



A TASTE OF ASHLAND 2017

19 galleries, regional wineries, local restaurants and food trucks too!

Celebrating its twenty-eighth year, the Ashland Gallery Association's signature fund-raising event, A Taste of Ashland, is on Saturday and Sunday, April 29th and 30th from noon to 4p.m. Foodies and wine connoisseurs from all along the west coast follow a map to 19 galleries, to discover Ashland's best restaurants and the region's best wines and more. For a complete list of pairings go to www.atasteofashland.com

"What makes this wine and food pairing event different for all the others in the area? Each winery and restaurant are painstakingly matched and work together to create unique pairings inside **19 colorful galleries all within walking, or trolley ride, distance from one another.**" says Jeffery Jones, Event Coordinator for A Taste of Ashland. "This is a rare opportunity to sip seventeen of the region's best wines and brews, taste food from twenty-plus restaurants, and enjoy artwork from wonderful galleries that represent hundreds for local, regional and international artists."

Again this year's A Taste of Ashland **the Thorndike Gallery at SOU will be hosting Ashland Gallery Association artist members Pop-Up Art Show.** Fifteen artists will show original artwork in a wide range of media, subjects and styles including charcoal figure drawings, abstract geometric acrylic paintings, wearable fiber art, assemblage sculpture, landscape and floral watercolor and more. "The Thorndike is a huge space, light filled, it will show off the artwork really well. Ashland has seen some notable gallerists retire and close their Ashland art galleries recently, so it's quite welcome to have the opportunity to show off work and meet art lovers and prospective clients."

2017 A Taste of Ashland will include four of the Rogue Valley's best Food Trucks paired with amazing wineries that should prove to be unique and delicious! Schneider Museum of Art will Fired Up Food Truck paired with Belle Fiore Winery. The Thorndike Gallery at SOU will host Word on the Street Food Truck and Weisinger Family Winery. Plus, they will be hosting the AGA Pop-up Show featuring 15 AGA artists. The Meyer Memorial Gallery will host the part of SOUs Fringe Festival along with Rogue Kombutcha and A'vianda. These are all on the SOU Campus and are a short ride by Taste Trolley. Finally, Shepherd's Dream will host Nguyen Street Food (Vietnamese) and John Michael Champagne Cellars pouring their amazing sparkling Sake. Of course, these are only four out nineteen delicious locations on the Taste of Ashland tour including Ashland Artworks dessert from Oak Street Station and mineral waters for the Ashland Food Coop and new gallery Oak Leaf Studios hosting Nan's Raw Goods and Urban Cork wines.

"A Taste of Ashland is the ultimate Ashland experience!" says Jeff Jones, Event Coordinator. "Tasters stroll leisurely through the quaint town of Ashland all afternoon, experiencing the best of Ashland art, food and wine, then have time to relax and attend an Oregon Shakespeare Festival performance in the evening. What could be better!"

Tasters will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite restaurant, winery and gallery using a ballot for the Taster's Choice award. By doing so, their name will be entered into a drawing for two weekend passes to A Taste of Ashland 2017.

Tickets for A Taste of Ashland are: \$65 for both Saturday and Sunday, \$55 for Saturday only and \$45 for Sunday only. Despite demand, tickets to the Taste remain limited so as to ensure that it is not over-crowded. A free shuttle by **AllAboard Trolley, will offer rides to all 19 galleries, but most are within walking distance.**

For tickets and more information about A Taste of Ashland 2017 a complete list of pairings go to: www.atasteofashland.com or call 541-488-0178. LOCAL TICKET OUTLET: Ashland Art Center 357 East Main St., Ashland. Tickets can also be purchased and wine glasses picked up prior to A Taste weekend at the Ashland Plaza Kiosk from 12 noon to 2p.m April 21st through April 28th. The Kiosk will open at 11a.m. on April 29th and 30th.