



### BEST DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

1. **The Kiva** 125 W. 11th Ave. 342-8666. [kivagrocery.org](http://kivagrocery.org)
  2. **Sweet Potato Pie** 20 E. 11th Ave. 344-8810.
  3. **Passionflower Design** 128 E. Broadway. 344-3857.
- This quirky natural foods store was pretty cool before its recent remodel, but the made-to-order sandwiches and delectable deli section make us love it even more. The Kiva's shelves hold the practical — bulk food, fresh veggies, a great little book selection — and life's most important essentials — smudge sticks, cheap wine, beeswax candles. And as a bonus, the walk-up deli window and outdoor seating make it a perfect stop while walking the dog.

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### BEST TATTOO/BODY MOD ARTIST

1. (tie) **Jimmy Singleton (left)**, **The Parlour Tattoo** 1097 Willamette St. 345-6465. [www.theparlourtattoo.com](http://www.theparlourtattoo.com)
- Splat Ter (right)**, **High Priestess** 525 E. 13th Ave. 343-3311. [www.highpriestess.com](http://www.highpriestess.com)
2. **Clay Fraser**, **Aurora Tattoo & Gallery** 304 E. 13th St. 844-1628. [www.claythesavagefraser.com](http://www.claythesavagefraser.com)

Singleton from The Parlour takes a unique approach to tattooing, focusing more on the artistic aspect. "I offer something different than a lot of tattoo-ers: My drawings aren't overly tattoo-ish. I like artsy-fartsy stuff. I develop a really good rapport with my clientele. I try to listen and collaborate. I approach it with humility; I can draw really well but I want to make it what they want, that's really my goal." Prioritizing the customer, Singleton is warm and friendly, offering advice and helpful hints to the potential tattoo-ee. Because of this and his skillful hand, he along with Splat Ter, has been voted Best of Eugene.

Having mastered the art of appealing to the college students while still having respect from the locals, Splat Ter has countless awards under his belt, including various "Best Tribal" awards, "Best Overall Female" and "Best Full Color Back." While Splat Ter has a lot to boast about, he's actually very modest, and explains what he's proud of: "I put pride into my work, I have an amazing client base. I give every tattoo the absolute best that I can, and I take great pride in that."



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