

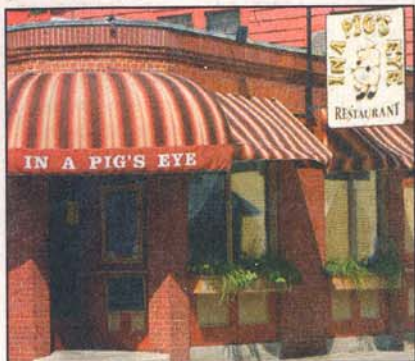
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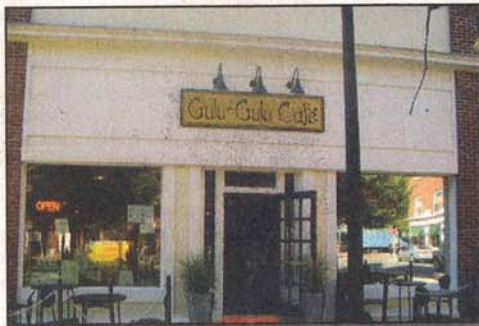


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A Downtown Under the Radar

By Jaimee Law / Log Staff

For new students who are unsure of where to go next, downtown Salem offers a little something for everyone, especially those looking for a caffeine fix. Coffee shops are a growing trend in Salem. A few great locations worth checking out include: Jaho, Front Street Coffee, Gulu-Gulu Café, and Fuel—one of my personal favorites.

Each of these shops has their own unique spin on what a coffee house should be. Front Street Coffee is the classic coffee shop environment. It combines food and drink with live entertainment and open forums. Fuel is more health-conscious and has really tasty wraps. Try a shot of wheatgrass!

Gulu-Gulu Café recently opened on Essex Street, and is already making its mark with variety of hot coffee and espresso drinks. Gulu-Gulu is a great college café;

most nights it is open until 11 p.m., making it a perfect spot to stay awake and do work (In fact, I wrote this while I was there!)

Phantom Star, Salem State's very own version of the notorious "Phantom Gourmet," gives Gulu-Gulu's Crème Brulee Latte (double shot) 5 stars! Along with your latte, try the Istanbul panini. Made with delicious smoked turkey, fresh mozzarella cheese, tomato and pesto. It is the best sandwich I have had in my three years here in Salem.

If coffee really isn't your cup of tea, great spots like Civiltea on Derby Street and Rose Medallion on Essex Street will suit you well.

Civiltea features artwork highlighting local artists, and its relaxed environment makes it a great location to read. Rose Medallion boasts the ability to host tea

parties; groups of eight to thirty people have the opportunity to have a section of the shop to enjoy their privacy. "Love Me Tender" is the name of Rose Medallion's house tea and is complete with pink candy hearts mixed with the tea's charming scent.

Rose Medallion's cookies are absolutely fabulous: I sampled a Dream Cookie, which is a crunchy sugar cookie with pistachio and sweet dried cherries. I also taste tested Bert's Terrible Cookies, and the only terrible thing about them is how deliciously sinful and self-indulgent they are. If you love chocolate, you just have to try one!

Once you've sampled Salem's coffee and tea scene, save some time for a walk through downtown. Just a quick step will introduce you to some of Salem's unique shops.

Start by checking out Artist's Row on Klop Alley. A lot of the work sold at Sass-C is created by artists within the Salem State community. The artists and owners understand the college student budget, as the prices are very reasonable.

"An exhibition of work inspired by the city of Salem by SAA artist members and other artists who live or work in the city" is what Salem by Salem is all about. These art exhibitions are held at Old Town Hall on Derby Square and all are welcome to check it out!

Creativity in jewelry form can be expressed at Beadworks on Front Street. At Beadworks you can string your own earrings, bracelets and necklaces. This store arrived in Salem on June 3. Beadwork's location in Salem is their third location. Other branches are located in Boston and Cambridge.

On the second Thursday of each month, Beadworks holds a community beading workshop that is free and open to the public. Stop by to make beautiful pieces and sip on thirst-quenching wine.

Want to learn more about Salem and help promote it? Main Streets, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting downtown Salem, is looking for volunteers to help direct tourists during October weekends. Complimentary passes to area attractions during the month will be provided.

For more information on what Salem has to offer, or if you need help promoting your art and music locally, contact Jennifer Bell, Salem's Main Streets Manager, at salemmainstreets@salem-chamber.org.