

Blossom Time

Starting in early April, the cherry, apple and pear trees in the Hood River Valley welcome spring's return by releasing vibrant pink and white flowers. They start in the lower elevations and, like a domino effect, move up the valley creating a patchwork of color. The area celebrates spring with the annual Hood River Valley Blossom Time, which takes place throughout April. Visit Hood River in April and enjoy family-friendly farm events, craft shows, culinary treats, wine and cider tasting, and the Hood River Hard-Pressed Cider Fest. One of the best ways to enjoy Blossom Time is to drive the Hood River County Fruit Loop, a gorgeous 35-mile drive that follows the county's Scenic Tour Route and passes the valley's plethora of orchards, wineries and farms. Stop along the way to pick up fresh fruit, baked goods, preserves, yarn, fresh produce, wine, cider and more. There's something for everyone.

hoodriver.org/hood-river-valley-blossom-time

Blossom Time at the Old Trunk!

DATE: April 1-17, 2016

WEB: oldtrunkhr.com

LOCATION: 2958 Dee Highway, Hood River, Oregon

The Old Trunk is a popular stop for locals and visitors alike – operating as a family-friendly fruit stand, antique store and soda fountain, featuring coffees and house-made goodies from the fruit of the valley. In addition to our new inventory of spring related antiques, vintage and upcycled items, the Old Trunk is showcasing our new house-made blossom sodas made from fresh flower blossoms of the valley! Blossom Time at the Trunk also means “U-Cut” spring flowers and hanging baskets.

Fruit Friday at The Fruit Company

DATE: April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2016 **TIME:** 8:00am - 2:00pm

WEB: blog.thefruitcompany.com/fresh-fruit-friday

LOCATION: 2900 Van Horn Drive, Pine Grove, Oregon

Every Friday, The Fruit Company sets aside fruit that doesn't make it into its gift boxes, as well as excess inventory of gourmet goodies. In most cases this fruit is of a higher quality than you would find in your local grocer, but because it doesn't meet gift grade, it's offered to you at a reduced cost. First come, first serve basis while supplies last (no phone or pre-orders). These discounted items are only for pick-up and cannot be shipped.

Artist Laurel Marie Hagner's The Sacred Feminine at Glassometry Studios

DATE: April 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 22-24, 2016 **TIME:** 11:00am - 5:00pm

WEB: glassometry.com

LOCATION: 3015 Lower Mill Drive, Hood River, Oregon

This spring, catch the release of Laurel Marie Hagner's new artworks in glass, ceramic, and on paper at Glassometry Studios and online.

Foothills Yarn and Fiber Abstract Fiber Trunk Show

DATE: April 9-24, 2016 **TIME:** 11:00am - 4:00pm

WEB: foothillsyarn.com

LOCATION: 4207 Sylvester Drive, Hood River, Oregon

Come see the brilliant colors of the Abstract Fiber yarn that is hand-dyed by two women in their studio in Portland, Oregon. See lace shawls, scarves, sweaters, and accessories knit with this luscious yarn. While you're here, meet our alpacas. **Free.**

Columbia Center for the Arts Earth Wind Fire Exhibition & Opening Reception

EXHIBIT DATE: April 6-30, 2016 **OPENING RECEPTION:** April 8, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

HOURS: 11:00am - 5:00pm, daily

WEB: columbiaarts.org/earth-wind-fire-clay-wood-kinetic-sculptures-glass-works

LOCATION: 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood River, Oregon

Blue tributaries lined with sticky red clay, cascading towards the Columbia River, wind whistling through the narrow verdant Gorge, ancient lava flows creating fortress-like cliffs of columnar basalt; the dramatic landscape is what defines the Columbia River Gorge region. Columbia Center for the Arts April invitational Earth Wind Fire exhibition will show work that is created from materials that come from the Earth, interact with Wind, or come into being through Fire.

Columbia Center for the Arts poTENTIAL Series: An evening with THAT Brian Doyle

DATE: April 9, 2016 **TIME:** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

WEB: columbiaarts.org/events/potential-literary-arts

LOCATION: 215 Cascade Avenue Hood River, OR

Spend the evening with THAT Brian Doyle, the much beloved award-winning Oregon author. His latest novel, *Marten Marten*, has received rave reviews, as do all of his public appearances. We'll start the evening with a brief interview with the author, followed by Brian waxing poetic on whatever topics come to mind while interacting with the audience. Join us for this evening of literary fun. **\$15 Seniors, \$20 Adults.**

Second Saturday at WAAAM Air & Auto Museum

DATE: Apr 9, 2016 **TIME:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

WEB: waaamuseum.org

LOCATION: 1600 Air Museum Road, Hood River, Oregon

The Second Saturday of each month, the WAAAM Air and Auto Museum opens the doors to roll out and run some of its antique airplanes and cars. This month, the focus will be on Fords. Visitors watch airplane operations up close and may get to ride in old cars too. Open 9am - 5pm. Activities 10am - 2pm. Lunch 11am - 1pm. Free parking. Call (541) 308-1600 for more information.



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Mosier Grange Cherry Blossom Buffet

DATE: April 10, 2016 **TIME:** 11:30am - 3:00pm
WEB: mosiercommunity.com/organizations/mosier-grange
LOCATION: Mosier Grange Hall (take exit 69 off I-84, follow signs)

Join us for a Cherry Blossom Buffet featuring Grilled Salmon, Ham, Main Dishes, Salads, and Cherry Dessert! Proceeds to benefit the Mosier Grange Hall as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. **Adults \$10, Ages 6-12 \$2, Under 6 - free!**

First Annual New Recipe Sampling Weekend at Packer Orchards & Bakery

DATE: Apr 15, 2016 - Apr 17, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION: 3900 Highway 35, Hood River Oregon

Join us for first annual new recipe weekend, sample new scone, cookie, and jam recipes and vote for your favorites. Stop and enjoy one of the prettiest blossom views in the valley. Sample our new line of wine jellies made from local wineries. Enjoy our pairing recommendations of cheese and pears with wine jellies. First of the season rhubarb pies and house made white honey rhubarb ice cream available. **Free samples all day.**

Up Up! Farm Film Festival: SOURLANDS

DATE: April 15, 2016 **TIME:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm
WEB: facebook.com/upupfilmfest
LOCATION: 4250 Barrett Road, Hood River, Oregon

Gorge Grown Food Network & the Rockford Grange present Up Up! Farm Film Festival, a series of independent films and shorts that explore the questions of farmland, access, rural livelihoods and sustainability of people and place. A local, farmer-made soup is served up at 5:30 pm followed by an independent farmer-made film shown at 6:30 pm. The film, SOURLANDS weaves a provocative tale of ecology, energy and agriculture, told from a deep forest surrounded by sprawl. **Suggested Donation \$10.**

Lions Follies presents "40 Years of Magic"

DATE: April 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, 2016 **TIME:** 7:30pm
MATINEE: April 17th at 2:00pm
WEB: gorgelions.org
LOCATION: Hood River Middle School Auditorium

The 40th Annual Mid-Columbia Lions Follies presents "40 Years of Magic!" at the Hood River Middle School Auditorium. Presented for the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Ticket Outlets: Any local Lions Club Member, Mclsaac's Market, Jim's Market, Mid Valley Market, Windmaster Market, Hood River Adult Center, Hood River Key Bank, Studio 10, Waucoma Bookstore, Postal Annex, Hood River Columbia State Bank, White Salmon Riverview Bank, Klindt's Bookstore in The Dalles. **General Admission - \$10 (\$9 Pre-sale) Children - \$8 (\$7 Pre-sale)**

Blossom Craft Show at the Hood River County Fairgrounds

DATE: April 16-17, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00am - 5:00pm
WEB: hoodriverfair.org
LOCATION: Hood River County Fairgrounds

Blossom Craft Show presented by Griffith Motors is a full range of crafts, plants, food, wine tasting, jewelry, baked goods, Hood River Art Club show and sale, Odell Garden Club plants, and quilt sale. More than 100 vendors offering anything you might want or need. Also ranch sorting competition in the arena on Saturday. RV camping available with power, water and access to a dump station for \$15 per night. Lots to see and do in one location. **Free.**

Blossom Time & Lavender Plant Sale

DATE: April 16-17, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00am - 5:00pm
WEB: hoodriverlavender.com
LOCATION: 3801 Straight Hill Road, Hood River, Oregon

Our annual Lavender Plant Sale! We open this weekend for the annual Hood River Valley Blossom Time celebration. Lots of lavender plants available. Our Gift Shop is fully stocked and loaded, and life is appearing once again on the Lavender Farm! **Free.**

Apple Valley Blossom Time Dessert Party & Country BBQ

DATE: April 16, 2016 - April 17, 2016
WEB: AppleValleyStore.com **PHONE:** (541) 386-1971
LOCATION: 2363 Tucker Road, Hood River, Oregon

Apple Valley's famous desserts are showcased during our Blossom Festival Dessert Party! Enjoy fresh baked pies, cobblers and crisps. Sample over 50 different varieties of jams, syrups, pepper jellies and pie fillings. Country BBQ will be served at the store, featuring cherry wood smoked ribs, pulled pork and chicken sandwiches and our pear coleslaw and cider baked beans.

Blossom Dinner at the Parkdale Grange #500

DATE: April 16-17, 2016 **TIME:** 11:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION: 7375 Clear Creek Road, Parkdale, Oregon

Chuck-wagon style dinner featuring steak or ham with all the trimmings, and a selection of desserts! **\$10 per person.**

Maryhill Museum Spring Luncheon & Fashion Program

DATE: April 16, 2016 **TIME:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm
WEB: maryhillmuseum.org
LOCATION: 35 Maryhill Museum Drive Goldendale, WA 98620

Luncheon and Fashion Program: The Extraordinary Madeleine Vionnet with Sandra Ericson. Enjoy a special spring buffet luncheon and spend a delightful afternoon learning more about Maryhill's collection of haute couture designs by Madeleine Vienne, considered one of the most influential fashion designers of the 20th century. Our special guest is Sandra Ericson, founder and director of the Center for Pattern Design. Her personal research has led her to become an expert on the work of Vionnet, whom she calls, "The most innovative pattern maker of the 20th century." Three fashion mannequins by Vionnet are on exhibit in the Recent Acquisitions Gallery. Reservations are \$35 members/\$40 non-members and museum admission is included. Limited seating: advance reservations required. You may also reserve tables of four or eight. Call or email education@maryhillmuseum.org, 509-773-3733 ext. 20 for reservations. **Proceeds benefit Maryhill Museum of Art.**

Westside Fire Blossom Breakfast

DATE: April 17, 2016 **TIME:** 7:00am - 11:00am
WEB: westsidefire.com
Location: 4250 Barrett Road, Hood River, Oregon

Breakfast menu: ham, eggs made to order and pancakes. Drinks: coffee/decaf, apple juice and milk. Raffle tickets will be sold as a fundraiser for the department for several items and gift cards that will be on display. Winners will be contacted after the breakfast to pick up their prize. **\$7.65 per person.**

Blossom Day Plant Sale

DATE: Apr 17, 2016 **TIME:** 9:00am - 3:00pm
WEB: rockfordgrange.net
LOCATION: 4250 Barrett Road, Hood River, Oregon

Rockford Community Grange Plant Sale featuring garden vegetables and flowers coordinates with Westside Fire District's Blossom Day Pancake Breakfast. Plant Sale will be held on the west side of the Grange building, look for signs. Many are heirloom and organic seeds. **Free admission, reasonably priced plants.**



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GO! Earth Day Party

DATE: April 20, 2016 **TIME:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

WEB: gorgeowned.org

LOCATION: 13 Railroad Avenue, Hood River, Oregon

Gorge Owned is throwing our annual Earth Day Party at Springhouse Cellars, featuring our Tod J. LeFevre Sustainability Champion Awards and GO! Talks, short "TED-style" talks from environmental innovators, along with live music. Come celebrate your love of the Earth!

Co-sponsored by Envirogorge and Columbia Riverkeepers. **\$5-10 sliding scale donation.**

Kids under 12 free.

Gorge Artists Open Studios Tenth Anniversary Tour

DATE: April 22 - 24, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00am - 6:00pm

WEB: gorgeartists.org

Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour is a juried event, with artists representing the highest quality work available from the region. The tour is fee and self-guided. Detailed maps are available at gorgeartists.org and at area Chambers of Commerce, Art on Oak in Hood River, and The Dalles Art Center. **Admission is free.**

Columbia Center for the Arts poTENTIAL Series: Nat Geo Photographer Melissa Farlow

DATE: April 22, 2016 **TIME:** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

WEB: columbiartaarts.org/events/potential-photography

LOCATION: 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood River, Oregon

Spirit of the Mustangs with Photographer Melissa Farlow. Family-friendly presentation. Melissa Farlow has worked extensively in the American West for National Geographic driving 20,000 miles for a magazine story and book on public lands and more recently, documenting mustang herds. Other National Geographic Magazine stories of hers feature varied subjects. One story required four months traveling to many of the national parks for the magazine, and a separate piece on Olympic National Park. **\$15 Seniors, \$20 Adults.**

SOLVE IT for Earth Day Volunteer Clean-Up Party

DATE: April 23, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

WEB: solveoregon.org **PHONE:** 503-844-9571 ext. 332 or 1-800-333-SOLV

Be a part of the largest Earth Day event in Oregon on April 23! SOLVE IT for Earth Day supports Oregonians in taking care of our neighborhoods, parks, and natural areas. Our activities are a fun, easy way to get outdoors, meet your neighbors and make a difference for Oregon by joining a litter cleanup, removing invasive weeds, or planting native trees and shrubs. Only you can ensure our state is kept clean and healthy. Meet with an Oregon State Parks Ranger and help clean up beautiful Mayer State Park. We will be removing pine needles, woody debris, and invasive plants.

Cart Full of Art

DATE: April 24, 2016 **TIME:** 11:00am - 5:00pm

WEB: columbiartaarts.org

LOCATION: 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood River, Oregon

Columbia Art Gallery Spring Cleaning & Framing Sale Sunday, April 24, 11am-5pm Open to the Community Great deals on art supplies, framing materials, & more! Columbia Arts will be unloading various art supplies, framing materials, artwork, and more during this one-day sale at affordable prices! Peruse our Studio between 11am-5pm on April 24 for these first-come deals, including like-new framing materials rescued from The Attic Gallery in downtown Portland before renovations. We will have original artwork for sale and even used workshop supplies to stock your own supply. All proceeds benefit Columbia Center for the Arts Gallery and Educational programming.

Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Gorge Wine Experience

DATE: April 29-May 1, 2016

WEB: columbiagorgewine.com/events

LOCATION: Various locations

A three-day wine immersion to celebrate everything that makes Gorge wine exceptional. In the Gorge we choose to experience wine instead of just drinking it, so we're bringing together wine lovers, winemakers, vignerons and local cuisine to create the ultimate experience, celebrating Gorge wine. This three-day series of events will allow wine enthusiasts to see all sides of Gorge wine and meet the faces behind the labels. Hosting over 25 different wine activities throughout the Gorge over one weekend, all themed to tailor each experience, one can choose exactly how they want to experience Gorge wine. Full details and tickets will be on the website on March 25th.

Hood River Hard-Pressed Cider Fest

DATE: April 16, 2016 **TIME:** 12:00pm - 7:00pm

WEB: hoodriver.org/cider-fest

LOCATION: 3315 Stadelman Drive Hood River, Oregon

With 11 cideries and counting, Hood River Valley's hard cider scene is exploding. These craft cidemakers source the apples, pears and other fruits from the 440+ local orchardists, creating make ciders that truly give you a taste of Hood River, and place the region at the forefront of the new national hard cider movement.

Now in its third year, the Hood River Hard-Pressed Cider Fest gives seasoned and novice cider drinkers alike the chance to sample cider from Hood River County's very own cider makers, as well as a variety of additional Northwest cideries. More than 20 cideries will be participating, with more than 40 ciders on tap.

To accompany the ciders, festival-goers can dig into offerings from the area's vibrant food scene, including Apple Valley BBQ, Leah's Lunch, and Solstice Wood Fire Café. The daylong event also features a lineup of local music, from an old-time string band to honky-tonk country and rock, and a kids' area, complete with a bouncy house – guaranteeing a great time for the whole family. Spring showers aren't a problem, as the tasting takes place in a covered hall. And, just a friendly reminder, pets are not allowed at the event.

\$10 for full event pass (includes entry into Cider Fest, entry into 21+ Cider Garden, 4 (3.5oz) taste tokens, and commemorative glass.) \$5 Entry only (entry into Cider Fest event; does not include commemorative glass and tokens.)



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