



the Downtown News

A Monthly Update from the Kent Downtown Partnership

Is your storefront clean—certified clean?

One way to attract shoppers to downtown Kent is by presenting clean, appealing storefronts on every street.

Is your storefront clean? Why not get it stamped "Certified Clean" by KDP's Design Committee to reap all the benefits and glory that come along with this special honor?

The program is simple. Contact the KDP office at 253-813-6976 and request that we review your storefront. We'll add you to the growing list of participating businesses and give you the criteria beforehand to help ensure the certification process is a sure bet.

Once your store passes the "Certified Clean" test, we will give you our seal of approval. You will be mentioned in the KDP's next monthly newsletter, and for good measure, we may even include a photo of your storefront as well.

Additionally, your business will be recognized at the KDP Annual Dinner Auction in June and you'll receive a certificate stamping your business "Certified Clean." You will not only be recognized by your peers but your store or business will be more attractive to downtown shoppers. There's no downside!



Wine, Women, Wow—Fri., May 7 (6-10)

Libby Seidel and her Wine, Women, Wow committee have been hard at work planning KDP's **Fifth Annual Wine, Women, Wow event—From Kent With Love**. Along with the usual shopping, pampering, wine tasting and food and treat sampling, we'll have a few new features including a photo booth and fashion show! Proceeds of this year's event will go to KDP and WWEE. Some of our vendors include:

- Tomboy Tools
- Miche Bags
- XOCAI Chocolate
- Tastefully Simple
- Cheryl's Unique Boutique
- Holland America/Catalyst Travel

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April dates to remember:

(see inside for more)

April 3—Kent Chamber Gala

April 15—KDP Networking
(5 to 7 pm—Location TBD)

April 17—Earth Day at Earthworks Park

April 24—Arbor Day, West Fenwick Park

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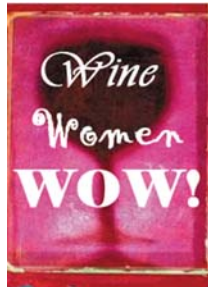
- Pugerude's
- Earthworks Gem Design Studio
- Lemon Drop Skin Care & Massage
- Humanity Salon
- Cookie Lee

Tickets are on sale at ShoWare Center now and will be available beginning April 2 at Marie Haggin Accessories, Earthworks Gem Design Studio, Renaissance Yarns and Cheryl's Unique Boutique. Watch our website at www.winewomenwow.com for details.

[Note: If you attended last year, we apologize for the long wait prior to the event and for running out of food. We are working to ensure that these issues do not occur this year. We hope you'll give us another try!]

Thank you to our sponsors!

Kent Downtown Partnership, WWEE, ShoWare Center, All Pro Building Maintenance, Heartbeat Healing Arts, Kent Reporter, Olympic Cellars Winery, Dave & Libby Seidel, Virtually Yourz, Allied Waste, Judy Woods, Bath Fitters, BECU, Curran Law Firm, Holland America/Catalyst Travel, MonaVie, Allcitybucks.com, Hanis, Irvine & Prothero, Valley Bank and Marti Reeder of John L. Scott.



Spring Into Art: Thank you

KDP wants to thank Roger Gouin, City of Kent (Cheryl dos Remedios), Cheryl & Susie Wright of Cheryl's Unique Boutique, Brad Caplis of Shabra Gallery and the Kent School District for planning and participating in Spring into Art 2010. In addition, we want to thank South Side Dance Force for their performances, Valley Bank and Goju Karate for their donations, and these businesses who offered hands on art projects: Pottery-fic, Pugerude's, Christian Science Reading Room and Renaissance Yarns.

Welcome New Member

O-Teriyaki
208 W Kent Station St., Suite 104
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253-854-1211
Open 7 days a week

Visit our blog for news, events, photos & more: <http://kentdowntown.blogspot.com>

Annual dinner auction planning is underway!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 26 when KDP will host its annual dinner auction at the Kent Senior Activity Center.

This year's theme is fun & festive and has limitless possibilities—"I Love Kent-Sportstown USA." Guests can buy and decorate a table with the sports theme (or team) of their choice. Bid early to get first pick of teams and tables. President Mark Albertson has already purchased the first table and selected the Seattle Thunderbirds for his team. Go, Mark!

Oriana Pon is our procurement chair this year, so please contact her if you or your business would like to donate

something for the auction. We want this year to be extra special so be creative and generous. Consider experience gifts like weekend getaways, boat tours and pampering packages, as well as more traditional auction items like game tickets, team jerseys, bottles of wine, unique hand-crafted items and more!

Also, be on the lookout for sponsors. We want to cover as much of our costs with sponsorship dollars as we can, so the money raised can go back into KDP to support downtown Kent.

Questions? Ideas? Call KDP at 253-813-6976 or join the planning committee! Any and all are welcome!



Volunteer Spotlight: Suzanne Cameron



This month's volunteer spotlight is on Suzanne Cameron, volunteer extraordinaire. Suzanne, who owns the property management company Around the Clock, has been an avid volunteer for KDP for more than 10 years. She has served as KDP president, facilitated board retreats and currently chairs KDP's Design Committee, to name just a few of her roles.

Along with KDP board member and Kent Station general manager John Hinds, the Design Committee developed the Certified Clean Storefront program and is constantly working on ideas to improve the downtown Kent atmosphere. In addition, Suzanne serves on the downtown breakfast hour committee, the annual dinner/auction committee and as the Business Services and Events VP for the Kent Chamber. She is always willing to lend a hand, and is great at assembling a team for both work and fun. Thanks, Suzanne, for your hard work and contributions to downtown Kent.

"It is always fun working with Suzanne, and you always feel good about the product/project you produce," Barb Smith, KDP executive director says. "She has been a wonderful mentor for me in my new role at KDP."

KDP Safety & Security Goals

As part of the Design Committee, the Safety & Security Committee lead by John Hinds and Garry Stewart, have the following goals for 2010 for KDP:

1. Improve lighting in Kaibara Park
2. Identify and list light fixtures not working in downtown Kent
3. Identify downtown safety concerns with local police
4. Continue to promote expedited removal of graffiti and work with City of Kent Police Department in their "adopt a spot" program

Important Dates to Remember:

May 7: Wine, Women, WOW
June 5: KDP Downtown Clean-up Day
June 26: Annual KDP Dinner Auction
July 8-11: Kent Cornucopia
Aug. 3: KDP Picnic

KDP hopes to grow its B&O contributions to \$100,000 in 2010. Contact KDP for details on how your business can participate!

Member Renewals — Thank you for supporting KDP!

FRIENDS OF KDP:

Judy Woods

KDP MEMBERS:

Ken Johnson, DDS
Speedy Glass
Tawndog Investments
Tork Lift Central
Treasures
Two Men & A Truck

RENEWED B&O

Curran Law Firm
Ditco, Inc.
Management Valuation
Valley Bank

KDP Networking Event
April 15, 5 to 7 pm
Location: TBD



Annual Dinner Auction We NEED Your Help

We are looking for:

- Volunteers to sell tickets
- Sponsors to help fund the event
- Donors for the auction
- People to buy tables

If you can help, call KDP at 253-813-6976.





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Downtown Spotlight

1st Avenue South between Gowe and Titus Streets

Vibe Bar & Grill— Local bar and dance club, “A place to be yourself”

226 First Ave. South

Shindig Martini Bar—Upscale martini bar, an ideal spot to hang out with friends after work or on the weekends

222 First Ave. South

Northwest Electrology & Permanent Make-up—Electrology, permanent make-up, hair restoration, skin care and more

220 First Ave. South

Salon Ivoni—hair cuts, color & styling; make-up; facial waxing

218 First Ave. South

City Frame—Custom framing, original artwork and Asian-inspired accessories

216 First Ave. South

Intimate Pilates—Yoga, Pilates training & classes and massages

212 First Ave. South

Wild Wheat Bakery—Restaurant, bakery, café, espresso; serving breakfast and lunch daily seven days a week

202 First Ave. South



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