



DOWNTOWN ALBANY

May 2024

Downtown Flower Baskets Return on Sunday, May 19

It's that wonderful time of the year when the Downtown flower baskets return to bring joy to visitors and residents. You can help make this happen through sponsorships or volunteering!

We love our sponsors! Their continued support makes our hanging basket program possible. 2024 sponsorships are available starting at \$180/year. See our 2023 sponsors and learn about 2024 opportunities at www.albanydowntown.com/hangingbaskets.

On Sunday, May 21, community volunteers and the ADA's Design Committee

will hang Downtown Albany's beautiful flower baskets from 9 am-noon.

We need a mix of 15 strong & tall volunteers to bring five ladders and five pick-up trucks. Perfect for teens and adults. We also need five more volunteers of any ability to help stage the planters at the Two Rivers Market lot.

To volunteer, please sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer> or call us at (541) 928-2469.

Downtown hanging baskets are a project of the ADA Design Committee.



May is National Historic Preservation Month

May is National Preservation Month, a time to celebrate our love for history with exciting events that are happening Downtown. Our partners at the Albany Visitor's Association (AVA) have curated a list of some of their favorite events to help you get started. However, you can find many more on their calendar and in their National Preservation Month brochure.

Hidden History Scavenger Hunt

Have fun exploring Albany hunting architectural treasure during the Hidden History Scavenger Hunt through May 30. Forms are available at The Natty Dresser, AVA and ADA. You can also print your own Scavenger Hunt form. Completed forms must be returned to The Natty Dresser by 5 pm Thursday, May 30. All correctly completed entries will be put into a drawing for a prize. A winner will be announced on May 31.

Preserving your Family Photos

For 1st Friday, the Albany Regional Museum will host Preserving Your Family Photos. Attendees are invited to bring 10 family photos to learn how to digitally preserve them during a clinic by Collections & Exhibits Manager, Amy Bozorth. May 3 from 4:30-7 pm.

Downtown Walking Tours

The 1st Avenue History Walking Tour is at 6 pm on Tues., May 7, and the 2nd Avenue History Walking Tour at 6 pm on Wed., May 8. Both tours will begin at Burkhart Square (next to the Albany Civic Theater), 101 1st Ave. W. Suggested \$5 donation per person to benefit the Monteith House. Sponsored by The Natty Dresser.

Albany Tweed Ride

Don your finest tweed attire and take a bicycle tour of Albany's National Historic Districts on Saturday, May 11. The ride starts at The Natty Dresser, 124 Broadalbin St. SW. Arrive by 9:30 am to enter the costume and best bike contests. The ride starts at 10 am.



2nd Avenue Tour by Oliver J. Anderson

The tour, organized by The Natty Dresser, features stops to talk about historic buildings and sights, as well as a word or two about menswear. The ride ends at the Vintage Bicycle Show & Swap Meet, hosted by Deluxe Brewery.

Vintage Bicycle Show & Swap Meet

The event is 1-5 pm, May 11. It takes place at, and is sponsored by, Deluxe Brewing, 635 Water Ave. NE.



History in Pictures by Cathy Webb

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Meet the Neighbors: Mother's Day Ideas

It's nearly time for Mother's Day. Sunday, May 12 is just around the corner. Consider a reservation for Mother's Day Brunch or Dinner to celebrate Mom's day! Find something unique at one of our specialty shops! Here are just a few activities and shopping options in Downtown Albany to make her smile.

ACTIVITY

1st Friday / Wine Walk

Friday, May 3 - Downtown Albany
Start the celebration early! Join the Rotary Club of Albany's Wine Walk. Enjoy wine and visit stores for 1st Friday sales, treats and music from 4-8 pm.

Mother's Day at the Carousel

Sunday, May 12 - 503 1st Ave. W
Moms are what makes the world go round - and the ones who stand by us on our first carousel rides. On Mother's Day, Albany Carousel is offering free rides to all mothers as well as a carnation for the first 100 moms to walk through to doors!



Weathered Together Market

DINING

From cookies to fine dining, treat mom to Mother's Day specials at our 30+ Downtown restaurants, cafes, bakeries, breweries and tap houses.

SHOPPING

1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique

411 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-6909
Gently loved ladies clothing, accessories

Albany Farmers' Market

City Hall Parking Lot (541) 740-1542
Produce, meat, plants, flowers, food

Albany Historic Carousel Gift Shop

503 1st Ave. W (541) 497-2934
Clothing, jewelry, plush, puzzles, souvenirs

Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics

325 1st Ave. W (541) 979-3121
Fashion fabrics, notions, sewing classes

Cronies Vintage & Antique Emporium

211 2nd Ave. SW (541) 760-1941
Antiques, collectables, jewelry, pottery, fine art

Emma Downtown

422 1st Ave. W (541) 926-1717
Women's clothing, shoes, baby, gifts, décor

The Frame House

434 1st Ave. W (541) 928-7676
Custom framing, stock frames, art supplies

Gallery Calapooia

222 1st Ave. W #100 (541) 971-5701
Local artist co-op, art, jewelry, cards, gifts

Jack N Jill Children's Resale

236 Lyon St. SE (541) 928-5437
Children's clothing, furniture, strollers, toys



Emma Downtown

Jordan Jewelers

202 1st Ave. W (541) 926-1907
Custom designs, fine jewelry, gifts

Merrime Bridal

211 1st Ave. W Ste. 101 (541) 791-7083
Special occasion, prom, jewelry, candles

No-D-Lay Shoe Shop

339 2nd Ave. SW (541) 928-7651
Boots, shoes, gear, disc golf, Hydro Flask

The Quilt Loft

405 1st Ave. W (541) 928-7242
Fabric, Longarm quilting, laser cut kits

Reds Boutique

222 1st Ave. W (712) 520-0160
Women's clothing, accessories, jewelry

Sawmill Unfinished Furniture

224 Lyon St. SE (541) 928-6338
Unfinished & finished furniture, mattresses

Sid Stevens Jewelers

140 1st Ave. W (541) 967-8140
Custom designs, fine jewelry, diamonds

Sniffany's Pet Boutique

222 1st Ave. W (541) 248-3722
Pet supplies, raw food, treats, photography

Spearit Beads & Co.

415 1st Ave. W (541) 791-4313
Beads, chains, custom jewelry, gifts

Stay Awhile Vintage Mercantile

425 1st Ave. W (541) 981-2373
Antiques, collectables, toys, jewelry

Stoked 2 Sk8

250 Broadalbin St. SW #103 (541) 248-1593
Skateboards, parts, apparel, footwear

Urban Ag Supply

456 2nd Ave. SW (541) 497-2988
Organic garden materials, houseplants, gifts

Urban on 1st

313 1st Ave NW (541) 405-3038
Hand-selected gently used clothing & decor

Weathered Together Market

301 1st Ave. W (541) 791-7659
Gifts, homegoods, clothing, jewelry, snacks

Check the ADA's Facebook page for posts more great ideas for Mom.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Gabe Anderson

Gabe Anderson has made a big difference since joining the Downtown scene in 2018. Often called Albany's living room, Gabe's business, Margin Coffee brought new people downtown, providing a third space, away from home and work.

Gabe joined the Albany Downtown Association Board of Directors in July 2023 and serves on the Outreach Committee. He was instrumental in the success of the recent fundraiser, Mixology Madness.

At Oregon Main Street's 2019 Excellence in Revitalization Awards in Tillamook, Margin Coffee received the statewide award for Best New Business.

In 2023, Gabe and Margin Coffee Roasters were recognized with the Good Neighbor Award at the Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards.

Thank you, Gabe, for your energy and dedication to making Downtown Albany a welcoming place for all.



Parking Update

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

Our May parking winner is...

Madison Smith

Urban on 1st

Downtown Events - May / June

May - National Historic Preservation Month

Watch for tours, events, and fun activities all month long. See story page 1.

Saturdays thru November - Albany Farmers' Market

Each week, head to the Albany Farmers' Market for fresh local produce, meats, baked goods, seafood, plants, flowers and more. Hours: 9 am-1 pm in the Albany City Hall parking lot (corner of 4th & Ellsworth). www.locallygrown.com

Friday, May 3 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Wine Walk

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Friday, May 3 - Rotary Wine Walk

Mark your calendar for this favorite annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of Albany. Check their "Albany Downtown Wine Walk" Facebook page for details.

Friday, May 3 - Gallery Calapooia Artist Reception

Gallery Calapooia featured artists are Bill Marshall and Linda Herd. The artist reception is 6-8 pm. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit www.gallerycalapooia.com.

Wednesday, May 8 - History Bites: Historic windows and doors? Oh my!

Join Chris Gustafson, owner of Vintage Window Restoration LLC, in a conversation about a niche business adventure, perspective of the historic preservation trades industry, and of course, no shortage of window jargon and jokes. Come prepared for a presentation, show and tell items followed by a Q&A. www.armuseum.com

Saturday, May 11 - Monteith House Living History Activities

Step into 1850 with them on the second Saturday of each month at the Historic Monteith House. Exciting activities like woodworking, pioneer doll making and so many other family-friendly activities! Each time will be something new, and you'll learn a little more about this important piece of Albany's history. 12-2 pm. www.monteithhouse.org

Sat.-Sun., May 11 & 12 - Crush Festivals 2024

Come and join us for a weekend of Food, Wine, Music and Fun! We will be turning our back parking lot into ground zero for Crush Festivals 2024! The fun starts at 2 pm when we welcome 6 wineries that will be offering complimentary tastes of their new releases. Sip wine and enjoy the food from the outside grill. From 2 pm to 5 pm, no ticket is needed to enjoy the wineries and food. For more info, visit www.winecrushalbany.com

Saturday, May 11 - Albany String Orchestra Spring Concert

Join the Albany String Orchestra for their Spring Concert! Pieces featured are: Vivaldi; Concerto for Four Violins in b minor, Warlock; Capriol Suite and Jenkins; "Diamond Music" from Palladio. Albany First Christian Church, 432 Ferry St SW. 3-8 pm, FREE.

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day in Downtown Albany

Head downtown to check out 20+ shops and 30+ food spots with great options for mom throughout Historic Downtown Albany. See story page 2

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May 17- 25 - ACT presents: Karlaboy

In Karlaboy, Harold must not only save himself from Karla's ghost, but from the ghosts of an unrealized life. In addition to being an absorbing psychological ghost story, Karlaboy is an important, non-graphic exploration of LGBT issues in its fascinating dissection of a high profile Hollywood "marriage of convenience." Written by Steven Peros. Directed by: Jillian Alden Box office opens 45 minutes before performances. Tickets available at www.albanycivic.org

Sunday, May 19 - Downtown Basket Hanging Day

It's time to hang the beautiful Downtown baskets. Hosted by Design Committee. Please sign up at tinyurl.com/DowntownVolunteer or (541) 928-2469.

Friday, June 7 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany - Summer Vacation

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! Look for sales, tasting, music, a special event at the Carousel and other fun. For more info, visit the ADA website www.albanydowntown.com/events.

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

Downtown 1st Friday & Rotary Wine Walk is May 3

It's May and that means on May 3 you are in for double the fun - 1st Friday and the Albany Downtown Wine Walk!!

Rotary Club of Albany's wine walk tickets are \$20 and include entry to the event, a wine glass and five tasting tickets. Hours are 4-8 pm.

Tickets are available at the Albany Visitors Association, 122 Ferry St. SW, weekdays from 9 am - 5 pm. Advance tickets are by cash/check only and end on Friday at noon. Advance ticket holders get the Express Line at check-in!

Tickets are available starting at 4 pm at the Rotary tents in the Bank Lot (1st & Ferry). Cash and cards will be accepted.

Make sure to check out the 1st Friday activities and sales at these businesses:

- **Albany Arts Commission:** Join us for an artists' reception at City Hall, 333 Broadalbin St. SW (5-6:30 pm)
- **Ba's Vietnamese Comfort Food:** Drink Specials (11:30 am-3 pm, 5-8:30 pm)
- **Beloved Cheesecakes:** Introducing our new seasonal, Biscoff cookie cheesecake with a Biscoff butter drizzle. Hosting: One Love Winery. (5-8 pm)
- **Gallery Calapooia:** April featured artists Bill Marshall and Linda Herd. Reception, beverages and small bites. Hosting Lumos Wine Co. (6-8 pm)

New Downtown Art Walk set for Saturday, May 11

Enjoy the talent of Albany artists during the Downtown Art Walk 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 11. Stroll through historic Downtown Albany to see artists who will be on hand demonstrating their crafts or selling their works at various locations.

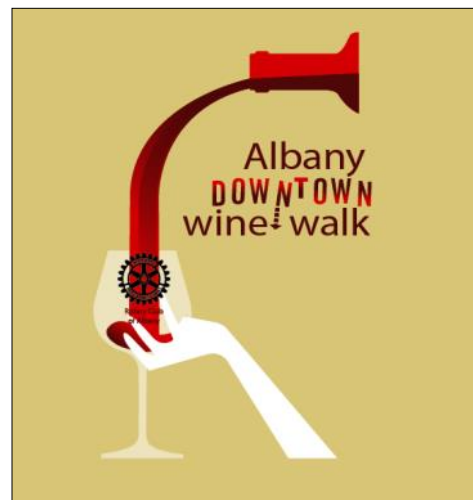
This is an one day event to highlight some talented people in Albany. Be prepared to be dazzled and surprised by all the creativity right here in Albany.



- **High on the Hog:** Rib Special \$5 off. Edible Cookie Dough \$5. (11:30 am-7 pm)
- **Historic Carousel and Museum:** 20% off Carousel logo wine glasses Spend \$20 in our gift shop and get \$5 off at the Carousel Café (all day). For just \$5 pp, you get unlimited Carousel rides, plus a fun activity or craft for the family. (5:30-8 pm)
- **Margin Coffee Roasters:** All cocktails and wine \$2 off. Check out our Friday night eclectic food menu. (cocktail hours: 4:30-8:30 pm)
- **The Natty Dresser:** Live music by DRTR. In-store specials. Hosting: Benton Lane Winery. (5-8 pm)
- **Reds Boutique:** Forever Jewelry By Emma and 25% off all dresses and suits. Hosting: Season Cellar. (10 am-8 pm)



- **Sniffany's Pet Boutique:** Featuring new gifts for the wine + pet lover in your life, and pouring samples of "Dog Wine" all day. Well-behaved dogs are welcome in-store, on leash, as always! Hosting: West Hills Vineyards. (10 am-8 pm)
- **The Squeaky Cork:** Rueben Sandwich Special \$12. All pints \$5. (4-10 pm)
- **Sweet Red Bistro:** We will be open with Dinner & Dessert Specials as well as our Spring Cocktail List. Join us for indoor & outdoor seating to enjoy a fabulous evening! (4-10ish pm)
- **Urban on 1st:** 20% off all Red Dot Items. Hosting: Calapooia Brewing. (11 am-8 pm)



- **Vito's Trattoria:** Choosing one lucky couple (platonic couples are considered too!) whose tab will be picked up by Vito's! The couple is selected from those dining at Vito's anytime after 5 pm!
- **Weathered Together Market:** The whole store will be 10% off, plus other random sales throughout the store. Hosting: Depoe Bay Winery. (11 am-8 pm)
- **Wine Crush:** Come and join us for full glasses of wine after the Wine Walk. Prices start at \$7 per glass. (2-9 pm)

More Wine Walk locations:

First Avenue:

Jarvis Bridge Halttunen & Weyer, Brigitte's Place, MesmerEyes, La Belle Boutique, Spearit Beads, Sybaris Bistro, The Frame House, Emma Downtown, Vault 244 Bistro | Lounge, Camille's Bistro, Jordan Jewelers, Sid Stevens Jewelers.

Second Avenue and Broadalbin Street:

Urban Ag Supply, 1st Hand Seconds Unique Boutique, Gerald Furgala - Windermere, Pure Beauty Aesthetics, Budget Blinds of Albany & Corvallis.

For more information, call the Albany Downtown Association at (541) 928-2469 or visit our Facebook page and website, www.albanydowntown.com.

Historic Preservation Month Brings Activities

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View 75+ vintage bicycles in the taproom and explore the swap meet outdoors. Enter your vintage bicycle or have fun seeing someone else's while you enjoy great beer and cool vendors! Admission for spectators is free and \$5 per bicycle if you wish to enter any in the show.

For information and to register your bike, visit www.deluxebrewery.com or call (541) 928-7699.

1912 SE Young & Son Building Tour

Meet at The Natty Dresser's Broadalbin Street entrance, 124 Broadalbin St. SW for a tour of the 1912 SE Young & Son Building, 3 pm May 14. See artifacts from previous tenants and get a glimpse behind the scenes at the Natty Dresser. You will learn about the building's original owner and the architect who made it happen. After the tour, you can stick around and explore the Natty Dresser and get a sample from Beloved Cheesecakes (located inside the building).