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Around the House (1) – Recommended Trades People

If you have had work done in your suite, and thought highly of the trades men and women you employed, please let us know. We are often asked at the desk for the names of trades people, and it's a big help to now who has worked here before and has done quality work.



Thank you.



Around Town (1) – The Powell Street Festival.

The Powell Street Festival celebrates Japanese Canadian arts and culture. Vancouver's longest-running festival (2014 marks 38 years) celebrates

the city's vibrant, established Japanese community with food, drafts, taiko drumming, martial arts and much more. It takes place in Oppenheimer Park and in other venues, and runs from August 1st until the 3rd. Admission is free. There might even be sushi.

Around Town (2) - PNE 2014

It's back, by popular acclaim. There's so much to do and so little time. Meet the farm animals. Watch dog, horse or pig shows. See a concert – or five. Play the carnival games.



Go on rides at Playland. Watch the Superdogs race around the track. There are days' worth of activities to take in. The show runs from August 16<sup>th</sup> until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Around Town (3) - Color Me Rad

Color Me Rad is a 5K race for those who want to have fun while they are training. They describe it as "running with a purpose." If you're allergic to the metric system, corn starch, or unbridled joy, you'd probably be more comfortable watching Matlock than at the starting blocks of this color-filled 5k. But if you're itching for a great time and not from a bad case of diaper rash, Color Me Rad is the run for you.

By intelligent design or evolution, man was meant to run for one thing and one thing only: to stay alive. Pamplona was the first real race organized for what running should be: running from stuff that's going to kill, gore, or maim you.

This race is a whole lot of fun, for participant and spectator alike. Go for some sun in the sun.



The race takes place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Thunderbird Stadium on the UBC campus. The fun starts at 11am. A portion of the proceeds go to Special Olympics British Columbia.

Around Town (4) - Pride Parade 2014

Join the crowds for one of the most beautiful and diverse parades in the world. The Vancouver Pride Parade was granted civic status last year in 2013 and is one of the city's flagship events!

Attracting huge crowds, the Pride Parade is renowned on the international stage as one of the largest and most successful LGBTQ events in the world.



Expect rainbow-coloured balloon awnings, fabulous drag queens, leather daddies. From the scantily-clad to the elaborately-headdressed, Vancouver's Pride Parade is a magnificent display of diversity, spirit, creativity, and unity and one of the city's can't-miss summer events.

Beginning as a protest march through Davie Village in 1978, the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival has become a world-class Pride celebration, with over 150 float and parade entries, a party for 80,000 people at Sunset Beach, and over 700,000 attendees.

The Parade starts in downtown Vancouver, at Robson and Bute, and winds its way through the West End, the historic centre of Vancouver's LGBT community. It finishes at Sunset Beach, where the party continues with a Festival of vendors, live music, beer gardens and more.

A tip – don't go if you are easily offended. Some of the entertainment can be a bit raunchy. Floats roll at noon on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd.</sup>

Around Town (5) - Food Cart Fest

Food Cart Fest is back for another summer of "foodfuelled fun", as the Metro newspaper puts it. From noon until 5pm every Sunday, this festival gathers over twenty of Vancouver's top food carts in the heart of False Creek's Olympic Village.

Each afternoon will be a celebration of food, fun, and sun, complemented by community markets, live and music with DJs, craft food vendors, live entertainment and other activities.



There is no charge for admission. For all details please see <a href="https://www.foodcartfest.com">www.foodcartfest.com</a>.



Around Town (6) - Handel's II Trionfo del Tempo

Also known as The Triumph of Time and Good Counsel, this is the earliest surviving music-drama by one of the greatest composers in that form who

ever lived, the first of fifty-odd composed over the next 50 years or so.

Written when Handel was only 22, the story has few surprises, but the composer slips in jigs, lullabies, and calls to battle, seductions, laments, glees, and prayers, each with a distinctive instrumental accompaniment and each daring its performer to cut loose and show us just how dazzling he or she can improvise on the written notes of the songs.



There will be just one performance by Early Music Vancouver, on August 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Chan Shun Concert Hall on the UBC campus.

Around Town (7) – Telus Taiwanfest

TaiwanFest is back at the end of the month, running from August 30<sup>th</sup> until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Each year the festival showcases the people and culture of Taiwan. Events include performances, culinary displays and goodies to try, lectures, films, exhibitions and a wide variety of children's activities.

Dedicated to promoting Taiwanese Arts and Culture, the festival focusses on contemporary artistic expressions and it presents programs that reflect today's Taiwan. Activities will be at the Art Gallery and on closest blocks of Granville Street.

Food vendors will be everywhere, and from accounts from prior years the food is always very tasty. All details are at <a href="www.taiwanfest.ca">www.taiwanfest.ca</a>. Be sure to select the Vancouver site on-line, as the event also runs in Toronto a few days earlier.

A Little Further Afield – Harmony Arts Festival

This Festival takes place every August in West Vancouver, running this year from the 1<sup>st</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup>. There will many free outdoor concerts on two

outdoor stages. Visual arts will be represented with free outdoor movies, an Art Market and Art Exhibitions. Children's activities will include art workshops, exhibitions, concerts and family-friendly activities.

There will also be many culinary events, as there are at most of our Lower Mainland summer festivals. Almost all events take place right along the Ambleside shore.



Please see their website at <u>www.harmonyarts.ca</u> for more information.



Further Afield – Steveston Farmers and Artisans Market

On a sunny summer day, a drive out to Steveston can be a welcome break from downtown living. You can buy fish and prawns directly from the fishing boats at the quayside. And on the first and third Sunday throughout the summer you'll find the Market. It's located at the corner of Third Avenue and Moncton Street,



This popular Steveston attraction offers an array of vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods and tasty treats, and handicrafts including jewellery, skin care products, clothing and more. Vendors come from as far afield as the Fraser Valley, the Okanagan and the Sunshine Coast.

Still Further - Talley's Folly

The scene is the ornate, deserted Victorian boathouse, or "folly," on the Talley place in Lebanon, Missouri; the time 1944. Matt Friedman, a Jewish accountant from St. Louis, has arrived to plead his love for Sally Talley, the susceptible but uncertain daughter of a conservative Protestant family.

Bookish, erudite, totally honest, and delightfully funny, Matt refuses to accept Sally's rebuffs and her fears that her family will never approve of their marriage. Charming and indomitable, he gradually overcomes her defenses in this romantic, warmhearted comedy/drama.



This will be presented by the Mount Baker Theatre Company, just over the border in Bellingham. Please see their website of the same name for performance dates and times.

## Other Happenings this Month that deserve a Mention

- Port Coquitlam Annual Car Show, August 18<sup>th</sup>
- Celebration Light on Wednesday, Saturday and the following Wednesday
- Kits Festival, August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- Rod Stewart and Carlos Santana at Rogers Arena, August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Salmon Arm Roots and Blues Festival, August 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>
- Squamish Festival, August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- Coasters' Car Club Annual Sleepy Hollow Run (starting in Sechelt)
- Concours d'Elegance Car extravaganza,
  Pebble Beach, California, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Compliments of your One Wall Concierge Team: Eleanor, Kerry & Sunny