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Around the House (1) – Elevator Improvements

We hope to have new back cloths installed in both of our elevators soon. Council members have been working with a designer to come up with something suitable.



Around the House (2) - Climb the Wall

Yes, there's still time to register! The 13th Annual Climb the Wall: The Stairclimb for Clean Air Event, takes place on Sunday, March 16th.

Climb 490 feet, up 48 stories and 739 steps, and be home in time for lunch! The money raised by the climbers each year helps the BC Lung Association raise awareness for clean air initiatives and lung health programs. You know you are up to it – go to www.stairclimb.ca to register!

As usual, there will be a breakfast in the Grand Ballroom for all of the climbers, and One Wall residents are invited to join in. So, stock up on those carbs, and up you go!

Around Town (1) – Emily Carr in Haida Gwaii

Wrapping up this month is an exhibition at the Art Gallery concerning Emily Carr's 2 trips to Haida Gwaii. Emily Carr made the first of two trips to First Nations villages and old village sites in Haida Gwaii in 1912, during which time she produced a number of watercolours and oils on board.

She used her field studies as source material for major paintings, and the goal of these works was to capture the forms of the poles and, to a lesser degree, the circumstances of their placement in the landscape or village. Carr's second trip to Haida Gwaii occurred in 1928, when she was fifty-seven years old.

These later watercolours are different in execution—more forceful and more fully realized dimensionally—but have links to the works of 1912. Carr's failing health prevented additional trips to Haida Gwaii, but she returned to the totemic subjects toward the end of her career, when she produced two major canvases based on the 1912 sketches made in Skidegate.



Around Town (2) – Find and Eat Local (sic)

Technology has come to help those looking to track down local agricultural products, or to, as they say "Eat Local." If you have an iPhone, a new app called We Heart Local helps you find the closet restaurants or food suppliers that celebrate this province's rich agricultural bounty.



Farmers and other producers recognize a real desire amongst consumers to be more aware of what they are eating, and where that food came from. The app, available only on iPhones at present, showcases outlets in the city, the Fraser Valley and in the Okanagan.

The app also has an extensive list of recipes that highlight local foods. The website www.bcfarmers-market.org has more information.



Around Town (3) – Opera’s Greatest Hits

All opera companies are faced with declining attendances and the reluctance of patrons to commit to buying season tickets months in advance. So in an innovative new program, Vancouver Opera are taking their show on the road.

They bill each concert as an “intimate and affordable family concert”- an operatic tasting menu with young performers that hopes to get neophytes of all ages hooked. Numbers featured will be from Carmen (of course), The Barber of Seville and The Pearlfishers, with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.



They won’t be taking the orchestra on the road, however. Musical accompaniments will be on the piano. The series kicked off in February, and will touch down again this month at the Gateway Theatre in Richmond on March 22nd. For more information please see the Vancouver Opera website.

Around Town (4) – It’s Quiz Time.

Can you name an international singing star who has sold over 200 million records, and who can sing in five languages? Well, Petula Clark would have been a good guess, but it’s Nana Mouskuri we’re thinking about on this occasion.

Over the years, Ms Mouskuri has partnered with Quincy Jones and Harry Belafonte amongst many other musical luminaries.



Along with her musical achievements, Ms Mouskuri was an elected member of the European Parliament for 5 years, and she also known internationally as an ardent child-rights activist supporting significant causes. She has served as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador since 1993.

She is currently on a world tour. She will perform at the River Rock Casino in Richmond on one night only, Friday March 28th. Tickets are available through TicketMaster online, or by calling 1-855-985-5000.



Around Town (5) – Vancouver Maritime Museum

Late Night Thursdays at the Maritime Museum have been an enormous success. They will be extended through 2014.

Originally a sponsored initiative with funding from Vancouver Foundation, the Maritime Museum has decided to continue to remain open 5pm–8pm on Thursday evenings.



“We’ve had such an incredible response from our neighbours and from new friends and visitors that we just had to extend Late Night Thursdays. We’re excited by the amazing number of people who are using the opportunity to get to know us for the first time or to reacquaint themselves with this wonderful piece of Vancouver. The atmosphere within the museum on these evenings is very special.” Simon Robinson, Executive Director.

Around Town (6) – Vancouver International Autoshow

If a new ride is in your future, or if you’re just curious about new motoring trends, this is the show you won’t want to miss. It takes place at Vancouver Convention Centre West, 1055 Canada Place. Head for the Olympic Flame, and you won’t miss it.



The show runs from Tuesday March 25th until Sunday March 30th. Entry times vary, so be sure to check their web site before heading on down.

It’s at the show name above, with .com on the end.

Around Town (7) – A Comedy Interlude

Just For Laughs is thrilled to announce that for the first time Just For Laughs Festival alumni and *Breaking Bad* star Bill Burr will be appearing at the Vogue Theatre in Vancouver on March 16th and 17th.



Having first gained notoriety for his recurring role on the second season of Chappelle’s Show, Bill has become one of the top comedic voices of his generation achieving success in TV and films as well as on the live stage. Selling out theatres internationally, Bill has developed a comedic style of uninformed logic that has made him a regular on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Conan* and *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*. Bill has also received raves for his recurring role of “Kuby” on the hit AMC-TV show, *Breaking Bad*.

In October 2012, Bill released his third hour-long special, *You People Are All The Same*, for download exclusively through his website and now also available on Netflix. In addition, Bill’s Monday Morning Podcast, is an off-the-cuff weekly rant that has become a fan favourite and is

one of the most popular comedy podcasts on the web.



lead by Guinean percussionist and vocalist Alseny Michel Diallo.

As indicated, all events and performances take place in Centennial Square, and we're assured that parking won't be a problem.

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

Further Afield - Victoria French Festival

This festival sashays into our capital city for the 16th time on March 9th and 10th, 2014.

It will feature many free performances in Centennial Square, with vendors and entertainers on site. Acts will include The Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, Andy St-Louis, a songwriter from Quebec coming to BC for her first visit, Le Bal à l'huile, a traditional French music band, and Cuban-born pianist Pablo Cardenas. Cardenas will be performing with his 4-piece Latin Jazz Combo. And that's just on the Saturday.



Sunday's performances will include a percussion performance by Jordan Hansen from Drum Victoria, plus the music of Kumbia who have spiced up southern British Columbia with their hot mixture of Afro-Caribbean rhythms.

Additionally, Kouskous is a World Folk Music duo which features Mediterranean-inspired vocal inflections and guitar stylings combined with spicy and exotic Middle-Eastern rhythms, and Kikeyambay is a Victoria-based musical project