

Around the Market – a quick look at what's going on

Art Stall Gallery images Market

During July, the artists of the Art Stall Gallery, in the Economy Market Arcade, are displaying their images of the Market.

The special collection is a continuation of the gallery's 40th anniversary celebration. Each submission is the artist's unique perspective drawn from their time in the Market.

Submissions range from Nancy Rothwell's bright, but brooding "Market Evening," to Billie Torbensen's electrically charged multi-media presentation titled "Market News."

The artists invite you to come and enjoy the Market with them.

Election Day at the PDA

Five PDA Council positions are up for election.

Voting will begin after the July 19 Constituency meeting and continue from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 20, on Flower Row (the arcade to the northwest of where they throw the fish). Details are still in the works, as of publication:

Patrick Kerr and Ann Magnano are running for the four-year position. David Goedousi and Ernie Sherman are running for the two-year position. Mercedes Yaeger is running for the secretary position. Mary Kay Sherwood, Miss

Tegan, Bill Kirschner and Geof Logan are running for two at-large positions.

Constituency elections tend to be action-packed events. Spectators are allowed but to cast a vote one must have been a member of the constituency for at least one month.

Bastille Day dans le Marche

(Bastille Day in the Market)

Thursday, July 14, is Bastille Day (French Independence Day) and though (most likely) there will be no storming of the prison, there will be celebrations of l'indépendance, including *beaucoup de parties et danser et excitation en le Marche*. C'mon and party like it is 1789.

•**Maximilien's** French restaurant, behind Don and Joe's Meats (next to where they throw the fish); the soiree will include music and dancing beginning *tôt en soireé*. The special menu *étant préparé* – the view, the charm and the romance will all be *inclus*. Call 682-7270 or pop by le restaurant for more information.

•Beginning 5 p.m. in Post Alley the restaurant **Campagne** will begin a special evening of festivities, including live music, singing-and-dancing, and *beaucoup célébration* lingering late into the night. Go to www.campagnerestaurant.com for up-to-date information.

•**Le Pichet**, on First and Virginia, *commence et le* 6 p.m. until midnight, featuring a special menu of Parisian street food classics, special wine selections (by the glass, *le pichet* or the bottle) and loads of *l'entertainment*. Music beings at 7 p.m. with the Left Bank-style gypsy-jazz guitar of The Djangomatics. At 11 p.m. DJ Danni takes over, representing Paris, Marrakech, Cairo and beyond, lingering into *le minuit*. Le Pichet tends to get so full they trade chairs for barrels – then dance around the barrels. No cover charge, but reservations are accepted. For more information contact Jim or Joanne.

Chef Tours through the Market

July 9 through August 6 renowned local chefs will lead walking tours through the Market.

While strolling, chefs will give insight on culinary shopping and introduce Market food merchants. The tour will conclude at the Heritage Center, 1531 Western Avenue, with a delicious lunch made with fresh ingredients purchased by the chef.

For more information or to sign-up (availability is limited) go to www.pikeplacemarket.org/frameset.asp?flash=true

The dar Salaam, a Moroccan Museum

Dar Salaam, the Moroccan Import shop, inside the Sanitary Market off Post Alley past Seattle's Best Coffee, welcomes its biggest shipment ever, a 40-foot container of amazing and unique Moroccan artifacts.

The new collection includes large mirrors

inlaid with fossilized camel bones, one-of-a-kind hand-made pottery representative of different areas, lamps made of leather and henna art, hand-cut geometric tables, hand-painted ceramics, exotic jewelry and scarves. More is constantly being unveiled. You must see it to understand.

Owner Salah runs the place a bit like a museum curator, explaining items and telling their stories. Though originally from Fez, he imports from and deals with families from all of Morocco. Salah says you can't talk about Moroccan art without talking about Moroccan culture.

The arts are products of the people and the lands. The arts are influenced by Berbers, Moors, Spaniards, sub-Saharan Africans and the rest of Europe, resulting in a unique style. Because of its location, Morocco is the gate to Africa and the entrance to Europe. Still the identity of Moroccan culture remains intact.

Salah enjoys being part of the Pike Place Market, it reminds him of the *souks* in Morocco, where locals and travelers congregate together. It is a gathering place where tourists and locals congregate to trade, to shop, to talk and to visit. He is proud to bring art from northwest Africa to 'the West.'

Salah invites everyone to see for themselves, all are welcome 'with or without.' He is sure there is something for everyone.

Did you see him on TV?

Ben Bish, one of the fish launchers at Pike Place Fish, was a guest on Oprah June 20 – actually a rerun of a show that broadcast in February.

Bish said he thought the call from the show was a prank, since it was just two days after his 21st birthday.

Nope, no joke.

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