square, Monona Avenue, and Mineral Point Road. Fred has spent most of his life observing public and private spaces in many of our US cities as well as those across the globe. He was impressed with many of Madison’s larger civic spaces as well as with our neighborhoods. However, he pushed us to do more.



If there was a single lesson from his visit, it was that people intuitively understand the spaces they use and that how they feel informs what they do. At one stop, we observed the rushing of people into a business, and then moments later the individual rushed out to leave the shopping area quickly. The location did not have the elements – the Power of Ten – to make this customer (or the others we observed) linger. Placemaking is important in building our local economy – not only in purchasing goods and services but also for attracting businesses to locate within neighborhoods. It is simple: where people are comfortable they will spend time and money and these become valuable spaces for businesses. To me, I believe every neighborhood would benefit to have a public market within walking distance.

Over 250 citizens attended the full-day

neighborhood conference. We had conversations about place – what neighbors and businesses can do quickly and cheaply to make overnight type changes. Outside eating areas, movies in the park, temporary store structures are people-attracting features. We talked about that civic spaces should have 10 activities –referred to as the “Power of 10” –to ensure that a continual draw happens at a park, street corner, or in civic places such as the front of our libraries. You could tell that the neighborhood leaders, business owners, nonprofits, and government officials attending recognized the vast possibilities to make places more invigorating.

The neighborhood conference was the first day in which we started to think anew about “lighter, quicker, cheaper” methods to activate public spaces. We will move ahead this coming year to “activate” spaces and create a more vibrant community. Go to www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods/ for broadcast of the placemaking keynote and workshops. Have a great day!



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A Budget To Strengthen Our Communities

By Dane County Executive Joe Parisi

In these challenging times, it's important for counties to pursue partnerships to address challenges, protect core services, and work to strengthen communities. My 2013 budget invests in new initiatives to help Dane County's communities continue to thrive while addressing our shared challenges.

Helping kids, seniors, and the disabled comprises over 50% of the total Dane County budget.



With three new child protective services social workers, including one that will work directly with the District Attorney to ensure timely prosecution of these often troubling cases, my budget makes a significant investment in keeping kids safe at a time when reports of abuse and neglect are

up nearly 15% in Dane County.

A new effort to reduce the time our disabled friends and neighbors wait for care will help dozens of individuals and their families become more engaged in their communities and learn job and other skills to enhance their quality of life.

I've worked with the United Way to create an innovative new pilot project to address the achievement gap in our public schools, and help more kids succeed both at home and school in the years ahead.

Alcohol and drug addiction continues to place a great strain on families and public safety. My budget includes additional dollars to help drunk drivers and drug addicts who want help kick their addiction for good and make our communities safer.

My 2013 budget also makes investments to enhance our high quality of life, including

a multi-million dollar effort to clean up our lakes, the biggest highway improvement budget in the past decade, investments in our green energy jobs economy, and additional resources to ensure our county parks remain crown jewels.

By working together, my budget addresses our needs and invests in our families and communities to ensure all who live here have the opportunity to succeed.



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Public Plazas and Place-Making

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

After the visit by President Obama on the eve of the election, I was half-hoping to see headlines worded like "PRESIDENT VISITS BASSETT NEIGHBORHOOD," (where the stage was technically located), but instead, the news stories weren't so specific. No matter



your political leanings, it is a source of pride for a city like ours to host a sitting president. We've had our share of candidates visit -- back in 2004 John Kerry's rally was co-hosted by the Bassett and Mifflin West neighborhoods -- but before Obama the last sitting president to visit was Truman in 1950.

It's great to see thousands of people packing an area like MLK for that or any event. The downtown is the heart of Madison -- it's where people congregate to express themselves politically and petition the local, state and federal governments. Tens of thousands circled the Capitol Square during the protests of 2011. Any number of student-led marches may begin in campus but they often end at the Capitol building. Nobody's marching to West Towne Mall or the airport. The downtown is the focal point of activity.

Public plazas around the world are built not only for political expression but also for non-political, community events. Concerts on the Square, Art Fair on the Square, the Madison Winter Festival, Taste of Madison and the Farmers' Market all take advantage of the well-known Capitol Square, State Street Mall and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This is successful place-making. Even when there isn't an organized event transpiring, you'll still see many people sitting, reading, conversing, eating, or just strolling through, because it's a pleasant place to be.

We've also had our share of smaller, failed plazas. The plaza in front of the G.E.F. building on Webster and

King Streets was an ambitious exercise in landscaping and terracing (and there's even a fountain). Yet you'll be hard-pressed to see anyone using this vast space for anything other than a short cut. And in the wintertime most of the area is roped off so that it doesn't have to be plowed. What could have been done to better activate this space? What can be done now?

As we continue to see an increase in both public and private development downtown, we need to be conscious about what makes a place worth going to and being a part of. Public plazas and boulevards can be both a catalyst and a destination for bringing people downtown not only to tour, shop and socialize, but possibly even to live. For every downtown visitor is a potential future resident and neighbor.



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Downtown Holiday Shopping, Dining and Fun

By Mary Carbine, Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID)

Make holiday shopping and dining special! Enjoy downtown Madison's State Street, Capitol Square and King Street areas, home to more than 350 shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants, night spots and other businesses, many locally owned. Discover unique shopping, featured restaurants, arts and museums, plus activities for kids and families.

The free Holiday Trolley runs Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, running from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on State Street and the Capitol Square (catch at bus stops). The trolley will be decorated and staffed by volunteer Downtown Information Ambassadors who will greet riders, hand out gift bags plus treats for kids, and offer suggestions, directions, and downtown maps. Riders on the trolley will also be treated to free downtown Madison welcome bags filled with promotions, coupons, special offers and information from downtown businesses and organizations (free, one per trolley rider, while supplies last).

For holiday shopping and dining suggestions, the Downtown Visitor Center (452 State St.) is open daily, or stop by the Downtown Information Table at Overture Center (201 State St.) Saturdays, Nov. 24 – Dec. 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Volunteer community and UW-Madison choral groups and dancers will stroll State Street and the Capitol Square--and even hop on the trolley--to carol and perform for shoppers on Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Performances start at 11 am at the Madison

Children's Museum (MCM, 100 N. Hamilton St.) and at 1 pm in the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Lobby (MMoCA, 227 State Street).

Performance Schedule:

(All performances kick off at the time and museum lobby indicated below, before groups begin strolling around State Street and the Capitol Square. Schedule subject to change.)

Saturday, Dec. 1

11 am (MCM) - 1 pm: Tangled Up in Blue (UW women's A Cappella Group)

1pm (MMoCA) - 3 pm: Kanopy Dance

Saturday, Dec. 8

11 am (MCM) - 1 pm: Redefined (UW A Cappella Group)

1pm (MMoCA) - 3 pm: Capitol Chordsmen (Barbershop Choir)

Saturday, Dec. 15

11 am (MCM) - 1 pm: The Nefrons

1pm (MMoCA) - 3 pm: Madison East Choir

Saturday, Dec. 22

11 am (MCM) - 1 pm: Philharmonic Chorus of Madison

1pm (MMoCA) - 3 pm: Midnight Voices

Information on the Holiday Trolley, Carolers and more is at www.visitdowntownmadison.com or (608) 512-1342.



Mayor's Neighborhood Conference 2012

By Mary M. Kolar

Fred Kent, President of "Project for Public Places", is making a living advising city leaders around the world on "placemaking" or how to ensure people will go to or stay in a place. Kent was the keynote speaker at the "City of Madison Mayor's Neighborhood Conference" held Saturday, October 13, 2012.

Many CNI members attended the conference. If you were unable to attend, I recommend asking those who did what they found most memorable about the conference. The following are my thoughts from the event.

During Fred Kent's address that opened the day at Monona Terrace, he highlighted communities around the world in which a sense of place was developed. Most, if not all, have created sites that attract people to engage with one another and feel safe remaining at. We also learned that Kent likes blueberry pie and will seek out a slice nearly everywhere he travels.

After Kent's remarks at the plenary session, everyone had an opportunity to attend workshops of their choice. From city officials to community leaders and nationally known experts, these sessions were great opportunities to learn ways to improve our community and placemaking in Madison.

Lou Host-Jablonski, principal architect of Madison-based Design Coalition Architects, led the session "Sustainability, Density & Good Neighborhoods". Host-Jablonski highlighted Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and the success of this type of housing in other American cities. You can imagine single-family dwellings with large back yards in which smaller units are built that allow for greater density and still maintain the character of the neighborhood. I was inspired by the creativity of this sustainability initiative.

Another benefit of the conference was the opportunity to communicate with the numerous city leaders at the conference including Mayor Paul Soglin, Alders, City Staff and Commissioners. Alders Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

and Chris Schmidt hosted the workshop "Working with Elected Officials: They Can Be Your Best Allies". One simple, but significant, piece of advice from the alders was that when you write or email elected officials, remember to include your full name and address. Elected officials receive hundreds of emails everyday; your communication will be more impactful if, for example, your alder knows you live in her or his district.

Another workshop topic that will remain "current" for every generation was led by Urban Design Commission Chairperson Richard Wagner: "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly". I enjoyed hearing Commissioner Wagner's opinions of various buildings throughout Madison. Whenever I criticize the look or design of a building I remind myself that those we may think of as ugly now likely were thought beautiful when they were built. I admire the UDC commissioners' willingness to endorse building designs today that may, or may not, be as appreciated by future generations.

All of the sessions, including those led by Mayor Soglin and his guest Fred Kent, inspired me to learn more about "placemaking" and to continue to work to ensure Madison remains a great place.




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Clean Downtown Madison

By Brad Cantrell

A clean downtown is important to all of us who live downtown, who work downtown, and who visit, shop and own property Downtown. As a resident of the Bassett Neighborhood I see first-hand the negative effects of littering. It is not only unsightly and environmental unfriendly it leads to other undesirable behavior which make the neighborhoods less livable.

I am also a member of Downtown Madison Inc.'s (DMI) Quality of Life Downtown Committee whose mission is to improve and enhance the vibrancy, livability and aesthetics of the downtown environment in order to attract and retain residents, visitors, businesses and workers. The committee's work focuses on determining, meeting and exceeding the expectations of people who want to live, work, play, shop, and invest in our central city. To further this mission the committee is interested in developing a "Clean Downtown Madison" campaign to reduce litter in the central downtown area which includes the commercial areas along State Street and the Capitol Square and the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

In order to be successful in this campaign, the committee believes it is essential to partner with other groups who share similar objectives. Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. (CNI) is one of those groups who are natural partners in a "Clean Downtown Madison" initiative. We also hope to engage the University, the City and other downtown interest groups so that we don't duplicate current efforts but supplement efforts to make downtown Madison a clean and inviting place. We are currently identifying best practices which could supplement neighborhood clean-up efforts which some of the neighborhoods currently do. However, we are looking for more than a one day event, an initiative that is sustainable and ongoing. We believe an important component is to develop a social marketing campaign. This will be addressed as part of our overall campaign initiative.

We wanted to inform CNI and its membership of our efforts and ask for their support and involvement to make this a success. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or assisting in development of such an

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Building more community manure digesters will be one important action to help farmers manage manure so that less phosphorus reaches area lakes and streams.

Overall 28% of the phosphorus load reduction comes from urban areas. It will be challenging to meet the phosphorus reduction goals in urban areas since so much of the land is developed and there is little opportunity to clear storm water of phosphorus before it reaches the lakes. To meet this challenge urban residents and municipalities will be called upon to improve leaf management and control of construction erosion, stabilize urban waterway banks, and reduce the amount of total suspended solids from runoff in municipal storm water.

Through the combination of urban and rural actions, we will reduce phosphorus loads into Lake Mendota by 53%, Lake Monona by 26%, Lake Waubesa by 50%,

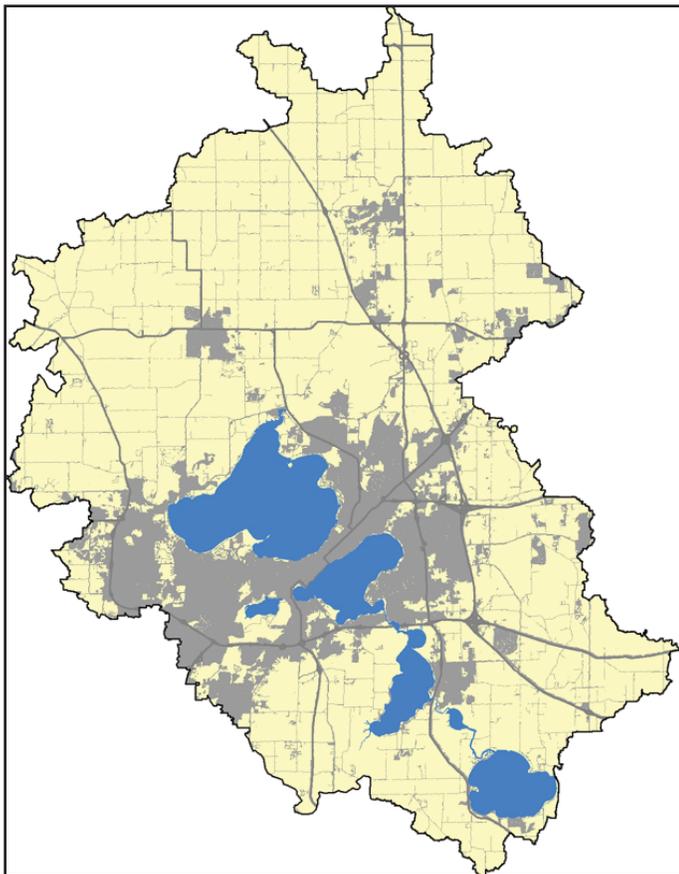


and Lake Kegonsa by 56%. Phosphorus reductions in the Lake Mendota watershed will provide additional benefits to the rest of the lakes since phosphorus from Mendota flows to each of the downstream lakes via the Yahara River. In the next few years, we will use emerging technologies, like alum additions in waterways, to further reduce the phosphorus load to Lake Monona and achieve the 50% target.

The estimated net cost to implement all the Yahara CLEAN actions is \$78.6 million dollars, after a deduction of \$49.5 million in private business investment in community digesters. The remaining funds will be raised through a combination of public and private sources.

In summary, the Clean Lakes Alliance and Yahara CLEAN partners support the following points:

- **It's Possible...** We can rehabilitate the lakes, doubling the number of "clear" water days
- **Commitment...** We have strong commitment and partnerships to renew and expand the effort
- **Road Map...** We have 14 actions to reduce phosphorus by 50% in each lake
- **Action...** We are poised to take action as a community and involve all citizens in the efforts
- **Yahara WINS...** We are in a pilot program to reduce rural and urban phosphorus enriched runoff, a partnership of 21 municipalities and several nonprofits
- **Support Clean Water...** Support elected officials in their efforts to clean the lakes



Yahara River Watershed Land Use Map
Light Grey - Rural land use
Dark Grey - Urban land use

For more information and to download a copy of the Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction, go to www.cleanlakesalliance.com

Development of Judge Doyle Square

By Adam Plotkin

On October 5, 2012, the Judge Doyle Square Committee had its first meeting with the mission of soliciting and reviewing proposals for the development of Blocks 88 and 105 on the southeast side of the Isthmus. Block 88 is currently the site of the Madison Municipal Building; Block 105 is home to the Government East parking ramp. I'm grateful to the committee members who selected me to serve as Chair of this committee. Other downtown residents also on the committee are Megan Christiansen, Brad Cantrell and Alder Mike Verveer.

In September 2010 the city announced the project proposal and formed a staff team to create a report to the City Council. The report was accepted by the council in February 2011 and a resolution was passed to create the committee. The resolution also outlined several project priorities supported by the Council as follows:

- Parking - Replace the aging Government East park-

ing ramp with an underground facility. Some of the specifics will be better known once the above grade uses are determined.

- Block 88 - This is the primary site for a hotel that would expand the ability to provide conference bookings for the Monona Terrace.
- Municipal Building - One major factor to consider for the development of Block 88 is not only the physical structure of the Municipal Building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, but the current use and proximity to City Hall of the City of Madison offices housed in the building.
- Block 105 - Five potential uses of this block could be retail and restaurant, a commuter bicycle center, residential apartments, office space, or additional hotel rooms from Block 88.

The committee has reviewed and suggested changes to the Request for Qualifications document that will be released early next year to solicit interested development proposals. Following the RFQ process, a more specific Request for Proposals process will take place. The committee has an ambitious timeline to move this project forward. Project information can be found online at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/judgeDoyleSquare/.



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In the Mix: Neighbors, local produce, wine

By Mary M. Kolar

Twenty-five Capitol Neighborhoods Inc. (CNI) members and guests enjoyed good food, great wine, and wonderful camaraderie on October 25, 2012. Those attending the CNI Farmer's Market Potluck Dinner were encouraged to make food with products purchased at Madison Farmer's Markets. The dinner was at one of downtown Madison's newest businesses "Square Wine Co".

A benefit of CNI membership is our educational and informative programs (perhaps you would like to volunteer to be the Program Committee Chair?). Sometimes, we get together just to enjoy one another's company. What better way to do it than with food and beverage.

At Square Wine, Andrea Hillsey turned her wine shop into a CNI dining room. The early evening rain storm didn't discourage those who arrived with a bevy of savory dishes including fresh and roasted vegetables, some enhanced with local cheeses. Thrown in to the mix were dishes neighbors would likely share in their own homes such as ceviche and an avocado dip made with pumpkin seeds for an interesting blend of local and exotic flavors.

Andrea gave individual attention to everyone as she assisted in choosing a wine to match individual preferences and the potluck buffet of choices. "Golden Mullet Fury" (Muscadelle and Chardonnay), wine from Australia was matched with Roasted Cauliflower with Forgotten Valley Gruyere. For those who preferred red wine with their Baked Squash with Tomatoes, or Arugula Salad with Beets, choices included Oregon red wine blend

"Rook" (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah) or the Italian "Aion", Montepulciano.

Dessert was brought from a local bakery with a light humor note, "If you're not going to bake it yourself, bring the best."

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Update on the Period Garden Park

By Joe Bonardi

It has been an issue or two since I have written about my favorite volunteer project, Period Garden Park. Most of you know that this city owned/ volunteer managed park is located at 110 East Gorham St., on the corner of North Pinckney and Gorham. It is often mistaken for the front yard of the old Keyes mansion, now the Hypatia co-op. I plan to write for a city grant over the winter to have a vintage style sign to help identify the park and end some confusion. But more and more people are discovering this wonderful spot as a great place to walk a bit or sit and enjoy the flowers of the three season garden beds. I lost track of how many wedding parties came to have photo's taken, and there seemed to be more visitors having lunch breaks on the iron benches. It feels so good to see the park becoming a destination point for big and small reasons, and fulfill its purpose as a city park.

It was a very difficult year maintaining the many flowers, shrubs, and new trees, because of the record shortage of rainfall. Even the older growth trees needed deep drinks of water to avoid damage or stress. Countless hours were needed to provide water, and even with this effort, it wasn't a stellar year for some perennials. But everything survived the drought.

I will be gearing up to get a few hundred new tulip bulbs in before the end of October, and we are lucky to have the help of some UW students of the Horticulture Dept. that volunteer and receive class credit for the effort. This will be the second year of this program that we have enjoyed their help, and are very grateful.

The park is maintained with all volunteer labor. My best garden buddy Sandra Jones has been a constant help, and I'm so grateful for her support. Other garden helpers have found a way to make time as well. John Reign, Johann, Joyce Voight, John Steines, Paul Wilhite, have all pulled weeds, raked, watered or provided much needed rides to our local green houses. Each spring for three years now, we are fortunate to have the Blackhawk Church members come to help spread the

mulch. Thanks for all your help.

All funds to maintain the park comes from donations. For the last 6 years, the majority of all the park's funding has come from our wonderful neighbor, Fred Mohs. Without his support, the park would still be a desolate, forgotten green space. Our corporate sponsors have been important as well. MG&E and Findorff, have been long time supporters. Mr William Wartmann has recently become a generous donor, as well as the Mansion Hill Inn. A very welcome gift came this year from Mio Susuki, and I want to thank her. We also depend on smaller amounts, and many area residents have found a way to contribute.

It takes 10 cubic yards of mulch [a small dump truck full] to cover the beds every year. About 75 bags of composted manure are needed as I don't use chemical fertilizers. Even a small amount of annual flowers[I use mostly perennials] cost over \$400 to fill the beds. Additional perennials and shrubs are a yearly cost, and tulips and daffodils are added every fall. We pay out of the budget to have JBM Security patrol the park every night making the entire area much safer than it was before. That alone is \$800 a season. I try to manage this on a \$4000 a year budget.

As you see, to keep the park safe and in great condition, your contribution is very important. If you enjoy this space and would like to contribute to keeping this downtown treasure, please consider making a tax deductible donation. Donate online at www.capitolneighborhoods.org and use the convenient Paypal option, specifying PERIOD GARDEN PARK.

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I hope we can continue our work in keeping this Mansion Hill treasure in the best shape possible. Please find a way to contribute by volunteering or sending much needed funds. Visit www.periodgardenpark.org to see the results of last year's efforts!

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The Singing Bird Room of Robert Lostutter

Through January 6, 2013

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art presents The Singing Bird Room of Robert Lostutter. The exhibition surveys the work of one of the leading Chicago artists of recent decades with more than thirty watercolors, drawings, prints, and oil paintings.

Ellsworth Kelly Prints

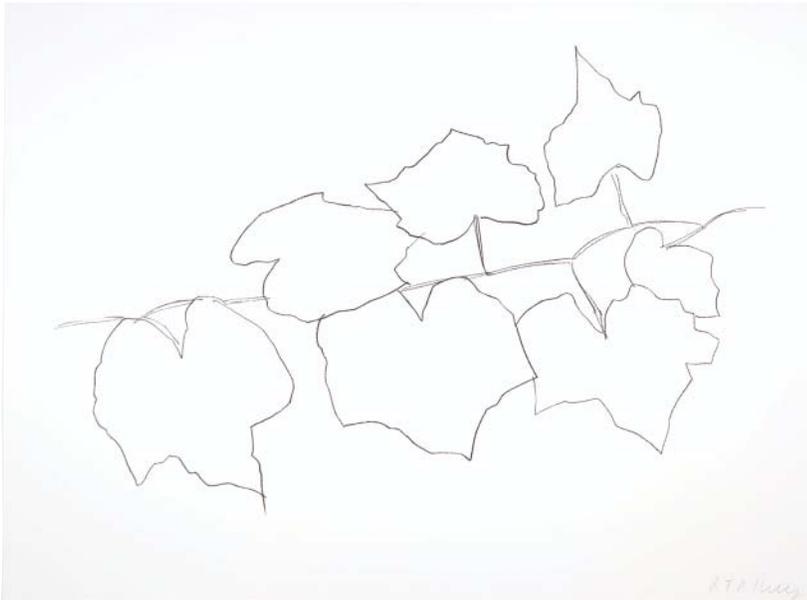
January 19-April 28, 2013

The art of Ellsworth Kelly (b. 1923) is a finely wrought distillation of shapes observed in nature, registering his vision of intimacy, delicacy, and ethereality. Ellsworth Kelly Prints, a major retrospective exhibition of the artist's achievements in printmaking. The public is invited to a special MMoCA Nights opening celebration on Friday, January 18, from 6:30 to 9 pm.

The Force of Color

January 19-March 31, 2013

Where color in art is freed from describing the objective world or telling a story, the experience of color itself becomes the subject. As an adjunct to MMoCA's exhibition of prints by Ellsworth Kelly, The Force of Color addresses the role of strong color in the abstraction of the 1960s. The exhibition features 26 works by 23 artists and will be on view in the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's State Street Gallery.



Ellsworth Kelly, Wild Grape Leaves II, 2004. Lithograph on Rives BFK white paper, 23 x 31 inches. Edition of 60. © Ellsworth Kelly and Gemini G.E.L., Los Angeles. Collection of Jordan D. Schnitzer.

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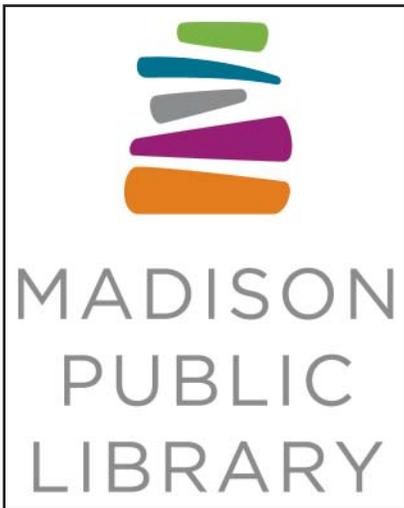
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Many Changes as the Central Library Remodel Progresses

As the temperature drops, progress on the Central Library at 201 West Mifflin Street continues with many visible changes. The new third floor and fourth floor mechanical penthouse are structurally complete and being enclosed, and the roof is nearly finished and awaiting a spring installation of the library's green roof.



The library is being prepared for winter months with insulation, weather barriers and the addition of window glass affording brand new views for the library from the second and third floor spaces over the former courtyard entrance.

The new Central Library will include several exciting new permanent art installations as well as the preservation of the library's existing public art. Library staff recently worked with Karin Wolf of the Madison Arts Commission and O. V. Shaffer, sculptor of Hieroglyph, to plan placement of Hieroglyph on the third floor outdoor terrace, and the second floor mural by artist Aaron Bohrod is being preserved as construction takes place.



View from the new third floor Fairchild Street window

For a view of floor plans, artwork, and features, visit the My New Library web site at mynewlibrary.org. Follow along with the construction progress online as Project Manager Bryan Cooper adds photos of the construction process to the library's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/madison-public-library

A Message from Book Club Challenge Committee Chair Eleanor Odden

As an active book club member, I invite fellow book club enthusiasts to participate in the Book Club Challenge, an exciting opportunity to help build our new Central Library. Book Clubs that donate \$250 or more to Madison Public Library's Learning for a Lifetime campaign will be recognized on a custom-made bench designed exclusively for the new Central Library by artist Hongtao Zhou. The bench is made of "books" of varying hues of natural wood – the name of each participating book club will be etched on the spine of a book - one book per club.



Eleanor Odden

Thanks to the over 60 groups already participating for helping us reach 60% of our goal of 100 Book Clubs in support of a New Central Library.

As a fellow Downtown resident, I have a deep appreciation for all that the Central Library offers us downtown; our new library will expand space and services, add flexible meeting rooms and is going to be another beautiful reason to enjoy Downtown living. It will be very fitting to have a great turnout of Downtown book clubs adding their names to the bench.

Visit www.mynewlibrary.org to learn more and sign

up to receive the Book Club Corner eNews and win fun prizes. Just last month, The Wise Women Book Club won 10 autographed copies of David Maraniss's "Barack Obama: The Story", just for registering. Will your book club help build our new library?

Upcoming Events

All Madison Public Library locations will be closed December 23 – December 25, December 30 – January 1, and January 21 for upcoming holidays.

Is an ereader or tablet on your holiday list? The Central Library will offer instructional sessions to teach you how to download and enjoy free ebooks or audiobooks through the Wisconsin Digital Library service. Call 266-4953 or email telias@scls.lib.wi.us to be notified of availability when the class schedule is finalized.



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From the Madison Senior Center

Celebrate the Holidays!

Celebrate at the Festival of Wreaths. Our "halls" are decked with a wonderful display of holiday wreaths, donated by Madison area businesses and individuals. Purchase one for your home or give one as a beautiful gift. The sale runs through Friday, December 7, and raises fund to support Senior Center programs.

Holiday Dinner

Mark your calendar for a special dinner on Tuesday, December 25, sponsored by the Senior Center and South Madison Coalition. Doors open at 11 am with a social hour of hors d'oeuvres. Dinner, featuring roast turkey and all the trimmings, is served at noon with holiday entertainment provided by singer, John Duggleby. Make reservations by noon on Monday, December 17.

PLATO Choir Performs

The Plato Chorus will perform on Friday, December 14 at 12:30 pm. The uplifting, 45 minute program includes: "What A Wonderful World," Vivaldi's "Come, Sing and be Joyful," the Spiritual, "Walk Together, Children," a Christmas Medley, an audience sing-a-long, and our signature "Irish Blessing." Don't miss it!

Meet the Author: Jane Page

Graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism, the acclaimed novelist Jean Reynolds Page will discuss her latest book, Safe Within. This novel navigates through the story of well-orchestrated family drama about Carson and Elaine Forsyth's final days. Meet the author on Tuesday, January 8 at 1 pm. Refreshments served.

Be an Informed Tenant

Meet with an expert from the Tenant Resource Center (TRC) to learn about the statewide changes to the tenant-landlord law. Following the presentation there will be time for individual consultations. Call 266-6581 to reserve your space on Wednesday, January 9 from 1-2 pm.



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