

FREE PARKDALE (QUEEN WEST) Art + Design + Food WALK

Thursday September 25, 6:00 - 8:00PM

Led by Betty Ann Jordan, Art InSite; Max. 50 RSVPs

RSVP via Meetup.com or bajordan@sympatico.ca; LATE? Call cell 416-453-3120

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ITINERARY (Queen West from Dufferin to Cowan). *South Side venues in italics*

PRE-WALK @WEST END FOOD COOP 1229 QSW/ Superb source of pre-walk, healthy prepared foods and snacks; you do not have to be a member to buy stuff

6:00 – 6:15 PM @CROWN FLORA 1233 QSW, Rear, via Gwynne Ave. (west of Dufferin) / VIEW + SHOP botanical creations including mini-terrariums suspended in glass globes + botanically themed, locally designed and fabricated waxed canvas bags + other textile-based accessories. MEET owners Davis Khounnoraj and Adam Mallory, in business in another Parkdale location since 2010, prior to relocating in June to this very large and lovely space; LEARN about their ongoing series of all-ages courses on indoor-gardening, micro-gardening, and textile-printing, held in the airy studio space onsite

6:15 – 6:30 **WALK-BYS** of BARS: Four venues that exemplify Parkdale's rep as a great fun evening-out destination for every mood and group size....

-MOTEL 1235 (*tiny, no food*)

-THE PARKDALE DRINK 1292/ 416-778-8822. *Large patio, glass waterfall. Resto/martini bar*

-RHINO BAR & GRILL 1249 (*good for groups, private dining-room w. skylight; food; mags*)

-THE STONES PLACE 1255 (*large place, food, dancing, big patio on side*)

WALK-BYS of GOOD EATS in a vaunted culinary neighborhood....

-PORZIA 1314, *good food, small space*

-CHANTECLER 1320, *good food, small space*

-[FYI] ST. CLARE CENTRE + ST. FRANCIS TABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE 1322/ *Founded by Capuchin monastic order; community outreach to marginalized denizens of Parkdale, especially those with mental health or addiction issues*

NOTE: WRONG BAR 1279/ *Run by the city's top electronica, hiphop or hardcore DJs. Big dance floor; Owner/booker Nav Sangha (also owns Great Hall on Queen West + Riverside Public House in Leslieville)*

6:30 – 6:40 ROTATE BETWEEN... Two very different men's-wear boutiques:

-ELEVATOR @1273 ELEVATOR 1273/ *Menswear and unisex accessories; for MEET charismatic MEET charming British-born owner, Nico to LEARN about fall essentials*

6:40 -6:50 COMMUNITY 54 @1275 QSW/ *Men's hip-hop gear + cafe (with a second venue in NYC), supplying hundreds of stores around the world. MEET team, including dynamic founder Joel + VIEW street-art murals in rear courtyard; COFFEE by Sam James roastery/cafe*

7:00 – 7:20 GALLERY 1313 @1313 QSW/ *A seminal, artist-run exhibition and performance space, with a long and influential track record. MEET gallery director Phil Anderson ("Mr. Parkdale Arts") + VIEW paintings of High Park by Shiya Kunzawa + photographs of the Junction Railway by Bill Filiou + MEET ARTISTS [TBC]*

7:25 – 7:35 THE TEMPERED ROOM @1374 QSW (at Cowan). (Just-opening) bakery and catering headquarters featuring pastries and savoury items. Parisian-native, chef-owner Bernard Alepee is one of the Group of Seven chefs that are galvanizing the west-end food scene. MEET Alepee to learn more. 8 AM to 8 PM; mostly takeout; ***COMPLIMENTARY FOOD SAMPLES COURTESY WALK SPONSOR, PARKDALE BIA

WALK-BYS [HEADING BACK EAST on QUEEN] of FASHION/DESIGN venues featuring local/Canadian talent...

-SHOP GIRLS GALERIE BOUTIQUE 1342/ Local designers collectively showcase their women's apparel and accessories
- THE WORKROOM 1340/ Sewing classes all levels. Seminal venue that has greatly contributed to Parkdale's rep as a DIY haven

7:40 – 7:55 @MADE YOU LOOK JEWELLERY STUDIO + GALLERY @1338 QSW/ Impresario Sarah. MEET Sarah and PEEK into STUDIOS where 20 branded, in-house designers rent benches and create in onsite; in retail space Buy works by more than 100 local jewelers; jewelry repair, wedding-ring design, vintage pieces redesigned, engraving

WALK-BYS of more cool RESTO-LOUNGES:

-THE PARKDALE DRINK 1292/ Resto/martini bar w. large patio and glass waterfall

[TBC, because in final stages of renovation] 7:55 - 8:05 DUGGAN'S BREWERY @1346 QSW/ [corner Brock + Queen] / Brew-master Michael Duggan has created signature brews for other venues but this is his first proprietorship; celebrated TO serve Kennedy's signature pub fries in this huge space. Lots of buzz; has had pop-up soft openings on Thursday and Saturday nights since mid-Aug. 2014. Actual opening TBA.

***[TBC] COMPLIMENTARY BEER-TASTING of IN-HOUSE DUGGAN'S BREW COURTESY Duggan's + Parkdale Village Business Improvement Area

8:05 TOUR OFFICIALLY ENDS/

POST-TOUR FOOD + DRINK + DEBRIEF @ CADILLAC LOUNGE @ 1296 QSW/ Join us (at your own expense) for drinks + bar-pub food at the ever-funky and capacious Cadillac Lounge. Live music, two large back patios, one covered.

NEXT BIA-SPONSORED PARKDALE WALK 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Thurs. October 23, 2014

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