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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Hi Charlotte,

We hope that you enjoy this issue and thank you for reading it. Let My City Magazine introduce y'all to Nana's Fastfood & Seafood Mart in this issue. And, as always, Martin "the Clown" Barry gives us his "Micro Monsters" comic strip and responds to questions in his "Ask the Clown" advice column. Check out the concept Rooted Rethinkery by Stephanie Woody and, without fail, our cocktail artist, Sabrina, gives us a recipe including an ingredient sourced locally. Meet Axl in this Pet Profile and take it upon yourself to walk through "Guezalleria" art installations around town. Plus don't forget to check out the exhaustive event listing and subscribe to our monthly newsletter by emailing 'subscribe' to ellengurley@gmail.com.

Enjoy today and every day,

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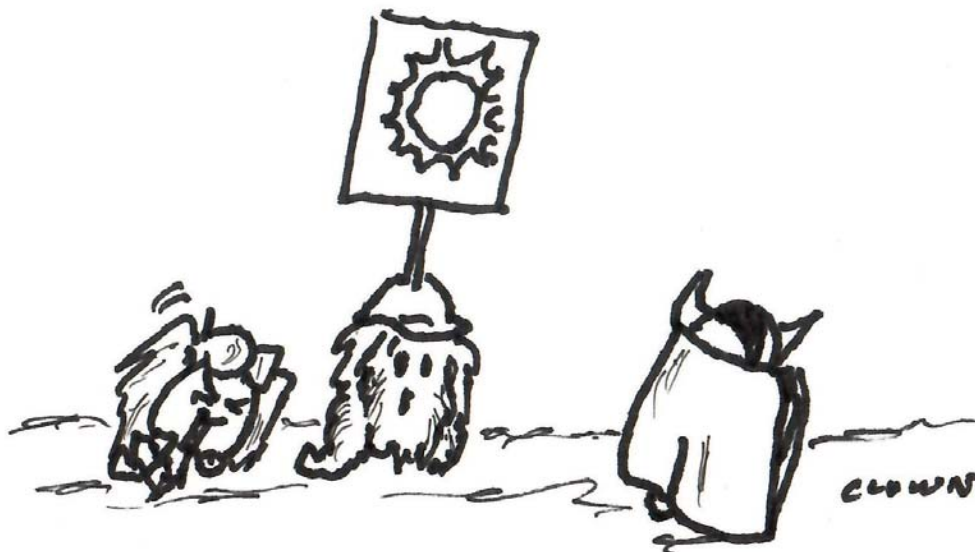
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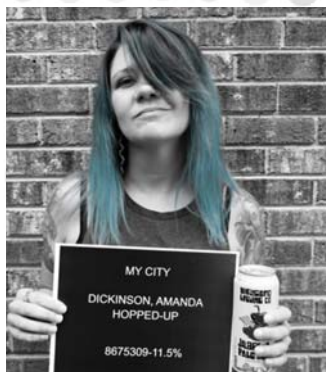
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BY THE CLOWN"



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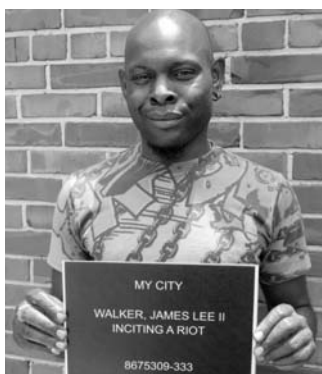
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GUEZALLERIA

CURATOR: TOBY HUFHAND

Underground art is one of My City Magazine's jams. Finding out that Toby Hufhand has been the curator of Guezalleria at multiple venues was like finding that diamond in the rough. At Divine Barrel, Hufhand's installations are ever-changing.

Early fall's hangings were by Ashton Corn. He is moving those tarot-inspired pieces to EastSide Local Eatery right now. EastSide is known for it's vegan options.

Hufhand has mainly been sourcing artists from folks he has met personally, but is also open to meeting more. His rotating monthly at the brewery (with beers quirkily-named "Playa" and "Hipster") is sought-after. Go check out his installations and hit him up if you are in the market.



- **Guezalleria on Instagram**
- **Divine Barrel** | 3701 N. Davidson St., Suite 203, 28205
- **EastSide Local Eatery** | 3102 Eastway Dr., 28205



ROOTED RETHINKERY

BY: ELLEN GURLEY



I get it. You're inclined to not read another article about another eco boutique in Charlotte. That's

okay. This author was reluctant to write about another one. Luckily, I didn't have to. This one separates itself from others in many ways and also wants to be inclusive, at the same time. Stay with me.

Sourcing makers, from the beginning, who have products that are responsible in the truest sense, Stephanie Woody of the brand-spanking new, local business, Rooted Rethinkery, knows that this is NOT an original concept. Luckily, Charlotte needs it. Market need is the best way to start a business. Living out west, Woody saw more responsive communities in which people brought their own bags to shop, they showed that they care by using reusable water bottles, and she saw filling-stations, for lack of a better description on my part. "Refilling and remembering to always be

prepared, knowing your personal responsibility, and really using ethically-sourced and packaged products is not new to any of us." Woody has been doing it for over a decade.

"We all know about the crisis at hand and, while, I am happy to have that conversation," Woody tells me that she is fully content in stepping off of the proverbial soapbox and providing real solutions. "Stop yelling at each other. (Like) here. Would you like this cup that you can take on your daily commute? Can I provide you with this jar to refill your baking soda?" Woody now has the platform, or home base, if you will, to provide real follow-throughs to the (important) questions, such as, "what can I do to be a (more) responsible consumer for that day-to-day item?" Very much so solution-oriented, Woody is not concerned that someone may 'rip off' her concept. She is open to being the catalyst that is shure to make our community more better.

Now calling Camp North End home, Woody is a welcomed, shure to be main-stay, shop that is truly being instrumental in "the movement". Most venue owners can only boast dedicating one corner of their store toward "the way". That's okay, you don't have to go full-eco. Do your part, no matter how small the contribution, and luckily, you have just now fallen upon a concept that is fully engrossed in the idea of economic and environmental accountability. She is not there to judge, nor shove any unsolicited education down your gullet. She long stepped off of her above aforementioned proverbial soapbox and is ready to present legitimate alternatives to things she used to b*tch about. Ready to bring back the permanent razor, calling it "the last one you will ever own", and prepared to refill your lotions milkman-style, Woody has an Airstream, readying herself to stay put long enough for you to buy into this "environmental obsession" that my mom's







favourite TV station is referring to as a fad.

"The goal is for the consumer to begin sourcing better options. We no longer need to rely on single use items", Woody tells me. Unafraid that someone will 'rip off' her idea, she is just delighted to be here laying down roots long enough to make them take on their organic destiny.

Much like America's new favourite, Swedish teen, Greta Thornberg, Woody has been on the mic for many years; angry that folks just weren't "getting it". Greta and Woody, alike, are now present to provide solutions. "Sustainability is not accessible to (us) all and we don't (all) (yet) make sustainable choices because it is (frankly) a pain in the

*ss." Woody 'splains. I agree with her, chiming in that no one wants to go to eight different places. She has multiple longterm plans and with enough community support, I know she will surpass them all.

I did some math today. (It is suspect at best, but my heart is in the right place). I decided that Stephanie Woody is exactly 98.2% completely sustainable, organic, and compostable, beyond the 2X2 plastic window in ONE of her reusable feminine products (which is an understandable exception to the rule). She opens THIS week and you can thank My City Magazine for the heads up by just waking up already.

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WHAT DO I KNOW? I'M JUST A CLOWN

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"ASK THE CLOWN" : AN ADVICE COLUMN BY THE CLOWN

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

Dear Clown,
A long-term boyfriend left me about eight months ago. Since then, I have overcome the grief and I have been doing as much as possible with some friends. Recently, I have been attracted more and more to one of the guys that hangs out with us occasionally. The problem is that he is always making fun of "thirsty" women that send him messages. I want to approach this without falling into that category. What do you suggest?
Sincerely,
Hydrated

A

DEAR HYDRATED,

Pull the guy aside for a conversation and be direct and honest about what you have in mind. The worst that can happen is that he tells you he is not interested. You are obviously doing okay otherwise, so if the outcome is not ideal, just keep moving forward.
Best of luck,
The Clown

debating whether he should be part of our Christmas celebration. My mother insists that her brother has made no changes and that he will steal from my grandmother again. My grandmother wants him to be there and I side with her. I fear that this will ruin the holidays. What would you do?
Sincerely,
Caring Niece

A

DEAR CARING NIECE,

Tradition says to defer to the wishes of the head of the family. It seems that your grandmother has faith that a recovery program and time served is enough and she wants to give her son the benefit of the doubt. Your mother wants to protect her mother, which is a natural thing to do, but extended punishment is not needed. If you can act as a more independent agent, be vigil of your uncle's actions and if you suspect anything, say something. Perhaps your grandmother will just be happy to have the family together.
Happy Holidays,
The Clown

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

My uncle will get out of prison in time for Christmas. He served time for armed robbery and he has gone through an addiction recovery program. My family is torn in half

Q

DEAR CLOWN,

Since my sister died, I have been the sole parent to her children. This has been wonderful and heartbreaking and so much fun. Now that

they are approaching certain ages, I am wondering how to approach the discussion about sex and gender and if I am the right person to do this. I worry most because my daughter/niece is the older one and has been asking questions. What would you do?

Sincerely,

Concerned Dad

A

DEAR CONCERNED DAD,

You are indeed the best person for this. You are the father and your communication should always be open with your children. Be certain to include only facts and handle every question asked honestly. Give them the long vision of changes to the body through life so that they can be prepared to endure everything. If we all do this, there will be no more shaming or guilt associated with sexuality and natural function. Education is everything. Knowledge is power,
The Clown



THINGS I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU

1. Kindness costs nothing. Give freely and often.
2. Adversaries are fed by attention and energy. Starve them and see number 1.
3. Taking time for yourself is fine. Don't make guilt a part of it.

Do you have a question for The Clown? Write him at martin.barry@yahoo.com

FARM FRESH FLIP

CRAFT COCKTAIL RECIPE BY: SABRINA "THE LADY BEANS" HAYKO



As the nights get longer and the days get cooler, we find the holidays quickly approaching. It can be hard to switch gears and get into the spirit, but at least we can get into spirits. Some of us are hit with waves of nostalgia while others are busy passing down traditions to the next generation. It's time for friends, family, love, laughter, and, of course, booze to keep us sane.

There is one family who manages to capture the old and the new while still providing us with some of the best animal proteins you will find around Charlotte. Dana & Charlie of Windy Hill Farm in New London, NC started farming in 2006. In 2010, Charlie left his job in construction to farm full time. Dana followed a year later, leaving her drafting technician position, to join him. What began as a way for them to share experiences from their youth with their children while providing their family with healthy, naturally raised meats and eggs, has blossomed into a profitable business. Their chickens are truly free to forage and mainly eat grass, seeds, worms, bugs, etc., but they do have free access to feed composed of locally-sourced, non-GMO grains with added organic minerals. There are no antibiotics, growth enhancers, chemicals, or fillers. Their chickens (as well as all of their other live stock) have it made and you can truly taste the difference in their eggs.

You can order from their online store. While you are there, grab some ground beef, chicken, steaks, and breakfast sausage. Pick up is available every Saturday year round at the South End Market in Atherton Mill or at the Charlotte Regional

Farmer's Market on Yorkmont. You can also follow their shenanigans on the Facebook @WindyHillFarmNc or on IG @windy_hill_farm_nc.

FARM FRESH FLIP

In cocktail shaker:

- 2oz Blonde Whiskey from Asheville Distilling Co
 - 1oz Liquor No 43
 - 1/2 oz turbinado simple
 - 1 WHOLE egg from Windy Hill Farm
- Add ice to shaker and shake all ingredients 'til cool, but not so much so that you water it down.
- Strain mixture from ice and throw ice away.
- Dry shake the strained mixture vigorously to create a frothy beverage.
- Pour into coup.
- Garnish with fresh nutmeg.

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Follow My City Magazine's mixologist on Instagram at [TheLadyBeans](https://www.instagram.com/TheLadyBeans) or go see her bartending at NC Red.



EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

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SUNDAYS

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 2pm Slow Riders - 15 mile bike ride
- @ Lenny Boy: 12pm run club
- www.Panthers.com: 11.17 1pm vs. Atlanta Falcons / 12.01 1pm vs. Washington Redskins / 12.15 1pm vs. Seattle Seahawks / 12.29 1pm vs. New Orleans Saints
- www.Hornets.com: 11.10 @ 76ers 6pm / 12.08 vs. Hawks 5pm / 12.15 @ Indiana Pacers 5pm / 12.22 @ Boston Celtics 6pm / 12.29 @ Grizzlies 8pm

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ 300 Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Letty's on Shamrock: Golden Girls Brunch
- @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: open 11am-10pm / tours 2, 3 & 4pm / 2:30pm Bike-In
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price by the bottle (under \$45)
- @ Central Food Hub: 11am-2pm Vegan Farmers Market

LIVE MUSIC

- @ Comet Grill: 8pm Omari & the Hellraisers
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.03 Joe Middleton (album release), Jordan Middleton / 11.17 Sarah Peacock / 11.24 Amy Speace, Lyn Koonce / 12.01 Keith Harkin / 12.08 Julie Dean, Jesse Correll
- @ the Milestone: 4-8pm Heavy Metal Weekly
- @ Petra's: 8-11pm Bill Hanna's Jazz Sessions
- @ Thomas Street Tavern (patio): 5-8pm Josh Daniel
- @ the Wine Vault: Jared Allen
- Sun., Nov. 17th @ McGlohon Theater: John Hiatt (acoustic evening)
- Sun., Dec. 8th @ the Visulite Theatre: Jump, Little Children, Hula Hi-Fi

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ Red at 28th: "Soulful Sundays" feat. poets, vocalists, comedians, musicians, DJs w.host J Pragmatic

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.20 Huggy Lowdown, Chris Paul / 11.17 Matt Rife / 11.24 Todd Riley / 12.01 Ryan Davis / 12.08 Jay Mohr / 12.22 Hot Chocolate
- Sun., Dec. 15th @ the Visulite Theatre: Christmas Comedy Show - an Evening w.Big Daddy Laugh-a-Lot

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Sun., Dec. 29th @ Ovens Auditorium: Moscow Ballets Great Russian Nutcracker

MUSEUMS | ART

- @ the Levine Museum of the New South: 1st Sundays free admission / 1/2 off admission (every Sunday thereafter)
- @ the Mint Museum (Uptown): 1-4pm free admission for kids + hands-on art activities, yoga & more

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- Sun., Nov. 24th @ Petra's: 11:30am-5:30pm Holiday Pop-up Market feat.Presley Print Shop, Bajari, Reclaimed Flame Candle Co., Maggie Loves Spike, Cosmosis Stones, Bright Hand Embroidery, Mud Pie Pottery & Ceramics, That Singer's Treasures. Made with Love by HMR, It's the Fuzz, Geoflora Jewelry, Shoppe Devereaux, Jessica's Jacket, Be Visible Light, Ginger & Juniper, Cricket Vision Press, Robot Muse, Originate Handcrafted Jewelry, Garuda & Juniper, Cricket Vision Press, Robot Muse, Originate Handmade Jewelry, Garuda Silver, Comic Thunder, the Aesthetic

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE

- @ Petra's: 1st Sundays 3-8pm "Hazy Day"
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Scott Weaver
- @ Tommy's Pub: 1st Sundays "Reflexions" w.DJs Velvetine, Sanity Ana, & Tech Bat

KARAOKE

- @ Snug Harbor: Bone Snugs-n-Harmony karaoke w.Bryan Pierce

FILM

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 2pm the Classic Black Cinema Series

PETS

- @ Brewers at 4001 Yancey: Skip & Sip (group dog walk + live music & food)

MONDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 7pm Trivia Night
- www.Hornets.com: 11.18 @ Raptors 7:30pm / 11.25 @ Miami Heat 7:30pm / 12.02 vs. Phoenix Suns 7pm

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the glass
- @ Bardo Restaurant: 1/2 wine by the glass
- @ Bulldog Beer & Wine (Park Rd.): 6:30 MEAT Up
- @ Lebowski's: 1/2 off bottles of wine
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w.Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / You Drink, We Donate (benefiting a local charity each week)

LIVE MUSIC

- @ Bradshaw Social House: open mic
- @ Crown Station: 8:30-10pm Jazz Mondays w.Troy Conn, DC Ocie Davis & more
- @ the Evening Muse: 8pm "Find Your Muse" open mic band night w.guest headliners 11.04 Mama Tried / 11.11 Claudia Nygaard / 11.18 Rupert Wates / 11.25 Darryl Rahn
- Mon., Nov. 4th @ McGlohon Theater: Chelsea Wolfe, Ioanna Gika
- Mon., Dec. 16th @ Amos': the Bouncing Souls, Bronx,

Off with their Heads, Bar Stool Preachers

PLAY OR POETRY READING | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ the Rabbit Hole: 8-11pm 1st & 3rd Mondays : "Monocle" : Improv Monday
- @ the Press Box: Avant Elocution w.host Bluz
- @ Petra's: 1st Mondays 7-11pm slam poetry w.hosts Isiah & Grannae's Boys
- @ Tropics: Rhythm & Poetry w.host CFour Black

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: stand-up comedy private class / open mic (closed 11.11)
- Mon., Dec. 2nd @ Ovens Auditorium: David Sedaris

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Oak Steakhouse: 11am Ben's Friends (sobriety meetings for individuals in food service)

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ Growler's Pourhouse: DJ Elon Shomaker
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Mookie Brill
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 8pm-12am Diggers Delight & Premium Sound Present: Motown Mondays w.guest DJs

TUESDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood) 8pm PMTNR 15 mile bicycle ride w.a new route weekly (by Pamela Murray)

- www.Hornets.com: 11.05 vs. Pacers 7pm / 12.10 vs. Wizards 7pm / 12.17 vs. Kings 7pm / 12.31 vs. Boston Celtics 3pm
- @ Olde Mecklenburg Brewery: 6:30 Yoga on Tap
- @ Pint Central : 8pm Mindless Minutia Trivia
- @ Spirit Square: 6:15-7:45pm Breakers for Life - break dancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ 7th Street Public Market: 5-7pm the Assorted Table Wine Shoppe Weekly Wine Tasting (\$5, 5 wines + nibbles)
- @ Birdsong Brewing: open 3-10pm / Get Fit Yoga w.NC Yoga Bar 6:30pm \$10
- @ Cornelius Draffthouse & Bottle Shop: 1/2 off wine
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: beer tastings
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: "NoDable Series" (new beers released in their taproom 4pm) / Tap Room open 4-9pm / Tin Kitchen food truck 5pm
- @ Rhino Market: 1st Tuesdays of the month beer tasting
- @ Zen Fusion: 1/2 price wine by the glass & select bottles

LIVE MUSIC

- @ the Comet Grille: Red Rockin' Chair
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.19 R U OK? Fest. / Jesse Lamar Williams & the Menastree Jazz Jam // 11.26 Sawyer Fredericks
- @ Puckett's: open mic w.Jeff Claud

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- @ Smokey Joe's: 9pm open mic night w.resident band the Smoking J's
- @ Tommy's Pub: 2nd Tuesdays Songwriters Showcase
- Tues., Nov. 19th @ Skylark Social Club: Protector 101, Street Cleaner
- Tues., Dec. 10th @ Knight Theatre: Robert Earl Keen
- Tues., Dec. 31st @ the Visulite Theatre: Jupiter Coyote

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ Apostrophe: open mic spoken poetry w.host Sir Abstraxxx
- @ Loft & Cellar: Sayword w.host Jst Jah

DANCE MUSIC | DJs | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ Petra's: 1st Tuesdays 8pm-12am Bring Your Own Vinyl Night w.Justin Aswell
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: DJ Shanti Moore

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: open mic / comedy battles 11.26 Jake the Snake Roberts
- phony.org NYE celebration

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Tues., Dec. 31st @ Belk Theater: www.CharlotteSymphony.org NYE celebration

WEDNESDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Abari Game Bar: 7pm-12am Overwatch League Wednesdays
- @ Lenny Boy: 6:30pm trivia night
- @ the Spoke Easy: 6pm (pay what you can) Yoga
- @ the Topsy Burro: 7pm Topsy Trivia w.prizes
- www.Hornets.com: 11.13 vs. Grizzlies 7pm / 11.20 @ Brooklyn Nets 7:30pm / 11.27 vs. Detroit Pistons 7pm / 12.04 vs. Warriors 7pm / 12.11 @ Brooklyn Nets 7:30pm / 12.18 @ Cavaliers 7pm
- @ Renaissance Park: 5-7pm www.NCBattle.com Presents: Dagorhir - hit nerds with foam swords, etc.
- @ Kadi Fit Studio (Cornelius): 4-5pm Breakers for Life - break dancing classes & lessons (ages 6-13) info: antoniorobinson82@gmail.com / 760-805-8978)

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ 300 East Restaurant: ½ wine by the bottle
- @ Amelie's: 1/2 off of glasses & bottles (all locations but NoDa)
- @ Central Coffee: 15% off of pounds of coffee
- @ the Common Market: 7-9pm Free beer tastings
- @ Burtons Grill & Bar: 1/2 wine by the bottle
- @ Crafty Beer Guys: wine tasting
- @ Dilworth Neighborhood Grill: 1st Wednesdays www.CarolinaBrewMasters.com meeting
- @ JJ's Red Hots: kids eat free (w.purchase of an adult combo)
- @ NoDa Brewing Co.: Tap Room open 4-9pm w.Food Truck Tin Kitchen (5pm) / Run Club 6:30-8:30pm
- @ Sir Edmund Halley's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle

- @ Triple C Brewing: Papi Queso (food truck) + Pilot Batch Release
- @ Zen Fusion: Robert Fernandez + 1/2 price Sangrias

LIVE MUSIC

- @ the Comet Grill: open mic / open jam
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.06 Tosco Music open mic / 11.13 La Terza Classe / 11.20 Anna Rose, Granville Automatic / 11.27 Human Resources / 12.04 Spalding McIntosh, Gypsy & Me / 12.18 Nathan Angelo (Christmas EP Release)
- @ Petra's: 7:30-9:15pm songwriter open mic
- @ Rhino Market (Westside): Wak Wednesdays w.Derrick Hines 1st & 3rd w.open mic
- @ Smokey Joe's: Rock Fabulous & the Mystery Machine
- Wed., Nov. 6th @ Spectrum Center: Elton John
- Wed., Nov. 6th @ the Visulite Theatre: the Movement, the Elovatoers, the Late Ones
- Wed., Nov. 20th @ the Neighborhood Theatre: the Pineapple Thief feat.Gavin Harrison

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ Flo Bar Lounge: 7-10pm Floetry w.host Iz-Real
- @ Mugs Coffee: 7:30pm Free the Mic w.host Shane & the Guerilla Poets
- @ Red 28th (UNCC): 9pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Release Therapy w.host A Poet Named Superman

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.13 Taylor Mason / 11.20 Leanne Morgan / 11.27 Leonard Ouzts
- Wed., Nov. 20th @ Ovens Auditorium: Jonathan Van Ness

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Wed., Nov. 6th @ Ovens Auditorium: We Will Rock You (the musical)

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Spandex City Comics: 5pm Pokemon league

DANCE MUSIC | DJs | BURLESQUE

- @ Rhino Market (NoDa): DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

KARAOKE

- @ Blackfinn Ameripub: karaoke
- @ the Press Box: karaoke w.Stacey Blackman
- @ Tommy's Pub: karaoke w.DJ Michelle Ma Belle

FILM

- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 7-9pm Diggers Delight & Premium Sound Present: Movie Night w.music documentaries

THURSDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Petra's: 2nd Thursdays - Potions & Pixels (video games & board games)
- www.Hornets.com: 11.07 vs. Boston Celtics 8pm
- @ Queen City Bicycles: 6:30pm Tub Ride from there to Birdsong (free 12oz. to those with www.BicycleBenefits.com)

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- www.PBSCharlotte.org: 8:30pm Charlotte Cooks
- @ Birdsong Brewing: 3-10pm open /3pm Thirsty Thursdays (new releases) / 6:30pm brewery tours
- @ Bottled & Tapped: 1/2 price wine
- @ Cabarrus Creamery (Concord): 7-9pm Thursdays Cabarrus Homebrewers Society

LIVE MUSIC

- @ Blue: John Alexander, Ron Brenale, Chris Garges www.JaJazz.net
- @ Buddy's Point (Monroe): open mic jam
- @ the Craft Tasting Room & Growler Shop: 8-10pm JoJo & Friends feat.local musicians & songwriters
- @ Crown Station: 7pm open mic w.the Willie Douglas Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.07 Jon Latham, Nick Nace, Rod Picott // 11.14 Ann Paul, Phil Lomac // 11.21 Carolina Waves Showcase / open mic w.DJ RB'B, Imani Pressley, 3amSound, Jooselord // 12.05 Malcolm Holcombe // 12.12 Paul McDonald
- @ the Rack: 7-10pm Artist Spotlight Thursdays w.Aiden Lee & CFour Black
- @ Tommy's Pub: 1st Thursdays open mic w.Smelly Felly
- @ McGlohon Theater: 11.07 Joshua Radin & the Weepies / 12.12 Dave Barnes' Very Merry Christmas
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.07 Joshua Radin & the Weepies / 11.14 Boy Named Banjo, Morgan Wade / 11.21 theNEWDEAL / 12.05 the Hip Abduction, Signal Fire
- Thurs., Nov. 14th @ Petra's: VRY Monday, Tongues of Fire

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ Roc's Jazz Bar: Touch One Thursdays w.host Jaycee
- @ Wired Coffee Express (Kannapolis): One Mic Stand w.host Daniel & the Guerilla Poets

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.21 Maz Jobrani / 12.05 George Lopez / 12.26 Sinbad

MUSEUMS | ART

- @ the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture: 6-10pm 3rd Thursdays free: Gantt After Dark
- @ Levine Center for the Arts: 12pm 3rd Thursdays Take an "ArtBreak"

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Providence Country Club: 7:15-8:45am Ballantyne Business Network robfiga@gmail.com

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE

- @ Rhino Market (Westside): DJ Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring) + 1st Thursdays of the month wine tasting
- @ Snug Harbor: 10pm-2am Le Bang w.Buckmaster
- @ Soul Gastrolounge: Jason Cooper
- @ the Jump Off: 3rd Thursdays w.DJ A-Huff

KARAOKE

- @ Hattie's: karaoke w/ShayNanigans
- @ Morehead Tavern: 9pm karaoke w.band (Will & Rob)

FILM

- @ Canvas Tattoo & Art Gallery: 9pm night at the movies
- @ Abari Game Bar: movie night
- @ C3 Lab: 7:30pm Back Alley Film Series

FRIDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Thirsty Nomad Brewing Co.: 7pm Tabletop Game Night
- www.Hornets.com: 11.15 vs. Detroit Pistons 7pm / 11.22 @ Wizards 7pm / 12.06 vs. Brooklyn Nets 7pm / 12.13 @ Chicago Bulls 8pm / 12.27 vs. Thunder 7pm

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ Duckworth's: 1/2 off of wine by the bottle
- @ 2161 Hawkins St.: 5-10pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday
- @ East Blvd. & Scott Ave.: 6-10pm Dilworth Food Truck Friday
- @ Pilot Brewing: 1st Fridays: Firkin Fridays w.merchants, artists, food truck & more
- @ Sycamore Brewing: 5pm SouthEnd Food Truck Friday

LIVE MUSIC

- @ the Comet Grill: the Lenny Federal Band
- @ the Evening Muse: 11.01 Chris Trapper / Christina Taylor // 11.08 Kelsey Waldon, Ginger Cowgirl / Cory Branan, Darrin Bradbury // 11.15 Julia Nunes, Elizabeth & the Catapult (Holidays can be Fun) / Nick Dittmeyer & the Sawdusters // 11.22 Sam Burchfield, Will Blackburn / Sylvia Rose Novak Band // 11.29 Ellis Paul, Crys Matthews / BJ Barham (an evening w.) // 12.13 Matt Nakoa, Television Skies // 12.20 Jonathan Parker // 12.27 Genesis (album release)
- @ the Visulite: 11.08 Mo Lowda & the Humble, Stop Light Observations, Ona / 11.22 Papadosio, Hundreds Thousands, the Broadcast / 11.29 Levon Helms tribute, Josh Daniel & friends
- Fri., Nov. 1st @ Knight Theatre: Dennis DeYoung

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ McGlohon Theater: SlamCharlotte 3rd Fridays w.host Bluz
- @ Camp North End: 3rd Fridays Off Broadway Page to Stage

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.01 Jeff Dye / 11.08 Jim Norton / 11.22 Maz Jobrani / 11.29 Ryan Davis / 12.06 Jay Mohr / 12.27 Sinbad
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 3rd Fridays 8pm comedy open mic


MUSEUMS | ART

- in SouthEnd: 1st Fridays Gallery Crawl
- 2nd Fridays @ Oak Street Mill (Cornelius): art, music, & vendors
- Fri., Nov. 1st @ Camp North End: 6-10:30pm Julio TheMexican's Dia de Los Casi Muertos

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- Fri., Nov. 8th @ Sanctuary Imports: 6-9pm Phoenix Nest Presents: Embracing the Shadow - Stepping into the Dark of the Year w.Heather Gaffney Darnell

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DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ the Common Market (Plaza-Midwood): 1st & 3rd Fridays w.DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Rhino Market (uptown): DJ Jah Sun Rising (Jason Herring)
- @ Scorpio's: DJ Lin Benfield + MC Tiffany Storm
- @ Sullivan's Steakhouse: "Beer & Beats" w.resident DJ Selector E (Eric Brayman)
- @ Vibrations Lounge: Grown Folks Friday w.DJ KL
- @ Whiskey Warehouse: DJ Matt Bolick
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- @ Petra's: last Fridays : Mirror Moves ('80's/'90's) w.DJs Cody Hare & Jah-Sun Rising (Jason Herring)

KARAOKE

- @ Noda 101: karaoke w.Sam Fleming

FILM

- @ Cinebarre: 1st & 3rd : Rocky Horror at Midnight feat. www.ThatType.com

SATURDAYS:

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- @ Lenny Boy: 10am \$5 yoga
- www.Hornets.com: 11.02 @ Warriors 8:30pm / 11.09 vs. Pelicans 7pm / 11.16 @ NY Knicks 7:30pm / 11.23 vs. Chicago Bulls 7pm / 11.30 @ Bucks 8pm / 12.21 vs. Jazz 5pm

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- @ Crafty Beer Guys: 2nd Saturdays home brew class
- @ EastSide Local Eatery & VisArt Video: 10am-12pm Morning Matinee - cupcakes, cookies, coffee, conversation, & cartoons

LIVE MUSIC

- @ the Evening Muse: 11.02 Trashcan Sinatras / DownTown Abby & the Echoes, Kat Holland // 11.16 Bad Karol & the Sedonas / Thirsty Curses (album release), Fine Lines // 11.23 Josiah Johnson, Dane Page / Jarv & Shreve // 11.30 Seth Walker, Will Overman / Quentin Talley & the Soul Providers, Nige Hood & the Folk Rap Band // 12.07 Dr. Bacon // 12.14 Quiet Hounds (album release) / the Orange Constant, Natural Born Leaders // 12.21 Karla Davis // 12.28 Audacity Brass Band
- @ the Visulite Theatre: 11.09 Treehouse, Joint Operation, Rockstead / 11.16 Bumpin Uglies, Little Stranger, Zach Flower / 11.23 Papadosio, the Broadcast / 11.30 Simplified / 12.21 Acoustic Syndicate / 12.28 Gran Torino
- Sat., Nov. 30th @ Stooges Pub & Grub (Mint Hill): Living T emptation
- Sat., Dec. 28th @ HeartLight Spiritual Center: 7:30pm drum circle

PLAY OR POETRY READINGS | BOOK SIGNINGS

- @ the Fresh Shop: Inkblot Slam w.host Breeze

COMEDY | THEATRE

- @ the Comedy Zone: 11.02 Jeff Dye / 11.09 Jim Norton / 11.23 Maz Jobrani / 11.30 Ryan Davis / 12.07 Jay Mohr / 12.28 Sinbad
- Sat., Dec. 7th @ the Evening Muse: 7:30pm Robot Johnson Sketch Comedy (12th Ann.)

MUSEUMS | ART

- @ ClearWater Artists Studio: every 2nd Saturday 10am-4pm Open Studios
- @ the NASCAR Hall of Fame: 2nd Saturdays interactive program exploring racing

PHILANTHROPY

- @ Oso Skate Park: 2nd Saturdays Issa Vibe Adventures Presents: Making Sandwiches for the Homeless

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- @ Spandex City Comics: 11am Pokemon league

DANCE MUSIC | DJS | BURLESQUE OR DRAG

- @ 204 North Kitchen: DJ That Guy Smitty
- @ Roxbury: DJ Jody
- @ Tip Top Daily Market: 2nd Saturdays 3-7pm "Ambient Takeover" w.rotating DJs & live PA
- @ Vibrations Lounge: 9pm-12am Old School Saturdays (live 105.3 broadcast) hosted by Rae Styles
- @ Workman's Friend: DJ Wiiz Kid (Steve Warwick)
- Sat., Nov. 8th @ Amos': 8pm-2am "Intersect" w.DJ's Michael Price, Nareau, Joey, Straftanz
- Sat., Nov. 30th @ the Milestone: Digital Noir w.DJ Spider & Michael Price
- Sat., Dec. 7th @ the Visulite Theatre: Big Mammias House of Burlesque's Merry Stripmas

KARAOKE

- @ Noda 101: Karaoke

SPECIAL OR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS

NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | 2019

SPORTS | ACTIVITIES

- Thursdays-Sundays www.FunnyBus.net (starts @ 7th Street Station)
- Historic Uptown Neighborhood Tour
www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

BEER | WINE | FOOD

- Tuesdays-Sundays @ Wooden Robot : the Twisted Eats by Kre8 Food Truck
- Thursdays-Sundays @ Dragon Moonshine : 4-8pm facility tours & tastings
- Tuesdays-Saturdays @ Great Wagon Road Distillery: tours
- Mondays-Thursdays 5-9pm & 12-4pm Fridays @ Sycamore Brewing : Papi Queso food truck
- Southern Food Bicycle Tour
www.CharlotteNCTours.com (daily)

COMEDY | THEATRE

- THRU Nov. 3rd @ Ovens Auditorium: Les Miserables
- Nov. 22nd & 23rd @ Blumenthal Performing Arts Center: the Golden Girls Show - a Puppet Parody
- Dec. 6th-8th @ Ovens Auditorium: Jersey Boys
- Dec. 10th-15th @ Ovens Auditorium: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

SYMPHONY | OPERA | DANCE

- Nov. 8th & 9th @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Debussy Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun
- Nov. 15th & 16th @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Patriotic Pops
- Nov. 22nd & 23rd @ Belk Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Dvorak's New World Symphony
- Dec. 6th & 7th @ Knight Theater:

www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Handel's Messiah

- Dec. 13th-22nd @ Knight Theater:
www.CharlotteSymphony.org Presents: Magic of Christmas

MUSEUMS | ART

- Liberty Walk: self-guided tour of the American Revolution - www.CharlotteLibertyWalk.com / www.HandHeldHistory.com contact@meckdeck.org
- THRU Nov. 8th @ Soco Gallery: Shifted Horizons feat. Clare Rojas
- THRU Nov. 3rd @ Mint Museum (Randolph): Abandon Imagination - the Fantastical art of Tony DiTerlizzi
- THRU Nov. 16th @ McColl Center for Art + Innovation: New Works/Alumni Four feat. Lori Larusso, Izel Vargas, & Zoe Charlton
- THRU Nov. 29th @ Hodges Taylor Art Consultancy: Cuero Equisito by Cristina Cordova
- THRU Dec. 1st @ Bechtler Museum of Modern Art: Nomadic Murals - tapestries of the modern era
- THRU Dec. 5th @ Petra's: "I'm a Survivor" - Babe Land's Photo Exhibition (opening reception: Fri., Nov. 1st 8-9pm)
- THRU Jan. 5th @ ClearWater Artists Studio: Wanda Jenkins solo exhibit "Adventures in Color" (reception: Sat., Nov. 2nd 4-6pm)
- THRU Feb. 8th @ NASCAR Hall of Fame: RCR 50 - Only in America exhibit
- THRU Apr. 26th @ Mint Museum (uptown): Immersed in Light Studio Drift feat. Ralph Nauta & Lonneke Gordjin

TRADE | INTEREST SHOWS & FESTIVALS

- THRU Nov. 29th @ 16445 Poplar Tent Rd. (Huntersville):
www.CarolinaRenFestInfo.com

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NANA'S FASTFOOD & SEAFOOD MART

BY: ELLEN GURLEY



We, at My City Magazine, are suckers for that hidden gem. Nana's Fastfood & Seafood Mart is one of those. Located equidistance from the University area and center city / uptown, they serve both fast-food and fresh seafood (to take to the house for your fish fry) every, single day except for Sunday.

You may recognise Hung from working on Scott Tang's food truck, Yummi Banh Mi (only the best Vietnamese food truck in Charlotte). Hung has come back full circle to work in his folks' spot. You can expect everything that you would find in a convenient store, including, but not limited to, a sign that suggests one pull up their pants plus that charm you want from that mom-n-pop. Consistency is the boss at Nana's, everything is cooked fresh-to-order, all of the product has that ocean smell, fresh eyes, that good slime, and red gills on that firm feel.

A personal favourite of mine, upon arrival for an interview, is that live testimonial from a longtime customer. Word of mouth is king, after all. Gregory McCown, a retired veteran around my age, sat beside me while waiting on his order, citing the flounder, croaker (which Hung tells me later is the biggest seller), and tilapia as his repeat / go-to orders. He has been patronizing Nana's for a couple of decades now. First visiting the establishment at it's first location with his father, McCown now brings a third generation to the beloved spot when he comes there weekly with his own children. Another charming regular, to my delight, Harmon Bradford, dressed in a three-piece-suit tells me that "this place has the best seafood on this side of town".

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Telling me that they have winter and summer hours (see below), Hung gestures towards the ice chest, which houses much of the seafood, and it's hard not to notice the octopus tattoo that takes over the better part of his left arm and hand (nod to Tom Harkness at Blood, Sweat, and Tears), while he tells me about growing up on a shrimp boat. I realize, extremely quickly, that this boy knows his fish. Bat (endearingly referred to as Batman) and Linh (only called Nana, a former seamstress, and all-around hustler) have been married over forty years and they both enjoy their customers and their trade. You can thank us after you go check them out yourselves.

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PET PROFILE

AXL

Hello, readers! I'm Axl, a husky mix that can be almost as high maintenance as the rockstar I'm named after. I'm a social butterfly and my mom says I've "never met a stranger". My original owners couldn't handle me and my 6 siblings, so they left us in a box at Muffler Masters in hopes that we would somehow find a better life. Thankfully, that's exactly what happened. My dad decided to take me home, even though my soon-to-be mom had told him he couldn't have any more pets. I've since learned that it's pretty typical of dad to do what he wants. My mom couldn't resist my charm and fell in love with me right away.



Now let's talk about the fam. I have 2 human sisters, Briana and Olivia. Briana loves to brush my long lustrous mane, and mom always gets annoyed with us because we leave fur all over the carpet. When I just need some downtime, I like to hang with Olivia and watch her play video games. I have 2 feline siblings as well, but sometimes I get a little too frisky when they're around, so I don't get to see them as often as I'd like. I would love to have a closer relationship with my brother Link. He's a not-so-mini "mini-pig". I try to hang with him all the time, but he can be a little overly sensitive. I know one day he'll warm up to the idea of us being as close as brothers should be.

Let's discuss the things I love! Walking! I love to walk the trails at the park. Mom and I usually walk the 2 mile trail. I could definitely do the 4 mile, but mom isn't made for this the way I am. I also love playing ball! I have finally figured out that I have to give the ball back so that the human can throw it to me again. I get so excited when mom buys me a new ball! I play with it for about a week, and then I tear it into tons of pieces so I can have another new ball!

My mom went back to work full-time last year, and this meant that she wouldn't be around as much during the day to play with me. So now I get to go to this amazing place called Camp Happy

Hound. Mom and dad call it “daycare”, which is silly because I’m obviously an adult. Anyway, it’s this really cool place where I can hang with my bro’s. There’s a huge outdoor play area and an indoor play area. So much room for activities! Either mom or dad picks me up on their way home from work, and I conk out in the backseat almost immediately.

Well that just about sums me up! I consider myself to be a real happy-go-lucky guy. Did I mention that my dad plays the drums in a local band called Trash Room? How cool am I? Oh, also I really hate thunderstorms. I’d like to thank My City Magazine for giving me this honor because I love the spotlight. But honestly, when you shine this bright, who needs it?

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