



SIFF 2010 comes to Everett for first time, to return in 2011

The 36th Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) played at the Everett Performing Arts Theatre in Everett for eight days for the first time in 2010. SIFF will return to Everett for another eight days in 2011, May 26-June 2. "...It's a success when they are already booked for next year," said Carol Thomas, cultural arts manager for the city of Everett, pictured above far right with SIFF's artistic director Carl Spense. Mayor Ray Stephanson is pictured above fourth from left with red carpet dignitaries, and Kim Bedier general manager of Comcast Arena at Everett is pretty in pink. A gala was held at the theatre for all attending the inaugural showing of Mao's Last Dancer from internationally acclaimed Australian film director Bruce Beresford (of Driving Miss Daisy fame).



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Gardens of Merit with local artists

Annually, selected Everett residents graciously open their beautiful gardens to the public to benefit the Evergreen Arboretum. This year visitors got an extra treat by seeing local artists depicting each garden, featuring whimsical characters, luscious vegetables, and beautiful flowers.





Jetty Island Jam—kiteboarding mecca

The City of Everett celebrated its first Jetty Island Jam mid-June. Mary Jane (M J) Anderson of Snohomish County Tourism, pictured below in blue by the "palm tree", said that the cool weather did not dampen spirits of over 300 folks that attended the weekend events. The Jetty Island Ferry made round trips throughout the day transporting well equipped kiteboarders and visitors alike. M J and parks department personnel served free BBQ sandwiches from Prohibition Grille to participating kiteboarders. Some folks roasted hotdogs, and some napped. (Note: *Jetty Island Days—July 1-Sept 6, 2010.*)





Sorticulture—stunning garden art

Another beautiful day for artisans showing their beautiful garden art at Sorticulture. Gardening specialist Ciscoe Morris, pictured center at lower right, from Seattle's KING 5 television station answered questions from visitors.



Cruzin' to Colby—Show 'n Shine car show

Memorial Day weekend boasted more beautiful cars for the 11th annual Cruzin' to Colby on Sunday and a fantastic car show on Monday in downtown Everett. Rain or shine, admirers come.



Artists' Garage Sale—inside and out downtown



The Arts Council of Snohomish County held the annual Artists' Garage Sale in Everett this year. The sale took place outside on Hoyt Ave and inside the new Schack Art Center. A huge variety of mediums were represented plus artist's supplies. Everyone could tour the ArtSpace lofts and take a peak inside the center, too.



Motorcycle Show—great beginnings

The first Motorcycle enthusiasts' show was held in downtown Everett this spring. Folks of all ages from as far away as Orange County California visited the show and enjoyed the old to new motorcycle models.





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The Downtown Everett Association (DEA) is committed to advancing and growing Downtown Everett as a vibrant economic, cultural, and governmental center through leadership, advocacy, and the ongoing administration of a business improvement area (BIA). The organization's membership is comprised of property owners who support the revitalization of Everett's historic central core through annual fee assessments. Visit the DEA website for more information.



Sue Strickland
Downtown Services Manager

Viva Color—citizens and parks department personnel plant spring flowers in downtown Everett every year...fantastic collaboration.



Visit downtown city-scapes and sculptures, see them on-line at www.ci.everett.wa.us.

Businesses sponsor recycle containers

Businesses in downtown Everett sponsor newly installed recycle containers at strategic locations. Each sponsor agrees to empty the containers and dispose of the contents appropriately. Citizens are already using the containers. Go green.



There are over 200 **FREE parking** spaces after 6:00 PM and on weekends at the well-lit, easily accessed Everpark Garage at 2815 Hoyt Avenue. *Drive in and park.*



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**Graffiti control
graffiti hotline
425-257-8748**

Weed control and graffiti removal are part of the BIA maintenance service for DEA members. Therefore, if you need help inside the BIA boundaries, please contact Sue Strickland, 425-258-0700, or Rich Weber, 425-238-7071.

Before removal, call the police, give location, ask that they take a picture, notify Sgt. Jim Phillips — jphillips@ci.everett.wa.us, then remove the graffiti.



**FREE
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The DEA Board of Directors elected to provide FREE No Trespassing signs to DEA members. The DEA logo appears on the black and white signs. They are available in two sizes, 24"x18" or 18"x12". Contact Sue Strickland at 425-258-0700 to order your signs and make arrangements to pick them up.

Note: Go to the DEA website to view all of the newsletters.