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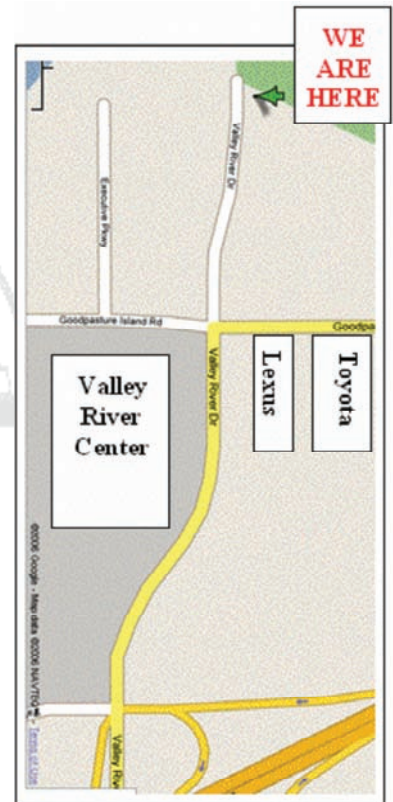
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Almost exactly four years ago, the airplane which I had boarded from Stockholm to start my new life touched down on a Portland International Airport runway. I remember it very well. Not the landing, but what was to follow. My first day of a four year adventure. I had quit my job and said goodbye to my family and friends for a four-year college endeavor in the United States – in Eugene, Oregon. All I had heard about the town was that it was supposedly the birthplace of the hippie culture, and that the symbol of its university was Donald Duck.

It was an easy choice for me to come, because I love Donald Duck. Hippies, on the other hand, I did not know much about. I was met on the airport by an acquaintance of my host family. He was waving a huge Swedish cardboard flag. It almost felt surreal. But it would intensify, as the first place he took me to was a bar. “The beer is delicious here. Let’s have some.” It was early afternoon, and he was driving. “Should you really drink and drive?” I asked worryingly. He laughed at me, reassuring: “That is okay here,” squished me into the front seat, hit the gas pedal, and blasted off.

After a few pints and (I tell you) very strange conversation where he told me about all sorts of drugs and giant parties, I was not sure if I had landed at the right airport! Riding the Greyhound bus to Eugene did not change that feeling, as I was the sole Caucasian inside and no one was speaking English around me. However strange and – as a newcomer to the country – frightening this might sound, I was never scared. Truth be told, I was quite excited. This was the first day of my new life, and what an adventure it had turned into already!

Now, four years later, I can look back at this as a prime example of how different Eugene is. Different in a positive sense – different in that it has so many faces, so many layers, so many kinds of people. You have come to a city of open-minded people of all sorts of backgrounds and experiences. They will welcome you and share their experiences. Some of them might not be like you, but they will be interested in you and eager to hear your story. I envy you, dear newcomer. I wish I could relive my time in Eugene!

As you read this, I am back home in Sweden looking for employment. Or perhaps in Japan. You will be surprised how living in Eugene and going to the University of Oregon will change your lives. But here, to help you acclimatize, we at KD have put together a special issue that we call “Duck’s Life.” It is made for you to get a taste of Eugene in terms of food, entertainment, outdoor activities, and more. It does not encompass all there is to do, but that is not the purpose. What we want to do is just to help you take the first few steps of your new life – your Duck’s Life.

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My special thanks to Young Cha and Hasang Cheon, the original creators of the magazine. Their clear vision has helped strengthen the already strong awareness of multiculturalism that exists here in Eugene. The new directors, Yoon Gyu Suh and Sojin Kim, as well as the new executive editor, Tristen Knight, will carry that vision forward. It has been my privilege to work with these and other very gifted people, as well as all of you wonderful readers out there. Keep your eyes open for the new KD in November!

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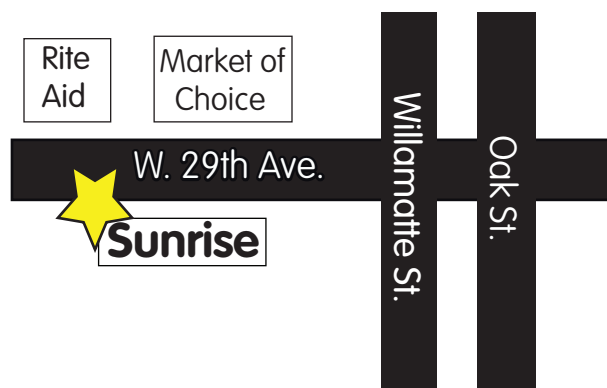
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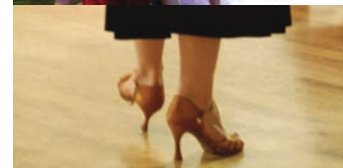
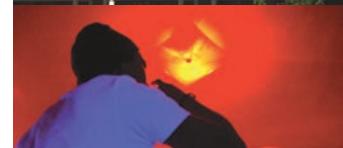
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# Making Friends In A New Place

By Theodora Ko Thompson

photographs by Hasang Cheon



## **“OREGON? THAT’S WHERE YOU’RE GOING?”**

Heard it gets pretty wet there, a lot of rain. Could get depressing.” I shrugged. Rain? Rain does not faze anyone like me who is from Singapore, where the equatorial climate promises only sunshine or rain, all the year round. I had an address in Eugene, Oregon to go to - a place I would be calling home, no matter how “pretty wet” it would be. When you’re on your own, it being a new chapter in your life, it takes a while to settle in and be comfortable in a new environment where everything around you is alien – how do you make a friend? How do you find your place when you’re newly arrived in a community?

My first attempt at friendship was with Dixie, my neighbor. It wasn’t quite the usual “Hello, I’m your new neighbor across the road, and I’m pleased to meet you.” Instead, with my hands cupped full of the blue plump beads of fruit, I knocked her front door, introduced myself and asked, “I’m eating these from the bushes in my garden, but I don’t know if I’m poisoning myself.” Dixie laughed at what she saw in my hand, and assured me that eating blueberries would do me no harm. I not only had blueberry bushes in my yard, but there was also

an apple tree, a pear tree, and a cherry tree! I was as delighted to learn that these fruit trees were common in the Willamette Valley, and that there was the “U-Pick” of fresh fruit experience at the orchards I could look forward to every summer.

I decided to find out if other people had similar experiences as myself.

Lidiya Beisembayeva, from Kazakhstan, a graduate student majoring in Public Policy and Management, first found it isolating to be in Eugene. “You’re newly arrived in a new place, a place you’ll be spending days and nights – for a year or as long as four years of your college experience.” When she first came in 2001, she was in Marcola, a town with a population of about 1,138, about ten miles from the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area. There was the small town feel like everybody was staring at her and didn’t accept her - until she met Stacy at lunch. They started talking. Stacy was very open to learn about where she came from the midst of people who seemed not to want to know about her. But Stacy wanted to know about Kazakhstan, and about Russia. They bonded. There were sleepovers. They would go out together and hangout; their talks would



go on for hours. For Lidiya, when there's still the remnant feel about how small the town feels, that's when she'd head for Portland where she finds it to be more diverse. Eugene, for Lidiya, is like a small Portland but not quite like Portland. Eugene does not have the diversity she wished it had; Eugene, to her, pretends to be diverse, but it is not. But she does like the campus, it is "very unique, beautiful in the summer time and in the fall. It's a campus that's not too small, not too big." And she likes the intellectual vibes, the connections she has built with people and professors. One of her favorite places is Spencer's Butte. She likes to eat lunch there. She likes to go on drives, out to Spring Boulevard. And there is Perugino, her favorite Italian coffeehouse when she craves for gelato, the Italian ice-cream she loves.

John 'Joshua' Marshal, an undergraduate student who is also majoring in Public Policy and Public Management, did not know anyone when he came to Eugene. Joshua, a Nigerian, was attending Chemeketa Community College when he learned about University of Oregon's program from his boss who knew of his interest in public policy and who had attended the university. When he arrived on campus, his first impressions were that it was a beautiful campus and he was excited by the openness to ethnic diversity. He found himself surprised to find that there were about 300 black students attending the university where the average on campuses he was familiar with was around 30 students. Joshua is glad to be here as he has found the program and department staff to be wonderful and supportive. He remembers the first four days of his visit to Eugene, how he first found himself welcomed by a group of strangers who now are among his circle of friends. He was walking through the Skylight at the EMU when he noticed a group of people in a circle with their head bowed down. He wondered if they were praying. He passed them at first but decided to go back. He asked them if they were Christians in prayer and if he could join them. That was how he was introduced to the fellowship. With his studies taking up most of his time, Joshua says he doesn't get to go to far places. He otherwise likes to spend his free time – when he can - going to cultural events and activities organized by the Black Student Union or the International Student Association, or being involved with the Christian communities.

What impressed me strongly about the people I spoke to as I settled in Eugene was the common sentiment expressed by Eugene residents: the strong community spirit they valued. I found this to be pretty much true. Dixie helped orientate me with the neighborhood services, and from her I learned of the off-leash Amazon dog park which would become one of my favorite places to take my pet for his exercise. As my pet happily greeted each dog that entered the dog park with his "hello" bark, I too made new friends among the community of pet owners who gathered with their pets at the park and we shared our stories while we enjoyed watching our pets frolic and have fun. I learned that Eugene had many different annual events - besides the student-organized activities on campus - to be involved in, such as the Eugene Celebration, Butte-to-Butte Road Race, The Asian Celebration, Art & the Vineyard, Lane County Fair and Lane Country Fair that bring together the people of

the community. When I volunteered to help with the dismantling and take-down work after the Butte-to-Butte Race, people seemed surprised that I was there to help with the job because I'd also run the race. "You ran too?" I shrugged. I wouldn't know how anything would be if I didn't give it a try. Besides, it was fun



volunteering at these different events, and much of the fun was the opportunity to meet new people and to be part of the community.

Yes, the weather in the Willamette Valley can be wet, even fickle...like the day when it rained, hailed and snowed - all within five minutes. There'll be days when you'll reach for the fleece pullover or sweatshirt in the chilly mornings - and later between classes - to bask on the lawn, or toss the frisbee as you enjoy the glorious sunshine. And there'll be the day or two (or more!) when you'd experience the novelty of the carpet of snow that transforms the landscape around us in the valley into a winter wonderland that we'd all delight in, not just the kids who are joyously ecstatic about the no-school day due to the inclement weather. Yet - for all the days of rain - there is the beauty to enjoy, of nature's reflections captured filling the tiny globs of bubble on the leaves. And there is always the joy in the company of friends, family and connections to make you feel you are - or can be - as much part of the community, even in a small town that's not quite like a big city.

# A GUIDE TO EUGENE'S RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

Edited and compiled by Sojin Kim

Photographs by Yoon Suh

To eat or not to eat. That is obviously not the question. In choosing a place to eat, you could open up a phone book and find a massive list from A to Z, but how do you know which one to choose? With ethnic foods to classic “American,” Eugene provides a wide variety of choices to meet any of your taste buds’ desires. Just to make “adjusting to your new life in Eugene” a little easier for all our readers, some of our *KD* members have recommended the following:



**Espresso Roma Cafe** Espresso Roma Cafe, sometimes better recognized as Café Roma, serves strong, rich flavored coffee to satisfy even the pickiest of the customers. Whether to just hang out with friends, chill out, or enjoy a book, the comfortable, relaxing atmosphere of Café Roma will definitely suit all your needs. It is located near the campus on 13th Avenue East, serving a wide variety of full flavored coffee and tasty treats. So if you get tired of

all the bland coffee out on the market, try indulging into the exciting world of Café Roma. – *Young Kwang Kim*

**Glenwood** For starving students, Glenwood Cafe is the place to be. Located next to 7-11 on the corner of thirteenth and Alder, Glenwood is home to some of the best eats around. From omelettes to veggie burgers, the menu has a little bit of everything. With a cozy comfortable vibe

and an outdoor area perfect for any warm Eugene day, Glenwood has reasonable prices (about \$5 to \$10 per entree). Not only is their restaurant worth a try, but their tomato-cheese soup is to die for.

– *Cassie DeFillipo*

**House of Noodle** House of Noodle is located centrally in downtown Eugene. Specializing in Vietnamese noodles and Chinese foods, it is the perfect place to get over a terrible hangover. I personally recommend ordering pho#6 (Vietnamese noodle soup) or their other noodle dishes. Prices range from \$5 to \$7 but you get much more than you pay for. And on any given Saturday, you may even run into some of your drinking buddies at this place. – *Yoon Suh*

**Jo Federigo's** Jo Federigo's Restaurant & Jazz Club serves Italian & continental foods. There is candlelight dining and the interior is decorated with fine art and designer umbrellas. They offer a full service bar downstairs where guests are entertained by a jazz performance every night starting at 9:30pm. The upstairs is open so those underage can enjoy the music as well. Price range: \$7-13. – *Tristen Knight*

**Lucky Noodle Café** Located across the street from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Market, Lucky Noodle is an ideal place for dates, birthdays, or just about any occasion.

With entrée prices ranging from \$9 to \$20, Lucky Noodle provides a chic and sophisticated atmosphere. For starters, try the Organic Yam Tempura, then finish off your meal with the Coconut Island, it's an absolute treat! – *Sojin Kim*

**Napoli Restaurant and Bakery** Napoli Restaurant and Bakery, located on the corner of 13th and Hilyard, is a cozy and casual Italian eatery that satisfies—without emptying the wallet. Entrees range from \$6 to \$15. My favorite? The Margheritta Pizza. Its low price and great authentic taste combine to make this dish irresistible. Now that's buono! – *Jessica Polley*

**Pearl Ice Cream Restaurant** Pearl Ice Cream Restaurant is a great place to hang out or have a birthday party if you are an ice cream fan! It offers a variety of treats including sundaes, banana split, and ice cream volcano (serves 8-15 people). It also has sandwiches, burgers, and salads just in case you need to fill up your stomach before the ice cream. Price range: \$5-30. – *Jo Hung*

**Prince Pückler's** Located around the corner of Agate and 19th, Prince Pückler's Gourmet Ice-Cream Shop is considered by many to be Eugene's hidden secret. With 34 seasonal flavors and a unique local charm attached to the cozy atmosphere, owners Jim and Lolly Robertson have attracted ice-cream lovers since 1975. Don't leave Eugene without visiting this tasty treasure! Price range: \$2-5. – *Daniel Asenlund*

**Quizno's** I'm normally not a fan of big-chain hot shots, preferring the local David to the transnational Goliath. But in the case of Quizno's, not even I can resist the tempting flavors of perfectly grilled bread, capable of transporting even the most avid bread connoisseur to aromatic areas beyond pleasure. From "The Traditional" to the Ciabatta-baked "Honey Mustard Turkey Chicken," Quizno's will leave no one disappointed. Price range: \$5-10. – *Daniel Asenlund*

**Sakura** I personally recommend Sakura, especially their breakfast menu. Sakura is the only Japanese restaurant located near campus. The breakfast menu is served from 10:00 to 11:00 am everyday and the price ranges from approximately \$4-6. – *Louis Kim*

**Studio One Café** Studio One Café, located at 1473 19th Avenue, is the kind of place you meet your friends every Sunday morning. It is open from 7am until 4pm daily and tends to be bustling, especially on weekends, but any wait is validated by the friendly service and great food. The inside is decorated with old movie posters and quotes, and is often crowded, but not in a bad sense, kind of in the way that your grandmother's house was packed with antiques. The menu is vegetarian friendly and the French toast with fresh berries is highly recommended. The entire scene is jovial, and a certain charm seeps in slowly, and soon you find the desire to return regularly. The menu ranges in price from \$7-10 and the portions are big. – *Tim Lane*

**Sweet Life Patisserie** One visit to this premier dessert shop and you'll be sure to make Sweet Life a regular part of your life! Among the many decadent offerings are incredible cakes, pies, éclairs, tartlets, cheesecakes, gelato, and chocolate specialties too numerous to list. What's more, many of the desserts are egg and dairy-free. Sweet Life also serves coffee and is wheelchair accessible. Sweet Life is located at 755 Monroe Street and is open 7am-11pm M-F, 8am-11pm Sat & Sun. Price range: \$3 and up. – *Therese Burchell*

**Tasty Thai** Tasty Thai is a restaurant specializing in Thai cuisine, located on 29th avenue near Sunrise Asian Market. A great thing about this restaurant is the affordable price range of about \$7.00 to \$8.00 for main entrées. The peaceful environment provides a good place for you to get together with friends and chat. – *Eric Han*

**Zolotoy Petushok** Zolotoy Petushok, located at 3163 W 11th Avenue, Suite C1, is the only Russian café in Eugene. They have all kinds of commodities from Russia, ranging from sweets and snacks, to fish, meat, cheese, alcoholic beverages and so on. They have paintings from St. Petersburg on the walls and you can even purchase souvenirs such as matryoshka (Russian nesting doll) at the store. Their specialties include: Pirozhki, Blinichiki, Kasha, German Sausage, Fish and so on, but my favorite would have to be Borsch (they have vegetarian borsch, too) and Pelmeni. Prices range from \$1.25-7.50. – *Megumi Kaizu*



# a guide to Eugene's **CLUBS** and **BARS**

By Nick DeMarsh  
Photos by Yoon Suh



**W**elcome to Eugene. For readers seeking fun at night, this will hopefully be a tasty sample of the bars and clubs you might find here. So what does Eugene have to offer? More than anything else, music, acts range from nationally touring musicians to local celebrities. Since just about every bar offers live music, you will never have to pay too much for a cover charge. Each bar has its own setting. Exploring them can go hand in hand with meeting new people. For those under 21, you will have to do a bit more research to find exactly where and when to go out. There are several venues that are open to all ages. In other places, age restrictions vary from night to night. The rest of the bars will accept all ages until a certain time.

Situated about ten blocks from campus, downtown is easy to reach. You will find the majority of the bars downtown, although some are near campus and others are well beyond. Many places have a set schedule with music and promotions you can count on. Contact information for the bars is included in the descriptions below. For a general overview of upcoming events, the Eugene Weekly is a great source of information.

## CABANA BLUE

174 W Broadway.  
(541) 484-BLUE.

Formerly known as Blue Luna, Cabana Blue has moved – and found a larger dance floor along the way. Its Caribbean theme can be heard as reggae pours onto the sidewalk five nights a week. Colorful art throughout the bar continues this theme. For an escape from Eugene, Cabana Blue proves a trip down Broadway can be the ticket.

## COZMIC PIZZA

199 W 8th Ave. (541) 338-9333.  
[www.cozmicpizza.com](http://www.cozmicpizza.com).

The spacious location features nearly every kind of event under its roof. The stage is home to both nationally touring acts and local talents. Anyone that wants to try salsa dancing should give Cozmic a call. Several times a month, DJ Jose Cruz teaches salsa lessons for an hour before veteran dancers heat up the floor. As the only location featured available to all ages every night and boasting an eclectic musical repertoire, Cozmic Pizza is a truly universal experience. **Promotional Night** Tuesday: Open Mic

## INDIGO DISTRICT

1290 Oak st.  
(541)434-6553.

The green light signals that you have reached the Indigo District. When you walk inside you will be welcomed by indoor fountains and, on certain nights, music mixed by local DJ's. Indigo welcomes all ages before 9:00 and after closing the bar, anyone can come in for a late night bite from 2-4 am. The convenient location and cool setting has made it a favorite amongst students. **Promotional Night** Wednesday: '90s

## JO FEDERIGO'S

259 E 5th. (541) 343-8488.  
<http://users.rio.com/jofeds>.

Follow the music down the stairs, past the crayon artwork and you will emerge in the world of Jo Federigo's. The music here is focused around jazz but does vary, and might even get funky if you're lucky. Another bar with connections to the University, every Wednesday night Jo Fed's features students and instructors from the music department. Each table is a canvas in the waiting. When you take a seat, be sure to make use of the crayons.

**Promotional Nights** Monday: Open Mic, Wednesday: U of O Music Dept., Thursday: Jazzjam

## JOHN HENRY'S

77 W Broadway. (541) 342-3358.  
[www.johnhenrysclub.com](http://www.johnhenrysclub.com).

For those that reminisce about the good 'ole 80's, they will feel right at home here during 80's night. Unlike Doc and Marty, they have no trouble

escaping the decade devoted to Michael Jackson. Other nights feature: Hip Hop v Reggae, house/ techno music and Mr. Henry's infamous burlesque show. With a solid history here in Eugene, John Henry's has developed a good relationship with our own campus radio, KWVA (88.1 fm) every Saturday before you go out and you can hear live cuts from the DJs at John Henry's. **Promotional Nights** Wednesday: Hip Hop v Reggae, Thursday: 80's Night, Sunday: Burlesque

## LATITUDE 21

25 W 6th Ave.  
(541) 338-9000.

Latitude 21, "a big city bar in Eugene," has a lot to offer. Multiple TVs make it a good place to watch the Ducks or other big sporting events. At the same time, patrons can relax in the lounge surrounded by fish tanks. Most importantly, keep your ears open for the big name shows that come to the bar. They feature bands from nearly every genre.

## LUCKEY'S CIGAR CLUB

933 Olive St. (541) 687-4643.  
[www.luckeysbar.com](http://www.luckeysbar.com).

Dating back to 1911, Luckey's is the oldest establishment in Lane County. With all of the feeling of a classic bar, Luckey's features live music five nights a week. Music is usually indy rock, but branches out into funk and more classical rock. Historical photos throughout the bar tell an interesting story that is helpful for those new to Eugene. While still leaving space to get your groove on, Luckey's offers a healthy dose of pool tables, maintaining its tradition as the oldest pool hall on the west coast. You can still buy cigars, but will have to smoke them outside.

**Promotional Nights** Tuesday - Saturday Live Music

## LUNA

30 E Broadway. (541) 434 -LUNA.  
[www.lunajazz.com](http://www.lunajazz.com).

A branch off Sam's Place restaurant, Luna extends the same classy atmosphere into the musical realm. While jazz is its foundation, the music you can find here is endless. Many of the musicians are local or regional acts. For those under 21, Luna invites all ages on specified nights.

## MAC'S AT THE VET

1626 Willamette.  
(541) 344-8600.

Making its home in the historic veterans memorial building, Mac's colossal front porch is an inviting way to enjoy an evening. Though heaters are available outside, inside is where things really heat up. Music here ranges from soulful blues to upbeat swing. The dance floor offers space, in case you get the urge.

**Promotional Nights** Wednesday: oldies, Thursday: Ujam

## ROCK 'N' RODEO

44 E 7th Ave. (541) 344-1293.  
[www.rocknrodeoclub.com](http://www.rocknrodeoclub.com).

Put on your cowboy hat, or don't, either way works because this isn't your typical rodeo. You can come in early and try your feet at traditional line dance five nights a week. If you stay long enough, the atmosphere will get more upbeat. Around 11:00 hip-hop and rock get mixed in with the country music.

**Promotional Nights** Dance Lessons Tuesday - Saturday 7:30-8:30, Wednesday: Karaoke

## SAM BOND'S GARAGE

407 Blair Blvd. (541) 431-6603.  
[www.sambonds.com](http://www.sambonds.com).

The intimate stage and natural wood decor of Sam Bond's offers a rich taste of what this region has to offer. Music acts range from weekly bluegrass, jams to regionally touring acts. If you



look closely amongst the vaulted ceiling frames, you may find remnants of Sam's old workshop. Outside, the back patio offers a lush atmosphere to enjoy great friends and music year round. Visitors to Sam Bond's will be well rewarded for their journey.

**Promotional Nights** Tuesday: Bluegrass Jam, Sunday: Irish Jam (All Ages 4-7 pm)

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# Looking for a Shoe Boutique?

By Yeun Roh  
Photographs By Yoon Gyu Suh



Every woman likes shopping, and one of the most popular items that women shop for is shoes. I myself am guilty of this hobby. I am not a shop-a-holic, but I cannot deny the fact that a pair of pretty shoes won't make me smile.

As we all know, Eugene is a small city, especially compared to my hometown, Seoul, a large cosmopolitan and international city. However, during the past two and a half years I have seldom felt it difficult to find clothes and other items that I want in this town except for one thing: shoes. It is really tricky to find cute shoes in Eugene that satisfy my tastes. Yeah, we have Valley River Center, but there are only two ladies' shoe stores in the whole mall. When I first came here I thought that Eugene was the best place for shopping for Nike sneakers but the worst place for shopping for stilettos and other shoe styles. It seemed that finding pretty shoes in Eugene was as hard as finding a needle in a haystack. However, one day my sister Angie told me about a cool shoe boutique on 5th street.

The name of the shoe boutique is Miss Meers, located just across from the 5th Street Public Market. Meers Willis-Majors, a self-proclaimed shoe-a-holic, who saw a need for a savvy shoe boutique in Eugene, founded the small shoe shop in November

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2001. They don't sell Jimmy Choo or Manolo Blahnik, but they have plenty of other shoe brands and styles that are pleasing.

The shoes in Miss Meers are much more inexpensive than elite designer shoes, but some of them look as nice as the shoes which we see on Sex and the City. Miss Meers has wonderful collections of Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, Carlos Santana, Charles David and other recognizable brand names. The shoes mainly range from \$60 to \$100 in price. It may sound a little expensive for a student's budget, but the shoes in Miss Meers are worth it. I guarantee that you will find some stylish shoes there that satisfy your taste. Check it out today! To see is to believe!

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*For other shopping options, check the map on pages 6-7 to find out the location of Eugene's two major malls, Valley River Center and Gateway.*

# Saturday Market

## A Hip Eugene Tradition

By Therese Burchell  
Photographs By Tristen Knight



If you want to experience an intrinsic part of Eugene, get over to the Saturday Market, located at Eighth and Oak streets in downtown Eugene. Open every Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, the Saturday Market is America's oldest open-air market and one of the best ways to get a sense of what Eugene is like with its hair down—literally. Long a local favorite for people-watching, the Saturday Market is a unique and popular gathering-place.

Spread across two and a half city blocks, the Saturday Market transforms the open space next to City Hall into an outdoor marketplace that includes a food court and entertainment stage. Over two hundred booths contain various handmade items for sale, including jewelry (spectacular selection,) body care products (incredible choice in soaps,) all kinds of clothing (tie-dye, batik, hand painted, and/or woven,) leather goods, and face painting, to name but a few.

Here is the real appeal of the Saturday Market: the maker of the product, (or a member of that maker's family,) sells all of these colorful items to you directly. If you have any questions about a product or enjoy haggling a deal, the Saturday Market is

Above: People gather to listen to the entertainment and enjoy the market's food.  
Top right: Shopper looks through photography.





**Saturday Market**

one of the few places where such exchanges are actively supported. Most vendors are happy to talk about their craft with you—or anything else that crosses your mind. (Hint: For those of you savvy in bartering, vendors also like to make trades!)

If you're at all hungry, you owe it to yourself to check out the food court situated on the block with the entertainment stage. That way, you get to listen to the available and free talent while waiting in line for, or sitting down to, some really awesome food.

The food court has a wide array of food cuisines to choose from, with many vegetarian options. As a former Texas native, my personal favorites are the tamales and the enchiladas. The cheesecake booth is also excellent, if you're in the mood for something sweet and entirely decadent. (If you crave fresh veggies or fruit, the Eugene Growers Market provides that and more, just across the street.) The food court and stage have large covered areas for escaping

**“The Saturday Market transforms the open space next to City Hall into an outdoor marketplace.”**

from the elements, so even if it's raining, you can still enjoy your food and/or the live music.

Covered areas encourage the locals to come out whatever the weather conditions because the Saturday Market occurs, rain or shine, every Saturday from March until late November. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, it moves indoors for its Holiday Market season. Located at the Lane County fairgrounds, the Holiday Market is open additional days in order to accommodate the busier holiday traffic. The indoor site is also bigger, with more booths and gift items to choose from.

But that doesn't happen until November. Currently, the Saturday Market is taking place every Saturday over at its usual location in downtown Eugene. Come check out the oldest outdoor market in America and experience one of Eugene's most unique gathering places.



Above: Woman getting a hair-wrap at her booth. Top left: Saturday market entertainment. Middle left: Shopper eyeing the tie-dye booth. Middle right: Man plays guitar for people's enjoyment. Top right: One of the many Saturday Market food booths.

# Dance Eugene

By Tristen Knight



**Above:** People dancing at the Tango Center. Photo by Tristen Knight **Right:** Nathan Gue and Tristen Knight dance the Salsa. Photo by Megumi Kaizu. **Far Right:** Dance instructors show off their Tango moves during the Tango lesson. Photo by Tristen Knight

**D**uring my first year of college, I took a ballroom dance class for fun. Knowing nothing about dance, it was a little intimidating. Even so, I learned the basic steps to Tango, Salsa, and even Swing. After the class, I never used what I had learned, until one weekend when my friends joked around about me going to the local Eugene dance clubs...alone. Now I don't know about you, but going Salsa and Tango dancing with hardly any experience can be somewhat embarrassing. I thought about standing to the side, watching fancy women show off their skillful dance moves. Nonetheless, I took my friends up on their dare and set out for a weekend of dance.

**What:** Salsa Night  
**When:** Every other Friday  
**Where:** The Vet's Club  
1626 Willamette  
**Time:** 9PM lesson, 10PM Dance  
**Price:** Lesson: Free, Social dance: \$5  
**Info:** 541-683-1384

### Night One:

With anticipation, I headed out to the Vet's Club where they were having a Salsa Night. The Vet's Club has Salsa Nigh every other Friday. Walking into the club, I headed up a large staircase that leads to the dance floor. To my surprise, there were tons of young couples and plenty of dateless people. We all formed a circle and learned some basic Salsa steps for the first hour: a fast and lively, yet graceful dance. After the lesson, the dance started. Tables and chairs aligned the dance floor where packs of girls waited to be asked to dance. I sat watching the experienced couples show off their moves until a man asked me to dance. To my surprise, he was an amazing dancer. He spun me in circles, taught me some new moves, and led me all around the dance floor. Afterward, he told me he was a dance teacher and if I came regularly, he would teach me more. After dancing with the teacher, another person asked me to dance. He was experienced as well. He taught me "freestyle" dance moves. Not all of the guys were experienced, though. There was a group of young guys sitting in the back asking girls to dance, but once they got on the dance floor, they danced like they were in a night club - that gave me plenty of laughs. The Vet's Club Salsa Night is lively and inviting for anyone, even for those with hardly any experience.



**What:** Tango  
**When:** Friday & Saturday  
**Where:** The Tango Center  
194 West Broadway  
**Time:** 8PM lesson, 9PM Social dance  
**Price:** \$5  
**Info:** Tangocenter.org, 541-349-8682

### Night Two:

The atmosphere inside The Tango Center was much more calm than The Vets Club the night before. Not many people were there for the lesson, but the two teachers were fun and danced beautifully. I soon learned that Tango is a much more sultry and sensual dance than Salsa. The music is slower, the couples dance closer together, and Tango is all about chemistry. There were a few extra teachers there for those without partners, but this time I stood to the sides and watched. I felt a little uneasy dancing with a stranger that closely, but for those who are a little gutsier than I, The Tango Center is an excellent place to learn Tango. After the hour-long lesson, more people began to show up and most were phenomenal dancers. I felt like a show was being put on for me. By the time everyone showed up, the crowd was split with experienced and non-experienced dancers, but in the end, everyone was there to just have fun.



# *Finding Your Oregon Coast*

by Tim Lane  
photographs by Yoon Gyu Suh



While the Oregon Coast does not get the press of California, its neighbor to the south, it still has a lot to offer. Oregon does not have the sun-soaked sand stretches that are usually associated with beaches; its appeal is a little more weathered around the edges. A trip to the Pacific Northwest coast usually includes a battering of wind and rain to accompany the roar of a restless ocean. The coast has depth, though, and if you take the time to open your eyes and see the life rioting around you, a spot will be forever carved into your heart for this wet coast. With surfing and hiking available up and down the state, all that it takes is a little initiative to experience, and eventually fall in love, with Oregon's shores.

From Eugene, the closest and most accessible

stretch of coast is the area surrounding Florence. The town is an hour's drive west and is home to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. This park has huge sand dunes, some of the biggest in all of the United States, and is popular with off-road motorcycle riders. Camping is available, and there are many hiking trails in the area. The Florence beach, near the jetty, also has some decent waves and surfers can usually be seen paddling out past where the ocean waves break. Great expanses of sand are framed by striking black rocks that muscle their way out to sea to form the jetty. Sand is swept everywhere; it is clear that this is a piece of the West not completely broken by the hand of man.

Another piece of coast worth visiting is Oswald



State Park. This is a state park in northern Oregon, a few miles outside of Cannon Beach. The drive from Eugene is about four hours, and after the trip of speeding on cement past metal and developments, it is a relief to arrive. Parking is available right off of Highway 101, but then there is a hike down to the beach and camping area. Descending along the trail into the thick forest of green makes the stresses of life lift slowly from your shoulders as the highway and the drive melt away from consciousness. The beach is a small cove that creates a sheltered body of water conducive to some of the most popular surfing in Oregon. It can get a bit packed in the summer vacation months, and sometimes become too crowded. If that happens, there are a few good spots to check

out in the area like Indian Beach and Hug Point, but neither have overnight camping available like Oswald.

Oswald, known to locals as Short Sands, has some beautiful hikes with cliff vistas that make you wish you had wings. On clear days you can be your own weather man and see what kind of rain is on the way. It is a vibrant coast that should not be left out on any trip to Oregon.

Every native Oregonian has their own favorite stretch of water and sand. Most of the time, it is best to talk to people from the area you plan on visiting. They can usually give you tips that take you off the beaten track and into an environment that is completely breathtaking.

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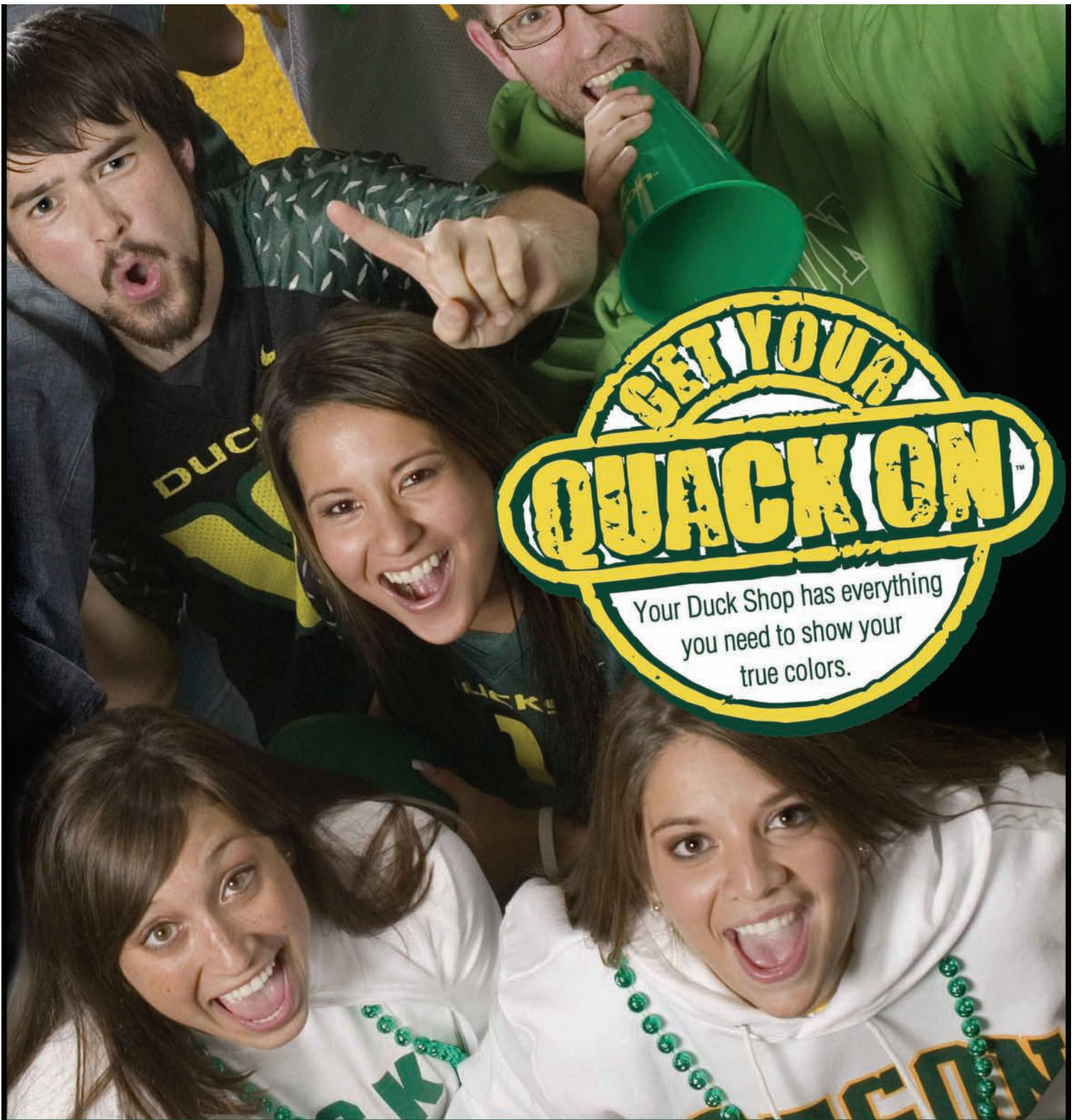


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