



RICHARD SWIFT

Producer, singer, songwriter and keyboardist formerly with The Shins

Meiji in Eugene is my favorite. Really great drinks, food and environment. A friend of mine worked there and he made the best, most interesting margarita. Not too sweet and spritzed with mezcal on top. Rimmed with black lava salt too. The food there is great and very affordable.

Another friend of mine owns my two other favorites, **The Axe and Fiddle** in Cottage Grove and **Planktown** in Springfield. Both make great bloody marys and have a very mellow/comfortable environment.

Can't lose with all three of these in my opinion.



EUGENIA SLIMESWORTH

Eugene's Slug Queen

Favorite bar? **The Horsehead**.

Their patio is the best place in town for an elegant lady such as myself to get day-drunk.

Favorite drink there? Double gin-and-tonic. Best if served with a plate of fries or nachos.



JUAN CARLOS VALLE

Activist, advocate for immigrants' rights, and sometime Eugene City Council candidate

The Lounge [on River Road] is my local favorite. My favorite drink there is mojito.

It's a place where you feel welcome. A place where there is no stress about finding parking. A place where a pool table is in the ready mode. A place where karaoke rooms delight your guests. A place where disco music and salsa music makes anyone want to move. A place where the bar and lounge area is hip and cool.

What's unique about this bar is the mosaic of cultures and food they serve. You feel at home because you are at home. The owner is an Asian man, and his clientele are from many walks of life. Food is tasty and there is something for everyone.



RACHAEL MCDONALD

News host for Morning Edition at KLCC

I am not much of a barfly but I do have a few favorites. One is **Isakaya Meiji**. I love their bourbon and ginger. It's consistently delicious, tart, bright and with just the right amount of pungent ginger. They also have yummy food and a fun atmosphere.

The Meiji fits in so well in the Whiteaker neighborhood and, although I'm not a night owl, they're one of the few restaurants that stay open late in Eugene. Also, I have to give a shout out to Ty Connor. He doesn't work at the Horsehead anymore. But when he did, he made a mean gin gimlet.

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