

WHAT'S happening

It's tough being a bipedal ruffian in this town, especially when your adopted motto is "Never seen, never heard ... except briefly in grainy film stock or out of the corner of a human's eye." What all hairy beasts desire is a moment to be out in the public eye having a good time, drinking some tasty brews and taking a vacation from hiding in their dark corners of the forest. The **Sasquatch Brew Fest** was born five years ago out of this very primitive and powerful desire. A daylong extravaganza in the heart of downtown Eugene that lets the inner beast run wild is just the ticket. See Saturday Calendar.



Who says busting a dance move can't alleviate hunger? Certainly not the organizers for the 3rd annual **Down 4 It: Hip Hop Variety Concert**. Featuring more than 60 local hip hop dance, music and media artists, this evening at the McDonald Theatre comes packed with performances by Dance Northwest, Zapp Dancers, The Edge Breakers, The Bomb Squad (pictured above) and Vega Dance+Lab, all set to the bumpin' grooves provided by Marv Ellis, Animal Farm, The pHormula and more. This year's beneficiary will be FOOD for Lane County, and you can earn raffle tickets for each can of food you bring. See Friday Calendar.



Art walks take on a special something in the summer months. Maybe it's the fact that once the walk is over and you've a full stomach of art and wine and cheese, there's still plenty of daylight left for an evening stroll to burn off the calories gained while art walking. So it will be with this week's **First Friday ARTWalk**. Local artist Judy Alison starts this monthly guided tour at La Follette Gallery, where Sarkis Antikajian displays his lush, colorful oil paintings (pictured left). Next it's a short hop to Opus6ix for Kirk Lybecker's "Apian Desires" floral exhibit, showcasing a strong sense of contrasting light. Proving that the gallery district is indeed cozy and intimate, another short walk across the street leads you to the Jacobs Gallery, where Bruce Bayard's digital art and Lynn Wiley's etchings combine in the "Quiet Noise" dual exhibit. Stop #4 offers a chance to refresh and recharge with a scone and cup of java at Emerald City Coffeehouse, where local artist Samonberry presents his painted poster art. Also worth a look-see is the one-day exhibit and sale of staff artwork at Oregon Art Supply, all consisting of small works of whimsy and wonder. See Friday Calendar.