

New Store Alert!

Hoo boy, kittens. Just in time for the holiday rush, three new retail spaces have opened up. First up, Shop Cocoon (3345 Cambie). Designers Brenda Li and Tiffany Ho have created a retail space modeled on similar concepts in Toronto and New York. Local designers rent fixtures and store space and sell without store commissions. Next is Hunt & Gather (225 Carrall) an atelier shop showcasing the talents of designer Natalie Purschwitz. Finally, we have another clothing store/art gallery at The Petri Dish (2406 Main) which will be showing an expo of the work of Audra Ricketts. Shop well!

School's Out!

Earlier this month Fashion High, an organization comprised of fashion industry insiders that educates the public about Vancouver's fashion scene, asked thirteen local designers to create one-of-a-kind handbags. The jury's in and Fashion High will be auctioning off the six winning handbags by local designers Lolo, Hamid R. Noury, Dish, Danae, Speed Queen and Mala Kuja. Profits from the auction will benefit a sticker program to identify stores that sell locally designed merchandise. Catch a sneak peak of these couture originals at the Fashion High Sample Sale, Thursday, Nov. 17 at Hemptown (1307 Venables), 4-9 p.m. The live auction will take place, at the

SHOP TALK

Crave Party Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Roundhouse Community Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews), 5-9 p.m. Tickets \$15. Visit CraveParty.com for details.

Life is an Art

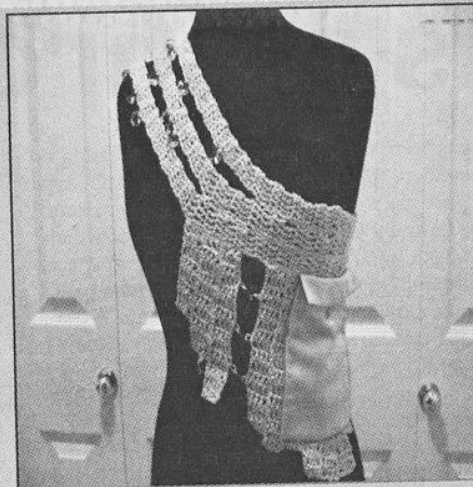
So it naturally follows that you should visit An Artful Life from Friday, Nov. 18 to Sunday, Nov. 20 at Masonic Hall (1495 West 8, 4th floor). The halls of a spooky secret society will be the setting for a three-day fundraising fashion event for the Canadian Breast Cancer Society. Admission to the Holiday Market \$2. Friday features a 7 p.m. fashion show with hors d'oeuvres and wine. Saturday's 11 a.m. show will feature chai, coffee and baked goods. Fashion Show tickets \$20 at 604 228-8268. Visit InspiringYoga.com for more info.

Putting a Wiggle in it

Wiggle 12 rears her fabulous head Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Celebrities (1022 Davie), 10 p.m. Join the House of Venus for an evening of art, performance, fabulous headdresses and fashion. Last year's event was a totally great time, I think. I can't really remember anything after the stripper. I woke up in Point Roberts without my pants. Join the cool kids for a night of utter debauchery.

Tie one on...

Is Dad sick of getting the same crappy tie every



Bustier or bag? Visit Fashion High.

year? Has he ever had a hankering for an Elvis Costello ascot or a Brent Butt bow-tie? Well now's your chance to make pops happy this Noel. The bidding continues until Nov. 26 in the 9th Annual Royal City Jewellers Tie Day. Visit RCJ.ca and peruse neckwear signed by the likes of Brooks & Dunn, Scotty Bowman, Johnny Bower, Michael Buble, Leonard Cohen, Tiger Williams, Guy Lafleur, Wayne Gretzky, Trevor Linden...the list goes on and on. The lesbian on your list will love the Jann Arden. Hands off

the Hilary Duff. It's mine! All proceeds to benefit the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

Deck someone else's halls

Apparel BC presents Santa Clothes, a fashion industry reception, Thursday, Dec. 1 at The Rowing Club (Stanley Park), 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 (and AT LEAST one garment) at Jacqueline@apparel-bc.org or 604 986-2003. Donated items of clothing will benefit Lower Mainland Seniors (subsidized nursing homes for those without family or friends) and YWCA Crabtree Corner (disadvantaged children, families and single mothers) so that they will have something to wear this holiday season. Those who wish to donate clothing without attending the party can call 604 986-2003 to arrange collection.

Helping others makes you pretty...

Don't believe me? Just see how good you look at Winter Wonderland. The most beautiful local retailers will be plying their wares Tuesday, Dec. 6 at The Roundhouse Community Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews) 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. admission is a mere \$2 or a non-perishable food item. Keep giving 'til it hurts with a silent auction featuring Sinbi Collection, Hylas & Nymph, Mala Kuja, Togs Designs and Twice Shy. Visit FoodBank.bc.ca for more information. ☐