

# 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.

## Double Mountain Blossom Horseback Rides

**DATE:** April 1 - April 30 **WEBSITE:** ridinginhoodriver.com  
**LOCATION:** 3995 Portland Drive, Hood River, OR

Our favorite time of year is spring, when the orchards explode with color and fragrance! Enjoy double mountain views, fabulous blossoms and crisp spring weather with the added bonus of pre-season special pricing!

## Foothills Yarn and Fiber Abstract Fiber Trunk Show

**DATE:** April 1 - April 30: Friday, Saturday and Sunday **TIME:** 11:00am - 4:00pm  
**WEBSITE:** foothillsyarn.com  
**LOCATION:** 4207 Sylvester Dr. Hood River, OR

You'll love the brilliant colors of the Abstract Fiber yarn that is hand-dyed by Susan and Karen 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.

## Hood River Spring Wine Walk

**DATE:** April 8, 3:00pm and April 9, 6:00pm  
**WEBSITE:** gorgecurrent.com/event/hood-river-wine-walk-3  
**LOCATION:** 301 Oak St, Hood River, OR

Spring is almost here! What better way to celebrate than to come to Hood River and join us in our second Hood River Wine Walk. Sample tastings of amazing local wines and experience the charm of downtown Hood River businesses. A great weekend of opportunities to taste, play and celebrate in Hood River, named one of Wine Enthusiast's top wine destinations in 2017.

## Columbia Center for the Arts Art Auction

**DATE:** April 9 **TIME:** 2:00 - 4:00pm  
**WEBSITE:** gorgecurrent.com/event/2017-cca-art-auction  
**LOCATION:** 215 Cascade Ave, Hood River, OR

Art preview, live music by The Naughty Sweethearts, and bar open at 2pm. Live auction in the Theatre at 3pm. In addition to the live auction, there will be a silent auction with additional art by local and regional artists. A \$10 ticket purchase includes one free glass of Cathedral Ridge wine, Full Sail beer, or Slopeswell cider, light appetizers, and entry for chance to win an original Ellen Dittebrandt framed pastel (Must be present to enter and win raffle).

## Mosier Grange Cherry Blossom Buffet

**DATE:** April 9 **TIME:** 11:30am - 3:00pm  
**WEBSITE:** mosiercommunity.com  
**LOCATION:** Mosier Grange Hall (take exit 69 off I-84 and follow signs)

50th Annual Cherry Blossom Buffet

Menu: Grilled Salmon and Ham, Main Dishes, Salads, and Cherry Dessert. Sponsored by Mosier Grange. Proceeds to benefit the Mosier Grange Hall as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Adults: \$10.00, Ages 6 to 12: \$2.00, Under 6: Free

## Providence Brookside Manor Easter Egg Hunt

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 12 **TIME:** 10:30am  
**LOCATION:** Providence Senior Village Brookside Manor 1550 Brookside Drive Hood River, OR

Come join Providence Senior Village's second annual Easter Egg hunt! We will have face painting, games, bubbles, and selfies with the Easter Bunny! The fun starts on the lawn between Providence Down Manor and Providence Brookside Manor on Wednesday, April 12th at 10:30am. The Easter Egg hunt will than start at 11:00am sharp. So come on out and join the fun! (For ages 5 and under)

## MountNbarrel Wine Country Guided Bike Tour

**DATE:** April 14-30, Friday - Monday **TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm  
**WEBSITE:** mountnbarrel.com  
**LOCATION:** 1850 Country Club Rd, Hood River, OR

Come join us on this epic ride, pedaling and sipping along the west side of the lower Hood River Valley known to the local community as Oak Grove. This guided tour has an abundance of historical charm and natural beauty- with vast orchards, vineyards, historical sites, wildlife and breathtaking views of both Mount Adams and Mount Hood to be captured along way. It includes a private vineyard tour, complimentary tastings from three wineries, and light food pairings (with gluten free and vegetarian options).



## Easter Egg Hunt at Packer Farm Place

**DATE:** April 14-15 **TIME:** 10:00am - 4:00pm

**WEBSITE:** packerorchardsandbakery.com

**LOCATION:** 1850 Country Club Rd, Hood River, OR

Join us for a family friendly Easter egg hunt at the farm place! Saturday egg hunt times: 10, 10:30, 2, 2:30. Bring your basket and search the farm for eggs. Special pre-season sale of jams and canned goods available and Easter treats in the sales barn!

## Blossom Craft Show at the Hood River County Fairgrounds

**DATE:** April 15-16 **TIME:** 10:00am - 5:00pm

**WEBSITE:** hoodriverfair.org

**LOCATION:** At the Hood River County Fairgrounds, 3020 Wy'east Road, Hood River, OR

Celebrate blossom time in the beautiful Hood River Valley by visiting the Blossom Craft Show. Find fine art, arts and crafts, gourmet food items, jewelry, soft goods, photographs, and much more. Taste award-winning local wines, and enjoy delicious food. Add to your yard and garden with purchases at the Odell Garden Club plant sale, or at one of the other vendors offering plants and shrubs. The Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers plan to have tasty fresh pears for sale. Additional special displays and offerings. Free admission and parking.

## Apple Valley Blossom Time Dessert Party & Country BBQ

**DATE:** April 15-16 **WEB:** AppleValleyStore.com

**LOCATION:** 2363 Tucker Road, Hood River, OR

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 Festival Chuckwagon Dinner at the Parkdale Grange

**DATE:** Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16 **TIME:** 11:00am - 5:00pm

**LOCATION:** Parkdale Grange at 7375 Clear Creek Road in Parkdale, at the end of the railroad tracks.

Join us for a buffet dinner of steak or ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, baked beans, rolls, salads, sauerkraut and pies!

## West Side Fire Dept. Blossom Breakfast

**DATE:** April 16 **TIME:** 7:00am - 11:00am

**LOCATION:** Rockford Fire Hall 4250 Barrett Dr., Hood River, OR

West Side Volunteer Fire Fighters Annual Blossom Day Breakfast All the pancakes, ham, and eggs you can eat! Drinks include: Milk, Coffee, and Apple Juice brought to you by Ryan's Juice! Raffle Tickets sold at the door for items donated by our amazing businesses in the county! Fresh apple cider sales provided by Ryan's Juice. "Neighbors helping Neighbors"

## Blossom Day Plant Sale

**DATE:** Sunday, April 16 **TIME:** 9-3pm

**WEBSITE:** rockfordgrange.net

**LOCATION:** 4250 Barrett Rd, Hood River next door to Westside Fire Dept

Blossom Day Plant Sale Fundraiser for Rockford Grange. Large varieties of garden vegetable, flower and herbs plants. Lots of Heirloom varieties. Raffle sale. Experience gardeners there to answer questions. Corresponds with Westside Fire Districts Pancake Breakfast.

## Lions Follies presents "Kid Awesome and the Disco Girls"

**DATE:** April 21 - April 29

**LOCATION:** Hood River Middle School Auditorium

This year's show is called Kid Awesome and the Disco Girls, written by Terri Tyler. It is a show about super heroes, every day type heroes like you might meet on the street in your town. There has been rumors that some more famous super heroes may also drop in to lend support. As usual, the cast are all local citizens, amateurs, adults and children. They will entertain you with singing, dancing and of course lots of comedy. Exception of April 23, which is a 2:00 PM Matinee Doors generally are open about an hour before shows start. Shows are about 2 1/2 hours in length, including an Intermission. There is handicap access.

## 4th Annual Hard Pressed Cider Fest

**DATE:** April 22, 2017 **TIME:** 12:00pm - 7:00pm

**WEBSITE:** hoodriver.org/cider-fest

**LOCATION:** 3315 Stadelman Drive, Hood River, OR 97031

Hood River Valley's hard cider scene is exploding. These craft cider makers source the apples, pears and other fruits from the 440+ local orchardists, creating 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 fourth 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 twenty-five cideries will be participating, with more than 50 ciders on tap. With a bigger footprint in 2017, the popular annual festival gives attendees more space to enjoy original ciders from local and regional craft cideries.

The daylong event also features a lineup of local music, 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 area takes place in a covered hall. And, just a friendly reminder, pets are not allowed at the event.

## Spring Fling Luncheon: Creating a Story through Fashion

**DATE:** April 22 **TIME:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**WEBSITE:** maryhillmuseum.org

**LOCATION:** Maryhill Museum of Art 35 Maryhill Museum Dr Goldendale, WA

Join us for a luncheon and presentation from Portland fashion designer Michelle Lesniak, the winner of Project Runway Season 11. A self-proclaimed, professional rule breaker, Michelle won the ability to design full-time, a luxury many designers never achieve. Her focus is emotive clothing, as she likes to say, "Fashion with a purpose." Program will be followed by a Q & A.

## Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour

**DATE:** April 28, 29 and 30 **TIME:** 10:00am - 5:00pm

**WEBSITE:** www.gorgeartists.org

**LOCATION:** Studios are located throughout the Mid-Columbia from Cascade Locks to The Dalles; Parkdale, OR, to Trout Lake, WA

Forty artist studios open to visitors! Featuring a variety of work including painting, drawing, jewelry, glass, sculpture, photography, textiles, fiber, and more. The Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour was established to build community, promote the arts, and provide opportunities for the public to experience and enjoy art in The Columbia River Gorge