



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

May 2025

## Celebrate 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 May 1-31

To take part in the hunt, get a form with photos of Downtown architectural elements to identify and make a note of where you found them. Completed forms must be returned to The Natty Dresser by 5 pm. Friday, May 30. All correctly completed entries will be put into a drawing for a prize. A winner will be announced on May 31. Forms will be available starting May 1st on The Natty Dresser Facebook page, and printed

forms are available at The Natty Dresser, AVA and ADA.

### Preserving your Family Photos Friday, May 2 ~ 5-7 pm

Albany Regional Museum will be hosting a hands-on workshop where visitors can learn how to preserve their family treasures. Guests can learn how to properly store and share their photos or documents from Amy Bozorth, Collections and Exhibits Manager. If participants bring their own USB thumb drives and up to 10 loose photos, assistants will help scan and save them. Location is ARM, 136 Lyon Street SW.

### Historic Window Restoration Saturday, May 10 ~ 9:00 am-4 pm

Join Chris Gustafson, owner of Vintage Window Restoration LLC, in a conversation about a niche business adventure, and perspective of the historic preserva-



tion trades industry. Learn how to restore historic windows and try out your skills with a hands-on window sash repair. Come prepared for a presentation and show and tell, followed by Q&A. PPE will be provided. Bring a lunch, coffee and pastries will be provided in the morning.

Location is Vintage Window Restoration 635 Water Ave. NE. Admission is free, but there is limited space available, reserve at <https://tinyurl.com/WindowRestoration2025>.

For more information call (541) 730-0236 or email [vintagewindow.chris@gmail.com](mailto:vintagewindow.chris@gmail.com).

### Albany Tweed Ride Saturday, May 10 ~ 9:30 am

Don your finest tweed attire and take a bicycle tour of Albany's National Historic Districts. 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.

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.

## Volunteers Needed for Flower Baskets Day on May 18

Spring is blooming in Downtown Albany, and our signature flower baskets are ready to return. These colorful blooms are a favorite spring tradition, and we'd love your help to make them happen—through sponsorship or volunteering.

Our basket sponsors are the reason this program continues year after year.



Sponsorships for the 2025 season start at \$180. View our 2024 sponsors and find 2025 details at [www.albanydowntown.com/hangingbaskets](http://www.albanydowntown.com/hangingbaskets).

Join us Sunday, May 18, from 9 am to noon, as ADA's Design Committee teams up with volunteers to install the baskets throughout Downtown Albany.

We're looking for 15 strong and tall volunteers with five ladders and five pickup trucks. This is a great job for teens and adults. We also need five additional volunteers to help stage baskets at the Two Rivers Market lot—no lifting required.

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

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

# Meet the Neighbors: Downtown Legacy Businesses

Downtown Albany is what it is today thanks to many legacy businesses. The entrepreneurial spirit and dedication of these families is inspiring. This is the third in a series of articles to share our legacy businesses with you.

## The Frame House - 58 years

434 First Ave W - (541) 928-7676

For nearly 60 years, The Frame House has been a trusted Albany destination for custom framing and art supplies.



Al Severson

Established in 1967, the shop has built a reputation for quality craftsmanship and personalized service.

In 1995, Rick Marcott sold The Frame House to Al Severson, who has been at the helm ever since, bringing a meticulous eye and a passion for preserving memories. Whether it's a cherished family photo, a treasured piece of art,

or a unique keepsake, Al approaches each project with care and precision, ensuring that every item is showcased beautifully.

The Frame House offers a wide selection of framing options, from classic to contemporary styles. In addition to custom framing, the shop provides ready-made frames and art supplies, catering to both professional artists and hobbyists alike. They stock supplies for artists to participate in the Big Show of Little Art, hosted annually by Gallery Calapooia in February.

Al's commitment to excellence extends beyond his shop. He has actively supported local organizations and contributes to community events and initiatives. Notably, Al has been a dedicated volunteer for the Albany Veterans Day Parade for over 50 years, serving as its announcer for most of that time.

His involvement with the parade began in 1974 when Al was a drill instructor in the Oregon National Guard's 2nd Battalion Infantry. His enduring dedication has played a significant role in cementing the parade as the largest Veteran's parade west of the Mississippi. He was active in the leadership of the Veterans Commemoration Association, which staged the parade for many years.

Al is currently involved in the Mid-Willamette Valley Family YMCA Veterans Housing project which expects to break ground later this year.

## The Depot - 49 years

822 Lyon St S - (541) 926-7326

For nearly 50 years, The Depot has been Albany's favorite spot for classic fish and chips. Located in the historic Trailways Bus Depot since opening its doors in 1976, The Depot has become a beloved part of the downtown dining scene, known for consistent quality, fresh ingredients, and a welcoming atmosphere.

Locally owned and family operated, The



The Richter Family

Depot takes pride in doing things the right way. The fish is hand-breaded to order and every order of hand-cut fries is prepared fresh. Their commitment to sourcing produce from local Oregon businesses and using Alaskan fish supplied through an Oregon distributor speaks to a philosophy of supporting the local economy while delivering top-notch meals to their customers.

After more than two decades working at The Depot, Andrew Richter purchased the restaurant in the summer of 2021 from longtime owner Rick Campbell. Today, Andrew and his team continue the traditions that have made The Depot a community favorite. While the menu has remained nearly unchanged for 30 years, their popular fish tacos introduced during Restaurant Week, have earned a permanent spot.

More than just a restaurant, The Depot treats its staff like family and is proud to be a business that serves locals, by locals. The sense of community runs deep, with a loyal customer base that spans generations.

As they near their 50th anniversary, The Depot remains a cherished part of Albany's downtown, offering fish and chips, shrimp salads, award-winning chowder, and friendly service that keeps customers coming back time after time.



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## Volunteer Spotlight Valeria J. Corona Vigil

This month, we are proud to highlight Valeria J. Corona Vigil, our high school board member and a senior at South Albany High School. Valeria joined the Albany Downtown Association board last fall and will complete her term this summer. She also serves on the Design Committee and the Operation Christmas Tree subcommittee.

After graduation, Valeria plans to attend the University of Mary, a four-year university established in 1959. She will enroll in their year-round campus program, earning a bachelor's degree in two years and continuing on to complete her master's degree in education the following two years.

For her first semester of college, Valeria plans to study abroad in Prague, earning an associate degree with the help of scholarships.

Beyond Downtown, Valeria is a SAHS leader and has logged over 12,344 volunteer hours around the community.

We enjoy having Valeria's voice and well-shaped ideas at our board and committee meetings.



## Parking Update

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

Our May parking winner is...

**Rebecca Bond**

Albany Visitors Association

## Downtown Events - May

May is Historic Preservation Month - see article on Page 1 for events and activities.

### Saturdays, through Nov 22 - 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). [locallygrown.org](http://locallygrown.org).

### Saturdays, through Nov 15 - Albany Artisan Faire Market

A new Downtown opportunity featuring unique locally crafted goods. Hours: 9 am-1 pm Broadalbin St SW & 4th Ave SW, next to the Albany Farmers' Market. The Artisan Faire Market is seeking local artisans who handcraft their own items. Those interested in becoming a vendor can contact Stephen Poole via email at [scdmpoole@peak.org](mailto:scdmpoole@peak.org).

### Fri, May 2 - Mon, June 30 - Art Exhibit at City Hall

The Albany Arts Commission presents the work of artists Suzanne Bond, Pamela Kuliesis and Tudy Rogers in the gallery at City Hall. View the exhibit during regular City Hall hours, 8 am-5 pm. Artists reception will be held Friday, June 4 Free and open to the public.

### Friday, May 2 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany: Rotary Wine Walk

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, our Facebook page or visit the ADA website [albanydowntown.com/events](http://albanydowntown.com/events). See story page 4.

### Friday, May 2 - 1st Friday at ARM: Preserving Your Family Treasures

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, Albany Regional Museum will be hosting a hands-on workshop where visitors can learn from our Collections Manager how to preserve their family treasures. Admission to our exhibits during First Friday hours is free! 5-7 pm. [armuseum.com](http://armuseum.com).

### Fri, May 2 & thru May 24th - Gallery Calapooia Exhibit and 1st Friday Reception

This month features the work of Koka Filipovic and Bill Marshall. The artist reception is on 1st Friday, May 2 from 6-8 pm. Exhibit continues through May 24. For more info, call (541) 971-5701 or visit [gallerycalapooia.com](http://gallerycalapooia.com).

### Fri-Sat, May 9-24 - ACT presents "And Then There Were None"

Albany Civic Theater presents Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None." Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has been marked for murder. As the weather turns and the group is cut off from the mainland, the bloodbath begins and one by one they are brutally murdered in accordance with the lines of a sinister nursery rhyme. Performances: May 9, 10, 16, 17, 18(m), 22, 23, 24, 2025. Eves 7:30 pm, Matinee 2:30 pm. For tickets and info, visit [albanycivic.org](http://albanycivic.org).

### Saturday, May 10 - Calapooia Brewing Arts Fest

This free, family-friendly event features local artists and makers, craft beer and cocktails, and food from the brewpub kitchen. Indoor and outdoor seating is available, and friendly pets are welcome. Note: Hill Street will be closed to through traffic. Parking is available in the brewpub lot (enter from Water Avenue) or on nearby streets. 12-5 pm. Calapooia Brewing, 140 Hill St NE. For more info, visit [calapooiabrewing.com](http://calapooiabrewing.com)

### Wednesday, May 14 - History Bites - Novak Family and Restaurant

Matilda Novak will be presenting on her family's escape from communism resulting in the creation of Novak's Restaurant here in Albany, Oregon. Learn about what they are up to now! Novak's cookbooks, imported paprika from Hungary, house mustard and house dressing & marinade mix will be available for purchase following the presentation, so make sure to bring cash if you are interested! 12-1 pm. Light refreshments provided. Albany Regional Museum, 136 SE Lyon St S. For more info, visit [armuseum.com](http://armuseum.com).

### Saturday, May 17 - Albany Streetcar Tour

Take a narrated tour around town, learn about the region while taking in the sights of Albany. The tour will begin at 10 am and again at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$5 per person, and seating is limited. For reservations, contact the museum at (541) 967-7122

### Sunday, May 18 - Flower Basket Hanging Day

Join ADA's Design Committee and fellow volunteers to install the baskets throughout Downtown Albany. 9 am to noon. See story page 1.

### Monday, May 19 - Protect Your Downtown Business

Join ADA for an educational event with APD representatives discussing how to avoid scams and address homeless issues that impact businesses. 5:30-7 pm. RSVP: (541) 928-2469.

### Friday, June 6 - 1st Friday in Historic Downtown Albany

Bring your friends Downtown for some 1st Friday fun! For more info, visit the ADA website [albanydowntown.com/events](http://albanydowntown.com/events).

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# Downtown 1st Friday & Rotary Wine Walk is May 2

Get ready for a lively night in Downtown Albany! On May 2, 1st Friday joins forces with the ever-popular Wine Walk for an evening of sipping and shopping.

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

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:

**1st Hand Seconds:** Join us for our spring \$2 sale all day in our dollar boutique with 20% off the entire regular boutique. Refreshments. (4-8 pm)

**Beloved Cheesecakes:** Featuring our One Love local wines and our new seasonal, Biscoff Cookie cheesecake.

**Gallery Calapooia:** Artist reception featuring the work of Koka Filipovic and Bill Marshall. Refreshments. WW hosting Lumos Wine Co. (6-8 pm)

**La Belle Boutique:** Chili nachos. WW hosting Sinister Distilling. (5-8 pm)

**The Natty Dresser:** Live original music with the band "Bluesmind" In-store specials and a winery! WW hosting Benton-Lane Winery (4-8 pm)

**Reds Boutique:** Forever Jewelry by Emma! New inventory, and small bites! WW hosting Season Cellars (5-8 pm)

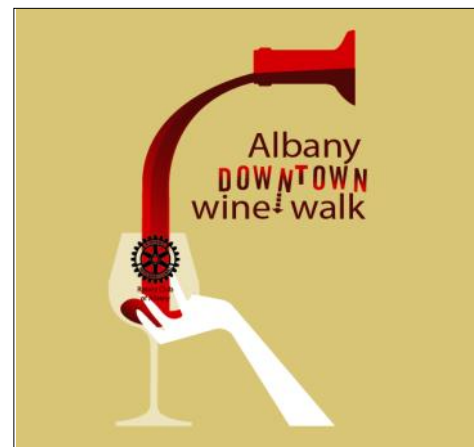
**Signature Healthcare At Home:** Appetizers and swag. WW co-hosting Parra Wine with Soroptimists. (5-8 pm)

**SugarHeroes Candy Bar:** Limited Wine Gums Candy (yes, they're a thing—and they're delicious! Grape & White Grape Juice for our non-alcoholic friends and guests under-21. 10% OFF your purchase when you take a photo with our candy wall and post it! (12 - 6 pm)

**Trained 'n Tidy:** Free bandanas for self-serve dog wash customers. (4-7 pm)

**Urban on 1<sup>st</sup>:** We will have our sale rack outside all day! WW hosting Vivacity Spirits. (4-8 pm)

**Urban Ag Supply:** Fungi Friday. This week's topic: Intro to Bag Inoculation. Mushroom supply specials. (6-8 pm)



**Wine Crush:** Caprese Salad is back in time for warm weather and great wine! Slices of fresh mozzarella, Roma tomatoes and basil leaves drizzled with balsamic! (4-8 pm)

## More Wine Walk locations:

Jarvis Bridge Hultunen & Weyer, Merri-me Bridal, Vito's Trattoria, Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics, MesmerEyes, Sybris Bistro, The Frame House, Emma Downtown, Pure Beauty Aesthetics, Vault 244, Blush Salon, Reds Boutique, Sniffany's Pet Boutique, Camille's Bistro, Jordan Jewelers, Sid Stevens Jewelers, Grazing Oregon.

For more info, call the ADA at (541) 928-2469 or visit our Facebook page.

## It's Historic Preservation Month

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### Vintage Bicycle Show & Swap Meet Saturday, May 10 ~ 1-5 pm.

At Deluxe Brewing Company's 10th Annual Albany Vintage Bicycle Show & Swap attendees are invited to view a collection of over 75 vintage, classic, and unique bicycles that will be on display at the brewery from 1-5 pm.

All vintage bicycles produced prior to 1989 are eligible for registration. There will be awards in five categories: Best Custom Build, Best Original Condition,



Best Vintage Restored Condition, Best BMX (Freestyle or Race) and People's Choice Award. It is \$5 to enter a bike and \$10 for a swap meet space.

Admission to the event is free, and minors are welcome in the brewery, 635 NE Water Ave.

For more info or to register a bicycle, email [bikeshow@sinisterdeluxe.com](mailto:bikeshow@sinisterdeluxe.com).

### Downtown History Walking Tours Tues. & Wed., May 13 & 14 ~ 5:30 pm

The 1st Avenue History Walking Tour is on Tuesday. The 2nd Avenue tour is on Wednesday. Both tours will start at Burkhart Square 101 1st Ave. W. (next to the Albany Civic Theater). Suggested \$5 donation per person to benefit the Monteith House. Sponsored by The Natty Dresser.

### Albany Streetcar Tour Saturday, May 17 ~ 10 and 11:30 am

Take a narrated tour around town, learn about the region while taking in the sights of Albany. The tours will begin at 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Tickets are \$5 per person, and seating is limited. To make your reservation, contact the museum at (541) 967-7122.



## Shop for Mom Downtown

Are you looking for that perfect gift for Mom? Downtown Albany is the perfect spot to find unique items and support local businesses.

From specialty shops to women's fashions, there are lots of options and friendly knowledgeable staff to help make the perfect selection. Consider a spa treatment or a memorable tattoo. Give the gift of time with a movie night or special meal.

For a list of shops, restaurants, personal service businesses and more, visit our website at [www.albanydowntown.com](http://www.albanydowntown.com).