

STREET















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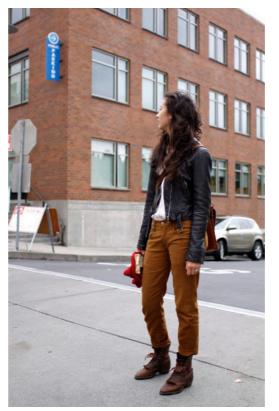
Chrissy Nolan// Morgan Hass | Downtown Fremont

FREMONT







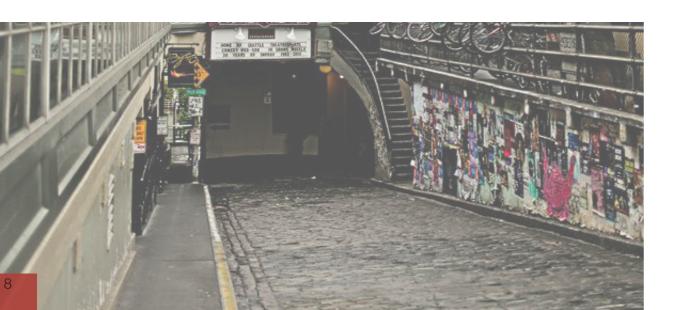


Established in 1990, the Market has evolved into a thriving, diverse European-Style street market that goes on indoor and outdoor year round. Up to 200 vendors attend bringing antiques, collectibles, bygones, retro, vintage, original fashion, tools, deluxe junk and estate sale treasures. In addition, there's a constantly changing bazaar of colorful world imports, new and original designers, artists and crafts





PIKE PLACE



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Style is the answer to everything.

A fresh way to approach a dull or dangerous thing

To do a dull thing with style is preferable to doing a dangerous thing without it To do a dangerous thing with style is what I call art

Bullfighting can be an art

Boxing can be an art

Loving can be an art

Opening a can of sardines can be an art

Not many have style

Not many can keep style

I have seen dogs with more style than men,

although not many dogs have style.

Cats have it with abundance.

When Hemingway put his brains to the wall with a shotgun, that was style.

Or sometimes people give you style

Joan of Arc had style

John the Baptist

Jesus

Socrates

Caesar

García Lorca.

I have met men in jail with style.

I have met more men in jail with style than men out of jail.

Style is the difference, a way of doing, a way of being done.

Six herons standing quietly in a pool of water,

or you, naked, walking out of the bathroom without seeing me.



- Charles Bukowski

MARKET STY



Dritta Bernstein | Pike Place Flowers



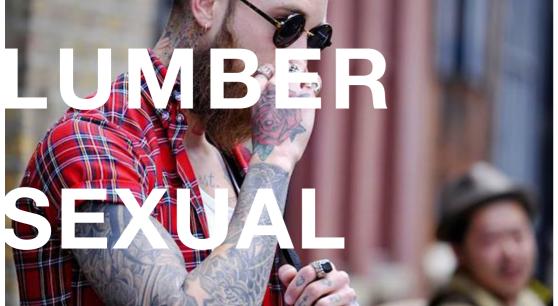




Gregory Paul Performing | Pike Place Market

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? Every part of the earth is sacred to people. Take only memories, leave nothing but footprints. Earth does not belong to us; we belong to earth. Today is fair. Tomorrow may be overcast with clouds. My words are like stars that never change.

- Chief Seattle



LOOK

There's a new breed of men, from Ballard to Brooklyn. It's the bearded, flanneled hipster, otherwise known as the "Lumbersexual."

Those are two words you rarely hear together. My dad used to work in logging camps in the 1930s and I heard his incredible stories at the dinner table, including ones I won't repeat here dealing with the sex lives of the lonely, brutal men who worked with him. Let's just say that no one really wants to be on the business end of a horny lumberjack. Really, truly. No one.

At any rate, "Lumbersexual" is more look than substance. It's the latest iteration of outdoor cool. Forget The North Face, think Filson.

In Seattle and Portland, such looks are old hat--or old boots and jeans. I mean, it's just how many of us dress. And it's not like we're affecting a pose like, oh, we're about to run out and cut a cord of Doug fir. It's more like, we're going to go out and drink too much artisanal hard cider. In the rain. With sensible shoes on and a canvas jacket that will last for decades, because t's made to last decades.

Much is being made of Lumbersexuals. Buzzfeed says it's "the hot new trend." Gawker offers up a gallery of celebs who fit the "Lumbersexual ethos." Gearjunkie says the Lumbersexual "looks like a man of the woods, but works at The Nerdery, programming for a healthy salary and benefits. His backpack carries a MacBook Air, but looks like it should carry a lumberjack's axe."

A Daily Beast writer claims that Lumbersexuals are yet another example of straight hipsters co-opting a gay meme, as if Paul Bunyan didn't predate the Village People. Growing up in Seattle, we wore this stuff because that's what you got at affordable stores like Sears, Penny's or Chubby and Tubby.

You wore flannel because the shirts were cheap and, Seattle being Seattle, you wore flannel year 'round. You wore boots because it was wet and fancy footwear shriveled in the rain and parkas because they were practical.

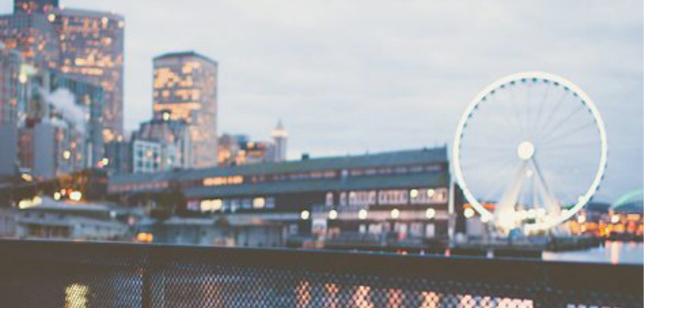
Seattle magazine recently published a great story on the revival of the local, Klondike-era Filson Co., which still makes great, old-school





clothes out of wool and canvas. In my family, we're into our fourth generation of Filson wear. Nothing is more Lumbersexual than a cruising coat from Filson, and I'm fine with that, but fashion is not why many of us buy the stuff. It's great, practical outdoor wear. If you're a modern citizen and model of sustainability, you are no doubt walking or biking or busing a lot more than you used to, so you better dress like you're in the wilds.

As Jonathan Raban once wrote, Seattle is "the first big city to which people have flocked in order to be closer to nature." We were all Lumbersexual before it was cool. I don't know about Brooklyn--and don't care--but here it's authentic, it's not just style. Like my father used to say, we dress for the elements. We also dress because, well, that's the way many of us have always dressed. If you do something long enough, it's bound to come in fashion at least once in your life.

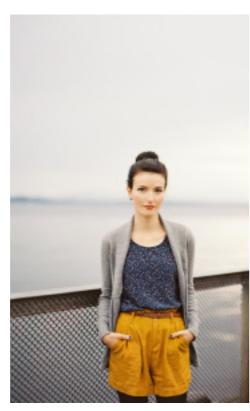


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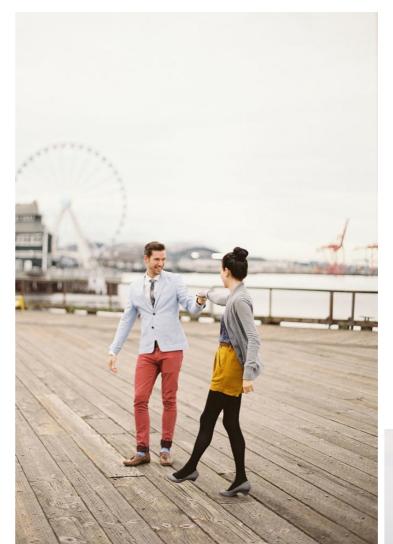
The Water Front is a true Seattle Treasure. With spectacular views of Elliott Bay, Seattle Waterfront is one of Seattle's most unforgettable neighborhoods. Visitors can enjoy fresh Pacific Northwest seafood, eclectic souvenir and curio shops, scenic ferry rides, or a visit to the Seattle Aquarium. Or, take a walk along the piers and simply enjoy the view. And as for the locals, it remains a perfect place to get some of the best seafood that the emerald city has to offer, go for a beautiful sunny walk with friends, pass through the imfamous Ye Old Curiousity Shop, or take a ride on the Great Wheel with a group of friends. The Waterfront has a little bit of everything for everyone and offers an energizing and exciting atmosphere full of suprises, culture, art and experiences wherever you turn.

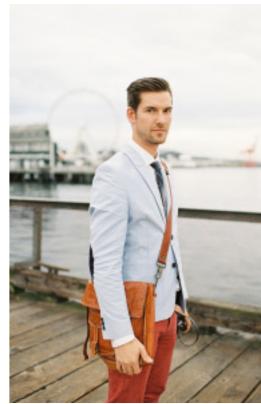






The O'Malley's are a Seattle Local Photography Couple | Hear donning a colorful classy Hipster look |sThe WaterFront Seattle









Downtown Seattle – the blocks just east of the Pike Place Market and west of the Washington State Convention Center – is commonly referred to as the retail and entertainment district. Here, major shoppers will find endless distractions ranging from the Nordstrom flagship store to independent boutiques to shopping centers such as Westlake Center, City Centre and Pacific Place. Numerous brand and boutique hotels, as well as some of the city's most notable restaurants, the best shopping make it an excellent area for visitors to stay, play and dine.

Lisa Johnson and Nate Fifield In Weekend Causal Downtown Seattle

DOWNTOWN











I spotted a man on Pine Street the other day wearing an ascot. Just your average Seattle man in weatherproof shoes, coffee in hand, on his way to work. Wearing an ascot. He could have been naked from the waist down carrying an assault rifle, and had a cop interrogated me, I would've confessed, "I don't recall any nudity or a gun. But I'm certain about the navy blue, silk jacquard ascot."

Checking my favorite barometer of fashion,

Bill Cunningham (of The New York Times'

"On the Street" column), the story of late

is the renewed energy around menswear

and the slow death of casual Friday. I than

God-or Paul Smith or whomever

these fashionable winds have finally

MENS STYLE

Brad Weller rocking his trim beard along with curly hair man-pony; navy blazer with pocket swatch, Chukka Boots gingham jeans.tied together with brown leather belt/watch.

mistaken for a gay, international diplomat simply for wearing a collared shirt, polished shoes and a belt.

It's now kind of ok for a man to style his hair and care about what he wears. In Georgetown, Ballard and Capitol Hill, I see a meta-exercise in sartorial insouciance at play. Clad in plaid, tucked into greasy jeans, guys seem styled in standard-issue neo-grunge from a distance.

But up close, as they're grabbing coffee at Vivace, the curatorial hand is clear —dandies in disguise. What looked like it could be a vintage Mackinaw Cruiser worthy of a Macklemore mention turns out to be Filson's new "Seattle Fit," the company's has its more stylish, fashion-forward line. This is

adding to Seattle's image of an emerging strong standing force within Men's Fashion.

All across the city, men aren't just groomed, they're hypergroomed—sometimes taking great care to appear entirely unkempt. Hang out near any of Rudy's eight local primp palaces (aka barbershops) and you'll see beards and 'staches that run the gamut from scruffy to biblical; human topiaries sculpted with hand-forged razors, artisanal pomades and organic oils. I don't know their secrets, but if bearding was an Olympic sport, some of these guys might be accused of doping.

Between grooming, fashion, food and drink, a Seattle man has more latitude than ever before in how to express who he is (or wishes to be) and what he stands for. Uniforms—formal or fashionable—signify status, and this new complexity requires that our old radar be recalibrated to make sense of the new signals. Whether you're sipping local, barrel-aged whiskey at Old Sage or pounding PBRs at the 9lb Hammer, the only way to know if the guy on the next stool in the Carhartts and tattoo sleeves, stroking his Fu Manchu, is a designer, doctor or dock worker is to actually ask him. Which, come to think about it, isn't a bad thing.





It is well beyond shopping or food and drink
To artists and vendors in green body ink
To hippies and hipsters, rockers and the gays
To dealers whores and the gays who make plays
The magical past, I do not know it
But then again, I am not a poet

CAPITOL HILL











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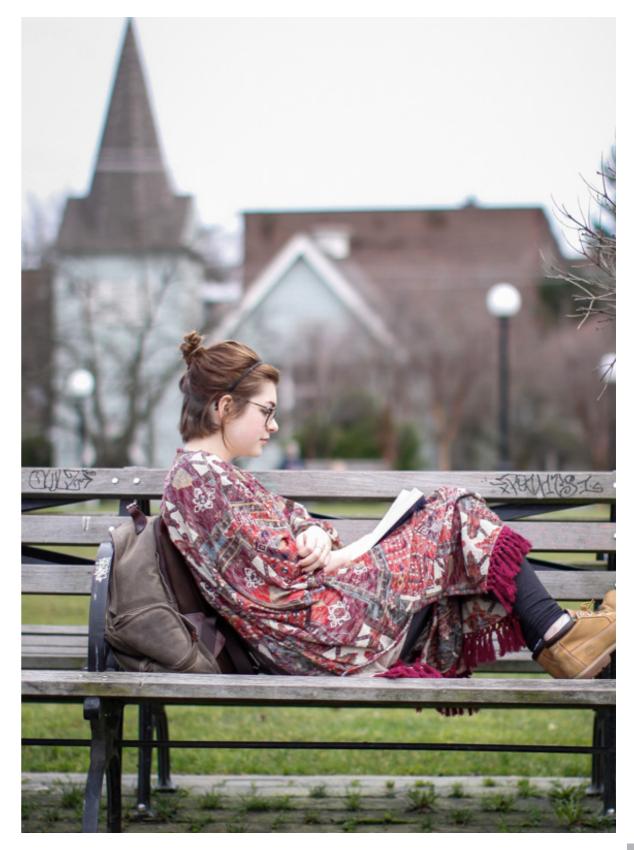


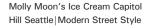


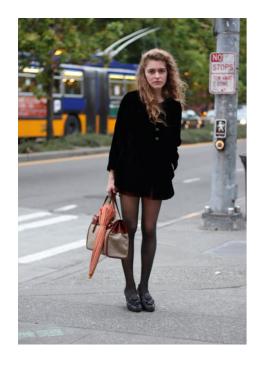
Reed Stokes kaki capris, leather jacket and scarf reading over lines

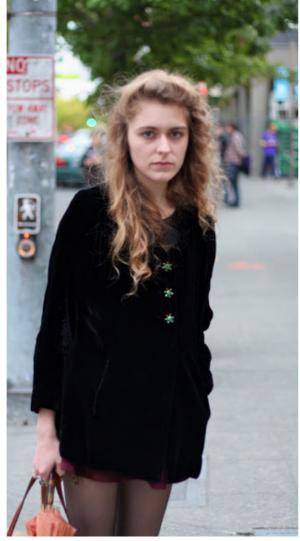


Kasey Williams Lounging at Anderson Park in fringed comono



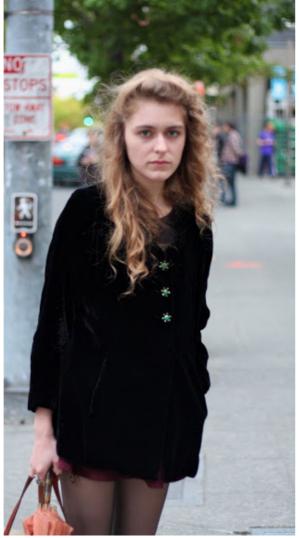






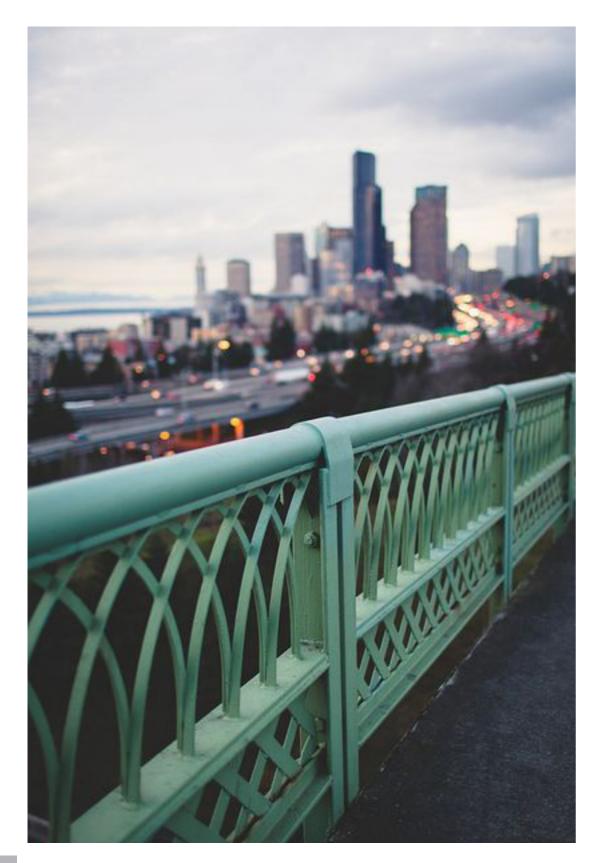
Pine & Broadway on Capitol Hill

Charlie works at the Capitol Hill American Apparel store on Broadway. She explains "My Style is very much inspired by Cap Hill. Iv'e got the feminine hints, infused with a dark twist... The Modern color pallets juxtaposition along with the vintage styling here and there"-Charlie





Seattle, often times credited as the West Coast birthplace of the hipster craze, has several cool kid neighborhoods. Capitol Hill probably being one of the top, (but in close competition with the up-andcoming Ballard neighborhood -walkability and culture tips the scales). Known for both its hipster and gay communities, a good cup of coffee is a given in Capitol Hill -- the area had the highest coffee shop per capita ranking on our list -- and gourmands have access to fresh finds at the local farmer's market. Bars, fringe theaters and impromptu street parties make the area a nightlife destination.



Steep sidewalks rise to multicultural cloud formations

smoke rings, clowns, machines

the simple, flat Puget Sound mocks the complicated peaks around

the streets crawl with fraught artistic minds - a live folk museum

with misplaced skyscrapers

because they can

to show they have it

success ain't just an East Coast thang

and have you tasted our coffee?

roots in self-pride. pride in self-expression

I'll take my coffee green, please

I'll rock a reverse mohawk

because I can

homeless men in the shadow of a totem pole with views of the Sound

tired bodies stretched on the grass, catching z's

bent forward on benches, scratching charcoal drawings

to make some bucks off wanting tourists

whole piles of drawings

art carried on their person

or is it their person?

body as studio

bones as easel

because I am

thick fingers dusty as the toes poking out of their oversized shoes

(shoes worn by donation never fit)

if it rains, when it rains, the drops lend a new dimension to the art

one of them brags about making the front page of the P.I.

before it went bust

the crumpled sheets, last night's pillow, add texture to the art

solemn faces on the totem pole look down and say, "It's your story. Another story."

the newspaper artist's cart of possessions so large he couldn't move further than a few blocks

the fraying paper showing his own, unsmiling face, sitting atop his mountain of stuff

i think of how every bathroom in Seattle had a lock with a code

keepin' 'em out

and i think about how there are no playgrounds, few parks

yet the taxes soar like the Columbia Center which the Sky Needle cowers beneath

if the homeless got the bucks from the piggy bank in Pike Place Market, would that be enough?

or would they still live the streets

catch z's in the park

speak to the totem

smoke grass, use grass as bedding

a wisp from the coffee shop that took some beans, a brand, made a billion bucks

'cause the coffee's good

because they could



Emily Mcdaid

