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COMMUNITY HERO AWARDS PRESENTED AT AGM

BY BOB LANG PHOTO BY EVAN WOOLLEY

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
each year, we recognize several volunteers for their contributions that help make this community a good place to live, work and play. Leslie Evans, Executive Director of the Federation of Calgary Communities presented the Toole Peet Community Hero Awards to the following people:

CREATORS OF THE COMMUNITY MURALS AT THE "PIT"

Everyone in this community knows about the "Pit" on 4th Street and how it has been an eyesore for many, many years. This year a group of community people decided to do something about it. They got together and created two art murals depicting the community and its many assets. This is a wonderful example of people working together to help make this community a better place. Those recognized were Jayda Karsten, Co-drummer Miron, Tej Jhunjhunwala, Kym Graham, Kendra Horosko and Mark Mycyk.

COMMUNITY HERO WHO DIDN'T HAVE TO BE ASKED

This spring, David Lee attended one of the Potluck events and when he learned about the sorry state of the castors on the piano, he said he could replace them. He was good to his word and this fall he replaced the worn out castors. It was not easy as the piano had to be jacked up in order to do the job. He says this piano is about 60 years old but has a very good timbre.

INITIATOR OF THE JAZZ CONCERT SERIES

In December 2009, Jan Mulder, jazz enthusiast, saxophonist and composer, approached the Community Association about using our

LEFT TO RIGHT: LESLIE EVANS AND MEGAN MCCARTHY



hall as a venue for a series of jazz concerts featuring Calgary artists. It took a while to work out the details but on March 3rd, 2010, the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Jazz Series started with the Gerry Hebert Quartet and subsequently these events became a great success. In the early days, the series was not well known but now this community is known as the place where good jazz music can be heard at a modest price. Jan volunteers his time scheduling the artists and the community provides the venue.

HOSTESS OF THE ACOUSTIC JAMS

Megan McCarthy has great passion for jam sessions, so it was not surprising that she volunteered to take over the coordination of these events. She brings a large assortment of instruments each time. She has to haul

them from home to the Community Centre and back home each time. She puts up a big sign at the entrance and then waits for people to come. She has recently made posters and they are now placed around the community. She is always very pleased to see new people attend. We really appreciate Megan's efforts.

INITIATORS OF THE COMMUNITY POTLUCKS

Among the newer events happening at the Community Centre are the Community Potlucks. A group of community people not on the Board started talking about holding potlucks once a month. The first one was held on April 9th this year and the awareness efforts have been gradually been expanded so more people know about them and attend. They are a way

DEAR EDITOR:

I appreciate that *The Mission Statement* focuses on community affairs; however as the political reports often drift into national and even international issues, I feel free to comment on Dave Taylor's report in the November/December 2011 issue regarding his support for bitumen export into the U.S. via the Keystone pipeline.

I certainly agree with his sentiment that "Alberta has the ability to be a world leader in sustainable energy and we need to get to work on a plan of action to accomplish the transition," however, I disagree with his support for the pipeline. We should, as he says, help ensure our "best customer can continue to power its economy," but we should not help it power its economy with the world's dirtiest oil.

In a world facing catastrophic climate change, developing tar sands production is folly. We do our great neighbour no favour by involving it in our foolishness.

— Bill Longstaff

EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's a new year, a new board, and I couldn't be more excited to be your *Mission Statement* Editor again this year. Thank you to the Board of Directors and to all of you who attended the AGM for giving me the opportunity to do this for a second year; I am truly grateful.

Calgary's Best Neighbourhood survey is now available, and the reasons to nominate Cliff Bungalow-Mission are endless! My top 3:

Walkability and location;

Heritage and character houses and buildings;

Mixed Use and diverse residents

Take the survey and of course nominate Cliff Bungalow-Mission!

— Sarah Hbeichi, Editor

CALGARY'S BEST NEIGHBOURHOODS

DO YOU LIVE IN CALGARY'S BEST NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Avenue magazine has launched its annual Best Neighbourhoods Survey. Working with Leger Marketing, *Avenue's* unique in-depth survey of the city's neighbourhoods invites all Calgarians to not only rate their own neighbourhood but to say what makes a neighbourhood great.

If you live in one of Calgary's Best Neighbourhoods we want to hear about it. The survey is only open until February 28, 2012, so log on as soon as you can. The survey can be found at AvenueCalgary.com/best-neighbourhoods-survey

Check out *Avenue's* August 2012 issue to find your 'hood in Best Neighbourhoods 2012.

To see 2011's 15 Best Neighbourhoods visit <http://www.avenuecalgary.com/articles/calgarys-best-neighbourhoods-2011>.

We Value Your Contributions

The Mission Statement exists to facilitate communication among residents of the Cliff Bungalow and Mission communities. We welcome your articles, stories, letters, announcements, and photos.

Your submission in typewritten, handwritten, or photographic print format can be mailed or dropped off at the Community Association mailbox at The UPS Store, 1811 4 Street SW, Suite 462, Calgary T2S 1W2, in an envelope labeled "Mission Statement".

Electronic submissions should preferably be in Word 97-2003 format or as high-resolution jpeg or tiff files, and can be sent to cbmca.editor@gmail.com.



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AGM ELECTS NEW BOARD

BY BOB LANG PHOTO BY EVAN WOOLLEY



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on November 30th was a great success. A large number of people attended and celebrated our community.

The following people were elected to the Board:

President – Bob Lang
 Vice President – Jan Pugh
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 Development Director – Rick Williams
 Heritage Director – Marilyn Williams
 Environment Director – Evan Woolley
 Social Director – Tej Jhunhunwala
 Directors at Large – Ron Singer, Auvo Wahlberg and Howard Zarvie

The new Bylaws were approved. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make this AGM one of the best we have had. Thank you also to everyone who made this last year a great year.

THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES

There were several local businesses that helped to make the AGM a success:

Servus Credit Union contributed \$200 towards the food everyone enjoyed. Servus is new to the area, located at 716 – 17 Avenue SW. Their branch manager, Brad Haslam, was in attendance illustrating their desire to connect with the community.

Other local businesses that contributed to the AGM's success were Mercato (\$100 of their delicious food), Wurst (\$100 of their delicious food) and Purple Perk who have contributed their great coffees for many years.

Thank you to all these community minded businesses.

TELEPHONE UPDATE

At the time of writing, we are waiting for our new phone system to be connected. The telephone number will remain the same 403-245-6001. You can contact me at 403-229-2762 or rvlang@aol.com.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Our UPS Store mailbox has moved a couple of blocks north: 1811 – 4 Street SW, Suite 462, Calgary T2S 1W2. You can mail or drop off mail to us there.

Our Community Centre address is unchanged: 2201 Cliff Street SW, one block west of 5th Street at 22nd Avenue SW.

MEMBERSHIPS

Many people bought their 2011-2012 memberships at the Annual General Meeting. Our membership year is from AGM to AGM. If you were not able to attend the AGM, you can use the coupon on Page 10 of this issue of *The Mission Statement* to send in your membership purchase or renewal. We appreciate your support. Remember to print your information.

DAYTIME ADULT DROP IN

We are initiating a new daytime Adult drop in at the community centre (2201 Cliff St SW). They will held on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 1 and 3 pm. You can help define exactly what kinds of activities will take place. It could be coffee and chatting about a topic or topics of the day. It could be cards games. It is up to you and your neighbours. Please note the community centre building also houses the Montessori School and the doors are locked during this time. You will need to ring the door bell twice for entry if no one is at the door. We will come and let you in. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact Ron Singer, one of our Directors at Large at 403-870-5513 or by e-mail at rvsinger@calcna.ab.ca. You can also drop off or mail your interest and suggestions to 1811 – 4 St SW, Suite 462, Calgary T2S 1W2. ☺

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- For information call (403) 541-1575

Ads are accepted from businesses and other organizations within the community or in close proximity or from Calgary-based cultural organizations.

INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS #9

STEPNEY RESIDENCE, A B.C. MILLS, TIMBER & TRADING CO. "READY-MADE" HOME

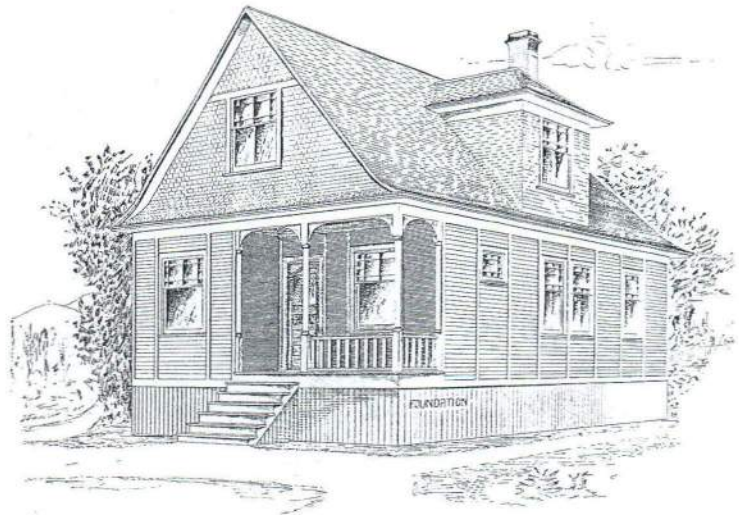
BY MARILYN WILLIAMS. THIS ARTICLE IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE ARTICLE ON PREFABRICATED HOMES PUBLISHED IN THE SEPT/OCT 2011 ISSUE.

THIS YEAR THE Stepney residence was added to the City of Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a city-wide resource for its exceptional construction technology. It is the only known example of a ready-made house in the city to retain its original cladding of distinctive four-foot wide preassembled, inter-locking wall panels. One of the reasons it is rare is that prefabricated houses were less common than kit homes, where plans and materials were ordered from catalogues. Also, the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Co. only produced ready-made building packages from 1904-10. Finally, it is believed that the owners of many of these homes covered the original walls with new siding, possibly because of the stigma associated with an "instant" home.

The B.C. Mills was an innovative construction technology for its time. The assembly and painting of the panels by skilled workmen in a manufacturing environment allowed for quality control. The patented design, held by B.C. Mills manager Edwin Mahony, had two other advantages. The four-foot-wide panels were cheaply fabricated from the short ends of lumber, normally scrap. They were also designed for the harsh prairie climate, with two layers of wood separated by tar paper and an insulating air space. Weather-proof moulding strips ran along the sides of each panel and the strips of adjacent panels were coupled and bolted together on site.

Ranchers Guy and Cedric Stepney were the first owners and builders of this ready-made home. Irish-born Guy Stepney purchased about 2,000 acres of CPR land near Gleichen to start a ranch and sailed to North America in the fall of 1906. He was only 24 years old. He and his brother Cedric lived in Gleichen at Marshall House (later known as the Gleichen Hotel), and at one point became its proprietors. That same fall the brothers obtained title to a property in Calgary (Rouleauville at that time). They visited Calgary several times in 1907, quite likely to oversee the "construction" of their home. By December their house was built, although unoccupied, and in 1908 it was sold to George Walsh. It is possible the brothers never lived in their home. Guy returned to England during WWII to join the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He died in Bournemouth, England in 1961.

The Stepney brothers chose a larger, town house model ready-made home. The windows, porch, rain gutters and trim would have been included with their package, but the storm windows were optional. Inside the home the pantry and doors (including hardware) were also included, but spe-



TOP: MODEL J-J READY-MADE HOME FROM THE B.C. MILLS 1904 TRADE CATALOGUE. COURTESY THE GLENBOW ARCHIVES

ABOVE: STEPNEY RESIDENCE, 228 - 18TH AVENUE S.W., NOTE THE FOUR-FOOT WALL PANELS. COURTESY THE CITY OF CALGARY

cial finishes were extra. The B.C. Mills homes were noted for their efficient floor plan. A model the size of the Stepney House would typically have included four bedrooms plus pantry and closets within its 1542 square foot floor plan.

But the practical layout did not mean that style was sacrificed. A 1904 Manitoba Free Press referred to the ready-made houses as "architectural gems" which were "graceful in appearance". The Stepney residence is a very early example of an Edwardian Gable Front house in Mission. It has a steeply pitched, front-facing gable roof with bell-cast eaves (my favourite feature). Hipped-roof dormers and large multi-pane windows give the home a picturesque quality. The open, full-width veranda and bay window also add to the charm. With the addition of this ready-made home to the city's inventory, our community now boasts forty Evaluated Historic Resources. ☛

NEW PLAYGROUND

BY ALEXANDRA BURROUGHS

FOR NEARLY 100 years the children of Cliff Bungalow and Mission have played in the space that surrounds the school on Cliff Street.

Through the stresses and challenges of everyday life kids could always be seen and heard tobogganing on the hills, playing soccer in the fields and -- when they were lucky enough to have a rink maintained by a friendly neighbour across the street -- they were skating or playing hockey.

The playground -- and its monkey bars, slides and tire swing -- has also been a constant source of fun, learning and physical fitness for our children. Now more than 30 years old, however, it has come into a state of disrepair and desperately needs to be replaced.

A group of concerned Cliff Bungalow-Mission residents as well as parents from the Montessori School of Calgary has come together to form The Urban Playground Restoration Society. It aims to replace the current structure in Spring 2012 with a safe, inclusive, environmentally sensitive playground where children can continue to develop and nurture a love of exploration and outdoor play.

The seven-person society includes Marilyn Williams, heritage director of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association. With Marilyn's guidance the new playground will fit in with the neighbourhood by using complementary colours and design. The committee is also working to make sure the structure does not offer design elements that could overshadow the neighbouring heritage building or provide overnight shelter.

Built in 1980, our playground has been put at the top of the list of playgrounds to be replaced by The City of Calgary, which owns the property and the Cliff Bungalow School. But The City just doesn't have the money to do it well. The City of Calgary Parks Community Liaison Albert Iamartino put it this way: "As we (The City of Calgary) do not have an annual set capital budget for playgrounds, pieces would be removed and replaced as needed."

While new neighbourhoods in the city's suburbs get financial support from their developers, the residents of heritage areas are left to enter a complicated web of grant-writing, fundraising and bureaucratic red tape.

Our budget for the project is \$250,000. After comparing surrounding playgrounds, considering suggestions and compiling a wish list, we met with four key vendors. From that group we have selected Park N' Play, which has worked on many successful projects throughout Alberta.

A great deal of effort has already been made to meet with government, acquire grants and gain corporate and private donations. As a show of support, the Calgary Parks Foundation has agreed to manage our accounts and issue 100 per cent tax receipts to all donations over \$25.

We are seeking \$125,000 from the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP). We also have additional financial commitments from The City of Calgary, as well as the Montessori School of Calgary and the Community Association, who currently rent the Cliff Bungalow School from the

city. Our goal for private donations is \$60,000. We have already raised more than \$30,000 -- including \$10,000 donations from Fathom Energy and Petrogas Energy Corporation -- but we still have a long way to go.

Although large donations are needed, any donation is welcome and respected. In addition, volunteers will be needed to construct the playground so please contact us if you would like to help out.

There will be a fundraising event in March for everyone in the Cliff Bungalow and Mission communities as well as students at the Montessori School of Calgary. It will be a fun afternoon of skating, outdoor games, food and silent auction. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

With more children and young families in the area than ever before, we believe it is time to celebrate this long-standing tradition of play in our inner-city community with a playground structure worthy of its history.

For more information please go to our website www.playgroundrestorationsociety.org or call Alexandra Burroughs at 403-818-0300. Cheques can be made out to Parks Foundation Calgary [memo: the Cliff Bungalow Playground Project] and sent directly to The Urban Playground Restoration Society, attn: Patti van Zeyl at 2201 Cliff Street S.W. T2S 2G4.

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Acoustic Music Jams

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and February 25, 2 to 4 pm

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Enjoy Singing? Or playing an instrument? Then our monthly jam sessions are the thing for you! There is no age limit or skill limit! Just bring along an instrument, or simply your voice along with a desire to listen and tap your feet. We also have a multitude of percussion instruments to choose from. Whether you lead or follow is up to you, although it is a good idea to bring along a few copies of a song you are familiar with so the rest of us can join in. It can be blues, bluegrass, folk, rock, or any other genre you enjoy. So please come on down and share music! Refreshments served!

We hope you will drop in and join us.
For further info, please contact Megan at
403-244-2208

Cliff Bungalow-Mission

Jazz Concert Series

These concerts feature some of Calgary's best jazz musicians and ensembles and provide an ideal opportunity to spend a relaxing evening. They take place in the historic ambience of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre on the first Wednesday of every month to June. Each 2-hour performance starts at 8 pm so everybody can get a good night sleep and be rested the next morning. There is a \$15 cover fee for each event. Community members, seniors and students pay \$10. Tickets are sold at the door (cash only). Call 403-650-7695 for more info or visit: www.cliffbungalowmission.com and follow the link into the jazz concert series

February 1

Vibraphone night with Jazz Winds

March 7

Andrea Pétrity with MAPL

There is a new group every month. This series is becoming well known for great music in a great ambience location at a low cost. Come hear some great jazz in your own back yard. Refreshments are available to enhance your evening enjoyment.

Doors: 7:30 pm; Music: 8 pm.

LOCAL FOOD PLAN LOOKS TO INVOLVE COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS

SUBMITTED BY THE CALGARY FOOD COMMITTEE

ACROSS CALGARY AND the region, citizens are aware that food is a key part of our daily lives and plays an important role in our health, our communities, our environment and our local economy.

There is a growing momentum in Calgary around local and sustainable food and there is evidence of this everywhere we look. Calgarians are making personal choices to shop locally; farmers are connecting directly with local businesses; community gardens are increasing in number and governments are taking a leadership role within their local food systems.

Since 2009, The Office of Sustainability at The City of Calgary has been working with stakeholders from across Calgary to get a clearer understanding of our local and regional food system and the roles of everyone involved in it. A food assessment is a great starting point which would allow us to better understand our contributions, connections and where priorities for action exist.

With direction from City Council, the Calgary

Food Committee was established to undertake a food system assessment and develop an action plan with recommendations and report back to Council and Calgarians in spring 2012. Membership on the committee includes farmers, local businesses, chefs, educators, industry experts, scientists and other key players in the local food system.

The Food System Assessment and Action Plan will examine the range of food issues, barriers and existing assets, and provide key baseline information identifying connections and gaps within our food system. This data will be represented in maps and included in a land inventory.

The Calgary Food Committee is inviting you to get involved! They will be engaging citizens and communities through the winter starting with an event on Saturday January 28th 2012 in the Ant Hill Building (148 10th Street N.W.), just one block from Sunnyside LRT Station. For more information, please visit www.yycfood.com or contact Rebecca Newlove at 403-268-1034 or Food@calgary.ca



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WHIRLWIND LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRODUCES FIVE ACTS

REPORT FROM DAVE TAYLOR, M.L.A.

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! I hope that 2012 finds you all healthy and happy.

The Fall 2011 Session of the Alberta Legislature hurled by nearly as fast as some of those colossal prairie winds we've been experiencing recently. It was one of the shortest sittings on record, and nearly every day debates lasted until midnight – seriously stretching the opposition parties' resources. We were introduced to five major bills on the first day of Session, and the Government and its new premier worked hard to see them all pass as quickly as possible.

Certainly the most contentious legislation came in the form of Bill 26 – the *Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2011*. From now on anyone caught driving with a Blood Alcohol Content over 0.05 will have their vehicles impounded and licenses suspended for three days for a first offence. Many see Bill 26 as targeting the wrong group, and requested that Alberta simply put more resources into enforcing the law as it stands right now. The pushback Bill 26 received came mostly from the average Albertan – not from special interest groups such as the restaurant industry – which suggests Albertans would have liked to have been con-

sulted, the bill was rushed, it may be flawed, and it should have been pulled.

Other bills passed included Bill 24: *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act* – a far cry from the campaign promise Premier Redford made of a full, judge-led public inquiry into what's going on in health care.

Bill 25: the *Child and Youth Advocate Act* establishes the Child and Youth Advocate as an independent officer of the Legislature and expands the Advocate's mandate to ensure more adequate supports to those in the youth criminal justice system. Implemented properly, this legislation could have an incredibly positive effect.

Bill 21: *The Election Amendment Act* creates a three-month period in which provincial elections will be held every four years. Premier Redford promised a fixed election date and we got a fixed election period.

And, finally, Bill 23: the *Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011* amends Bill 19 – the wildly unpopular and horribly flawed original *Land Assembly Project Area Act* – to give property owners more clarity when government buys land for long-term, large scale transportation projects. ☛



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Our workshops are designed to equip community association volunteers and employees with the know-how and skills they need to deal with the complicated world of not for profit management, urban planning and not for financial management. These workshops, meetings and conferences are also an excellent opportunity for community association volunteers and employees to come together and share ideas and solutions.

Workshops are free to all members; however, printed resources that accompany workshops can be purchased or can

be printed from the Members Only Section on our website. Non-members will pay \$50.00 for each workshop (other than PIP). Our annual sustainability conference also includes a fee. For further details please see the full Workshop Guide on our website.

To view the guide and register for workshops and events please visit www.calgarycommunities.com/events.php and register close to the date. Alternatively you may also register by telephone 403 244 4111 or by email registration@calgarycommunities.com

Our mission is to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary by providing services and programs that create, support and sustain vital and representative community associations. We believe that these workshops, meetings and conferences are an excellent way to bring community volunteers and employees together from all over the city in a learning and information sharing environment. ☺

Crime Prevention and Safety Forum

The CBMCA is holding a Crime Prevention and Safety Improvement Forum on January 19, 2012 from 7 till 9 pm. We plan to have community residents voice their opinions about the current state of crime in our neighborhood. There will be Community Liaison Offices from the Calgary City Police, City of Calgary Bylaw Officers and Parking Authority representatives available to answer questions and present their resources. We will ask the community three questions which will help direct crime prevention initiatives in our community.

- 1. What do you like about Cliff Bungalow-Mission?**
- 2. What do you NOT like about Cliff Bungalow-Mission?**
- and**
- 3. If you could, what do you want to change?**

Looking forward to the discussion.
Light refreshments and goodies will be available.

Congratulations to Natasha Pashak on the birth of her baby boy Isaac!

Natasha Pashak is a former CBMCA board member, she served as the Development Director and has been a long time resident of Cliff Bungalow-Mission.

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for community people to get together informally and get to know each other better. This helps to increase the sense of community. The community recognizes the efforts of Geraldine Pollack and Tej Jhunjhunwala, in getting these potlucks started.

PAST DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Natasha Pashak did not even know she was nominated to be Development Director when she attended the AGM in November 2008. Then Development Director Peter Atkinson had spoken to Natasha and put her name forward. It seems he forgot to confirm that she would let her name stand. So when her name was put forward as Co-Director of Development along with Peter, she was quite surprised. However, she did let her name stand and over the next year totally took over the role and did it with passion. The Development Director is key to this community's future and she filled the role with real professionalism. She strongly advocated for the community and defended its two Area Redevelopment Plans. ☺

Pets in the 'Hood

Photos by Janice Michaud



Maddie is a regal 2 year old English Springer Spaniel who loves the outdoors.



Chilli is an energetic 5 year old American Hairless Terrier, ready to go.



Greta is a sweet 4 1/2 year old Dachshund/Australian Shepherd cross, often seen walking in Mission.

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Community Calendar

All events are at the Community Hall
 (2201 Cliff Street SW) unless otherwise noted.

Crime Prevention and Safety Forum

Thursday, January 19, 7 pm
 2nd Annual Winter Formal
 Saturday, March 10, 7 - 11 pm

Jazz Concerts

First Wednesday at 8 pm
 (doors open 7:30 pm) including
 February 1 and March 7

Acoustic Jams

Last Saturdays 2 to 4 pm including
 January 28 and February 25

Movie Nights

Last Sundays at 7 pm including
 January 29 and February 26

Community Pot Lucks

Second Sundays, 6 to 9 pm,
 including January 8 and February 12

Daytime Adult Drop In (New!)

Fourth Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm
 Come and join us at the Community
 Hall for beverages, discussion,
 meeting your neighbours

Drop In YOGA Classes (New!)

Saturdays at 1 pm

Book Club

First Sundays of the Month
 at 7 pm, Second Cup

Deadline for Mission Statement submissions:

First Wednesday bi-monthly;
 next deadline is February 1
 E-mail to
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ODDLY-NAMED RESTAURANT GETS ITS ACT TOGETHER

By JIM BOWMAN

OX AND ANGELA, at 528 – 17th Avenue SW, a new venture by the folks who run Una Pizza & Wine just down the street, has been open since mid-summer. Located in the former Bungalow lounge, it has been redecorated in a vaguely Spanish style. It has a wall dividing it in half, and includes a slightly noisy lounge with its own menu of pub snacks, and a quieter full-service restaurant.

My first experience with the restaurant, in October, was underwhelming. I tried the skirt steak, and though it was served thinly-sliced on the plate, it was tough and stringy. Skirt steak is one of the cheaper cuts of beef, and I wondered why such a high-end restaurant would risk its reputation by even having it on the menu. The menu was a la carte, in other words, to get a balanced meal you'd have to order something from the "Mains" list and something from the "Sides" list. My chosen side dish was polenta, the Italian pudding-like dish made from corn meal. In spite of having been char-broiled and served with one roasted cherry tomato, I found it bland and unappealing.

The serving staff, young and eager to demonstrate their knowledge of high-end restaurant service, seemed to be competing to see who could clear away my emptied dishes first. As I was leaving, there was an embarrassing incident after "my" server failed to notice that I had already paid my bill to another server who had enthusiastically offered to take it.

Always willing to give a restaurant a second chance, I came back in late November, on the day a new menu featuring more complete main dishes was introduced. This time I found the wait staff to be friendlier and less obtrusive. The dining room was elegantly-decorated, with white walls, shelves full of knickknacks and little red candles, and ornate mirrors. The ambient music was lively and eclectic, including Bob Marley and drum-and-bass jazz. The diners are mostly young urban professionals, including one couple who brought their well-mannered daughters, aged about eight and six.

My pescetarian dinner started with a glass of filtered-in-house water, a bottle of Trad (at a reasonable \$5), and a complimentary basket of flavorful crusty rye bread served with olive oil and coarse salt for dipping. For an appetizer, I enjoyed a red snapper ceviche (\$10). It was almost like a salsa, with the fish finely-chopped, marinated in lime juice, mixed with grilled corn, and flavored with herbs, perhaps cilantro. It came with velvety-crisp flour-based tortilla chips (or crackers?).

For the main course, I had a ling cod filet (\$25). I hadn't had ling cod in years, and it has a distinctive flavor that brought back fond memories of cheap Chinese restaurants on the Wet Coast. It came poached and served in a deep pasta plate on a bed of spinach fettuccine and garnished with cherry tomatoes. It was very good, but the best aspect of it was the broth left in the bottom of the plate, a delicious mingling of flavors of tomato, fish, herbs, salt, and oil.



For dessert, I chose "leche quemada" (\$8), which was actually an incorrectly-renamed crème brûlée. It was a simple custard pudding topped with a layer of sugar which had been caramelized into a crust by a blowtorch or some other flame source. Its delicate, sweet, creamy taste included a hint of orange.

I spent way too much money, but it was a most relaxing, interesting, and multi-sensory experience. ☺

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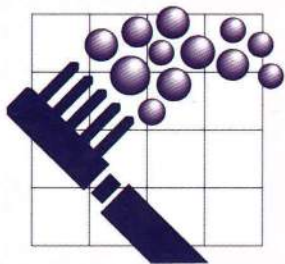
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