



Kingfield News

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Be part of the Parade of Hotdishes! Kingfield Annual Meeting Monday April 16

March through the neighborhood at 5:30 p.m. to MLK Park with your hotdish in hand and join your neighbors for a Community Potluck! Spend an hour dining with neighbors, reviewing displays of recent and upcoming neighborhood projects, and talking with KFNA Board Members. An award will be presented during the meeting for the "Best of Show Hotdish or Otherdish"-voted on by current Kingfield Board Members. The winner will be featured in the next edition of the Kingfield News!

Six community members will be elected for a two-year term to the 13-member volunteer board this year. The KFNA Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Each board member must also serve on a KFNA Committee of their choosing: Green, Redevelopment, NRP, Newsletter, the Crime Prevention and Safety Task Force, or an Arts Working Group.

Free child care is available from 6:45-9 PM. Kids ages 4-12 will have the opportunity to create inventions with Leonardo's Basement OR play soccer with the KFNA/MLK kids' soccer coaches. Younger children (ages 1-3) will be cared for by local teens. These programs are free, but space is limited depending on the ages of kids attending, so pre-register today! To register for childcare mail the following form to: KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S., MPLS, MN 55409, register on-line at www.kingfield.org or call 612.823.5980 ext #3. Registrations will be accepted until childcare is full.

Marcha por el vecindario a las 5:30 p.m. hacia el MLK Park con tu platillo caliente en la mano y unete a tus vecinos para una Comida en Comunidad! Pasa una hora cenando, revisando las exhibiciones de recientes y futuros proyectos para el vecindario, y platicando con miembros del consejo del KFNA. Un premio sera presentado durante la junta para el "Mejor Platillo Caliente u otro platillo de la demostracion" - sera sorteado por los actuales miembros del consejo de Kingfield! El ganador sera publicado en la siguiente edición de las noticias de Kingfield!

Seis miembros de la comunidad serán elegidos para un termino de dos años para formar parte de los 13-miembros del consejo de voluntarios de este año. El consejo del KFNA se reúne el 2do. Miercoles de cada mes a las 7 pm. Cada miembro del consejo también debe de servir en un Comité de la KFNA de su elección: Verde, renovación, NRP, boletín de noticias, Fuerza operante de prevención contra el crimen y seguridad, ó un Grupo de trabajadores de Arte.

Hay guarderia gratis disponible durante la junta de las 6:45-9pm. Niños edades 4-12 tendran la oportunidad de crear invenciones con el Sotano de Leonardo ó jugar soccer con los niños entrenadores de soccer de la KFNA/MLK. Los niños mas pequenos (edades 1-3) seran cuidados por adolescentes locales. Estos divertidos programas son gratis, pero los lugares son limitados dependiendo de las edades de los niños que atiendan, por eso pre-regístrate hoy! Para registrarse para la guarderia infantil, mande por correo la siguiente forma de registro a: KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. South, MPLS, MN 55409

Regístrate en el internet al www.kingfield.org ó llame y de su información al 612-823-5980 numero de extensión #3. Las registraciones seran aceptadas hasta que la guarderia infantil este llena.

Translation by Karina Rodriguez

Community Building: Taking it to the Streets

One glorious July evening, dozens of Kingfield families gathered in a back yard on Pillsbury Avenue, lured by an intriguing invitation - a professional theater group, the Open Eye Figure Theatre, would present a free family puppet show as part of its 2006 Driveway Tour. We settled down on picnic blankets, facing a brightly painted puppet theater, as our kids found friends and chattered excitedly. A brilliantly-dressed narrator emerged to introduce "The Adventures of Juan Bobo," and 150 people sat spellbound through a fantastic bilingual tale of a boy's quest to retrieve his pig from bloodthirsty (but comical) demons. When the curtain fell and the riotous applause died down, the actors emerged to show off their puppets and neighbors gathered for animated conversation and refreshments. It was a magical evening.



Neighborhood kids delight at an "Open Eye" production.

The idea for the Driveway Tour took root in 2001, when theatre co-founders Susan Haas and Michael Sommers visited and performed in villages across Mexico. They were intrigued at how their performances drew strangers together and helped to bridge cultural barriers. Upon returning to Minneapolis, Haas and Sommers hatched the Driveway Tour based on their experience, driven by their desire to help heal communities after the national trauma of 9-11. Haas believes that fear of others and of the unknown has risen sharply, and that the comfort of reaching out helps people overcome their fear and create new connections.

The Driveway Tour's success supports Haas' theory - the group has given 140 shows to some 12,000 people in Minneapolis neighborhoods from Kenwood to Corcoran. The theatre will soon open a beautiful performing space in the Phillips neighborhood, and also plans a "Two-Wheel Theatre" this summer, a bicycle-drawn puppet stage that can stop spontaneously for performances wherever folks gather.

Open Eye Figure Theatre seeks potential hosts for this coming summer. Interested hosts should contact the theatre a month in advance and should be flexible with dates. The theatre provides invitations, posters, and suggestions for email invitations. The host provides the venue and commits to marketing inclusively to all residents on surrounding blocks by door-knocking with flyers, mailing invitations, and/or hanging posters. The host also provides a rain site and light refreshments. Haas stresses that Open Eye Figure Theatre's performances are not meant as entertainment for well-established block clubs, but as a way to engage larger and more diverse communities.

For your own magical evening, contact the Open Eye Figure Theatre at 612.823.5162 or openeye@bitstream.net. The theatre begins taking bookings in April.

-Martha Ingram

KFNA Annual Meeting Free Child Care Form

Parent's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____
E-mail address: _____

Fill out for each child:

Name	Age	Circle program preference:
_____	_____	Soccer/Leonardo's/Toddler
_____	_____	Soccer/Leonardo's/Toddler
_____	_____	Soccer/Leonardo's/Toddler

View the work of over 70 local artists, at least half of them from Kingfield, at **Art To /DI/ For, Saturday March 24, 7-9 pm.** Witness your neighbors' creativity as they explore the meaning of the word /di/ through their artwork, making a wide variety of 2 and 3 dimensional art that is 'to die for'. A small selection of the work is on exhibit at Anodyne before the show. All artwork will be sold to the highest bidder at the event on March 24th.

Scott Pampuch of Corner Table will create and serve appetizers during the show, and the Dessert Post-Party from 9 pm- midnight. Both Anodyne and Leonardo's will be closed for regular business and open only for this "private" party, to which you are invited! Advance tickets are only \$10 per person, payable by cash or check at Anodyne or via US mail from KFNA, or with a credit card from the KFNA website at www.kingfield.org.

Proceeds from art sales will be split between KFNA and participating artists. KFNA will use the funds raised for future public art project activities and events in the community, including this annual show, exterior business murals, hands-on build nights at Leonardo's, and more! Questions regarding the show should be directed to Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Executive Director, at kfna@email.com or 612.823.5980.

Art to/DI/ For is supported by these local businesses:

- Anodyne
- Corner Table
- Do-Good Biz
- Dunn and Semington
- Grand Cafe
- The Lander Group
- Leonardo's Basement
- LifeForce Chiropractic
- Northrup Roofing and Remodeling
- Rau+Barber
- SamH Design
- Ungerman Construction
- Victor's 1959 Cafe

About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

The Kingfield neighborhood runs from 36th to 46th Streets, between Lyndale Avenue and 35W.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) office is located in The Center for Performing Arts building, room 101:

KFNA Office
3754 Pleasant Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
Phone 612-823-5980
E-mail kfna@email.com
www.kingfield.org

The KFNA board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at ML King Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue So. The following residents are serving on the **KFNA Board of Directors** for the 2006-2007 term:

Thor Anderson.....821.1046
Darrell Gerber.....824.7366
Shawna Gibson.....822.5112
Peter Hallstrom.....821.9405
Mark Hinds.....870.9272
Martha Ingram.....825.4984
Arthur Knowles.....823-0808
Ben Kristensen.....822.2312
Erik Lindseth.....827.3890
David Sadoris.....396.3472
JobyLyn Sasily.....382.4268
Diana Schleisman.....822.4690
Niki Valens824-2286

KFNA Staff

Executive Director:
Sarah Linnes-Robinson .823.5980
NRP Project Organizer:
Joanna Hallstrom..... 823.5980x3

Kingfield News

If you are interested in writing, editing, designing, or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*, call the KFNA office at 823-5980.



NRP Plan Modifications

The KFNA NRP Steering Committee and KFNA Board have approved NRP Plan Modifications to the Phase I and Phase II NRP Plans. The proposed changes will be presented to KFNA members for a public community-wide vote at the April 16 KFNA Annual Meeting. If you have questions concerning the following proposed changes, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, atkfna@emsil.com or 612.823.5980.

Move \$160,000 from Phase II Housing Development & Redevelopment 1.1.3 (Mixed-Use Housing) to 1.1.2 (Home Loan Programs). The money was originally earmarked for the defunct Lander '38' project. If the funds are moved they can be used now to supplement a neighborhood loan program.

Move \$10,436.63 from Phase I Neighborhood Life 2.1.1ab (Activity Advisory and Directory) to 1.2.2 (Kingfield News) and contract it immediately into #14923 Category 3. The Kingfield News is the way KFNA shares information about activities of all Kingfield stakeholders.

Note From the President

You know a Board of Directors is dedicated when you've got a quorum on Valentine's Day at 7:00 p.m. But you know those directors are especially charitable when the big agenda item on that night of love is a review of a 10-page financial policy.

The good news for you: we felt the love. With the dash of debate required of all good relationships, our directors approved a Financial Policy for KFNA—the last of our major organizational policies—so that the new board elected in April can focus less on how we do things, and more on what we do and ought to do.

In April, I am stepping down from the board after four years of service. I know that several others whose terms are up—some who have served longer than I have—are likewise turning to other endeavors. This is, of course, an opportunity: What the board loses in

experience, it gains in fresh perspective.

Why should you offer that perspective? At the Valentine's Day meeting, I asked current board members to tell me why they find a few hours each month to volunteer their time for KFNA, and what they like best about the experience. There were several common threads. One was connection—everyone valued the opportunity to “keep in touch,” or “network,” or “form relationships” with “talented and creative” board members, neighbors, business owners, developers, law enforcers, and elected officials. Another was our local ambit—nearly everyone commented that their work with KFNA has a “direct,” or “vital,” or “tangible,” or “substantial” impact on the neighborhood in which we live, work and play. A third was educational—many valued the

opportunity to remain “up to date” and “informed,” or to “learn a great deal,” not only about neighborhood issues, but also about the ways in which our neighborhood fits into the broader “workings and direction” of Minneapolis.

I think these threads add up to a satisfying quilt of volunteerism. If you spend a couple of years on the board, you may well agree that service as a director of KFNA offers you something few other non-profit organizations can: An organized opportunity to work with your neighbors to make your own neighborhood better.

The annual meeting is on April 16. Do you feel the love?

-Erik Lindseth, KFNA President



Erik Lindseth

Minneapolis' Community Engagement Report

In November the City of Minneapolis released its Community Engagement Report, which will form the basis for how the City engages the community. Neighborhood organizations were not asked to participate in the drafting of the report and are largely ignored within the report as vehicles for community engagement.

The report details the complexity of the current community engagement process, with elected officials, City departments, advisory committees, neighborhood organizations, NRP and other entities operating in different ways using different models of community engagement. The report recommends changing to a different model.

The report sets forth the rationale that community engagement is only relevant at the City's decision-making stage and that decisions are made at three levels: Citywide, Community (multi-neighborhood projects, community-wide zoning changes, etc), and Local (site-specific zoning changes, NRP action plans, Block or Neighborhood-level funding). Under this approach, the City would go only to certain groups of stakeholders for comment when decisions are pending.

Concerned at being excluded from the initial drafting of the report, a number of neighborhoods, including Kingfield, have drafted a unified neighborhood response. A resolution adopted by sixteen other Minneapolis neighborhoods, including Lyndale, Whittier, Harrison, and East Phillips, has been adopted by the Kingfield board. The resolution includes the following recommendations:

- The City should reject the notion that “community engagement always involves an impending City government decision” and instead be based on an ongoing grassroots effort to involve people in their communities.
- There should be broad-based community discussion on the importance of community engagement to Minneapolis' future. This discussion should include residents, neighborhood associations, the City Council, community organizations, and the business community.

• A successful community engagement system should incorporate the following principles:

- Minneapolis' residents should be active participants in shaping Minneapolis' future.
- Decision processes must be clear, open and predictable, and involve citizens at each stage of the process.
- Community engagement is best accomplished by a decentralized system in the communities and neighborhoods where stakeholders live.
- Community engagement requires focused and sustained outreach, education, recruitment, community building, and leadership development.

A full copy of Kingfield's response can be found at www.kingfield.org. The full Community Engagement report may be accessed at <http://www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2006/20061116.html>

-Mark Hinds

Kingfield Garage Sale

Clean out that basement! The Kingfield neighborhood-wide garage sale will be on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Register five households on your block for a group rate of \$30. Individual sale registrations are \$10.

The Kingfield garage sale will be advertised in the Star Tribune and all participating homes will be listed on the Kingfield Garage Sale Map, which will be available the day of the sale at Caffe Tempo, Anodyne, Butter and Java Jack's. Sale maps will also be available at the KFNA booth at the

Judson Street Fest (4101 Harriet Ave. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Note the following changes: KFNA WILL NOT deliver individual garage sale packets to homes this year. Bring your sale confirmation card (which will be mailed to you, upon receipt of your registration form) to the Judson Street Fest on May 19 or to the opening Kingfield Market on June 3 for a free KFNA T-shirt. Choose from: Kingfield Market 06 / Lucky Girl 05 / KFNA logo shirts (sizes and quantities are limited).

KFNA Annual Garage Sale Registration Form

Sale Date: **Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
Payment Due by noon; Wednesday, May 16th
_____ \$10 individual sale _____ \$30 group sale*

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
How many years have you participated in the Kingfield Garage Sale? _____

Make your tax-deductible donation payment to:
KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Room #101, Minneapolis, MN 55409

*A group sale must represent at least 5 households on a block and registration information must be provided for all participants in the group block sale. Call the KFNA office at (612) 823-5980 with questions.

Items for sale
household furniture
sporting equipment
books/videos/CDs/DVDs
baby items
children's toys/clothing
mens' clothing
women's clothing
knick-knacks
antiques/collectibles
tools
other:

Kingfield, CARAG Residents form Garden Co-op

Round about March, when the days just aren't getting longer fast enough, Midwestern gardeners start fantasizing about plants. This year, thanks to the efforts of a small group of neighbors, Kingfield residents have a new choice when planning their spring gardens.

Urban Earth Co-op, located at 910 West 36th Street (Bryant Corners NW), opened for business in October 2006. Through the dedicated work of a core group of organizers and a gaggle of volunteers, the shop made it through the winter and hundreds of important landmarks: becoming a registered cooperative; scheduling volunteers; ordering and selling several seasons of merchandise, electing a Board of Directors; hiring a General Manager and staff; and keeping up with their thriving floral business.

The dream of a plant-related co-op began in April 2006 when CARAG resident Gay Noble learned that the floral shop at Bryant Corners was looking for a new tenant. Gay contacted some neighborhood friends with green thumbs and gathered a core group of organizers. Eventually the group included Gay, Kelly Ceynowa, Mary Ann Knox, Roberta Avidor, Elaine Beyer, Ellan Meyer, Lisa McDonald, Stephen Eiseminger, Carol Bouska and Rick Krolack. As planning continued some members left the core group and took on roles within the co-op's assorted committees.

CARAG's Livability Committee supplied a grant that allowed the co-op to focus on meeting the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. Urban Earth held its Grand Opening on



Employee Cana Potter tends plants at Urban Earth Co-op

October 28, 2006, hosting over 150 people. The co-op now has nearly 200 members and employs a General Manager, a Floral Designer and two Florists.

Urban Earth has established a wonderful plant library which is available for meetings and is maximizing the use of its shop and greenhouse space by offering workshops (kid gardening, houseplants, seed starting, etc.) and hosting local artists from time to time.

Urban Earth also has a stylish virtual presence. Their site is filled with plant-related information, FAQs regarding houseplants and gardening, photos and links to other interesting sites. A calendar lists upcoming events, class schedules and regular bouquet specials both in-store and via their worldwide delivery network.

Winter is almost over and for gardeners, now comes the fun part of the year. The staff of Urban Earth Flower & Garden Co-op is ready to help you plant the urban garden of your dreams.

Urban Earth Flower & Garden Co-op
910 West 36th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408
612-824-0066
www.urbanearthcoop.org

-Jaquelynn Goessling

Celebrating Martin Luther King

January 15th, 2007 marked the 39th year since we lost Dr. Martin Luther King Jr; it was also an occasion to honor his life's work. On Monday night cultures came together in song, dance and spoken word to celebrate the dream that he shared with our country. On this night the dream was truly a reality.

This year's celebration opened with tribal dances and drumming by the Little Earth Community followed by the beautiful Peacock Dancers from Men's Little China and the folkloric dances of Mexico Lindo. The beautiful voices of Palbasha Siddique and Abdi Gelle wowed all of us with their beautiful renditions of "It's in Everyone of Us" and "HIBO" while the powerful spoken word of Latisha Jones made all of us answer many questions within ourselves.

Special thanks to our Emcee Toki Wright and Keynote Speaker Alvin Brown Jr. Congratulations to Sandra Hollinger Samuels, the 2007 "Living the Dream" Award recipient.

Important MLK events can be found on the newsletter calendar or by contacting the park at 612-370-4908 or www.minneapolisparcs.org. Other ongoing activities include: Adult Open Volleyball on Thursday nights from 6:15-8:30 p.m., Open Scrapbooking on the 2nd Sunday of the Month from 1:00-7:00pm, and Adult Dodgeball (see related article on this page).

-Brian Cornell, MLK Park

Business Façade Improvement

Ungerma Construction, 45th & Nicollet, is the first Kingfield business to receive a \$12,500 matching grant from the KFNA Business Façade Improvement (BFIP) Grant Program, which was reopened in January. Keep your eyes on Ungerma this summer as the old siding is torn off to reveal the original brick, repairing what has been destroyed to recreate the building's historic look. A limestone sign will also be built onto the building and the windows facing Nicollet will be replaced. KFNA is thrilled to be a partner in this project!

Home Repair Resources

KFNA Emergency Home Repair Grant - One-time grants for low income homeowners for emergency repairs to correct hazardous conditions. Call KFNA at 612-823-5980x3

Metro Paint-A-Thon - volunteers paint the exterior of your house or garage. Information and applications are available to those on a fixed income by calling 612-721-9687 ext 321. Applications are due May 11.

A Brush With Kindness - volunteers are available to do interior or exterior painting, repairs, planting and general yard clean-up for homeowners on a fixed income. Applications are taken throughout the year. Volunteers are needed, too. For further info or an application, call 612-788-8169.

The Center for Energy and Environment offers low interest loans to homeowners (regardless of income) that want to make energy improvements to their properties. Applications are available at www.mncee.org or by calling 612-335-5858

-Diane Sponheim

Little Kids Soccer

Through the winter we've been meeting Friday evenings in the King Park gym, our normal winter mix of 15 to 20 little kids of every color, age and skill. The majority of the kids continue to be from outside of the Kingfield Neighborhood. Many thanks to volunteer adult leaders Maren Gregerson (back from New York City) and Paul Vanderford (back from South Africa), and youth coaches Kristian Lee, Kaitlin Yoder-Henley, Claire Swanson, Claire Stumbras, Jessica Derrick, and Soren Walljasper.

Our plans for Spring and Summer kids' soccer are still in the works. We will continue to design programs for 4-year-olds, 5-6's, 7-9's, and 10-12's. The summer program will most likely run Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:15 PM, and Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:15 AM, starting June 13th and running through July 28th. As for spring, we are trying to set up league play twice a week, possibly with another park, for late April through early June. Call Michael Vanderford (612/ 827-3014) for status and structure.

You and your child can get a taste of the little kids' soccer program at the KFNA Annual meeting on Monday, April 16th. Parents are invited to bring their 4-12 year-old children to the gym on their way to the Annual Meeting. We will have adult volunteers and youth coaches ready to engage the children in an array of fun games and some soccer during the Annual Meeting time.

-Michael Vanderford

MLK Adult Dodgeball Teams Forming

Here's an opportunity you won't want to miss! In an effort to build connections between a wide assortment of community stakeholders, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association is working with the Minneapolis Park Board to organize a Spring Adult Dodgeball League. The details are available on the KFNA website at www.kingfield.org but the short version is this:

- * Each team can have 4 - 12 players (6 is typical but you can play with as few as 4)
- * Players must be over 18
- * Games are on Tuesday evenings at 6, 7, or 8 PM and last one hour.
- * Season runs from April 16th to June 11th

KFNA is looking for volunteers to start teams, especially teams that are willing to let newcomers join, or individuals to join teams that are already forming. To register your own team, contact Tim Grate at the Minneapolis Park Board at tgrate@minneapolisparcs.org or 612.230.6491. To join a team that is looking for additional players or start a team that doesn't have a full roster yet, contact Sarah at KFNA at kfna@email.com or 612.823.5980.

Adult Building Nights

Over 300 people have attended two adult building parties at Leonardo's Basement, thanks to a KFNA Community-Initiated grant. The events are designed to build interest in the annual Community Art Show held in March.

Guests have crafted fashion accessories with duct tape, carved creatures using foam couch cushions, built beautiful lamps, designed stringed instruments, composed electronic music, tinkered metal luminaries and made spin art in a washing machine. Brave souls deposited chunks of plastic, marbles, hardware and other items in a clothes dryer to hear the sounds (the bowling ball was fantastic!).

Beginning next month, adults will be able to take classes to learn how to do similar things. Leonardo's Basement is starting a new program for adults called Studio Bricolage. Beginning and advanced students can learn technical skills and outrageous art and craft techniques while mixing with others who want to learn something new. Check the web site in early March at www.studiobricolage.org.

The next adults-only building party is Friday, May 11. The fun begins at 7 pm. If you have questions, contact Steve Jevning at 612-824-4394.

-Steve Jevning



"Leonardo" guest creates spin art in a washing machine!

Greggo Magnets

In 2005 Greg Sargent, owner of Greggo Magnets, Inc, purchased the building formerly occupied by Mulroy's AutoShop at 8 West 43rd Street. Following extensive remodeling, Greg moved his international art magnet business into the now unobtrusive space, just steps away from the popular Corner Table Restaurant and Anodyne coffee shop.

You've probably seen the products created by Greggo Magnets. Locally they are sold at the Walker Art Center, the Science Museum and Bibelot shops. The standard product is a 7 x 9 sheet magnet, which is printed with a variety of designs and motifs, then silhouette cut to allow the featured objects to be removed and arranged on any metal object. Product descriptions include Magnetic Flowers, Magnetic Hieroglyphs, and Magnetic Ceramic, along with character themes such as Magnetic Tut, which allows the user to layer the loinclothed Tut in garments, jewelry, gold faceplate and sarcophagi.

If the Tut design brings to mind the naked Venus or David magnets adorning so many kitchen refrigerators, you get the picture. In fact, over a decade ago, the initial seeds of Greggo Magnets were sown when Greg met the creator of the David and Venus magnets while skiing in Switzerland. Greg had been working in the industrial design field for many years and he saw unlimited potential for creating artistic designs on sheet magnets. He soon launched Greggo Magnets, leaving behind his job as an art director at Target Corporation in Minneapolis.

Initially, the product was manufactured locally but that soon proved unprofitable and manufacturing was outsourced to China. Essentially a one-man-shop, Greg works with artists to create and implement the designs, which are sent to China for manufacturing. Greg receives the finished products and ships them to retailers all over the globe. Greggo Magnets has reps in New York, Hong Kong, Edinburgh and Los Angeles. These reps place the product mostly in high-end museum gift stores and boutiques.

The Greggo Magnets office and warehouse location is NOT a retail outlet. However, there is a newly redesigned website that allows anybody to purchase product directly. That address is www.GreggoMagnets.com.

Greg is very happy to have Kingfield as not only his business address, but his place of residence as well. In an effort to improve the look and feel of his business property, he is exploring the possibility of converting some of the paved area adjacent to his building into green space.



Greg Sargent, of Greggo Magnets, Inc.

Whitney Book and Print Store

Kathleen Gonzalez has moved her book, map and print store to the Kingfield neighborhood. Formerly she was proprietor of the Whitney Annex, connected to her brother's store, Magers and Quinn in Uptown.

Dark wooden barrister book shelves house a variety of out-of-print, antiquarian and uncommon books. Because of the limited size of her space, Gonzalez has narrowed her in-store selection to mostly illustrated volumes: history, science, poetry and literature. The art of the book - typography, binding, bookplates, and illustration processes, such as etching - is another area of specialization. Gonzalez also runs an online business which sells a broader selection of books, as well as prints and maps.

The walls of Whitney Book and Print are filled with framed maps and an eclectic range of prints, including botanical, architectural and historical illustrations. For those who enjoy the process of the hunt, scores of matted prints are stacked around the shop, as well as albums arranged by topic where prints, maps, pages of books and magazines await your perusal.

Kathleen Gonzalez is fascinated with "all things paper," she says, pointing out the wonderful array of ephemera

she has available: tickets, ballots, brochures, advertisements, playbills and more. She tells the story of an historic brochure on the topic of dentistry she found once, which contained golden ink for the illustrations of dental crowns. It sold quickly to a dentist who searched out unique collectibles related to his profession. Gonzalez delights in helping customers find unique, personal gifts, or the perfect addition to their own collection.

Whitney Book and Print has been open since August 2006, and it continues to be a work in progress. Gonzalez spends many hours working into the nights sorting, researching and continually adding to the inventory displayed in the store. Behind each carefully preserved item there is a well researched story. Formerly of Kansas City, Gonzales was known in that region as "the one who was always on her knees," searching for pieces that captured her fancy at book fairs, estate sales and auctions. She still buys and sells through these venues, as well as via the internet.

Whether you seek a gift, art for your own home or simply a few moments to soak in history - step into Whitney Book and Print. It is a jewel, right here in our neighborhood.

Whitney Book & Print Store, 4157 Grand Ave. S.
612-374-4212
Open 11 - 6, Tuesday - Saturday.
www.bookmaps.com

-Diane Sponheim

-Thor Anderson

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The Peacock Dancers were featured performers at the Martin Luther King Celebration. More on page 3!

Calendar of Events

March 12	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	MLK Park Spring Sports Registration MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. 612-370-4908 or www.minneapolisparcs.org
March 15	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	4th Annual Dinner Flashlight Egg Hunt MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.
March 18	10:30-11:30	Learn about the KFNAB Board - want to get involved? President Erik Lindseth, Anodyne Coffee @ 43rd
March 24	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	"Art to /Div/ for" Art Show and Silent Auction Anodyne Coffee @ 43rd
April 9	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Preschool Environmental Classes Tuesdays, MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.
April 16	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Kingfield Annual Meeting Parade of the Hotshes: Community Potluck Meeting/Board Members Elections MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.
April 16	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Adult Dodge Ball League MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. to join or start a team call 612-823-5980
May 11	7 p.m.	Leonardo's Basement Adult Build Night 4301 Nicollet Ave. S., 612-824-4394
May 19	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale Registration form enclosed or at www.kingfield.org
May 19	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Judson Street Fest 4101 Harriet Ave.
June 3	9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Kingfield Farmers Market Opens Free Perennial Plant Exchange and more! 4310 Nicollet Ave. S.