



Street Talk

Nominate for the Catalyst Awards!

Nominations are now open for the 2010 Catalyst Awards, recognizing contributions by individuals, organizations and businesses that demonstrate the utilization of innovation and technology to bring economic growth to the region.

The theme of this year's awards is "Educate - Innovate - Celebrate," and the awards are growing to include an additional category for Emerging Innovator of the Year. This award recognizes an under-35 individual or team who has developed or implemented new forms of innovation and technology to help grow our economy.

To view all the award categories, and their explanations, [click here](#).

Nominations are due Friday, August 20 and the awards ceremony has a new home this year - The University District!

"As a part of our University District Month celebration in October, the University District Development Association (UDDA) is excited to host this year's Catalyst Awards to recognize and commemorate our region's most successful and inspiring innovators," said Brandon Betty, University District Project Coordinator.

[Download the quick and easy nomination form here](#) and turn it in today, then plan to **attend the awards on October 6** at the McCarthy Athletic Center, at Gonzaga University.

For details on the event, visit GreaterSpokane.org or SpokaneUniversityDistrict.com

Looking to Get Involved in First Friday?

Don't miss the Grand Opening of **World Vision's "I See You" photography exhibit**, featuring the award-winning work of Jon Warren at the September 3 First Friday. As photo director for World Vision, the world's leading relief and development organization, Warren has traveled to more the 60 countries to tell the story of children through imagery - their challenges, their environment, but most of all to tell the story of the dignity and uniqueness of each child, full of potential.



The exhibit is part of the month-long "[Count On Spokane](#)", in partnership with, KREM-2 TV, key Spokane businesses and community groups to raise awareness of the issues that children face both globally and locally and connect 2,600 children in need with Spokane families. Help meet campaign spokesperson Laura Papetti's challenge to "Join your neighbors and sponsor a child in need."

Special Opportunity: Looking to show your community support by participating in Downtown Spokane's September First Friday? World Vision is

offering ready-to-hang photographs from Jon Warren's portfolio to any Downtown venue for First Friday and the month of September. Contact Mary Hogan at 253.815.2527 or mhogan@worldvision.org for more information.

For those interested in participating in First Friday with an exhibit, please visit DowntownSpokane.net/first-friday or e-mail LSangster@downtownspokane.net.

Get Your Groupon!

Groupon has recently launched in Spokane to 11,000+ subscribers! Never heard of Groupon? It's a relatively new program that originated in Chicago in 2008 and has grown to include cities all over the country.

As a consumer, Groupon is free to subscribe to and you'll receive a notice via e-mail of the daily deal for businesses in Spokane. Some of the deals for Spokane have included offers from Auntie's Bookstore and Chocolate Apothecary as well as gym and workout specials and discounts at your favorite coffee shop!

The program is open to all businesses wanting to participate and is a chance to get in front of thousands of potential Spokane customers! **For more information on Groupon and how it works, visit Groupon.com.**

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- [Auntie's at the Square Grand Opening](#) TODAY, August 13-15. Enjoy 20% discounts off everything storewide, live music, author events, balloons, and a drawing for great prizes. Don't miss it!
- [STCU Carriage Rides](#) every Friday in August, 5-9pm, Free at Wall & Main
- [Kids Day at Riverfront Park](#) on Saturday, August 14
- [Spokane Falls Northwest Indian Encampment & Pow Wow](#), August 27-29, in Riverfront Park.
- [Launchpad INW Quarterly Networking event](#), September 23 at the Martin Wolson Theater at the Fox.

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 509-456-0580.

We are happy to help!

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