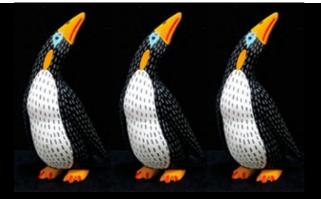
## MEXICO LINDO Mercado y Galeria de Artesanias

Dear Friends....this Saturday I will close at 3:30 pm to prepare for the <u>2nd Squirrel Hill Night</u> <u>Market</u>, where I'll be from 6-10 pm. The 1st Night Market last fall was a well attended success and lots of fun, with a true festival atmosphere (*dare* I say reminiscent of Mexican zocalos? Why yes, yes I do!), the streets and sidewalks cleared and open for strolling families and neighbors to greet, lots of music, activities for kids and vendors from <u>Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition/Uncover Squirrel Hill</u> members. *Murray the Squirrel* will be on the street too, and who doesn't want a photo op with him?! Amongst the many great food trucks there, you'll also find my friends <u>La Palapa</u>, so bring your appetites. In support of the LGBT community, I will be bringing a beautiful array of rainbow themed items and will be donating 10% of sales of those items to the <u>PULSE Victims Fund</u> and the <u>Brady</u> <u>Campaign to End Gun Violence</u>, so please bring your generous spirits and your pocketbooks, so that we can demonstrate another reason why Pittsburgh is the City of Champions. If you are still feeling full of vim + vigor, and you're an aficionado of drag kings + queens, you can proceed from the night market to the <u>Blue Moon Cafe</u> in Lawrenceville, where the fundraising will continue with fab donated performances beginning round midnite to benefit the PULSE fund as well.



Speaking of Champions, those of you who have walked by the window this month have seen the famous penguin woodcarvings of Armando Jimenez standing proudly front and center. Thanks to Armando and all of my helpers at University of Pittsburgh's <u>Center for Latin American</u> <u>Studies</u>, <u>Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh</u> and <u>La Escuelita Arcoiris</u> for all of your assistance during his week as visiting artist! We gave demonstrations for kids at all of these locations. And thanks and congratulations to our Pittsburgh Penguins! I'd also like to thank everyone that came out for the last Wine Walk; it was great to meet so many new people and I must say that shopping under the influence appeared to be extremely entertaining for all of the participants. :)



In the meantime, I want to wish for all a Happy Father's Day, and if you still haven't found something special for this occasion, don't forget all of the beautiful tee shirts and dress shirts that I have here, just perfect for the summer season and beyond. If the Dad in question is an avid chef, you may also want to consider the El Santo luchadore apron, because as we know, when it comes to grilling perfectly, *#thestruggleisreal*, so we may as well do it in style.



Hope to see you soon. Until then, saludos...

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