

Shop & Dine Downtown for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th. With over 25 restaurants and 33 retailers, our Downtown Albany members offer many wonderful choices for shopping and dining.

Here are just a few options:

1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique - Everything red or with hearts is 20% off from February 13th-18th.

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum - All jewelry in our gift shop will be 25% off Friday-Sunday of Valentine's weekend.

The Brim Coffee Co. - We will be offering Valentine's drink specials. Enjoy one with your sweetie.

City Delivery - The Oregon Challenge passport is available on our website, citydeliverservice.com, and also available at Margin Coffee. The Oregon Challenge is the perfect gift for your Oregon lover!



Sid Stevens Jewelers

Homegrown Oregon Foods - Deluxe Sweetheart Graze for 2 ~ \$50. Must be ordered by Monday, Feb. 13th. Gift cards and merchandise are available, too.

Margin Coffee Roasters - Get your Valentine's Day started with a coffee date! Pick up a free Double Dark chocolate cookie with any beverage purchase! We'll be releasing seasonal specials, like the house-made Raspberry Chocolate Croissant and more! Plus locally made bouquets for your one-stop shopping!"

Merrime Bridal - We will be celebrating the love during the wedding planning series on Friday, February 3rd from 4-7 pm during our Florist Showcase event! Engaged couples won't want to miss out on meeting talented florists from around the valley to book their wedding flowers. We also have a variety of amazing gifts for your sweetheart. You will receive 10% off all Kendra Scott Jewelry, Voluspa Candles and custom Heirloom Jackets from Friday, Feb. 3rd - Tuesday, Feb. 14th!

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant - On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, we are offering a noon cooking class featuring Jaeger Sauté with Swedish Cream dessert. Advance reservations are required. We also offer gift certificates for future evening and noon classes!

Reds Boutique - All you really need is love, but a little chocolate with something new and Red every now and



Homegrown Oregon Foods

then doesn't hurt either! Stop in to Reds Boutique for some chocolates from Victorian Chocolate Factory and 20% off anything "Red."

Sid Steven's Jewelers - This Valentine's Day give the gift of custom-made fine jewelry!

Sweet Red Bistro - Join us to Celebrate Your Love with our Five Course Valentine's Dinner! Our Tantalizing Dinner for Two each course featuring delicious aphrodisiacs & guaranteed to please! We will also have a curated wine pairing available, as well as a romantic array of handcrafted Valentini Cocktails! For dinner, we will be featuring two seatings, 5 pm and 8 pm on both Valentine's Day and Feb. 15th!

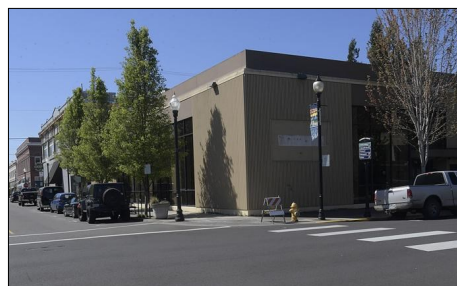


Sweet Red Bistro

Sybaris Bistro - Four Course Valentine's Menu -Seating on Valentine's Day at 5 pm and 7:30 pm. \$75 per person, Wine pairing available for an additional \$25. Reservations required.

Wine Crush - Share a special bottle with your "Wine Crush" this Valentine's Day. Pick from our selection of local, regional and international wines in our pretty gift bag. Gift cards are also available.

For more information on these specials and dozens more visit the ADA and the individual businesses' social media pages.



CARA Update

The Wells Fargo Bank Building will be demolished starting mid-February and is estimated to be finished by the end of April. The demolition experts, Laneco Inc., have until June 30 to finish if they run into any delays.

The timing was set to avoid summer events and the heavy visitor season.

Once removed the lot will be graveled and await a new opportunity. An RFP for the future development of the lot is currently being prepared and will be discussed at the February ARA meeting on Wednesday, February 15.



Parking Update

Due to the demolition of the Wells Fargo Bank Building at the corner of 1st & Broadalbin, parking will be unavailable in most of the Bank Lot and on the street adjacent to the building starting later this month. Also, the east section of the alley will be closed for safety.

Asbestos abatement is already underway. Demolition is set to begin on Monday, February 20, and should take about five weeks. Park-Wise leased space and permit holders will be provided alternate parking options. Those businesses that receive deliveries from trucks in the alley should contact their vendors to discuss options.

Each month ParkWise awards a month of free parking to a leased space or employee permit holder.

Our February parking winner is...

Vickie Pemberton
Home Instead

Downtown Events - February- March

Through Feb. 10 - Albany Visitors Association Photo Contest
Annual AVA contest of photos featuring people, places and events in Albany and Linn County. See details at www.albanyvisitors.com. See story page 4.

Feb. 1-26 - Annual Big Show of Little Art
Gallery Calapooia presents the Big Show of Little Art, the Annual Community Open Exhibit of 8" x 8" artworks. The artist reception is Friday, February 3, 6-8 pm. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com

Friday, Feb. 3 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany
Mark your calendar for the monthly 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany. Look for sales, fun, music and a special event at the Carousel. For more info, visit the 1st Friday Facebook page.

February Feb. 10, 11, 12(m), 16, 17, 18 - ACT presents Silent Sky
Silent Sky is the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. For more info and tickets, visit the Albany Civic Theater website at www.albanycivic.org. See story this page.

February Feb. 11 - Little Royalty Tea Party at the Carousel
Hear ye, hear ye – The Albany Carousel cordially invites all princesses, princes, kings, and queens, to a Little Royalty Tea Party. Party Perfection Princesses will attend, along with their face painters. A professional photographer will be on hand so you can get your photo taken with a princess and tea (or apple juice) will be served along with light refreshments. You will also get to make your own crown to take home! The event is 11 am - 1 pm with tickets available on Eventbrite for \$15.00 per person attending. Please be advised that all minors attending must be accompanied by at least one adult. For more information, visit www.albanycarousel.com or call (541) 497-2934.

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Dr. Seuss's Birthday & Read Across America
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Albany Historic Carousel & Museum with Altrusa International! There will be games, character hide n' seek, and crafts and all kids will get to take home fun new books (while supplies last). Help Altrusa support its mission of supporting literacy one book at a time!

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For info on these and other events, visit AlbanyDowntown.com

ACT presents Silent Sky

Next on stage for Albany Civic Theater's 2022-23 season is Silent Sky. This insightful historically-based play runs from February 10-18.

Written by Lauren Gunderson, Silent Sky is the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them.

Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth. Directed by Rus Roberts.

Evening performances will be held February 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 starting at 7:30 pm. There will be a matinee on Feb. 12 beginning at 2:30 pm.



On-demand streaming for Silent Sky will be available during the run of the show. Individual ticket: \$15 Group ticket (2 or more persons on a single device): \$20. To get tickets for streaming, go to tinyurl.com/act-silent-sky

For more info and tickets, visit the Albany Civic Theater website at www.albanycivic.org.



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Albany Visitors Photo Contest Deadline is Feb. 10

It's time for the Albany Visitors Association's annual photography contest. The purpose of this contest is to find images suitable for use in AVA's marketing program for Albany, Linn County and the Willamette Valley.

"It's a terrific opportunity to share your work with millions of visitors across the US and the rest of the world," says Rebecca Bond, AVA Executive Director.

AVA asks that your work specifically feature life in Albany and surrounding Linn County as those are what are most commonly used in their publications, adver-

tisements and social media. Think of images that visitors might like to see — people enjoying themselves outdoors, fantastic food and drink events, hiking, biking, paddling and the beauty and majesty of Albany's historic architecture.

"We can never get enough action shots of people out and about," added Bond. "So think about staging something with friends; just make sure you get permission and a signed release form for any recognizable people in your work." Forms are available at the AVA office.



Monteith Park Dock by Mikayla Chaffins

The contest categories are scenic, landmarks, events, people, historic Albany and culinary plus a student category for young photographers ages 18 and under.

The cost to enter is \$2 per photograph with free entries for youth.



Albany Shops by Dave Maestas

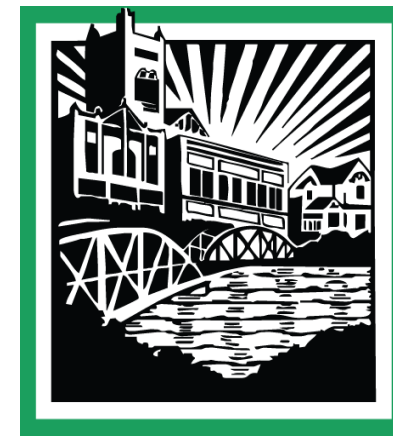


Summer on Second Ave by Melinda Martin

The deadline to submit photos is Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 pm.

Voting for the People's Choice Award begins on February 16, 2023. Go to the AVA's website to vote for your favorite photograph.

For more information, call (541) 928-0911 or visit www.albanyvisitors.com.



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

February 2023

Downtown 1st Friday Chocolate Walk set for Feb 3

Chocolate lovers will delight in this month's 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany theme. On Friday, February 3rd, we're having a Chocolate Walk.

This free event will delight those with a sweet tooth and cocktail lovers alike. Chocolate sampling for customers includes candy, cupcakes and mini chocolate cocktails.

Chocolate Walk participants include:

- 1st Hand Seconds: Chocolate cupcakes, rosé and 20% off the entire boutique (excluding fine jewelry and bridal). Open 'til 7 pm.
- Gallery Calapooia: "Big Show of Little Art", artist reception, beverages and small bites. Open 'til 8 pm.

- Historic Carousel & Museum: Candy rides, Valentine's Day craft, face painting, specials in the gift shop as well as Ice cream sprinkle sundaes in the Carousel Café. Open 'til 8 pm.

- Merrime Bridal: Florist Showcase, wine, and chocolate. Open 'til 7 pm.

- Natty Dresser: Live Music with James F. Wright, Chocolate Valentini, 20% Off anything Red. Open 'til 7 pm.

- Reds Boutique: Chocolates from the Chocolate Factory, Godiva chocolate martinis, and 25% off anything red in the store. Open 'til 8 pm.

- Urban Ag Supply: 10% off the entire store. Open 'til 6 pm.



Head downtown the First Friday of every month for extended hours, sales and promotions, food and beverages, live music and more.

Make sure to mark your calendar for 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany. Here are the dates and themes for the remainder of 2023.

Albany 1st Fridays 2023

- March 3rd | Pot o' Gold
- April 7th | Spring Fling
- May 5th | Wine Walk
- June 2nd | Summer Vacation
- July 7th | Red, White & Blue
- August 4th | Art & Artists
- September 1st | Back to School
- October 6th | Fall Kickoff
- November 3rd | Shop Local
- December 1st | Holiday Sweater Party

For monthly themes and more information visit, the 1st Friday social media pages (Instagram: @1stfridaysalbany, Facebook: albany1stfridays), and our website www.albanydowntown.com or call Albany Downtown Association at (541) 928-2469.

Rotary Crab Fest is Back February 11

The Crab Fest is Back! Crab enthusiasts will be excited to learn that, after a two-year COVID hiatus, the in-person event will be held on Saturday, February 11 from Noon - 7 pm.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Albany on Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, the GAR Crab Fest is held at Calapooia Brewing, 140 NE Hill St. in Albany. Presenting sponsor Boshart Trucking returns this year as well!

Tickets are \$50 and are available in advance on the Rotary's website.

Each ticket comes with crab and pulled pork, or a vegan option, The Depot's famous clam chowder, salad, rolls, cookies and all the fixin's. Soft drinks and coffee are free while wine, beer and cocktails are sold by Calapooia.

Be sure and enter the drawing for the Booze Barrel where you can win wine, beer and spirits; tickets are just \$10!

This year's live music lineup brings back favorites from 2019. Starting the day is The Bush Pilots on stage from 12:30 - 1:30 pm, the Albany German Band at 1:45 - 2:45 pm and Southern Crossing with two performances - 3:30 -4:30 pm and 5:30-6:30 pm.

Last year, a "Super Boil" event replaced the traditional GRAC Crab Fest fundraiser. The "Super Boil" offered two to-go options - Crab Bag plus the popular Cajun Boil Bag brought back from fall 2021.

For more information and to buy tickets visit, www.greateralbanyrotary.org



ADA Strategic Plan Published

Albany Downtown Association is pleased to announce the publication of our 2023-25 Strategic Plan.

We would like to thank the dedicated committee headed by Hannah Darling and Stephanie Gutierrez, consultant Mary Bosch and Oregon Main Street.

Copies are available at the ADA office.

Albany Taps & Caps is Saturday, March 4

The 5th Annual Albany Taps & Caps is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 4-8 pm. A Downtown brewery and tap house crawl, the event is a fundraiser for Furniture Share, helping families in crisis, and Beds for Kids.

The 2023 locations include The Garage, Calapooia Brewing Co./Vivacity Spirits, Deluxe Brewing Co./Sinister Distilling and No Rails Ale House. Ride the shuttle or walk from location to location.

Tickets are \$25 and include 4 tastes (1 at each taphouse/brewery), snacks, appetizers and prizes. The first 50 tickets sold include a souvenir glass growler. Event tickets can be purchased online at www.furnitureshare.org starting February 15, or at The Growler on the event day.

4 Stops - 4 Hours - 4 Fun

For more information, see the Furniture Share and Albany Downtown Association Facebook pages and websites.



Albany Taps & Caps

