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JUNE

Saturday, 6/3

Sasquatch Brew Fest More than 50 beers, live music, food, a brand-new homebrewing competition, a raffle — and hey, maybe it won't rain this year! The Sasquatch Brew Fest, now in its fourth year, raises money for the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, which contributes to the Northwest brewing community in a variety of ways. Participating breweries include Rogue, Steelhead, High Street, Cascade Lakes, Hair of the Dog and Bridgeport. Noon-late evening, Broadway Plaza. www.sasquatchbrewfest.org \$10.

First Saturday Park Walk: Delta Ponds, 9am, meet at parking lot off Goodpasture Island Rd. between Alexander Loop and Kingsley. Free.

Summer Reading for kids, sign up and get a free book starting June 3, Downtown Library. 682-8316.

We Are Bethel Celebration, live music, booths, food, youth carnival and more, noon-6pm, Petersen Barn Community Center. 682-5521. Free.

Everclear, The Presidents of the United States of America, Rock & Roll Soldiers, Supersuckers, special appearance by Ron Jeremy and more, 3pm, Secret House Vineyard, Veneta. www.secrethousewinery.com \$20 adv., \$25 dos.

Sunday, 6/4

Sweet Winds, wind quintet, 6:30pm, Washburne Park, 20th & Agate. 344-0483. Free.

Lorane in Bloom, spring festival with local artists and crafters, estate and locally grown plants and flowers, guided tours, demonstrations, live music from Fiddlin' Big Sue Band and Red Pajamas, 11am-5pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com

Saturday, 6/10

T-Bone Burnett, Jakob Dylan, 7pm, Secret House Vineyard, Veneta. www.secrethousewinery.com \$22.50 adv., \$25 dos.

Rich Spence & Dan Bilderback, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com Free

Sunday, 6/11

Jazz & Jammer Kids, 6:30pm, Washburne Park, 20th & Agate. 344-0483. Free.

Greg Clarke, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com Free

Saturday, 6/17

Rob Tobias, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com Free.

Barrel Tour: Benton-Lane Winery, LaVelle Vineyards, Pfeiffer Vineyards, Secret House Vineyards, Silvan Ridge-Hinman Vineyards and High Pass Winery, 9:30am, meet at Valley River Center. 21+ event. www.wineriesoflanecounty.com \$60.



Bonnie Raitt
Cuthbert Amphitheatre
Sept. 6

Sunday, 6/18

Friends of Hendricks Park Centennial Celebration Tour with Tobias Policha, 1pm-3pm, FM Wilkins Shelter, Hendricks Park. 682-5324. Free.

New Horizons Band, 6:30pm, Washburne Park, 20th & Agate. 344-0483. Free.

Father's Day Zucchini Derby, build the fastest squash on wheels (materials provided), 11am-5pm; live music from Brook Adams, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com

Tuesday, 6/20

Summer Reading Gala Kick-Off, juggling, unicycle lessons, ice cream, 11am, Springfield Library. Free.

Friday, 6/23

Back to the Future, with subtitles for the hearing impaired, 9pm, Washington Park. Free.

Black Sheep Gathering, sheep and goat shows, workshops, classes, trade show, spinning circles, demonstrations and more, June 23-25, Lane County Fairgrounds. www.blacksheepgathering.org Free.

The Valley Boys, 6:30pm, Island Park, Spfd. Free.

Dierks Bentley, The Lost Trailers, 7pm, Secret House Vineyard, Veneta. www.secrethousewinery.com \$25 adv., \$30 dos.

Saturday, 6/24

Floater, MxPx, Harvey Danger, Stroke 9, I Can Lick Any Sonofabitch in the House, 3:30pm, Secret House Vineyard, Veneta. www.secrethousewinery.com \$18 adv., \$23 dos.

Wilderness Week 2006 Nine days of hikes, trips, film, slide shows, gatherings and more in celebration of Oregon's amazing wilderness. RSVP required for all outings; bring water, snacks and a lunch. Events take place all over the state, including a Eugene Wilderness Celebration potluck at Mount Pisgah Arboretum at 3:30pm June 25. For full schedule, see www.oregonwild.org/wweek2006.html

Oregon Wine & Cheese Tasting, 11am-5pm; live music from Spun Honey, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com

Barrel Tour: Saginaw Vineyard, Sweet Cheeks Winery, Iris Hill, King Estate Winery, Chateau Lorane and Eugene Wine Cellars, 9:30am, meet at Valley River Center. 21+ event. www.wineriesoflanecounty.com \$60.

Black Sheep Gathering continues. See June 23.

Sunday, 6/25

Accordions Anonymous, 6:30pm, Washburne Park, 20th & Agate. 344-0483. Free.

KLCC Garden Tour, unlimited viewing of 13 gardens, with musicians, massage chairs, vendors, art and more, 9am-5pm, in and around south Eugene. 463-6000. \$10 adv., \$13 dos.

This & That, 1pm-4pm, King Estate MarketPlace. www.kingestate.com Free.

Black Sheep Gathering continues. See June 23.

Wednesday, 6/28

Just for Kids Talent Show for ages 4-18, 11:30am, Meadow Park, Spfd. Register at 736-4544. Free.

Bark Shanty, 6:30pm, Coiner Park, Cottage Grove. Free.

Thursday, 6/29

Pacific International Children's Choir Festival: Sharing Our Songs I, 7:30pm, Central Lutheran Church. 465-9600.

Friday, 6/30

Art & the Vineyard, wine, music and arts festival with artists' marketplace, kids' arena, international food court, specialty booths, performances from The Hammer Smith Band, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Misty River, I've Seen the Light! Blues Band and more, June 30- July 4, Alton Baker Park. www.artandthevineyard.org

Oregon Bach Festival Oregon's annual celebration of Bach and more has taken "Transformations" as its 2006 theme. Three updates of Bach works are among the festival highlights: Filmmaker Bastian Clevé's cinematic interpretation of the Mass in B Minor, Robert Levin's completion of the Mass in C Minor and Uri Caine's "reimagined" Goldberg Variations. Clevé's *The Sound of Eternity* makes its U.S. premiere July 9, with the Festival orchestra and chorus, led by conductor Helmuth Rilling, providing the soundtrack. Events continue through July 16. Tonight, catch the Opening Ceremonies with 350 singers from eight choirs of the Pacific International Children's Choir Festival, 6:30pm, Hult Center lobby, free; "Inside Line," Robert Levin previews the evening's concert, 7pm, Hult Center, free; Choral-orchestral concert: Mozart's C Minor Mass, 8pm, Hult Center, \$15-\$49. www.oregonbach-festival.com or (800) 457-1486.

The Vipers featuring Deb Cleveland, 6:30pm, Island Park, Spfd. Free.

Put a Little Sting on Your Rim

Salt, sugar or nothing? Rocks or blended? Straight or flavored with mango, guava or some other tropical fruit that epitomizes warm beaches, blue seas and palm trees? What other drink gives you so many choices and so quickly brings to mind lazy summer evenings than the margarita, a perfect balance of sweet and tart, ideal for a steamy day.

Our taste testers worked hard to find you the best margaritas and the best locations to drink them. We've arranged our tour of Eugene's margaritas geographically so you can even follow in our footsteps, or more accurately, our bike tracks.

Aztec Sun (628 Blair): Hands down the best margarita we tasted and the cheapest, just \$5.99. Made from scratch, it's like a fresh, tropical breeze and tasted exactly like the ones I drank off the beaten path in Tijuana. Light, incredibly flavorful and heavy on the high-quality house tequila. Downside: no outside seating.

Taco Loco (900 W. 7th): Just across the street you'll find a tropical paradise in which to sip your frosty concoctions. With five bubbling fountains, cascading plants and dozens of statues nestled amidst the topiary, the fenced-in garden is the ultimate escape from reality. Add an exotic flavor to your marg (I recommend guava) for a truly incredible drinking experience.

Downside: The margaritas are made with mix and were light on the tequila.

Cabana Blue (174 W. Broadway): If you haven't checked out Cabana Blue, formerly Blue Luna, since owner Lisa Sanchez bought out her partner and moved, put it at the top of your list of things to do. This place has the feel of a Puerto Rican club and is best after the sun sets. When our server told us that she uses Squirt, limeade and sour mix to make the margs, we were a little dubious. But all three tasters agreed: The only margaritas that beat this interesting combo were the scratch margs at Aztec Sun and Lucky Noodle.

Jo Federigos (259 E. 5th): It's worth going to Jo Fed's just for the funky jazz-cat-vibe and the smooch-worthy, hidden booths. But the margaritas won't disappoint either. In fact, they were so good we had two rounds. The mix of Rose's Lime, sweet and sour mix and tequila works well. Plus we happened to visit on Monday: \$5 pizza night. Yum!

Café Lucky Noodle (207 E. 5th): With outdoor seating right on 5th Avenue and from-scratch margaritas, Lucky Noodle is a great bet if you're trying to find the balance between the perfect drink and the perfect outdoor location. Downside: the train, which passes by and drowns out all conversation for as long as it rumbles past you. — *Melissa Bears*