



May 2008 e-News

2008 BIABC Best in the West Award Winner Downtown Merchant's Market

The annual BIA's of BC Conference was held in Penticton at the Lakeside Resort Convention Centre and Casino. Gay was presented with the **Community Programs, Partnerships and Special Events Award** at the Awards Banquet on Friday May 2nd 2008. The Award-winning Entry was for the Downtown Merchant's Market!

The Downtown Merchants Market began as the "200 Block Party" with a handful of merchants over twenty years ago. It has grown into a four-day event filled with family fun and sidewalk savings.

- Billed as "BC's Biggest Sidewalk Sale".
- Features live music and street performers over three blocks of Victoria Street.
- Each day has a "Main Event".
- It has become a true community celebration.

CAP Team 2008 resumes

We are accepting resumes Wednesday May 6 from 9:30 – noon at the KCBIA office for the summer of 2008 CAP Team.

May 21 - Golden Buddha 25yr Anniversary Party - Mixer

The Golden Buddha 247 Victoria St. 5 – 7 pm

Karen, Brenda and the KCBIA invite you to celebrate the 25yr Anniversary of the Golden Buddha. Prizes, Cocktails, Food, Fun, Friends. Drop in after work!

Downtown Guide & Directory Advertising – last chance

The 2008-09 Directory will run until May 2009. All ads are sold out but enhanced listings are still available until **May 7th**. Don't miss out on this great marketing opportunity. 8000 copies printed; bigger - 52 pages; wider distribution area. Email ads@freshbrand.ca.

May 28 - Business Security Information Session

Make yourself, your business and your employees less of a target for criminals! The City of Kamloops, the Kamloops RCMP and your local Business Improvement Association are inviting you to attend and learn about some strategies to better secure your business and tips on how to prevent property crime.

Wednesday, May 28 Plaza Heritage Hotel (405 Victoria Street) – two sessions: 7:30 am to 9:30 am AND 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm \$10.00 per person - reserve your seat early by contacting Athena @ 571-3851 or by email

athena.smith@rcmp-grc.gc.ca Refreshments will be provided

Don't forget to call the R.C.M.P.

The KCBIA Safety Committee would like to remind all business and property owners to call the R.C.M.P. for all incidents that occur. Descriptions of perpetrator(s) are helpful. The calls will have a two-fold implication - log statistics for building a case against the criminal element as the R.C.M.P are often compiling information on individuals and for requesting more R.C.M.P. resources. The R.C.M.P. have promised "immediate action" on your phone call.

Events

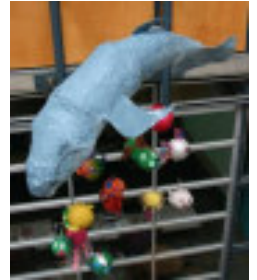
Kamloops Art Gallery

May 13 12:05 – 12:50pm Guided Curator Tour

May 13 6:30pm Jazz & Poetry at the Commodore – 369 Victoria St.

Free admission and appies while they last!

May 3 – June 20 "Hanging in the Balance" Beattie School of the Arts exhibition



Developing World Connections Swaziland July 26 – August 9

Call for volunteers – Swaziland. Call 434-2524 for more info or info@developingworldconnections.org

Interior Saving Centre

May 16 George Thorogood and The Destroyers

May 24 - 25 Scott FireFit Championships invites all Fire Fighters to participate and be Fitter, Faster, Stronger...

FireFit! Registration Contact Info: www.firefit.com to register online or call 1. 604.626.0918

Be part of our Success!

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