

## Around The Market

### **Thirty Years of 'Get Crump'**

This month the Market Crumpet Shop, 1503 First Avenue, celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The family owned and operated cafe and takeout crumpet cookin' capital offers a fun take on what is thought to be "stogy British cuisine." If you've never tried on of these tiny circles of light but buttery nosh (similar to an English Muffin) the time is nigh. The cozy shop offers an array of coordinating teas (some pre-steeped) and other tempting treats. For folk on the go, the signature crumpets are available to go, but get there early they sell out almost everyday.

### **Fellini at the Pink Door**

The Pink Door, 1919 Post Alley, will be closed January 1 through 3, but once they La Padrona Straordinario (Jacquelina Di Roberto) presents her latest and greatest wine event: Cinema Vino.

Each Saturday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, at around 7 p.m., in the lounge a custom screen will feature a Fellini flick. The \$20 entry fee gets you a movie, an antipasto buffet, three tastes of exclusive wines (from Italia and beyond) and maybe some *nuovi amici*.

Stay posted Cinema Vino hopes to feature a different Italian director/theme each month. Seating is limited, arrive early and for more information call 443-3241.

### **African Territory Increases**

The Pan African Market, 1521 First Avenue, grew. The popular and authentically ethnic lunch spot and market expanded to encompass what was the Mile Six jewelry shop, across from Old Duffers. As the "Pan" indicates the bright caf offers much more than one thing, including Ethiopian cuisine, seafood stews from Madagascar and chicken

dishes from Senegal. They infuse their (reasonably priced) dishes with a striking blend of catchy Mediterranean flavors, incorporating influences from the north. Besides eat-in meals, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or 8 p.m. depending on the day), the Pan African Market does takeout, creates desserts, sells cookbooks and hot sauces, and now does catering. Call 652-2462 or stop by for more tasty information.

### **Without Geography We're Nowhere**

If you didn't get quite WHERE you wanted to be over the holidays pop by Seattle favorite Metsker Maps, now celebrating almost two years in the Market, for info and maps of all the corners of the earth. Historic maps, plush globes, books and all sorts of cool stuff. Check out their Washington Wine Playing Cards. This Bridge-size deck includes 52 unique cards that celebrate Washington's wine heritage with beautiful watercolor illustrations. The perfect gift for all types of wine enthusiasts.

### **Mostly Italy Lisa Harris**

This month the Lisa Harris Gallery, 1922 Pike Place, welcomes "Mostly Italy," a series of vessel-shaped paintings by Seattle artist Wendy Thon. Thon's unique art comes from her Italian experiences; her imagery is influenced by images and symbols from the Adriatic, Mediterranean and other Aegean regions.

By using urn-shaped forms to develop her architectural and natural subjects, expounding on vessels that previously were an integral part of life. Vessels made for storing wine, olive oil, water, grain and even funerary ashes. Using Thon's unique painting and sculpture techniques, the vessels offer new interpretations of Italian vistas while others conjure imaginary spaces. She begins by sculpting a form in foam, and then repeatedly coats the substructure with a mixture of plaster and paper pulp to form a durable, yet lightweight painting surface. The wall relief is sanded thoroughly before painting in acrylic.

The artist's reception will be Thursday, January 5, from 6 until 8 p.m. The exhibition lasts through January 28.

### **Nostalgic Wind-up Action**

The Great Wind-up, in the Economy Atrium next to Tenzing Momo, stocks an amazing selection of wind-up toys as well as a few choice action figures, including J.P. Patches (the first ones sold out in a week!), Casanova and of course the fan favorite superstar librarian Nancy Pearl. Proprietor Alan Dounhour stocks a never ending selection of wind-up fodder including minoras, sushi, and more wild stuff than you can ever imagine. Stop by to learn more but remember, "Children left unattended will be towed."

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