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### Around the House (1) Heat Pump Filters

The start of the warmer weather may be a good time to replace your heat pump air filter/s, if you haven't already done so. We have all sizes in stock. Just stop by the desk and ask for what you need. In most cases, the filters are \$10 each.



### Around Town (1) – Dine Out Vancouver

It's back. Vancouver's delicious celebration of BC food and wine is here again. You can enjoy a three-course dinner at any of over 180 of the city's hottest restaurants for \$18, \$28 or \$38 per person, complemented by fabulous BC VQA wine pairing suggestions. Please see [www.foodvancouver.com](http://www.foodvancouver.com) for all of the details. The shindig runs from April 26<sup>th</sup> until May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Around Town (2) - Asian Heritage Month

The whole of May is Asian Heritage Month in not just our fair city, but throughout the country. This is to acknowledge the long and rich history of Asian Canadians, and their contributions to the country. Celebrate at the annual community arts and culture festival called explorASIAN. For information please call 604-569-2781, or see their web site at [www.explorasian.com](http://www.explorasian.com).

### Around Town (3) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada International Mariachi Festival

Experience the excitement and culture of some of the best international performers, musicians and dancers, five Mariachi bands from Mexico, the USA and Canada, folkloric groups, special guest singers, and on and on. This will be entertainment that will make for an unforgettable spring memory. And afterwards you will be able to answer that age-old question, as to why the smallest musician in a mariachi band always plays the largest guitar.

Their website is at [www.mariachifestival.ca](http://www.mariachifestival.ca), and all of the events take place at the Chan Centre. There is also an information line at 604-338-4064.



### Around Town (4) – More About Wine

UBC's Wine Research Centre offers an award-winning wine appreciation program for burgeoning and longtime grape enthusiasts. Expert instructors use innovative exercises to develop sensory skills for wine and food pairing and expanding your wine vocabulary, and arm you with the knowledge to discern nuances in a wide range of varietals.



For those looking to step up their skills into a career in wine, the university also offers wine certification courses in partnership with Fine Vintage Limited. The courses take place at both the Point Grey Campus and downtown at the campus in Robson Square. Summer registration is now open. For details please see [www.languages.ubc.ca/winearts/index.html](http://www.languages.ubc.ca/winearts/index.html).

### **Around Town (5) – Eat Vancouver Food and Cooking Festival**

And more on the topic of food. May 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> sees Eat! Vancouver come to town. This is the only consumer food, beverage and cooking festival in town. Celebrity chefs, popular local restaurants, wineries, food and beverage manufacturers, cookbook authors, artisans and many others from the culinary world come together for a 3-day extravaganza.



The whole she-bang takes place at the (relatively) new Convention Centre, down on the waterfront in Coal Harbour. There is no information phone line, but [www.eat-vancouver.com](http://www.eat-vancouver.com) should tell you all you need to know, and probably lots more.



### **Around Town (6) – Juice Salon and Esthetics**

There's a newish salon in town that's getting rave reviews. It's Juice, located on Cambie Street in Yaletown. Their services include Cutting and Hair Services, colouring and specialty hair treatments for those with unique styling challenges. There is also a full range of services from the Esthetician, plus manicures, pedicures and nail extensions. The website [www.discovervancouver.com](http://www.discovervancouver.com) comments:

“Jen Cook at Juice Salon at Cambie & Nelson is the BEST!! She listens, she does what's best for your hair and face and she won't quit until you're happy. And she's sooo sweet and FUN! I've sent other people to her as well and they all say they've had the best haircuts in their lives from her.”

Juice is located at 1041 Cambie Street, just about half a dozen blocks from One Wall. Their phone number is 604-682-5823, and appointments are advised. Their web site is, as you'd expect, [www.juicesalon.com](http://www.juicesalon.com).

### **Around Town (7) – Pat Metheny – Orchestrion**

Of his latest musical venture, Pat Metheny writes: "There just has never really been a concert like this before. It is something new for people and for me too. And I have never gotten an audience reaction like this. All through Europe, people were going crazy and I think a big part of that comes from the uniqueness of this experience. And for me, it is about the most fun I have ever had onstage. Each night is a new adventure."

Night after night, standing ovations from sold out crowds in Europe continued to show their appreciation throughout the 40+ concert tour. The album went gold in Poland. It was number 1 on the charts in Germany, France, and Italy. Don't

miss the opportunity to see what many are describing as an amazing musical experience.



Pat Metheny plays at the Centre for the Performing Arts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are still some tickets available.

### **Around Town (8) – The Eagles**

Yes, they are still around, and still performing. The Eagles appear at GM place on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and then at the PNE Coliseum on May 14<sup>th</sup> on their “Long Road Out of Eden” tour. They will perform hits from their chart- topping Long Road Out of Eden album as well as classic selections from the group’s unparalleled songbook.

The Eagles have sold more than 120 million albums worldwide, earning five #1 U.S. singles and six GRAMMY® Awards. Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975 is the best-selling album of all time, with sales of 29 million. The band's Hotel California and Their Greatest Hits Volume 2 have sold more than 16 and 11 million albums respectively. They were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1998. Visit the band’s Web site at [www.eaglesband.com](http://www.eaglesband.com) for more information and show times.

### **Further Afield - Lund Shellfish Festival**

Lund is a small town on the Sunshine Coast, just 26km north of Powell River. From May 21<sup>st</sup> until the 23<sup>rd</sup> they are holding a shellfish festival. There will be live music, boat tours, cooking demonstrations, and of course, more shellfish than you can shake a stick at. All of the details are at [www.lundbc.ca](http://www.lundbc.ca).

### **And Even Further – Spend Mother’s Day on Horseback**

There’s a Mother’s Day Special at the Big Bar Ranch in the Cariboo. Rates include accommodation, meals, and a two-hour ride on each of two days. The special is available from May 7<sup>th</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup>. See [www.bigbarranch.com](http://www.bigbarranch.com) for more information, and [www.bcguest ranches.com](http://www.bcguest ranches.com) for other open air destinations in the province.



### **And Finally – An Unexpected Use for Babies**

Psychologists in the UK have discovered that keeping a picture of a cute baby in your wallet will increase your chances of having the wallet returned if you ever lose it. After planting 240 wallets in the streets of Edinburgh last year they found that nearly half of the wallets were mailed back to the owner.

Among those that were returned, 88 percent of the wallets which contained a picture of a baby were returned compared to 53 percent for wallets with a picture of a puppy, 48 percent for a photo of a family, 28 percent for a picture of an elderly couple, and only 15 percent for wallets with no photo whatsoever.

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