Hello. This is Diane Urbani de la Paz with What’s Out There, ways to connect with art and culture while staying close to home, for the weekend of September 4, 2020.

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The Jefferson Museum of Art and History is reopening. With all appropriate safety protocols in place, the museum awaits, in the 128-year-old Port Townsend City Hall building at Water and Madison streets. You can experience longtime local artist Anne Hirondelle’s exhibition titled “Not Done Yet” and you can learn about native peoples, explore maritime history, and see artifacts such as the two vintage buggies – one a taxi and the other a hearse.

The Art and History Museum is open this Saturday through Labor Day Monday, from 11am till 4pm; and then it will be back open each weekend in September.

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For this week’s restaurant takeout experience, I went to the Cellar Door, the proverbial phoenix rising from previous closure at Tyler and Water streets. Just looking at the online menu is a trip, thanks to the chef’s cosmopolitan skills. It was not easy to choose, but I selected the Tempeh Reuben, a fabulous sandwich with marinated tempeh, Swiss cheese, house-made sauerkraut, and spinach, on Pane d’Amore rye, all grilled hot on the press. This artisan sandwich blend has a kick to it, but it’s not overwhelmingly spicy. In my dining companion’s words, it just makes you feel alive.

We also sampled the summer rolls, a fresh beet-basil-carrot-avocado-cilantro party with a pair of dipping sauces. They come in the see-through rice paper wrapping. As a journalist I appreciate the transparency. I also welcomed the feeling of natural nourishment. https://www.cellardoorpt.com/ is the place to peruse the menu as soon as you’re hungry. Then, when you go down there, you find just inside, the creative chalkboards. One is a beautiful rendering of a woman welcoming you to the Cellar Door. Alexandra Anagnostopoulus is the artist who drew her. Another blackboard has a humorous and wistful music schedule. Monday, for example, is Corona Virus Blues night. And Wednesday is Corona Karaoke – when you sing by yourself in your own shower.

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Finally, I browsed the Port Townsend Virtual Film Festival program today, and found more movies that I have got to watch.

One is Born into the Gig, about the children of rock and reggae stars. What happens when you’re the son or daughter of artists such as Bob Marley, Carly Simon and James Taylor, Stephen Stills, or Bill Withers?

Another is Siempre Luis, about the dad of Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda. He left Puerto Rico for New York City in the 1970s and got into politics. Then, after Hurricane Maria in 2017, he managed the logistics of bringing Hamilton to the island. Those are just two of the 75 short and feature films. You will most likely find your own must-sees when you scroll through the program and watch the trailers. The festival runs September 24th through October 4th, and the web destination is http://ptfilmfest.com/.

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And there you have it, “What’s Out There.” I’m Diane Urbani de la Paz. Thanks for listening to KPTZ.