



# Madrone Hospice

*Quality Compassionate Care*

*January 2012—Happy New Year!*

## **The Art Auction is Coming!!**

March 16, 2012 at 5:00pm  
Miners Inn & Convention Center.

Once again, we will be auctioning off an array of wonderful pieces of art. Doors will open at 5:00 for champagne and preview.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce beginning February 15th. Keep in mind - tickets sell out quickly!

If you would like to donate art for the auction, please contact Cleo at 842-6200.



Cleo Wheeler, Human Resources Manager, and Audrey Flower, Executive Director with several of last years items.

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\* *Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours* \*  
\* *through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.* \*  
\* -Eskimo Proverb \*  
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## **Volunteer Recognition Garden Grant Received**

Madrone Hospice, Inc has received a grant from Shasta Regional Community Foundation funded by The James Irvine Foundation Arts Fund for “Public Arts in Celebration of Word, Literature and Literacy”.

A series of poetic quotes will be engraved on metal signs in the Volunteer Recognition Garden at the Hospice House. The signs will serve as inspiration for patients and families as they walk the handicap accessible garden path. Ralph Starritt is creating and fabricating the signs. The first sign can be seen in the photo to the right, with Audrey Flower, Executive Director and Beth Freeman, Program Director of the Shasta Regional Community Foundation.

The Volunteer Recognition Garden is the culmination of a vision developed by Jim and Judy Finses and supported by a variety of volunteers and donors.



## Notes from Audrey Flower, Executive Director



It is with a great deal of excitement that I welcome Terrie Berentsen as incoming Executive Director for Madrone Hospice. I would first like to commend our Board of Directors for the concentrated efforts to develop a vision for transition over the last 18 months. I would like to recognize Greg Messer, who chaired the transition committee including Mary Ellen Bryan, David Collier, Dawna Cozzalio, Bob Kaster, Doug Langford and Catey Olivolo to develop job search materials, process applications and coordinate interviews and hiring. It is amazing to note that four transition committee members including Mary Ellen, Dawna, Bob and Doug all sat on the board when I was hired in 1994!

I highly applaud their selection of Terrie Berentsen. Terrie first came to Madrone in 2007 as a social worker at the Adult Day Health Care Center, quickly moving into the role of director for that program. When we closed the Center in 2010, we moved Terrie to hospice, and in January of last year, she took over as Hospice Manager. This proved to be the perfect training ground for her to compete for the position of Executive Director.

It is my pleasure to introduce Terrie in the community. You have been very welcoming, yet quick to comment that she has very large shoes to fill! While I very much appreciate the recognition for the role I have played, it is important to realize that Terrie and I wear exactly the same size shoe – a size 7 1/2 (37 European)! She is a great asset to Madrone.

### Palliative Care

Palliative Care focuses on comfort care for health conditions which are not curable. In 2004, with funding from the California Endowment, we developed a program for patients who are not yet ready for hospice, or for those patients who graduate from hospice, yet continue to benefit from our support. The scope of our program has diminished to regular phone calls from a nurse to assess patient concerns. Our Board of Directors has encouraged us to explore expanding our Palliative Care Program.

Under Terrie's leadership, we are developing a pilot program which will include case management of palliative care patients. Through case management, we can help patients to explore options for managing their illness, discuss their condition with their doctor, manage pain or other distressing symptoms, cope with feelings of being confused and overwhelmed, discuss spiritual needs and improve communication with family members about their illness.

If you feel you may benefit from support by our palliative care team, and are not yet ready for hospice, please call 842-3160.

### PSA 2 Grant Awarded

Madrone Hospice recently received a grant in the amount of \$177,397 to continue funding for the Senior Transportation, Senior Center Meal and Home Bound Meal Programs from PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging.

### Light up a Life

Thank you for the wonderful support for Light up Life 2011. The number of people who participated was fantastic and the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department's support was invaluable. 365 names were read by Catey Olivolo, David Collier and Tana Gliatto, while candles were lit by the Volunteer Firefighters. The comradery solicited by such a touching event is enough to warm anyone's heart, even on a night as cold as that was.

# Memorial Donations for November 1, 2011 - December 14th, 2011

## Including Light up a Life Donations

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\* Remember Me

\* Do not shed tears when I have  
\* gone  
\* But smile instead because I have  
\* lived.

\* Do not shut your eyes and pray  
\* to god that I'll come back  
\* But open your eyes and see all  
\* that I have left behind.

\* I know your heart will be empty  
\* because you cannot see me  
\* But still I want you to be full of  
\* the love we shared.

\* You can turn your back on  
\* tomorrow and live only for  
\* yesterday  
\* Or you can be happy for  
\* tomorrow because of what  
\* happened between us  
\* yesterday.

\* You can remember me and  
\* grieve that I have gone  
\* Or you can cherish my memory  
\* and let it live on.

\* You can cry and lose yourself  
\* become distraught and turn  
\* your back on the world  
\* Or you can do what I want—  
\* smile, wipe away the tears,  
\* learn to love again and go  
\* on.

\* *-David Harkins*

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Because I could not stop for Death,  
he kindly stopped for me  
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In November and December we had several outstanding seasonal donations. First came the Methodist Church Women's Stitchers Guild with afghans for hospice patients. They generously donated 20 afghans and quilts which were promptly delivered and gratefully received.

The second came from Soroptimist International of Yreka with a wonderful Christmas donation. All of our donations are greatly appreciated, however, this one especially stood out because it was delivered in the form of a giant check – 8 ½” by 14” to be exact.

The third was from local artist and author, Catherine McElroy, who donated \$5 from each book sold through Madrone Hospice. The book, “It’s an absolutely perfect day for...”, has proven very popular.



Photo:  
Ellice Cunial,  
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with one of the  
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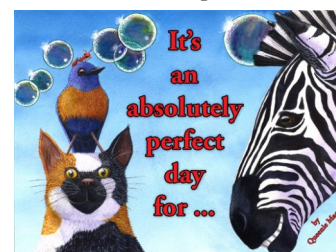


Photo: The cover of Catherine McElroy's  
“It’s an absolutely perfect day for...”

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **2nd and 4th Fridays - Breakfast Club**

Social support and activities for those who have lost a loved one. 10am at the Purple Plum.

### **March 16th - 26th Annual Art Auction**

5pm at the Miners Inn & Convention Center

### **Community Education Series - 2 pm on the 4th Wednesday of Each Month at the Yreka Community Center**

**January 25th** - How to protect yourself from fraud and scams.

**February 22nd** - 5 Wishes for End of Life choices

### **We're Going Digital!**

We are joining the technological revolution by making our newsletter available by e-mail! We will continue to mail a newsletter, however, for anyone interested in receiving their newsletter by e-mail instead, please e-mail [lydia@madronehospice.org](mailto:lydia@madronehospice.org) with your contact information!

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