

THE COUNTRY STORE

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New bar opens inside John's Marketplace

A new bar has recently been built inside John's Marketplace in Multnomah Village. Managed by Eldon Farlow, a former general manager of a local pub, Farlow is an ale specialty buyer and draft manager. "We will be tapping five different kegs and one nitro tap for five dollar pours," Farlow said as he served customer Oliver Manuel.

"The amount of beer I pour in your ale glass depends on the type of ale being offered," Farlow explained.

Manuel organized last year's Nano Beer Fest which was held in John's parking lot. Started back in 2008, the Nano Beer Fest began at Max's Fanno Creek where the owners were looking for a way to showcase the local small brewers who were coming on the scene.

"Mark your calendars for the next Nano Beer Fest from April 20-23," Oliver announced as he sipped his port. "We're expanding the event and will feature even more beers."

John's Market was founded in 1923 by John Feus, a Swiss immigrant who settled into a storefront along what is now Capitol Highway in Multnomah. In 1958, the store relocated to the site of the former



Eldon Farlow and Oliver Manuel show off the new bar in John's Marketplace. The grand opening is sometime in February. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Oregon Electric station along what is now Multnomah Boulevard at 35th Avenue, and a modern 12,000 square foot supermarket was born.

John's flourished as a grocery market until the large box stores and shopping malls appeared throughout southwest Portland.

The second owner, Jack Furman, had a new formula for success. He put in a large wine selection and sold beer for less. Furman later began to operate the store as a marketplace, using part of the space for a grocery store and part for a deli. In 1999, David Percival became the third owner of John's Marketplace.

The bar will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. A grand opening will be taking place sometime in February.

"Look out for the marquee outside

for the date and time," Farrow said. "We're excited to be here."

Editor's Note: I remember Gelfand's New York Delicatessen (The Multnomah Village Post, May 1995) in the mid-90s and later Percival's Multnomah Deli in the same location.

Village Glass Studio opens in Multnomah Village

Village Glass Studio, a long time passion of owner Tracy Wolf-Paquin, has opened its doors in Multnomah Village. Located at 7319 SW Capitol Highway, next to West Hills Learning Center, the modern-style home and studio offers individual classes for those who want to learn about glass and create their own pieces.

"I've lived in the village for 25 years," Wolf-Paquin said, "so I knew this was where I wanted to open my business. I wanted to create a place where I could build community around glass and create a space where people could be creative and enjoy beautiful surroundings."

The studio hosts corporate team building events, birthday parties,

and girls' nights out. Guests make their own glass creations or group projects.

Adult and youth classes, as well as open studio time, are offered on a year round basis.

Wolf-Paquin's work can be seen in public spaces where she builds glass murals as a resident artist in Portland Public Schools. The artist has completed over 20 large scale installations and has reached over 2,500 youth.

Last year, the studio hosted a fundraiser for Our House which provides healthcare, housing, and other vital services to low-income people living with HIV.

"We also created a glass quilt in collaboration with cancer patients," she said. "The quilt was sold at a Doernbecher Hospital auction for \$12,000 and will be installed at the new Guest House soon to be constructed in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood."

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Some samples of glass art at Village Glass Studio. (Photo courtesy of Tracy Wolf-Paquin)

Multnomah Village, studio projects are set up for anyone to do with little instruction. "Unfortunately, in February we won't have an open house," Wolf-Paquin said, "but we will resume on March 3." Wolf-Paquin said people were welcome to drop in from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. during weekdays.

For more information, contact the studio at (503) 327-4899 or www.villageglassstudio.com.

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