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*Watch our website and social media for more about our winners and additional photos.*

The logo for Downtown Park Wise Albany features the words "DOWNTOWN" and "ALBANY" in a sans-serif font, arched over and under the stylized script text "Park Wise". Below "Park Wise" are three horizontal lines. Underneath these lines, the words "Parking Update" are written in a green script font.

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*Tina Ramirez*

For info on these and other events, visit [AlbanyDowntown.com](http://AlbanyDowntown.com)



# ADA Thanks Downtown Hanging Flower Basket Sponsors!

It's impossible to walk or drive through Downtown Albany without noticing the breathtaking hanging flower baskets. Year after year, they brighten our streets, lift our spirits and leave a lasting impression on both visitors and locals.

The tradition began in 1998 when Julie Jackson, Rebecca Bond, Barbara Doolan and Peggy Udolf held a planting party at Oregon Trader, now Calapooia Brewing, to fill wire baskets lined with moss. Many will remember seeing Connie and Bill Lanham riding the little green John Deere tractor and water tank through downtown as they faithfully cared for the baskets.

Later, a Cub Cadet became the watering vehicle, and the flowers were supplied by Hart's Nursery, Peoria Gardens and Tom's Garden Center.

Today, the iconic pink and white blooms with a touch of purple are grown by

## Join the Holiday Fun with Operation Christmas Tree

Operation Christmas Tree, a community project to spread holiday cheer, is on a mission to bring a beautifully decorated tree to Albany this season.

Join the fun by sponsoring a colorful ornament that will hang Downtown throughout the holiday season. Like our popular Mother's Day flower signs, the ornaments are yours to keep.

You can support Operation Christmas Tree by sponsoring an ornament with your family name or business logo displayed on a Downtown light pole. The cost is \$100, or \$120 with a logo.

Business and family sponsorships are also available starting at \$250.

For more info, visit [albanydowntown.com/tree](http://albanydowntown.com/tree) or call (541) 928-2469.



Bauman's Farm and Garden, a family farm dating back to 1895. They are planted in self-watering baskets made by EarthPlanter, a family-owned company since 1946. The planters help conserve water and reduce labor, allowing for watering every other day in normal weather and just once daily during the hottest stretches of summer.

Volunteers hang the baskets in May and return in the fall to retire them, while ADA's watering team tends them throughout the summer.

When COVID hit, the budget for the hanging baskets was threatened. We thank our community members who stepped up to contribute to our new Hanging Basket Sponsorship Program then and those who continue to support it today.

From 2021–2025, 13 leading sponsors each contributed more than \$1,000, together providing \$28,530—totaling nearly 80% of the program's total community sponsorship of \$35,570.

These major contributors include Russell Tripp, Reid Realty LLC, Foundry Lofts LLC, Burcham's Metals, The Natty Dresser, Ronald Strong, Laura Hyde, Montgomery Park, No Dinx, Scott Lepman Company, Oare & Associates Realty, AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home and RSM Investments.

In addition, many community members and businesses have supported the baskets with contributions under \$1,000. These sponsors include Albany Chamber of Commerce, Albany Civic

## Albany Visitors' Color Blind Glasses Giveaway

The Albany Visitors Association is excited to announce its 2025 EnChroma glasses giveaway!

Last year, AVA launched its Albany in Color! EnChroma Glasses Loan Program to promote inclusion and accessibility for individuals with color vision deficiencies by giving visitors the gift of color.

September is National Colorblindness Awareness Month, and EnChroma, creators of glasses that correct color blindness, has once again donated two pairs of glasses to AVA to raise awareness.

Visitors and residents can take advantage of the Albany in Color! loan program by stopping by their office at 122 Ferry St SW, Monday through Friday from 9 am-5 pm.



Theater, Catherine Parker, City Delivery, Embrace Kindness Bodywork, Gamberetti's, Jeff Senders, Jessica Pankratz, Jo Anne Maddy, Jordan Jewelers, Kirsten Patterson, Madeline MacGregor, Michelle Mahana, Mike McLain, Nicole Thompson, Peter Troedsson, Phillip Brown, Riley Corrado, Sharon Konopa, Sid Stevens Jewelers, Smith & Company, Tigor Title Albany, TwoOnline, Tyler Aldrich, Visiting Angels and an anonymous donor.

Proceeds from our annual Mother's Day Flower Sign fundraiser and City of Albany contract provide the remainder of the funds needed annually.

To learn more about the program, call our office at (541) 928-2469 or visit [albanydowntown.com/hangingbaskets](http://albanydowntown.com/hangingbaskets).

To learn more and enter the 2025 giveaway, follow the Albany Visitors Association Instagram and Facebook.



# DOWNTOWN ALBANY

September 2025

## ADA Honors Excellence in Business, Community and Preservation

The Albany Downtown Association celebrated the best of Downtown at our 2025 Excellence in Downtown Albany Awards, recognizing businesses, volunteers and projects that strengthen our Downtown and Albany as a whole. The ceremony, held August 25, highlighted the creativity, resilience and community spirit that continue to define Downtown.

The evening began with a tribute to the late Russell W. Tripp, former Albany mayor and one of the founders of the Downtown Association. In his honor, the ADA introduced the Russell W. Tripp Legacy Award.

The inaugural recipient was longtime volunteer and former Downtown business owner Barbara Doolan, recognized for over 50 years of service to Downtown. Her volunteerism supports ADA, AVA, the Monteith House, and Design Committee projects ranging from hanging flower baskets to seasonal storefront displays.



The Creative Placemaking Award honored the beloved Downtown Flower Baskets, a summer tradition since 1998 that transforms Downtown each year with its bright blooms (see story on page 4). Other nominees included the Gallery Cala-

pooia-sponsored "Tango Moon" dancing bunny sculpture and Albany Pride.

For **Outstanding Promotional Event**, the award went to the Linn County

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## Antiques in the Streets & Classic Car Show is Sat., Sept 6

By Liberty Preston  
West Albany High School Intern

The 2025 Antiques in the Streets and Classic Car Show is set for Saturday,



September 6. The Albany Antique Mall is proud to present this beloved annual event taking place from 8 am-4 pm on 2nd and 3rd Avenues SW and Broadalbin between 1st and 4th Avenues SW.

Visitors alike can enjoy browsing through over 50 vendors from all over the Northwest at this unique sale.

Typically, over 150 cars participate in the Classic Car Show. Local businesses will sponsor more than 35 unique awards, to be presented at 3 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Albany Firefighters Community Assistance Fund.

Right in the heart of Downtown Albany, the event is within easy walking distance of the Albany Farmers' Market and the

Albany Artisan Faire Market, as well as many wonderful restaurants and eateries.

For more information, contact the Albany Antique Mall at (541) 704-0109 or visit their website at [albanyantiquemall.com](http://albanyantiquemall.com).

