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IncrEdibles

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When guests are coming to visit you, it's a good idea to show them your "gourmet side" and hide away the cheap, waxy chocolate and the generic brand pickles.

Live a little, and enjoy serving up fine culinary delights that are made right here in B.C. To the rescue - **Edible British Columbia (EBC)** has now opened its first retail store in the heart of Vancouver's foodie mecca - Granville Island.

The retail shop sells artisan-style food products and culinary wares from around the province, and the store houses Granville Island's only tasting bar, where patrons can try many of the products available in the store.

On weekends (and special occasions), visiting chefs and artisans from around the province will also



stop by and invite patrons of the market to learn what they do with all these amazing products produced right in our backyard.

Some of the 400-plus products that are available in the store include:

- Fraser Valley Artisan Cheeses
- Thomas Haas Sparkle Cookies
- Take-Out Meals from Vij's, Les Amis Du Fromage and Quince
- Season's Products by Mark Filatow from Okanagan Wines

- Oculus Cherries from Mission Hill Winery
- Pat's Foods that Hurt Chili Sauces

In addition to the artisan food products available in the store, Edible B.C. sells hand-crafted serving utensils, hosts market tours and supports farmers and food manufacturers in B.C.

The store is located at 1689 Johnston St., in the heart of Granville Island Public Market. Call 604-662-3606.

Yuletide Yummies

Send that special someone some Christmas cheer! The husband and wife team behind **Chi Chi Cookie** have been hard at work creating cookies and filling orders for all occasions.

"At Chi Chi Cookie, we use only the finest ingredients," says Chi Chi co-owner, Russ Rossi. "Our cream and eggs are fresh and there are no additives or preservatives. Each cookie is carefully prepared by hand." (See sample).

"These cookies are so beautiful you almost don't want to eat them," Rossi said. "The packaging is so elegant with beautiful ribbons and bows. They are little pieces of art." Each package contains 18 cookies for a cost of \$45, which includes the courier fee. Seven days notice is required for all orders.

"We only serve the cookies fresh," Rossi said. "They are always delivered hours after cooling." For more information or to place an order, phone Shannon Rossi at 604-802-9400 or visit www.chichicookie.com. Text by Maria Spitale.

