

a/o OCT. 16, 2014
FREE PARKDALE (QUEEN WEST) Art + Design + Food WALK
Thursday October 23, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Led by Betty Ann Jordan, Art InSite; Max. 60 RSVPs
RSVP via Meetup.com or bajordan@sympatico.ca; LATE? Call cell 416-453-3120
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ITINERARY (Triller Ave. to Roncesvalles)

*Proposed Stops, some very brief

MEET **QUEEN WEST ANTIQUE CENTRE/ HIDEAWAY ANTIQUES @1605 Queen St. West, one block east of Roncesvalles /Vast impressive space on site of former Parkdale Cinema dating from the 1920s to 1970s. Owners Amy + Mike Mason specialize in impeccable ("10 out of 10") mid-century modern designer furniture and lighting and "cool salvage" from schools including exceedingly fabulous science-lab 3-D models and maps. BROWSE + MEET the team to learn about a business that has smartly anchored Parkdale's antiques and collectibles section for the past 18 years.

WALKING WEST TO RONCESVALLES, South Side: James Dy Antiques (one of several spaces belonging to Dy in this block) + Sam the Chandelier Man + Era Antiques + Stella Luna (women's vintage).

CROSS AT RONCEY TO NORTH SIDE and head back east:

-HISTORIC BUILDING @ 1730 QSW/ Former Bank of Canada, c. 1924 (now a sound-recording studio). SEE Parkdale Village Historical Society website <http://pvhs.info/>

-LOONIE TIMES @1720/ Mascot factory produces and repairs those furry suits in which people cavort to rev up the crowd at sporting events; ("We create the World's Most Loveable Mascots"). Created Woody the Live-Green tree mascot recently.

-LOCAL KITCHEN @1710/ Great, intimate local fave where you will sup well

*-ZE-ZE FOOD + DRINK @ 1704/Breakfast, lunch + dinner every day except Monday. Had best vegetarian lunch ever here: Korean pancake with squash, onions, special sweet-tangy brown sauce, topped with crispy vegetable flakes (like tiny chips); made fresh, took about 15 minutes; \$11/ Transcendent textures and flavours courtesy owner/chef Haeyeon An

*BLACK PUG DMK/ WIND GROVE INTERIORS @1712/ Japanese ex-pat, DJ-designer-maker "Dice" creates funky custom interiors and bar-resto furniture; graced 7 bars/clubs including the Black Dice bar on Dundas St. West; MEET Dice + design-associate Mark Sutherland, Wind Grove Interiors

*PLAY DEAD CULT @1696/formerly in Kensington Market; trippy gallery/boutique/studio devoted to "dark art + monster fashion"; Co-founders' Bean + Stu Dead's motto is "For the Black Collar Worker;" MEET Bean and peak into studio where Stu makes prints, paints boom-boxes, silkscreens t-shirts and creates the vision: "We won't stop until we've created a Playdead theme park + circus!" ALSO hair stylist Kimberley Georgiadis creates the perfect dead-or-alive mauve-tinted silver coif on the premises.

*CHARTREUSE STYLE @1692/ Designer/green avatar/proprietor Mary Ann Kowala specializes in sustainable significantly local fashion + accessories + cosmetics; her designs and others' including graphically punchy upcycled Totem bags made from vinyl signage

*STUDIO 1686 @1686 QSW/ recent designer clothes + wardrobe + bridal styling for "fashionistas on a budget." Owners Marya Duplaga and sister Irene get stuff from movie and TV sets (where they work as "stylists to the stars") i.e. "Time Traveller's Wife."

**COMPLIMENTARY FOOD SAMPLES Absurdly delicious donuts from GLORY HOLE DONUTS (1596 QSW is their storefront location) served at Studio 1686; Compliments of Parkdale Village Business Improvement Area

*NORTH STANDARD TRADING POST @1662/ Large, beautifully designed and merchandized lifestyle boutique city/country, unisex clothing + accessories that are "Canadian-designed or -made, or Canadian 'in spirit;'" products that relate to nature and can weather the elements; MEET charming owners Francesco Fiore and Pamela Hopson to learn about their vision + design collaboration with stellar Toronto design + branding wunderkinds Doublenaut

7:40 – 7:55 WALK BACK WEST to MATA BAR @1690 QSW

@ MATA PETISCO BAR @1690/ We recommend their Caiphirinia cocktail (rum, limes, cane liquor,) at this lovely new Brazilian-inflected resto-lounge, owned by food+drink mavens who are revising the West End. MEET Sharath. D, owner/manager and/or Steven, floor manager to learn more.

8:00 TOUR OFFICIALLY ENDS/

8:00 – 9:30 PM POST-TOUR FOOD + DRINK + DEBRIEF*

YOU'RE INVITED To JOIN US* with the *CAVEAT that Mata has limited space, so we have only been able to secure a reservation for 8 persons.*

That said there may well be room for more of us to eat and drink at Mata at our own expense;

Alternatively, we recommend Local Kitchen @1710 QSW or Food + Liquor @1620 QSW