



Teresa Varner poses in the Rusty Dahlia, a store on Marine Drive that sells Chalk Paint, lotions, soaps and kitchen must-haves.

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artists and one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Keep going along Commercial, past 12th to Garbo's clothing and don't miss Fruffels with its fine linens, tableware, barware, kitchen gadgets and classy items for men. On the corner of 14th, Purple Cow

has games and toys for kids.

Toward the river, on 14th, Short Wave features clever items from local artisans and unique clothing, before you drop into Ashriver Woodworks to salivate over fabulous furniture and cutting boards.

If you need another break, Street 14 Cafe will suffice, before you cross the street to



'The tasting room is finally open after all these months,' said Mike Cox, eager to serve customers at Pilot House Distilling.

4 Seasons Clothing, on the corner where you may swoon over sweaters and wintery garb. Don't miss Doe & Arrow, either, with their trendy clothing, candles, lotions and vintage LPs.

Finally, cross 14th heading west on Commercial, to find the alley that takes you full circle back to Luminary Arts on Duane Street. Consider also stopping at Erickson Floral Co. for flowers and gifts or Old Town Framing Co. with their assortment of cards, photographs and framing options.



Meghann Gibson poses next to stylish and warm winter wear at 4 Seasons Clothing.

Happy, and likely exhausted by now, you might take a breather at Pilot House Distilling for a taste of their vodkas, gins or liqueurs. Or, you could settle in the cozy tasting room at Blaylock's Whiskey Bar. Either (or both) can be the perfect place to wind down and count your blessings, er presents.

As you can see, there's a ton of amusements, enchantments, and joys to ponder. And many more to discover not mentioned. As a special treat, and to emerse yourself in the spirit, consider staying downtown at Hotel Elliot, Selina Astoria (Commodore), or Bowline Hotel, all within walking distance to shops.

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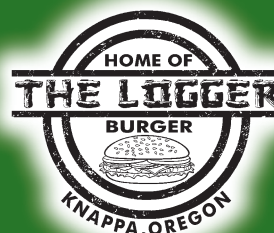
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