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Around the House (1) – Recycling of Electronics

If you have an old computer, television, VCR, cell phone or other outdated electronic device, there's now an easy way to dispose of it. The hotel has supplied a skip for the recycling of such items. It's located by the South Tower loading dock.



Be sure to ask if you don't know where that is. And we can lend you a dolly to help you remove larger/heavier items.



Around Town (1) – IDSwest

Established in 2004, IDSwest (Interior Design West Show) is the largest contemporary design show on the West Coast proudly showcasing local, national and international brands in an engaging

design forward environment. It's been running since 2004.

Showgoers can talk with artisans about their handcrafted products, such as Amanda Parker's black quill necklace, or a wall installation of strangely beautiful fabric barnacles. And on the macro end of things, this year's big picture items include a laneway home that's small in size but big in concept.



The show runs from September 19th through the 22nd, but note that the first day is for "trade" clients only. It will be held at the Convention Centre, at the foot of Burrard Street.

A very extensive show brochure can be found at www.idswest.com.

Around Town (2) – Fifty Shades (The Musical)

You've probably heard of the book, *Fifty Shades of Grey*, which has been a runaway best-seller in the last year or so. Now we have *Fifty Shades, The Musical*, which is a parody of the (in)famous book. As reported in *Time* magazine back in January, "File this under 'Probably Inevitable': *Fifty Shades of Grey* is getting the musical treatment. That's right, there's finally a play your inner goddess, your book club and your mother-in-law can all agree on.

The work, which is based on the eyebrow-raising *50 Shades of Grey* trilogy by British author E.L. James, drew large crowds to the Chicago theatre where it originally opened and it played at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival before its New York premiere.



The show opens with a book club cracking open the steamy tome, which tells the tale of the love affair between millionaire bondage aficionado Christian Grey and his innocent young ingénue, Anastasia Steele. According to the [Sun Times](#), “Through their interpretation of the novel, the audience is led on a hilarious roller coaster ride of this unlikely bestseller.”

The theatrical production proceeds to skewer the popular and bawdy books via sight gags (Christian Grey with a pot belly!), quick paced dialogue and sketch comedy. The show also features a live band performing 11 original songs, including the raunchily titled “They Get Nasty,” “I Don’t Make Love, I “F#!” and “There’s a Hole Inside of Me.”

While the source material is certainly blush-worthy, according to the [New York Post](#), the musical “won’t make the average theatergoer squirm.” However, the play is recommended for audience members over the age of 18 because of its adult themes.

The show runs (if that’s the correct verb) at the Orpheum on September 21st. There will be two performances (again, if that’s the word) one at 2pm and the other at 8.

Around Town (3) – MexicoFest – Experience Mexico in Vancouver

MexicoFest celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's Independence. It has grown to be the most important festival to be hosted by the Consulate of Mexico in British Columbia. Due to the growing interest the festival has attracted from the local community, MexicoFest has become an opportunity to showcase some of Mexico’s renowned tourist spots and a way to bring about a greater understanding of the country.



Mexico Fest encompasses a whole week of activities, starting on September 5th and concluding on the 15th. Events include Culinary Week, the movie “No Quiero Dormir Sola” (translation available at the desk, if needed), a fashion show at the Fairmont Pacific Rim, a Mexican food trade show, and a golf tournament. And on September 7th there will be a celebration of Mexican Independence, to be held at the Convention Centre.



Around Town (4) – Tango and Folklore Fall Festival

This month, Vancouver welcomes a spectacular group of teachers, musicians and performers to the city. Enjoy Tango, passion with the masters, such as Miriam Larici and Leonardo Barrionuevo, who are dancing better than ever.

Music will be provided by the Alejandro Ziegler Quartet (Piano, Bandoneon, Violin and Bass). Alejandro is a composer who has passion for his career as a musician. Claudio Otero and Elizabeth Roccela will also perform. They travel around the world performing in folklore and tango shows.



The festival runs from September 26th until the 29th. Venues, specific dates and times will be announced on their website, which can be found at www.bctango.com.

Around Town (5) – Sensible BC

If you are stopped in the downtown core by someone with a clipboard on any day after September 9th, for change, they may not be soliciting funds for Greenpeace. They will be seeking support for the Sensible BC campaign for a marijuana referendum.

And since Justin Trudeau recently admitted to taking up a few years ago, this campaign will doubtless receive a great deal of media attention. The organizers need to collect over 400,000 signatures before December 5th to bring forward a referendum next year.



The organizers are calling upon the BC government to pass the [Sensible Policing Act](#), which will stop police from searching or arresting otherwise law-abiding citizens for possession of marijuana.

The Sensible Policing Act also demands the federal government repeal marijuana prohibition, and mandates the BC government to figure out the rules needed for a legal marijuana system in BC.

Around the Province – Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

In 1994, a small team of employees and volunteers from the Vancouver Aquarium decided to clean up a local beach in Stanley Park to help protect the city's shorelines. By 1997, 400 volunteers were participating in 20 sites across British Columbia as part of the Great BC Beach Cleanup.

In 2012, the Shoreline Cleanup celebrated its 19th anniversary with more than 57,000 volunteers, and expanded the spring cleanup to include school groups in Ontario and British Columbia. Today, it

is recognized as one of the largest direct action conservation programs in Canada, as well as the most significant contributor to the International Coastal Cleanup in Canada.



Last year 136,036 kg of litter was removed from Canadian beaches. The top five items collected were cigarettes and filters, food wrappers, plastic bags, caps and lids, and plastic drinks bottles. A total of 3,102 km of shoreline was cleaned.

If you are feeling energetic and conservation-minded, you can sign up to take part at the web site of the same name. The campaign runs from September 21st until the 29th.

Further Afield – Cultus Lake Audio Show

So the lake, the mountains, the cute waterfront cottages, the rustic environment – none of these entices you to tackle the 90-minute or so drive to Cultus Lake? Well how about this: there will be a Vintage Audio Show and Sale/Swap Meet in the Cultus Lake Community Hall on September 29th.



Now could be the time to exchange your harsh-sounding modern transistor gear for a vintage and warm piece of Marantz kit. They'll also have old tube gear, beloved by audiophiles everywhere. As they say, "it's worth the detour."

The hall is at 4220 Columbia Valley Highway. A web search on fraservalleyvintageaudiofair will tell you all you need to know.

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