Preserving Precious Moments

As quarantining got you thinking about your family and friends? Reminiscing about your wedding? Art and Framing is a family-owned business established in 1979. They have a combined 40 years of experience in custom framing and preservation of fine art.

Bring in your football jersey, graduation diploma, wedding certificate, or family photos for framing. Art & Framing will preserve your precious memories to last a lifetime in museum quality frames.

Art & Framing is located at 2026 P Street, NW. Visit www.Art&FramingDC.com. Open seven days a week!

Zeleno: Healthy Food

The word Zeleno means “green” in Bulgarian. The eponymous restaurant and coffee shop offers everything organic and nothing artificial. All the produce is purchased from local farmers, and the offerings are prepared fresh in house.

“People around Dupont Circle are very health conscious and having a place that promotes such lifestyle would be a great addition,” said co-owner Iva Gotzev. “So, when my best friend died of cancer a year ago, we were motivated to open our own restaurant for the health of the community.”

One of the power coffees, Bibi Beet Latte, was named after their departed friend, comprised of beetroot, vanilla, coconut nectar (low glycemic sweetener), and cinnamon.

The menu ranges from acai bowls to sandwiches to coffee. Soon, soups will be added to the menu for the colder months. The coffee is not locally roasted but Illy flown in from Italy. Husband and co-owner Alex Gotzev is serious about coffee. He wanted a smooth coffee, which also happened to be the most expensive. And the drip coffee is the same bean as the espresso – so it is not bitter.

The owners have been interested in fitness and also own a Pilates studio around the corner – Toolbox. They believe that fitness and nutrition are linked, and you cannot do one without the other to be healthy.

Visit Zeleno at 1605 Connecticut Avenue, NW or visit their website at www.zelenodc.com. They designed and built the restaurant themselves!

Working with your Landlord

Your landlord may not own your business, but think of him or her as your silent partner. Even though your sales are down, you should talk with your landlord about realistic rent during COVID-19. Some landlords have been accepting 10-12% of sales, if you produce your bank statements each month. Others are accepting 50% of rent. Some have tacked on 6 months to the end of the lease. But the key is to communicate with your landlord or their agent so that you can remain open.

When we get through the pandemic, it will be difficult to fill an empty storefront. There are plenty of existing retail spaces, and more closures are coming. Be honest with your landlord. Open your books, and make it work so Dupont Circle thrives once again.
Corrective Shoe Moves Online

Corrective Shoe Repair will move its repair shop online due to COVID-19. Its “Shoe Repair Resole Center” has been operating online since 2004. Corrective Shoe Repair envisioned that small businesses would eventually be forced to move virtually, which is why they started the Shoe Repair Resole Center 16 years ago. Consequently, they will close their store at 1502 21st Street, NW and operate an online location only. Regardless of the location, the shoe repair business remains the same, operated by the group of qualified professionals doing the work now.

“I have known many of you over the years and your support for my business is what has kept us going,” said owner Nelson Ramos. “I’m saddened to know that I soon will no longer be seeing such friendly people in person. But with your support, I know we can make this work!”

Corrective Shoe Repair was established in 1954 by Nelson Ramos’ father Osvaldo Ramos who came to the United States in 1951 and was drafted by the U.S. Army to fight in the Korean War. He served his country and remained in the Washington DC area ever since. In 1979, dad hired his son, Nelson, as an apprentice. In 1989 Mr. Ramos died, leaving Nelson to run the business.

You can mail your shoes to be repaired. Simply visit the website to fill out a form, then place the label on a box, and drop it in the mail. It is that simple.

Corrective Shoe Repair will retain the same phone number: (202) 232-9749. Set up a repair at www.shoerepairresolecenter.com.

Pride Smoke Shop

Sean Kim opened Pride Smoke Shop in Dupont Circle because of his passion for glass and smoking. So he filled his shop with hand blown glass pipes and rainbow clothing to celebrate Gay Pride.

Shawn was born in Silver Spring and grew up in Northern Virginia. Five years ago, he moved to Adams Morgan, and is now a city dweller and worker.

“I lived my whole life in the shadows,” said owner Sean Kim. “And when I turned 34, I came out and said this is the real me. Now I broadcast it to the world, so I opened Pride Smoke Shop.”

Pride Smoke Shop is open seven days a week at 1502 21st Street, NW – lower level. Drop in at 4:20 to say hello.

Pop-up Success!

Dupont Circle Main Streets held the fourth annual Holiday Pop-up on Saturday, December 5th, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. to promote holiday shopping in greater Dupont Circle. This unique Holiday Pop-up event co-located artists in front of retail shops around Dupont Circle, plus inside the Dupont Underground.

“Dupont Circle has some 50 retailers selling amazing things,” says Sue Taylor, chair of the Promotion Committee. “We are committed to supporting retailers through the holiday season with our pop-ups, which will be located outside for your safe shopping pleasure.”

The pop-up event welcomed 40 vendors selling everything from jewelry to pottery, from paintings to scarves and bonsai and chocolates for all holiday gift giving. Despite the gusty weather, we had a huge turnout and vendors and retailers were pleased! We hope to organize another pop-up in February!
Little Emissary

Emissary, the independent coffeehouse, bar, and café, opened a second location at 1726 20th Street, NW. The new location features a collaboration with Colombia-based Pergamino Coffee, in Pergamino’s first partnership in the United States.

“We’ve been amazed by the warm welcome on 20th Street and are excited to share Pergamino coffee and the Emissary vibe with this great little corner of the city,” said owner Elias Hengst. “The collaboration with Pergamino was inspired by our personal connections to Colombian coffee and cycling and we invite everyone to drop by to say hi.”

The “baby” location is space for people of all backgrounds and beliefs to unwind and connect over carefully sourced and organic ingredients, coffee and espresso drinks, tea and chai from neighbor Teaism, and local craft beer and wine. And of course, there is a daily happy hour. The menu includes an all-day breakfast that includes eggs, sandwiches, croissants and baked goods – but also traditional Colombian fare like arepas and empanadas, prepared by a former cook at the embassy of Colombia.

“Little” Emissary is open and ready at 1726 20th Street, NW – with indoor and café seating – and asks that all guests follow all DC Covid safety protocols when they visit.

Mention this article, and you will receive a 10% discount on your order!

Holiday Window Winners

Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets organized its eighth annual Holiday Windows Competition, Holiday Lights, a citywide window competition to foster a festive shopping and dining environment in Dupont Circle.

Pride Smoke Shop won for best retail shop because Sean Kim’s decorations embody the diversity of Dupont Circle while embracing the holiday season. Floriana won best restaurant decorations because its Kamala Harris Tree is politically relevant, showing that any woman can be vice president. Deluca Massage won best service with its romantic holiday decorations covering the three-story historic building. Annie’s Paramount Steakhouse has been a neighborhood favorite since 1948, and won a people’s choice award. The James Beard award-winning restaurant captures the hearts of residents with its fun, wintery streatery, use of white birch trees, and outdoor heaters welcoming all who seek a steak and Manhattan.

Get Ready for Snow!

Winter is here, so get ready before the ice and snow arrive. District law requires that property owners/tenants remove snow from the sidewalk around the property within eight hours after a snowfall. After that, city inspectors can fine you. Sidewalks in front of your residence, office, retail store, or parking lot need to be cleared to facilitate the flow of pedestrian traffic. That means the snow should be cleared from the entire sidewalk – not just a path from your door to the curb. Please do your part to keep Dupont Circle safe throughout the winter.
Calendar of Meetings and Events

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