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FROM ZE EDITOR WIZ LOVE

d'Etroit is my mistress. She is my life. She is my blood. When I lust, I lust only for her. When I long to be loved, I long only for her to love me. If I were to live a thousand lives they would each be wiz my petit *d'Etroit*.

From ze moment we met I fell madly in love wiz her. We spent much time together. There were delightful afternoons flittered away in ze soft warmth of ze sun. There were delicious frolics during ze violet hour, and there were, of course, many dark romps by ze light of ze wolf moon.

d'Etroit was mine and I was surely made only to be hers.

But, *d'Etroit* is a mercurial sort. She is an unpredictable creature, capable of discovering ze hidden depths of ze soul, playing, toying unmercifully, forcing one to love her before seeking new chivalries.

Why do you torment me so? Can you not see it is I, and I alone, who love you? Come wiz me and I will take you round ze world. Come wiz me and I will make you forget your faux lovers. Embrace me, and tell me that from this moment on our love will suffer no other infringere.

At your feet I will worship, my petit *d'Etroit*, and the chains of my fidelity, intertwined wiz my honour, will offer my ravished heart some whisper of contentment.

Please, transport my sadness from having to share you wiz another.

But, who are these interlopers I hear speak of you in such a way? What do they savvy of your virtue? What hint do they possess of your possibility? Away! Away wiz them all, for you are my petit *d'Etroit*!

Alas! It is not you who have betrayed me but my rivals who have betrayed you. Jealousy speaks many languages and each imposteur wastes little time in foolish attempts to beg me away from your bosom.

Fear not, my petit *d'Etroit*, for I now know ze truth. It is only I whom you love, and it is only you who receives my essence. We were together in ze beginning, and we will surely die together in ze end.

Marquis de troit



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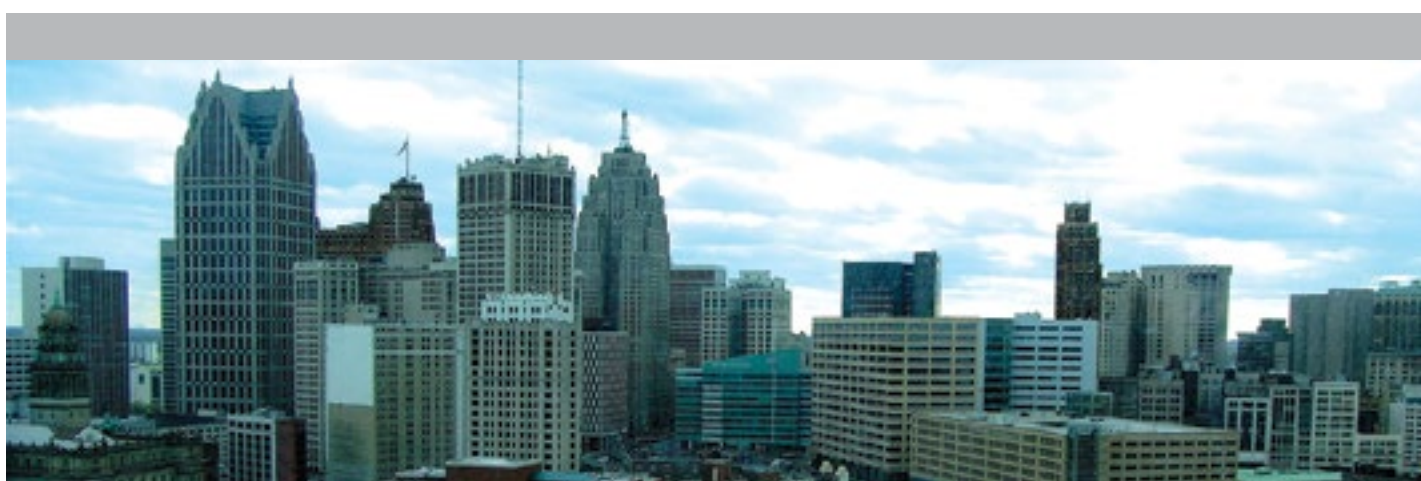
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Warning: This paper has not been proof read, and probably never will. Please, see 'Letter From The Editor', November 2010, online for more information.

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Communiqué

Hello Metropolitan

Jussst discovered your publication-very awesome!!

Laura Vandenheede, Detroit

Subscriptions?

I was born and raised in Detroit, but have been in Texas since 1979. A friend brought me a copy of your publication last December and I really enjoyed it. I was wondering if it would be possible to get a subscription sent to me or if your paper is available online.

Please email me and let me know how I can get this great publication.

*Thank you,
Kathi Roark*

Editor's Reply: *We do not currently offer subscriptions, but one may always download our archived pdfs by visiting www.themetdet.com*

Greetings to The Metropolitan,

These are my suggestion(s) [regarding the Michigan Central Depot]:

Restore the Train Station to what it was initially intended for and much, much more!

As it is still right alongside the train tracks, why not also use it for commercials, and/or scenes of movies, TV?

The supplies for the "shoots" would be minimal, simply because it is "right at the train tracks" which are still used. The supplies can come in and go out by train, (load and unload right there at the train station - as a "HUB"), costing much less than by plane.

Doing so, will add jobs and simulate the Detroit Metropolitan economy.

In addition to what was stated in "The Metropolitan" of "How To Create A functional Ruin", I reiterate, use it for Automotive commercials, and even "videos" with Michigan "Home Grown" Stars such as: Kid Rock, Eminem, Big Sean, to name a few. And for the "older crowd", Stevie Wonder, and Diana Ross, would love to do a commercial or advertisement there.

I always wondered why the "Train Station" was just there, not being used? It is a "Ruin", of sorts. Since I can recall, (from the age of 4 or 5 years old) the Train Station has been nothing but a "shell", vacant, empty. Riding with my parents (may Almighty God rest their souls) down Michigan Avenue, seeing the Train Station from afar, nothing but a skeleton, no windows, no life.

For all of my 56 years, born and reared here in Detroit Michigan, I have never known the Train Station to be operational on any level, working and functional. I find it so sad and very disappointing that it is "still just a shell", why?

Please restore it, I would love to see it "Alive", Bustling and Vibrant - Invite me to the "Newly Restored Grand Opening"!

Wishing All ~ Peace, Love and Happiness Always,

*Learenae, Detroit
learenae1@comcast.net*

ON THE COVER / Laura Dark



Laura Dark has been shooting professionally for the past 17 years. She attended art school for a BFA and apprenticed for 2 years under a local commercial and portrait photographer. She is well versed on both sides of the camera as both Model and Photographer. It has been said that, "what Laura can do in a half a dozen frames would make grown men cry."

Best known for her dark portrait and beauty work, which has been described as, "beautiful and creative - with images that are realistic and haunting", it was Ms. Dark's new romanticism that inspired us for the month of February.

Laura is well known for her many publications, magazine covers, and her two years as Senior Fashion and Beauty Editor with the avant garde fashion magazine, Dark Beauty. She has been published in Gothic Beauty Magazine, Bizarre Magazine, and Auxiliary Magazine just to name a few.

We are pleased to feature Ms. Dark this month on the cover of The Metropolitan, and look forward to bringing you more of her work.

Laura Dark • Laura Dark Photography - Photographer • www.lauradark.net



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VALENTINE d'ETROIT

176 Things We Love About Our City [In No Particular Order] . . .

Unlike some other publications, The Metropolitan does not require payment for the right to be known as “Best Of”. Here, we call it as we see it. Makes us feel good. And, it should make you feel good too. Know why? Because, we care where we send you. Our reputation depends on it. And, while it's impossible to list everything we love about our city, we hope that you'll consider some of the following points of interest - big or small.

“Oh, d’Etoit ~ How do we love thee? Let us count the ways” ~



1. Eastern Market, Detroit

Said it before and we'll say it again, Detroit's Eastern Market is the heart and soul of the city. It's the kitchen in our homes, where everyone comes to chat during a gathering. Nothing like witnessing the sunrise over d'Etoit, with the echo of farmers yelling out prices of tomatoes and corn. detroiteasternmarket.com

2. Supino's Pizza, [Eastern Market] Detroit

Supino's Pizza stands alone as the only place in town to score a quality "slice". Take it outside, stand on the corner, give it a fold, and take a bite outta Detroit. Guaranteed to make even your saddest day better. Rivals any New York pizza! supinopizzeria.com

3. Michigan Central Station, Detroit

The single most photographed building in the city is an icon of Detroit. The Metropolitan advocates for the train station becoming the first bona fide Ruin in America complete with museum, coffee bar, external indirect lighting, and a convention room on the top floor.

4. A Drink at the Bar at the Whitney, Detroit

I've been around, kids, drank with the best of them, and few high end, oak room bars compare with what The Whitney has to offer. If you're lucky, arrive on a night when the piano man is tickling the ivories. thewhitney.com

5. Happy Hour / Michael Symon's Roast, Detroit

Monday through Friday, between the hours of 4:30-6:30, the good folks at Roast offer those in-the-know quite a fine Happy Hour. Food items from \$3-\$4 and great beer and wine prices, though we prefer The Metropolitan, a cocktail named after our very own paper (at least that's what we heard). roastdetroit.com

6. Woodward Avenue

M1. Michigan Highway 1. Woodward Avenue is the cultural corridor of Detroit Metropolitan Rock City. Make no mistake; we've got more history on this one highway than most other cities have in their entire state. Check it out during Dream Cruise (August) when we remind the world what Detroit Muscle is all about!

7. White Stripes

The single most important rock band of the last decade: Any of you “Hipsters” who've got a problem with that are just jealous. Hey, Jack and Meg - thanks for tastefully kicking out the jams. whitestripes.com

8. American Coney Island, Detroit

“Two up with everything”, I always say. A Detroit landmark, finally getting some much deserved national attention. Don't know how healthy it is but it sure tastes good! americanconeyisland.com

9. Lafayette Coney Island, Detroit

Can you really have one without the other? (313). 964. 8198

10. Ford Motor Company

When the ‘other’ auto companies ran their business into the arms of Big Government, Ford Motor Company restructured, repositioned and prepared to reappear better and stronger than before. My brother has always been a Ford man -while I drove a Vette - and I am now obliged to tip my hat to an American classic - as responsible as anyone for creating the ‘middle-class’.

11. The Dirty Show

Each year, Jerry Vile and his team of dirty curators come together to orchestrate the largest erotic art show in the world. While the show may not be for everyone, it certainly brings out the naughty in those who attend. Fine art, sculpture and live performance make up the majority of the exhibition, while the dom and sub audience fill out the rest. dirtydetroit.com

12. Taqueria El Rey, [Mexicantown] Detroit

The finest tacos and grilled chicken await you at this little taqueria, located on Vernor Highway in Mexicantown. No frills, just good, down home Mexican cooking. Great for lunch. taqueria-elrey.com

13. The Detroit Football Lions

That's right, we don't care that we only won six games this season. The Lion's winning attitude is for real and The Metropolitan supports it! No complaining, no excuses, no quitting - you'll get em' next year; gentlemen!

14. DTW (Detroit Metropolitan Airport)

Of course were bias, but DTW is one of the nations, if not the worlds, finest airports. Clean, well run, and filled with plenty to do. One of the more fascinating features is the Light Tunnel - connecting Concourse A with Concourse B/C - which is choreographed to ambient music, and serves not only as an entertaining way to catch a plane, but acts as a noise buffer against jumbo jets rolling over head. metroairport.com



15. Polonia, Hamtramck

Long before the great Anthony Bourdain made his rustbelt trek to Hamtramck's Polonia restaurant, friends and family have gathered for some good old fashioned, down home Polish cooking. Serves tasty dishes at a very reasonable price. Allow us to suggest the Polish combination plate. Na zdrowie! polonia-restaurant.net



16. Campus Martius Park, Detroit

What a beautiful little park we have right in the center of downtown Detroit. Campus Martius offers a gorgeous fountain, bistro tables in the summer, and ice-skating in winter, with the Fountain Bistro serving food and cocktails all year round. But, someone should instruct security to let lovers love - taking photos on the fountain ledge is hardly a crime!

17. Cliff Bell's, Detroit

We could go on and on about this working speakeasy; good food, good music, good service in an *ambiance unparallel* - Cliff Bell's is a bona fide Detroit treasure. We like a romantic table for two, with a pair of Sidecars, and some of the best live Jazz in Detroit. But, we also dig those late nights dedicated to electronic music. cliffbells.com



18. Gino Fanelli's Red Hot Sugar Daddies

Speaking of great live music, *Gino's Fanelli's Red Hot Sugar Daddies* perform 1920s and 30s New Orleans jazz like no one else. Using string, brass, and reed instruments, with no drums, Gino keeps his band swingin to the sounds of great jazz legends at Cliff Bell's, area brunch locations, and is available for parties, weddings, and special events. www.facebook.com

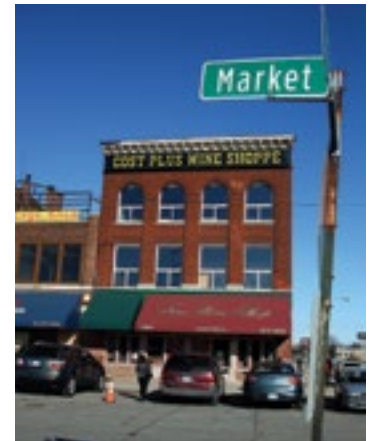
19. Rustbelt Market, Ferndale

The creation of Tiffany and Chris Best, Rustbelt Market is a terribly well designed retail space, loaded with area artisans, craftsmen, and culinary artists. Inside, you will spend hours among the fine original works, repurposed items, and curiosities of over 50 vendors. I personally enjoy taking a fresh roast from the unique, handmade HenriettaHaus Coffee stand, while explaining [to those who will listen] how everything in this country will be better the day I am appointed King. rustbeltmarket.com



20. Valentine Distillery, Ferndale

Valentine Vodka is the Made-In-Michigan product of Rifino Valentine, and his distillery, located on Vestor in Ferndale, is a rustic throwback to those happy days of prohibition. Rifino refurbished this beautiful building with his own hands, utilizing reclaimed brick, glass and ironwork from abandoned Detroit rubble. Open Wed through Sat nights, and Sun afternoons, lovers of hand crafted cocktails can choose from an array of vodka, gin and whiskey based libations, developed from liquid chef and GM, Nick Brancalone. Great ambiance, drinks and service - No tv. valentinevodka.com



21. The Roma Café, [Eastern Market] Detroit

Authentic, old school Italian cooking located in the Eastern Market area. In fact, The Roma is the oldest restaurant in the city, serving Detroit since 1890. Though, there are many fine items on the menu, my dad always liked the Strip Sirloin alla pizzaiola, with a side of angel hair pasta! romacafe.com

22. Cost Plus Wine Company, [Eastern Market] Detroit

This family owned and operated wine shop has been supplying Detroiters with some of the world's finest wine for decades. But, it's the lively atmosphere, with folks from the neighborhood and market gathering to share news, good stories, and a lot of laughs that keep regulars coming back. (313). 259. 3845

23. Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Detroit

Metropolitan staffers spend many afternoons sipping organic, ethically sourced coffee from this urban roasting company. Brick, hardwood, French bistro tables, community seating, and plenty of natural light combine to form the perfect union of form and function. Great Lakes offers small plates, tea, hot chocolate, desserts, and a fully stocked bar, which is where our editor spends his time, stressing over the deadline of the next issue.



26. Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Detroit

My understanding is that Baker's Keyboard Lounge is the oldest working jazz club in the country. Everyone has played here. I have been to Baker's many times for soul food and live music. Even the open mic nights leave one breathless. So much damn talent in this town. Half moon booths, great fried chicken, catfish, and sides. Place Baker's on your must see list! bakerskeyboardlounge.com

27. The Sanders Hot Fudge Cream Puff, Metropolitan Detroit

Sanders ice cream parlors have been a family tradition since 1875 and the hot fudge ice cream puff remains one of the great creations from le grand d'Étroit. www.sanderscandy.com



28. DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts contains some of the world's finest works from Titian, Warhol, Monet and more - even a self-portrait by Van Gogh. The Café DIA is a perfect place for lunch, with the Kresge Court among the cities more romantic environments. Now, that we voted those pesky home owners, who dared to buy a house worth 200k, into covering the museum's losses, it's free admission for the rest of us! www.dia.org

10 Things to Love About Detroit

Fotoula Lambros / Fashion Design

- Morning coffee meetings at Astro in Corktown, or Great Lakes Coffee Roasting in Midtown. You're sure to see a friendly, local mover and shaker, sipping a cup of something, while planning their hustle in the City. As always, look your best.
- A visit for an hour or an entire day at Belle Isle. Lots to do from picnicking, bird and boat watching, local sporting group events. The park is open all year round and currently free to enter!
- Brunch with the muffins at Grand Trunk (otherwise known as Foran's) to see some fabulous friends behind the bar for Drew's special bloody mix and bottomless mimosa's.
- The Park Shelton stop for any shopping and dining, featuring the Peacock Room, Emerald, Good Girls Go to Paris Crepes, Wasabi and most recently, the opening of Rodin. The interior of the Park Shelton lobby is classic and worth the trip. Make sure to make some time to visit the DIA next door.
- Eastern Market has everything from outdoor karaoke in the summer, to locally sourced produce and quaint niche Shoppe's every Saturday, year round.
- Summer nights on the rooftop of Exodus, in Greektown, with jazz, electronic and more throughout the week. Stop in Golden Fleece downstairs for a gyro, like the old country.
- DJs from around the globe perform in the red and blue rooms of TV Bar, an electronic music club I frequent regularly to let it loose on the dance floor.
- Taking a stroll through Campus Martius to see everything from live piano and bands in the summer, to winter ice-skating and the annual tree lighting ceremony.
- A classic, more known venue in the New Center area called Mr. Mike's. Perfect place to find some fine food, open mic nights on Thursday's and weekend Karaoke!
- The long time running, Monday nights called Slow Jams @ Woodbridge Pub. Erno the inferno and Eastside Jon tear it up with an extensive selection of vinyl. Gear up with the Detroit Bike City crew before the jams begin for a nice stroll with an even more fitting title, "Slow Roll to Slow Jams".



29. Spanish Coffee @ Tom’s Oyster Bar, Royal Oak

Since January 17th, 1994, bartenders Frank and Jeff have been turning out the finest cocktails this side of the Atlantic. But, one stands alone as their signature drink - the Spanish Coffee. Romantic, seductive, delicious, I've known few women who could resist its charms, the perfect choice for last call. www.tomsoysterbar.com

30. Red Coat Tavern, Royal Oak

For the best burger, fries or fish n chips in the city there is nothing like the Red Coat Tavern. Amazing tavern décor - low light, red tufted booths, dark wood - and a buzzing atmosphere; this place is always busy. I once had drinks (Maker's Mark - on the rocks) with film director, Paul McGuigan (Lucky Number Slevin), and he loved it - couldn't get over the strong pours and fair pricing. He also described my date as "sexier than Kate Moss" - you Scottish devil, McGuigan!

31. Showtime Detroit

For proper rock star clothing, Detroit style, see Showtime Dan, in his infamous rock n roll lair, located at 5708 Woodward Avenue. Kid Rock, Queen bee, Eminem, White Stripes, Sponge, they've all been there - you should too. A true Detroit original. Tell em' Brancalone sent ya . . . www.showtimedetroit.com

32. Theatre Bizarre

John Dunivant is the man behind this annual masquerade, which is, quite frankly, the Greatest on Earth. Hundreds of performers, freaks, musicians, and bands meet thousands dressed in spectacular costumes. Originally, Theatre Bizarre made its home in the shadows of The Michigan State Fair grounds, until the city, in their infinite wisdom, chose to shut them down. In fact, the State, under Governor Granholm, also chose to close the Michigan State Fair. But, the bad ideas of a few are no match for the creativity of Theatre Bizarre, now held in Detroit's Masonic Temple.

33. The .35 Cup of Coffee at The Telway, Madison Heights

That's right - with all the high-end, expensive, flavoured, cappuccino, latte, decaf, half-calf Triple grande soy, no foam, extra hot, extra whip, caramel mocha nonsense on the market today it's nice to know one can still find a simple cup of good, hot coffee at The Telway. Open 24 hrs. (248). 545.7962

34. Union Street, Detroit

Great food, great beer, great heritage - an authentic Detroit hang! unionstreetdetroit.com

35. Mercury Burger Bar, Detroit

Every time I enter this recent offering to the Corktown drinking & dining scene, I order the same meal: Blue Apple Burger, with grilled onion, Dreamland BBQ sauce, and a small side of fries. I recommend you do the same. mercuryburgerbar.com

36. The Penobscot Building, Detroit

Enjoy the AMC series, Mad Men? Fantasize about Don Draper selling you a line before taking you to bed? Maybe, you prefer the voluptuous redhead? Well, this is where they would be working if they were employed in Detroit, circa 1960s. My dad used to work in this building. We'd ride the train downtown, and eat in the cafeteria on the Congress level - where he'd ask me to call him "uncle" whenever a voluptuous redhead was nearby.

37. Main Art Theatre, Royal Oak

The best independent cinema can be found at Landmark's Main Art Theatre. Boasting a fine concession counter, complete with gourmet chocolates and coffee, a friendly, knowledgeable staff and a midnight movie program. The Main Art also screens local filmmakers on a regular basis. www.landmarktheatres.com

38. Antica Pizzeria Fellini, Royal Oak

The only pizzeria - authorized by the powers that be in Naples, Italy - to serve authentic Napolitano pizza in Michigan. Everything on the menu is deliciouso, but the pizza Marguerite (mozzarella, basil, sauce) sends me back to the shores of Italy with every bite. A fine, friendly staff, and owner, Salvo is determined to make your visit an enjoyable one. (248). 547. 2751



LOVE ME TEN TIMES

By Jeanette Frost

- 1. Preservation of art, architecture and history:** Scarab Club 217 Farnsworth St, Detroit scarabclub.org, The Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit dia.org, Detroit Opera House 1526 Broadway Street, Detroit michiganopera.org
- 2. Red Coat Tavern:** No matter what I order, it's consistently great and open late. My favorite is the fish and chips (opt for side salad with homemade blue cheese dressing instead of coleslaw). 31542 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak (248) 549-0300
- 3. Le Petit Prince:** One of the Metro areas hidden treasures. Authentic French bakery, family owned and operated. Highly recommend their Almond Paste Croissant, Pointu, Brioche or any ganache pastry. 124 W. 14 Mile Rd. Birmingham (248) 644-7114
- 4. Independent film theaters:** Main Art Theater 118 North Main Street, Royal Oak (248) 542-5198 landmarktheaters.com, Maple Theater 4135 West Maple Road, Bloomfield Township (248) 750-1030 mapletheater.com, Detroit Film Theater (inside the DIA) dia.org.
- 5. Great Lakes Tea and Spice:** A fabulous selection of fine teas and tea ware. Their tea luncheons are a real treat! 6777 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield (248) 798-0052 gltskiosk.com
- 6. Fotoula Lambros Design:** A stellar fashion designer based out of Detroit. Utilizes natural, eco-conscious textiles with an avant-garde approach to design. Fo2la.com

- 7. Rouge Makeup and Nail Studio:** Organic beauty products and services that are super nourishing. Carries Eve Organics Beauty products. 23341 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale (248) 439-6010 rougemakeupandnails.com
- 8. Hand Crafted Cocktails:** Everything from scratch (as it should be) Valentine Distilling Co. 161 Vester Avenue, Ferndale (248) 629-9951 valentinevodka.com, The Oakland 201 W. 9 Mile Road Ferndale 248.291.5295 theoaklandferndale.com, Torino Espresso Bar 201 East 9 Mile Road, Ferndale (248) 247-1370 torinoespressobar.com, Sugar House 2130 Michigan Ave. Detroit (313) 962-0123 sugarhousedetroit.com
- 9. Amazing Pizza:** Antica Pizzeria Fellini 415 South Washington Avenue, Royal Oak (248) 547-2751 & Supino Pizzeria 2457 Russell Street, Detroit (313) 567-7879 supinopizzeria.com
- 10. The French Fries at Mercury Burger and Bar:** Preferably with sea salt and black pepper. 2163 Michigan Ave. (313) 964-5000 mercuryburgerbar.com



39. Good Girls Go To Paris Crepes, Detroit & Grosse Pointe

Right Bank sweet crepes vs. Left Bank savory crepes - Made by hand, with fresh produce from eastern market, Paris Crepes is simply divine, French comfort food in a café moderne. If owner, Torya Blanchard, who named each crepe after her friends ('good girls'), doesn't deserve your business, no one does. www.goodgirlsgotopariscrepes.com

40. Detroit Opera House

An Opera at the Detroit Opera House: one of the finest nights one can find in the city. Music and theatre, elegant women in gowns, tuxedos, Champagne, Martinis, and nervous electricity, inspired by what lay beyond the velvet curtain. www.michiganopera.org

41. Bronx Bar, Detroit

The quintessential Detroit corner bar; always had a great jukebox (or two), good, inexpensive food and drink, pool table, and an artful clientele. (313). 832. 8464

42. Shangri- La, Detroit & W. Bloomfield

The authentic late night Dim Sum is quite a treat. www.ordershangrila.com

43. DFT [Detroit Film Theatre]

The finest in classic, foreign and independent film screened inside a 1,200-seat auditorium, designed by Paul Philippe Cret, circa 1927. Food, drink and cineastes mingle in the Crystal gallery. Matinees make for romantic afternoons, but evenings in the balcony usually provide unexpected results. www.dia.org/DFT

44. Northville Downs, Northville

Live horse-racing right here in the Metropolitan area. That's right, open 7 days a week, with free admission, parking, and the ability to wager on 375 races each day. May not be Churchill, but Northville Downs is a nice little raceway. And, they're off! www.northvilledowns.com

45. Filet at the Rugby Grille, [Townsend Hotel] Birmingham

Filet Mignon (9 oz.), with Potatoe (as spelled on the menu), and Vegetable - \$48. Delicious. townsendhotel.com/rugby-grille

46. The Old Shillelagh, Detroit

A great Irish pub: pints and whiskey, women and song, fish n chips (sometimes), and the same three damn fine musicians filling the house for over 15 years. www.oldshillelagh.com

47. Hot Chocolate at Gayle's Chocolate, DTW & Royal Oak

It's cold out and chances are it is going to be cold for quite some time. Hot chocolate at the counter of Gayle's makes it all ok. High cocoa chocolate and, if you're lucky, a good snow storm outside. www.gayleschocolates.com

48. Old Woodward Shave Co, Birmingham

Nothing like a fresh shave from a professional with a straight edge. www.oldwoodwardshaveco.com

49. Country Boy, Hazel Park

Usually, I go in the morning for 2 poached eggs, well, ham, biscuit and a cup of coffee. But, there have been evenings after the bar when I have added potatoes with grilled onion. Ask for AI instead of ketchup and you'll live the life of a wealthy man.

50. Detroit Fire House I

Is that the coolest fire station in town? Thanks for the good work, gentlemen.

51. MC5

An American rock band formed in Lincoln Park.



WHY MICHIGAN?

By Tom Brank

1. **Detroit Pizza and Steak** - Lelli's Italian breaded filet, with original zip sauce. Antica Pizzeria Fellini - true Italian pizza in Royal Oak - and, owner Salvo offering a slice of Spinguini; a word I had not heard since my father used it in the 1950's.
2. **Inland Lakes** - 11,037 natural lakes. A place to dive into on a hot August, late afternoon; to feel its brisk invigoration and emerge feeling clean and fresh; a place called Stoney, Loon, Crystal, Glen, or North Bar.
3. **Oar Boats** - Great Lake freighters, 600' to 1,000' long, plying quietly and powerfully with engines so huge a man can walk between the pistons. Watching their graceful path from the St. Clair Inn, looking larger than life, lit ladies of the night, majestic Queens of the Great Lakes.
4. **Porcupine Mountains** - The hike up to the overlook of Lake of the Clouds, and looking over the country's largest strand of hardwood forest.
5. **The Great Lakes** - Making Michigan's mitten unique. Fresh water lakes, 300 miles long, with legendary November storms. Some years back, the national weather service recorded waves of 87' in Lake Superior.
6. **Trees** - Michigan's giant, airy White Pine, American Chestnut, with the rich color of its chestnuts, off White Birch in Autumn,

Tamarack, dark, sweet cherry, Peach-Canadian Harmony, the look, feel and mystical fragrance of Balsam and Cedar:

7. **Canoeing On The Platt River** - In Autumn, with my family, in our custom Indian Voyager Canoe, looking to each bend in the river:
8. **Rivers** - The French/Indian names of ours; au Sable, cutting through the high rollways, and Big Bear swamp, bending, pristine Pere Marquette, lower and upper falls of golden Taquamenon, buried deep in northern forests.
9. **Indian Lore** - Michigan's rich stories and legends of Chiefs and warriors; Pokagon, Tecumseh, Topinabee, Pontiac, romanced in such memorable, visual words, like that of Longfellow's, Land of Hiawatha, "By the shining big sea water stood Wigwam of Nokomis, daughter of the moon, Nokomis."
10. **Mackinac Island Evenings** - After ferries leave for the mainland, having a cocktail before dinner on an elegant white wood deck of the Grand Harbor View, or Iroquois Hotel. Having coffee in early morning, listening to bicycles quiet ringing bells, calming clip-clop of horses, faint voices and laughter rising.





52. Tiger Stadium - Comerica Park

Though Tiger Stadium is no longer standing the memories of this historic ballpark live on. Having played in Comerica Park - a beautiful field in its own right - for several years now, it is incumbent upon us to provide the new generation of fans the best possible memories of a day at the ball park. If you find yourself getting nostalgic, grab a beer and a dog - you'll get over it.

53. Shopping in Birmingham

Boutiques and salons, a beautiful town square, with the pleasant feel of a European village, Birmingham is the state's best town for shopping.

54. Goulash @ Ellie's Grill, Berkley

This Hungarian stew has me fantasizing about its complexity and comfort right now. I simply do not know the words to convey how much I appreciate this dish. Anthony Bourdain has had to travel to places in East Asia to find soup that has done to him what this dish in Berkley does to me. (248). 691.4441

55. Brunch at La Dolce Vita, Detroit

Fine food, boisterous atmosphere, great music, and those bottomless mimosas keep Detroiters coming back again and again. www.ldvrestaurant.net

56. Detroit Women [use your best French accent]

Women from d'Eetroit have a certain je ne sais quoi - feminine, bold, seductive, complex, naughty but nice; they appreciate the finer things, but understand the work that goes into obtaining them; intelligent, creative and, more often than not, a lot of fun to be around. Would it be 'sexist' of me to say, "thank you for making Detroit beautiful?" Happy Valentine's Day, ladies - Ooo La La!

57. Delta Skyclub, DTW

Sit back, relax, have a cocktail, watch some CNN, Fox News or MSNBC, pick up a magazine, read The Metropolitan or plug into the world wide web; you're in the hands of professionals dedicated to making your day a little better.

58. Greektown

Yes, I know, Greektown is not what it used to be. But, Manhattan's Little Italy ain't what it used to be either. We still have ouzo and lamb, flaming cheese and baklava and for one city block one can experience the food of several different restaurants, a casino, a fine bakery and one or two late night bars. Greektown is a fixture in Detroit, only made better when people visit.



59. The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Grosse Pointe

Live music from national, international and local jazz musicians, a sophisticated menu and atmosphere, a fine happy hour, the perfect place to meet a date, close a deal or romance your significant other. Doesn't sound dirty? www.dirtydogjazz.com

60. Movement Electronic Music Festival

Is it the world's largest electronic music festival or just the best? Not really sure. Let's just say it has respect. Though, it's undergone several changes in name and management, the Detroit Electronic Music festival still inspires thousands to dance in the streets of Detroit every memorial weekend. movement.us



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I ♥ DETROIT

By LiLi Dreadz

- 1. Detroit Art** - Every time I visualize the streets of Detroit, it always includes graffiti, and tag art. Many consider graffiti a form of vandalism, but I see it as a true art form. Tag art aside, Detroit is filled with lots of talent, ranging from the stylish visuals of Glenn Barr, to the whimsical pieces of Daniel Cascardo.
- 2. Detroit Manufacturing** - Started in 1991 by Robert Stanzler, Detroit Manufacturing has produced many designs that highlight iconic images of Detroit. Not only have local celebrities embraced the t-shirts and other wearable goods, but so have many not-so-local characters as well. If it's good enough for The Beastie Boys, then it's good enough for me!
- 3. Ducky Detroit** - Detroit may be the Motor City, but it's lately embraced the bicycle culture. Ducky Detroit has helped further the embrace with unique apparel designs featuring bicycle motifs. I support these relative newcomers to the screen printing scene, and their bike-friendly t-shirts.
- 4. Polish food** - It's difficult to pick a favorite spot here in Detroit. We have quite a selection. But there's more to Polish food than sausage and pierogis. There's paczki too! As a native Michigander, it's not called Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. It's Paczki Day!
- 5. Germack Coffee Roasting Company [Eastern Market] Detroit** - I live for coffee, and will tear down walls for a perfectly pulled shot of espresso. Germack is a top notch cafe, and their baristas working behind the counter really know their stuff!
- 6. Greenfield Village, Dearborn** - Yes, it is definitely a touristy bit of fun, but I absolutely love any chance I get to go to Greenfield village. I was fortunate enough to finally attend Holiday Nights, which is a must-do for anyone living in or visiting the metro Detroit area in December.
- 7. The Detroit Riverfront** - The riverfront is so scenic at night. It's wonderful to look out over the water, and see lights, and while we're at it, a completely different country.
- 8. The DIA** - The DIA is probably the best way to spend a day in Detroit. It's the perfect place to go for a touch of class and sophistication (in a city known mostly for its toughness).
- 9. The Redwings** - Thank God the lock out was settled, because Detroit needs its dose of icy fury! It could be a rough season for the Lions and Pistons, but you can always count on the Redwings to give their city something to be proud of!
- 10. Imperial, Ferndale** - We talk about this place a lot here in the Metropolitan, and there's a reason for it. It really is that good! I love the food, the atmosphere, the price point, and the selection. The people on foursquare won't shut up about the Sonnoran hotdog, but if you ask this gal, it's all about the Al Pastor!



DETROIT 10 HIGH

By Matt Counts

- 1. Youmacon** - The yearly convention celebrating japanimation, and all other forms of Japanese mass media. From a gathering of maybe 400 people, at the Troy Met Hotel, to an over 12,000 person, million dollar celebration of strange and wonderful fandom, Youmacon seems to be gaining endless popularity.
- 2. Gusoline Alley, Royal Oak** - Unpretentious, with a touch of rockabilly, this is the last beacon of hope amongst the trendy bars popping up all over Royal Oak. Gritty and dark, with the best jukebox in town, Gusoline boasts a No crap tap, and they always have bottles of Tullamore dew.
- 3. Noble Fish, Clawson** - The sushi is superior, the 22oz of Kirin Ichiban is also superior. Together they make everything wonderful. There isn't much more for me to say; if you love sushi, you must visit Noble Fish.
- 4. Slows BBQ, Detroit** - Slows packs the pork, if you know what I mean. What has become a destination for Man vs Food enthusiasts is still, in my pork eating opinion, one fine eating establishment. Don't hate, dear Hipsters - Slows was first to breath new life into the Corktown neighborhood.
- 5. Sala Thai 1 [Eastern Market] Detroit** - Fabulous Thai food, an awesome décor, and kirin ichiban. Seems wherever I can score an ichiban becomes one of my favorite places.
- 6. Cafe Habana, Royal Oak** - Serving up brilliant Cuban food and some awesome cocktails, in a lively and colorful space. Anywhere that features a brunch burrito with potato croquettes and mojitos is worthy of a noble prize. Wait a minute ... are t hey still in business?
- 7. B.Nektar Meadery, Ferndale** - Wine and beer have had their run, now its time for the Viking taste of old to make a comeback, and leading the way is B.Nektar Meadery. Wonderful brewers making completely amazing spirits out of the sweetest honey Michigan can offer.
- 8. le petit zinc, Detroit** - Feeling a little French? This neighborhood café specializes in crepes, salads, sandwiches, and brunch. With its French colonial island vibe, complete with patio sanctuary, I find myself wondering if maybe we all wouldn't be better off if Detroit were an island in the Caribbean.
- 9. St. Patrick's Day** - We must have one of the finest St. Patrick Day celebrations in the world. Begin your day drinking all the Guinness you can at the Corktown Parade, then fill up on Corned beef, fish n chips and Shepard's Pie, before washing it all down with a few shots of Tullamore Dew. And, if Detroit's lucky, Flogging Molly will have a gig in town!
- 10. Michael Symon's Roast, Detroit** - So good it's stupid.



61. Breakfast at Monty's, [Woodward] Royal Oak

Note to all that early morning, southbound traffic on Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak: Did you know that breakfast is still considered the most important meal of the day? That's right - now ease into the turn-around and belly up to the counter for some surprisingly good gourmet dining.

62. The Cider Mill, [Franklin, Yates, Three Cedars, Northville, Westview &c]

Who doesn't enjoy an afternoon of hot cider and donuts? Believe it or not, people in most states don't even know what a cider mill is. Another reason to consider us lucky.

63. The Scarab Club, Detroit

For over 100 years, the Scarab Club has brought art to the community. The current building has been in use since 1928 and houses some of the areas more interesting emerging artists. Stop in for their Thursday night cocktail sessions. www.scarabclub.org

64. Northern Lights Lounge, Detroit

Genuine people fill this modern retro lounge. Quality drinks and food, ambient lighting, half moon booths, cleverly designed restrooms, great music All the time and a personable and solid staff. It's amazing how effortless 'cool' can be. (313). 873. 1739

65. Bloody Marys @Vivio's, [Eastern Market] Detroit

They say it's the best Bloody Mary in the world, and while The Metropolitan is not able to confirm that statement we will say that it's worth your every effort to see for yourself. www.vivosbloodymary.com

66. Noir Leather, Royal Oak

Feeling naughty, are we? Browse the selection of this iconic fetish boutique - then give yourself a spanking. www.noirleather.com

67. Letter Press Studios, [Eastern Market] Detroit

Both Signal-Return and Salt & Cedar Letterpress studios offer workshops, host events, and are able to print your fine ass calling cards, posters, and or Great American Novel. Google them!

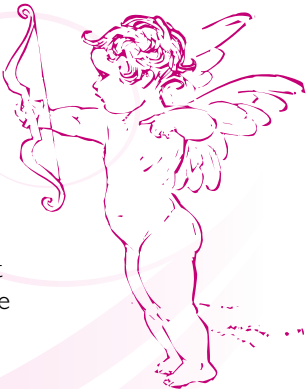
69. Avalon Bakery, Detroit

These folks have been feeding the city with wholesome, organic breads and bake goods for some time now. It's obvious the team love what they do and we love it too! www.avalonbreads.net

70. Majestic Rock & Bowl, Detroit

Beer, bowling, loud music, and good old fashioned Detroit fun! majesticdetroit.com





71. Pita Café, Oak Park

Flavourful and satisfying middle eastern fare. Love the whole lentil soup and the fattoush salad. May be off the 'hipster' radar but don't let that stop you - in fact, it should motivate you. www.thepitacafe.com

72. Howe's Bayou, Ferndale

Enjoy Cajun & Creole food in a fine neighborhood restaurant. Dark oak wood bar makes for the perfect spot to enjoy your the game and tell a few lies. Ask Johnny-the-bartender to whip up a mint julep, and tell em' The Metropolitan sent you. www.howesbayouferndale.net



73. Detroit Zoo

A day at the zoo is time well spent and we have one of the worlds best. I love to ride the train to the rear of the zoo and wind my way forward. For a little while, I am far away and happy - until some mother decides to publicly humiliate her self by tanning her child's hide to the sound of its tears. www.detroitzoo.org



74. Royal Oak Farmer's Market

Fresh produce on Friday and Saturdays, a flea market on Sunday, a fabulous coffee stand, Barbara's Books, Mei Mei's handmade soap, people watching - in a revamped historic structure - all make for a satisfying weekend family afternoon. (248). 246. 3276

75. Motor City Wine, Detroit

Look for the sneaky entrance alongside Foran's Grand Trunk. Take the stair up and you will find nicely priced, and sinfully delicious, wines from around the world. By the bottle, or by the glass, MCW offers small plates, hip djs and live jazz - and, the clientele is pretty cool too. motorcitywine.com



76. Ambassador Bridge

New York's got the 'Brooklyn', San Fran's got the 'Golden Gate' and Lake Havasu's got the 'London' bridge. In Detroit we have 'The Ambassador'.

77. Metropolitan Micro Breweries

It's no secret that Detroit has been brewing up some of the finest beer in the country. Kunhenn Brewing Co, Dragonmead, Black Lotus, Motor City Brewing Works, Detroit Beer Co, the WAB (Woodward Avenue Brewery) - Google each for info!

78. Leon & Lulu, Clawson

Located in a restored roller skating hall, Leon & Lulu is one of the most enjoyable places to shop for furniture and unique gifts anywhere. Hot, fresh chocolate chip cookies and coffee are yours for the taking, while you browse the high-end and unique wares. leonandlulu.com



79. The Dakota Inn [Rathskeller] Detroit

Though I never tire of genuine German fare, or steins filled with ale, Oktoberfest is the perfect time, and the only place in Metropolitan Detroit, where one can properly raise their chalice and scream Prost! www.dakota-inn.com

80. The Bankle

Camilo Pardo is behind some of the best parties in Detroit and they take place at the Bankle. From the auto show Design party, to fashion shows, to New year's Eve, Pardo has effectively combined form and function with Warhol-esque entertainment. And, he's also one hell of an artist!



81. Graffiti

One of the only cities in America where it works - evokes imagery of New York in the 70's. Perhaps, the finest aspect of Detroit graffiti is that - for the most part - artists know the difference between using a burned out building as a canvas rather than a reclaimed functioning structure.

82. The Rattlesnake Club, Detroit

These guys do not fool around. High-end food for the serious minded. Local first, seasonal always, inspired cuisine that continues to place among the highest ranks in the country. Open for lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner, serving fish, meats and game birds, The Rattlesnake also boasts an exceptional wine list. A must when in Detroit. rattlesnakedetroit.com

10 Snazzy Things About Detroit

By Gwen Joy

- 1. The unique outdoor art projects in Detroit are often world renowned and incredibly inventive. Most well known is the Heidelberg Project by Tyree Guyton, who uses everyday objects as art and transforms houses to make a creative and positive urban statement. In its 26th year, Heidelberg is thriving, with many Biblical themes like a life size ark filled with stuffed animals. www.heidelberg.org/ or 3600 Heidelberg street Detroit MI 48207.
- 2. Just a tad outside Detroit, in Redford, is another extraordinary outdoor art project; Silvio's Italian American Museum, located at 26417 Plymouth Rd Redford Charter Township, MI 48239. Italian artist Silvio Barile has a shop filled with Italian American memorabilia and will gladly sell you a bottle of wine. Outside is where his cement and found object statues decorate the yard. Who would expect to see the three stooges and Italian landmarks in the same statue! Silvio loves old time Hollywood films and starlets, and even sings some opera himself. He has many charming tales and observations. Ask for a guided tour!
- 3. Another outdoor art gem is Hamtramick Disneyland by Dmytro Szyrak. After retiring Szyrak built this piece of art; all homemade, built on top of two adjacent garages with many pop cultural icons, toys, flags, bicycles, Christmas lights and more. Located at 12087 Klinger Street Hamtramick, Michigan 48212.
- 4. & 5. Another snazzy thing about Detroit is the amount of fun outdoor summery activities. Two of my favorites are Saturday afternoon or Wednesday night karaoke at Berts BBQ in lovely Eastern Market (bertsentertainment.com), and a Sunday spent relaxing



and listening to blues at John's Carpet House (johnscarpethouse.com).

- 6. I dig all the beauty stores, thrift stores, and vintage stores like Mother Fletcher's and The Getup; It's great to have snazzy ways to spruce up an outfit. Those personal touches make a look your own. I also like the hats by Henry The Hatter (Henrythehatter.com)
- 7. I love our art museums; Cranbrook Art Museum, The Detroit Institute of Art, Mocad, and the Charles Wright Museum are phenomenal, and there is always something intriguing to check out. Don't forget about the special events and lectures.
- 8. Detroit produces snazzy theatre. I often go to The Performance Network, The Ringwald, Planet Ant Theatre, GoComedy, and the Elizabeth Theatre. All these venues do a spectacular job. Support local theatre, Detroit!
- 9. Historic, snazzy bars like Cliff Bell's, Tom's Tavern, and Rustic Cabins.
- 10. People in Detroit are resourceful and friendly. We keep trying and are really quite innovative in the big, giant scheme of things.



83. Detroit Mounted Police

Obviously, we've got nothing against the police, but when you put em on top of a horse they just really cool, really fast. Learn about their great history in Detroit - www.hrousseau.com/Detroit_Mounted_Police.html

84. Steve's Deli, Bloomfield Hills

Everyone loves Steve's. Our answer to the New York Deli. All the sandwiches are killer, but right now I am thinking about Steve's Chicken Noodle Soup - with Rye bread, of course. www.stevesdeli.com

85. Urban Farms & Gardens

There's been a lot of green sprouting up in our fair city - Here's to the Green Thumbs! www.urbanfarming.org

86. A Train Runs Through It, Royal Oak

Are we the only ones who enjoy waiting for the train to pass through town?

87. Atlas Global Bistro, Detroit

A fine downtown restaurant with good food and drink, service and atmosphere, all with an authentic Detroit fingerprint. Right on Woodward, with a great view of Detroit city vibe. Sunday brunch is well worth mentioning. Try the French Toast www.atlasglobalbistro.com

88. Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac [French]

On July 24, 1701, Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac planted the lily strewn banner of France on the bank of the Detroit River. He and his men cleared an acre of land at what is now Jefferson, between Griswold and Shelby, and built Fort Pontchartrain D'etroit - The city on the Straights that would one day grow to become world renown.

89. Detroit / Michigan Products

No matter where one's journey takes them they will always encounter the influence of Detroit. From automobiles made by Ford, GM, and Chrysler, to music played by Eminem, Kid Rock, Von Bondies and Motown, to the sight of our great sports teams on the wide screen, to T-shirt companies repping its name, to every day products like 5 Hour Energy, Shinola watches, McClures Pickles, Garden Fresh Salsa, Valentine Vodka, Guernsey Dairy, Dearborn Sausage, and on and on - Detroit is always with you.

90. Opportunity

This city has seen the bottom but it hasn't quit. We have been laughed at and ridiculed by pundits from coast to coast. That's alright; we'll get over it. We understand most of those comments come from a place of ignorance rather than a desire to see us fail. And, while we have struggled to resolve the issues incumbent upon ourselves to reinvent Detroit's identity, we have done so with our heads held high.



Detroit was once known as the Paris of the West - and it still holds dear many of those qualities. But, it is also the Wild West of America, and for those who enjoy the challenge, the struggle, there is much opportunity.

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