

Vancouver filled with parties extraordinaire



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ON THE TOWN



CEO of Lions Gate Film Studios Peter Leitch and Marquis wine Cellars proprietor John Clerides snag birthday boy and *Thirty for Thirty* brainchild Warren Smith for a quick photo. Warren turned thirty Thursday and in celebration, 750 distinguished guests partied at the Rocky Mountaineer Station for his Make-a-Wish Foundation benefit.



Partners in gastronomy and in life, Cru Restaurant's Sommelier Mark Taylor and Chef Dana Reinhardt presented a four-course Pinot Noir Dinner in their fine dining establishment to a capacity crowd of adoring patrons.



Well on their way, Shelly Shaw, Cam Watt, and Lisa Ciniglio are loving Exposed! Liberty's flagship store played host to Exposed, an exclusive red carpet event that launched the Liberty Art Party 2006 on Thursday with nude models, Glowbal Catering's nude lychee martinis and a sensuous ambience surrounding stunning original artwork. The 13,000 square foot floor space was transformed into an intimate, candle-lit showcase of local talent that attracted local celebrities, aficionados and Liberty's knowledgeable clientele.



To thank loyal customers and celebrate the one-year anniversary, Hugo BOSS Womensew hosted an evening soiree with gorgeous models parading elegant wear and Nu Restaurant serving scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and Grey Goose cocktails. In honour of the special event, BOSS created a series of one-of-a-kind, limited edition messenger bags, with proceeds donated to BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre Foundation. Pictured, Executive Director BC Women's Hospital Cynthia Loveman, Nu Restaurateur Harry Kambolis, Hugo BOSS Director of PR Dawn Bellini, and Nu general manager Leonard Nakonechny.



Twin Berry Farms Newton and Ricki Sahota had their hands full with Urban Mixer PubliCist Nina Sohi during the *Thirty for Thirty* soiree, Thursday night at the Rocky Mountaineer Station.



News1130 Program Director Jacquie Donaldson had a wonderful evening with VGH cardiac sciences' Gayle Boddie and Susan Taylor during the Cru Restaurant's Pinot Noir Dinner and Tasting. The sold out event had everyone from veteran wine aficionados to newbies like me enjoying exquisite food and over a dozen pinots from around the world. Did you know that when making wine the pinot noir grape is one of the most finicky and fussy? And did you know that when skinless, the grape is the main component in making champagne?



So you think you know what's happening on the corner of 12th and Cambie? Not unless you've checked out FigMint Restaurant & Lounge. To launch his fall menu, Chef Lee Humphries and lounge manager Daniel Hawkins threw an invite-only event for the city's food critics and journalists Wednesday night. Four courses later, invitees were surprised by a grand finale like no other. In the lounge, the bar was set up with three massive, distinctly different cheese plates, each paired with either aged scotches, import beers, or fine wine. In all of my years I have never seen anything like it.



It was Sunday night at the Four Seasons Hotel, Cherree Mitchell, Gregor, and art historian Dr. Lynn Ruscheinsky had a fabulous evening at the Art for Life auction. Through the incredible generosity of many artists and galleries the fine art auction had 52 pieces up for grabs, with all proceeds supporting the Friends for Life Society, a place of health and wellness for people living with life-threatening illness.

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