



Art in Aberdeen

Repulse Bay resident and artist Sally Spence is inviting the public to view her latest paintings at an open day on September 10 at her private studio, Sally Spence Art, in The Factory, Wong Chuk Hang. The 2,000 sqft studio is usually open by appointment only.

Inspired by Spence's travels through Asia, expect vibrant acrylic paintings of life in China and Hong Kong: children playing in the streets of Beijing, romantic shadows falling on red doors in a hutong district and a glimpse up Pottinger Street.

Spence opened the studio in May after

interest in her work spread via word of mouth: before that, she had worked from the home she shares with her husband and two children. In the past six months, she has sold works to private collectors in New York, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Nigeria and Australia.

"People know I have painted for a while," she says. "When I opened the studio, it was to an expectant audience."

Check it out at Sally Spence Art, The Factory, 1 Yip Fat Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, 6778-3770.

Grapevine

Renowned chef Law Tak Wing returns to Saigon at Stanley this month after years of travelling to expand his culinary knowledge. Along the way, he has worked in restaurants and hotels and opened a Vietnamese restaurant in Spain. Now he's back in Stanley, wowing crowds with his authentic contemporary Vietnamese cuisine. Treat yourself to his seafood banquet for two (\$888), an eight-course bender of fresh seafood and fragrant herbs. Brace yourself. Saigon at Stanley, 1/F Murray House, Stanley, 2899 0999.



Owing to rent hikes at its previous location in Sai Kung, popular outdoor furniture store Wicka Designs is relocating to Wong Chuk Hang, where it opens a huge new showroom on September 7. It stocks a range of top-of-the-line designs in all-weather wicker and teak, plus bespoke furniture at wallet-friendly prices. The new showroom will be at 1/F, BT Centre, 23 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Wong Chuk Hang, www.wickadesigns.com.

What's the holdup?

The lack of shops and services in Repulse Bay has long been an issue for residents, with the opening of the Emperor Group's beachfront complex stalled over a land premium dispute with the Lands Department. The 143,000 sqft complex, known as The Pulse, remains unoccupied while the dispute drags on.

A temporary solution has been suggested by The Civic Party, which proposes all revenue from leases are held in a trust account, barring the developer from accessing the fund until premiums are settled. The party hopes this will bring much needed shopping and dining to Repulse Bay residents and tourists as early as

the end of the year.

Donald Cheung Ping-keung of the Emperor Group declined to comment, but said that the developer is open to suggestions that may potentially benefit the company, the public, and the government.

