

Sun 20 Sep, 2009

A great meeting yesterday, folks! It's nice to get together again after the summer.

NEW FACES

- George Stimac and son John

Great to meet you two! Thanks for sharing your story with us, and keep up the excellent work you're doing. Hope you can make it again!

UW APHASIA STUDY

Diane Kendall PhD, Rebecca Hunting-Pompon, and two grad students presented a new study to us which they are undertaking. They are researching language comprehension in adults with aphasia, and looking for participants. If your stroke is left-side and you have aphasia, contact them if you are interested. There will be an evaluation first to see if you are eligible, then a battery of tests. This may be performed *at your home* or at the UW. The study will pay you \$50 if you complete it. Contact Rebecca at 206-685-2140 or rhpompon@u.washington.edu.

ARTS & HOBBIES

Many members brought their artwork and hobbies to share:

- ◆ Valerie & Jerry Boen told us about their birdwatching, and showed us books, flashcards, and viewing scopes. They recommended a website <http://www.scn.org/tweeters/> as a good local resource for birders.
- ◆ Carolyn Hindman shared some watercolors she made from an art class she took this summer at the Wallingford Center.
- ◆ I showed an Australian didgeridoo, a long tube which makes a hypnotic drone sound when blown.
- ◆ Gary Ruen showed pictures of his copper pipe railing project from this summer.
- ◆ Christina Hansen shared some Norwegian Hardanger fine needlework she made.
- ◆ Mike Gordon showed us several clever gadgets and puzzles he has come up with, for clothing spills, holding playing cards, etc.
- ◆ Stan & Jan Shipley shared some paintings done by other group members Saul Pempe and John Tardif.

What a creative group! Many varied interests and passions.

ROUNDTABLE

After the art show we went around the room sharing our stories, advice, and experience. Every one of us has a dramatic and touching story to tell, and the courage and determination to get the most we can out of life. As I've said before, this group is incredibly inspiring!

Next month we have a speaker and some presentations from group members. Hope you can all make it!

Gerrit