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Gulu-Gulu Café

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Reviews by ohmesohoppy:

	ohmesohoppy (Massachusetts)
	A- / 4.05
	vibe: 4 quality: 4 service: 3.5 selection: 4.5 food: 4 - \$\$ rDev: 0%

Gulu-Gulu Cafe is pretty new to Salem, but it has easily become the best place to get a beer in town. It is located right downtown off Washington St right near the famed and controversial bewitched statue. Inside is very laid back- much more of a cafe feel than a bar (but that's not necessarily a bad thing). Bright yellow, blue and red walls, with exposed brick and local art displayed around. This place is based off a Czech Republic cafe, and it definitely reminds me of a cafe in Prague that I visited when I was there. There's lots of seating (10-15 tables some with comfy chairs and couches) and a nice bar that seats about 10. There's free wifi also so it's a great place to go in the afternoon do some work and get a good beer. Behind the bar there are several long chalk boards with the bottle list draft list and wine list. You would think that this place being a cafe would not be as welcoming at night, but I've been here a couple times at night and it's a good time- they often have live music at night.

Alright now to the important stuff- the beer. Gulu-Gulu by far has the best selection of beer in Salem. For draft when I went they had Hennepin (16 oz \$6), DFH 60 minute (pint 5.50), and two Krusovices (the gold and the schwarz which was nice seeing it's a Czech bar). Notables in bottles include more Ommegang, 90 min, raison detre, Victory hop devil and golden monkey, arrogant bastard, Stone smoked porter sierra nevada, smutty brown, brooklyn lager. For imports they have Unibroue (trois pistole, maudite), Chimay bleu, avril dupont, duvel, delirium tremens, and some others check out their website for a full list. Now I know I might of rated their selection a bit high, and this list might not compare to some

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stuff you can get in Boston. But I've lived in Boston and been spoiled by bars like Deep Ellum, TPH, and Red Bones, too, and this might not compare to their lists, but it definitely blows most bars on the N. Shore out of the water.

The one thing I will say though is that they could use some more glassware; it seems as though all they have is pints and Unibroue tulips and wine glasses- not a big deal though.

The food here is also pretty good. Nice panini sandwiches and crepes. Try the Munich. The service has always been friendly when I've been there. It can be a bit slow at times, but realize this is a cafe and that's kind of the point- to chill out have a beer and relax. (Very much like the Otherside).

Overall this is a great chill place to get some quality beers in Salem, especially if you're getting sick of the Beer Works. The owner is often in here and he seems like a very nice guy. Gulu-Gulu is doing a great job/much needed job in bringing more interesting beers north of Boston, so please check them out if you ever find yourself in Salem.

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