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HAPPY READING TO ALL!

Sun-filled days that stretch until 9 p.m., wildflowers, hummingbirds, and countless other happy reminders that spring is in full swing here in the Pacific Northwest with summer just around the corner.

After a mostly sun-filled week here in Glacier, it may feel like summer has already arrived, but school buses are still making their rounds as kids anxiously count down the days to summer vacation. If the weather permits, opening day for the MBR pool next weekend will undoubtedly help bolster their spirits. It's fair to say pool-opening day ranks number one for kids and adults alike as the most anticipated event of the year. Be sure and take a quick refresher of the pool rules inside so you're ready to jump right in once the momentous occasion arrives.

As for the MBR Board and office staff, we're counting down to our most anticipated event of the year, the Annual General Meeting, otherwise known as the AGM. With less than a month to go, you'll be hearing those three letters often throughout this edition. There are quite a few additional spring and summer happenings we'll be covering as well, many of which have become Rim traditions for

this time of year. If you start to feel a sense of déjà vu from last spring's edition of Baker Bits, don't worry; it's not just you.

To mix in a something new, we're excited to include a new feature we hope could turn into a recurring section of Baker Bits. For lack of a better title (we'd love your creative ideas for this as well), we're calling it the Member Writer-Artist Showcase. We've tossed around the idea for some time to ask members to submit their own writings, art, photography, or other interesting creative works they are willing to share. Kicking it off is none other than long-time resident Mark Waterbury. We're confident you'll enjoy it as much as we enjoyed enlisting Mark to be our guinea pig. Thanks a million, Mark!

Last, but far from least, Happy Mother's Day to all of our maternal members! For the record, this includes mothers of all kinds. Whether your children are biological or from other life circumstances, on earth or in heaven, human or furry with four legs—you make this world a special place!

Happy reading to all!



AGM on Saturday, June 9th

Registration to vote at the AGM is 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. The meeting begins at 1 p.m.

The MBR Annual General Meeting is set for Saturday, June 9th, in the clubhouse. We need your input: we want to know your concerns, and we would love to know what we are doing right! Members who attend the meeting will enjoy complimentary pastries, sandwiches, and soft drinks, coffee, and tea.

We have some important issues to vote on, so please set the date aside and join us and your neighbors for a rollicking good time!

All members will receive by mail the Notification Letter, Amendment Proposals, and Proxy information prior to the meeting. The comprehensive AGM meeting packet is available on the MBRCC website (www.mtbakerrim.com). If you wish to obtain a printed copy of the complete packet, please call or email the office to arrange a mailing or stop by during regular office hours to pick one up on or after May 15th.

Password required for the online AGM Packet

This year the Board decided to add a simple layer of security to the contents of the complete AGM Packet available on our website. While the information it contains should be made readily available to members, there are numerous reasons why making it publicly accessible to the entire world is not only unnecessary, it opens the door to untold consequences not worth trying to predict. A simple, easy-to-implement solution is to protect the file with a password that we include in the meeting announcement mailed to all members.



Why not mail the complete packet to all members? The cost of printing and postage to add even one or two additional pages to each envelope can equate to hundreds of dollars. Those are dollars we think you will agree can spent in far more productive ways. The ability to access information from any device, at any location, and at any time is also incredibly convenient, especially to members who travel extensively or are co-owners of a property.

You can find the password on the sticker located on the bottom of the letter from MBR Board President Peter Berow in the mailed announcement. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call or email the office.

Proxies

Other than the password needed to open the online PDF document, there's one other item in the announcement notice that was mailed that you won't find in the AGM Packet: your proxy form. Proxies are printed such that the owners' name(s) and properties are printed on the form. A proxy is the authority to represent someone else, especially in voting. If you can't make it in person to the AGM on June 9th in the clubhouse, you can still exercise your right to vote by designating a proxy to cast your vote at the meeting for you.

Members and proxies who register before the meeting both count towards the quorum necessary for the meeting to commence and both may cast votes. Non-members who do not have a proxy are welcome to observe the meeting, but may not speak or vote.

See you there!



AGM VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need one volunteer, as two members have volunteered to help with counting votes and recording them. If you're interested, please contact the MBR office 360-599-2946 or email office@mtbakerrim.com.

Annual Spring Cleaning Dumpster

Once again, we will offer a 30-yard dumpster for members to pay-to-dispose of items not allowed in the compactor. It will be here May 19th through the 28th. We charge 20 cents per pound and it works on an honor system – estimate the weight of your material and pay at the office or online from our website at <https://mtbakerrim.com/Pay-Online>.

We CANNOT accept any hazardous materials such as: batteries, oil-based paints, used motor oils, anything with refrigerants in them (freezers, fridges, AC units, etc.), tires, propane tanks, or other combustible materials.

The Caretaker and staff will be on hand to answer questions, help unload, and take payments. Please ask if you are unsure if your item can go in the dumpster.

Examples of things members typically dump includes: old furniture, BBQs, carpets, unused building material (drywall, lumber, siding, etc.), yard debris, and mattresses. Aaron, our Caretaker, will also be providing a designated area for metal to be recycled properly, and if enough demand, electronics as well. Don't hesitate to contact Aaron with any questions at caretaker@mtbakerrim.com or by calling the office at 360-599-2946.



Pool Opening Soon!



Our 100,000 gallon outdoor pool usually opens for Victoria Day weekend – May 19th – IF the weather allows.

So far, it's looking good for next weekend, but the following Labor Day weekend – **May 26th** – is the **guaranteed opening date**. Fingers crossed for a warm and dry May!

Be sure to familiarize yourself and your guests with our pool and

clubhouse rules and regulations. We must follow the county guidelines in order to keep our permit to operate. We can and will police the area and ask people who are not complying with our important safety rules to leave the premises.

Note there is no lifeguard at the pool, so in accordance with county, state, and national laws, each child under age 13 must have a responsible adult with them at all times to ensure their safety. Children ages 13-17 cannot use pool alone. This is the reason MBR does not allow pool parties or large groups of children. We love pool parties, too, but safety comes first.

Pool & Clubhouse Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday - Sunday & holidays:
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Adult swim
Daily:
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
(Adults only, please)

Pool Rules

- Everyone must take a cleansing shower before using pool.
- If you have a disease that can be transmitted by water or have been ill with diarrhea or vomiting in the last 2 weeks, don't use the pool.
- Diapers must be changed in the designated changing area and must have a tight-fitting protective covering.
- People with seizure, heart, or circulatory problems should not swim alone.
- No running or rough playing.
- No food or drink allowed in the pool or on the pool deck. Water bottles are the only allowable item on the deck.
- Don't use pool when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- If you don't follow the rules, you may be removed from the premises.
- No flotation devices allowed by County law (no inflatable tubes, toys, rafts, etc.) Water wings and kick boards are allowed.
- In an Emergency, call 911. Emergency phone is located at deep end of the pool, mounted on the wall and is clearly marked.
- First-Aid Kit is located below and to the right of the phone.
- You must latch the gates behind you when entering or exiting the pool deck. This is for the safety of our children! Never block the door open.
- Please be courteous when using the pool – use family friendly language, don't use stereo equipment, don't lay towels down to claim lounge chairs and then leave. Share the area and help keep it clean and tidy.
- If you see someone acting inappropriately or dangerously, say something or report it to the Caretaker and Office!

Calling all MBR artists and writers

We want to feature your work in an upcoming Baker Bits!

Mt. Baker Rim invites submissions from our artistically talented community to feature in future editions of Baker Bits. It's not a competition, and it won't make you famous or rich—just neighbors sharing their creative musings with neighbors. We know the Rim is teeming with some seriously talented and creative members, so whether you are a writer hobbyist with poems or short stories, an illustrator or



email or call the MBR office.

painter, or even a gardener with a knack for growing some of Mother Nature's works of art, we'd love for you to share. A brief article or write-up to accompany creative work that isn't in written form is much appreciated.

Please be sure to abide by any copyrights and only share original work that, with your permission alone, we can in turn share and give credit where credit is due. For more information,

Member Writer-Artist Showcase: Mark Waterbury

By Christy Ables

Kicking off our new Member Writer-Artist Showcase is 15-year Rim resident Mark Waterbury. For the record, Mark didn't exactly volunteer for this—he's not usually one to showcase his artistic musings and certainly not a spotlight kind of guy, but it was tough not to recruit Mark after reading the impressive 15-page feature article *The Snowboarder's Journal* ran about him and his zany, never-before-published comic strips and the life story that inspired his cast of quirky misfit characters.

Mark has a vast collection of comic illustrations that he has largely kept to himself and basically just does for fun, though at times it serves as a cathartic way to get through difficult times.



Another Waterbury masterpiece that Mark may be better known for, which impressed the article's author as well, is his place here in the Rim. More specifically, what I call his enchanted garden. It's something else! You step through a vine-covered archway and swinging gate into an alternate world. I don't have adequate words to describe it and do it justice, but I think what makes it so cool and definitely unique are the hidden works of art ranging from whimsical to downright strange everywhere you look. Mark has a great description which the article author adopted and modified as his own, "Imagine if Dr. Seuss, Salvador Dali, and M.C. Escher came together to collaborate on a cabin in the woods. That's Mark's place."

I've known Mark for many years now—he's one of the first friends my husband Mike (better known as Tex) met when he moved to Glacier some twenty-something years ago. I knew he was one of those unconventional creative types. I didn't realize his artistic talents also include some amazing mural wall paintings until we were at the home of another longtime friend with an amazing wall-to-wall mural depicting a somewhat traditional Pacific Northwest landscape that is Mark's handiwork. Wow. Mark Waterbury? The artist who humbly doesn't think of himself as an artist, nor does he ever mention it.

In case you're not familiar with the award-winning photo-journal *The Snowboarder's Journal*, I should mention it's not the kind of snowboarding magazine you probably have in mind. Photo-journal is fitting given the glossy pages of breathtaking photos, but the witty and engaging articles could stand on their own. Published quarterly, the publication seeks "features that go beyond simple chronological accounts of snowboarding trips

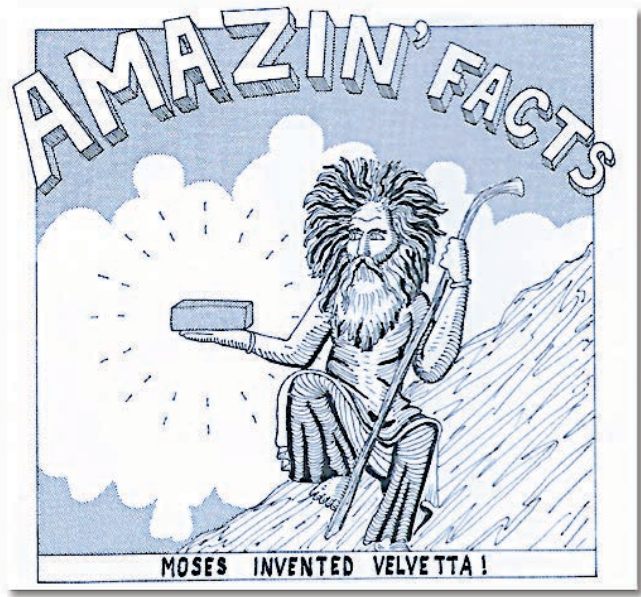
and delve into the history, culture, politics, and eccentricities of the places and people featured." Mission accomplished in their feature article with 12 full pages dedicated to Mark Waterbury. History, culture, and yes, eccentricity, are all included. The title: "Weird is as weird does."

Mark stopped by the office last weekend to see how the article was progressing. He said he learned a great deal about being interviewed for a feature article—I reminded him our little community newsletter wasn't going to generate quite the hype or carry near the prestige and professionalism as his last feature write-up, but I would do my best. I'll be nice, but I might still call you weird. Mark can live with that.

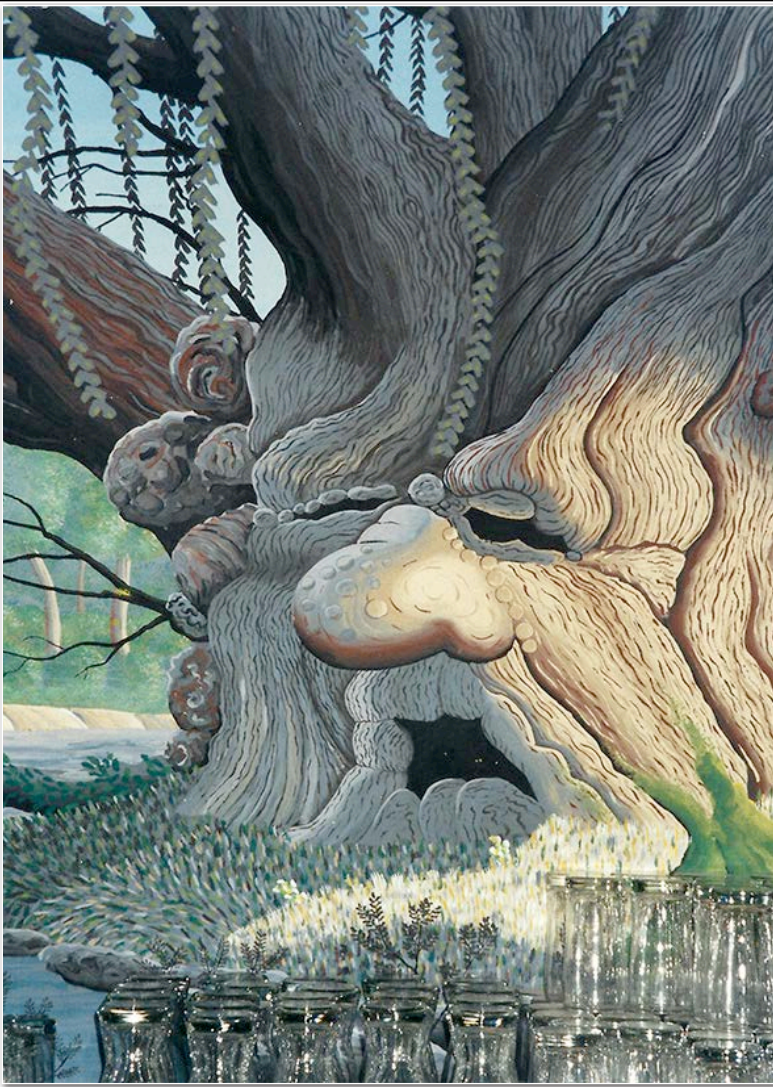
I'm glad Mark took the time to come in to the office so I could enlist his help choosing from the small sample of his artwork I had scanned from the magazine and some of his pictures. After all, the original idea for this section is that it be member-contributed. No surprise that Mark's wall murals are some of his favorite works, as they are mine as well.

I also understand why Mark seemed a little nervous entrusting me with his photos so I could include them in my own feature article. The Chandelier, the local bar that housed the murals in the photos, burned down many, many moons ago. The photos are all that's left as proof of the talent and time that went into their creation. I'm glad I was able to help preserve them in digital form.

Without further ado, here is a small slice of the artistic talents of Mark Waterbury.



Above: A small sampling of Mark's comic illustrations. There are simply too many to choose from, and many are full- or multi-page comic strips that we don't have room to show, or properly introduce their interesting band of misfit characters.



Left: Mark's wall mural behind the bar at the Chandelier, a local Glacier bar that, sadly, burned down a couple of decades ago. Mark's masterpieces were forever lost in their original form, but thankfully some photos remain. Hang around some longtime Glacierites long enough, and you'll still hear the stories and legends of the old Chandelier days. Mark was bartender in addition to resident wall painter (he claims he isn't an artist).

Right: this mermaid mural is one of Mark's favorites, and was also showcased within the doors of the Chandelier where Mark worked as a bartender. Her expression overlooking the pool tables is priceless.

