

# STANDING STONE BREWING COMPANY

## Standing Stone Brewing Co. Brews Up American Craft Beer Week Celebration Supports National Homebrew Day to Kick Off Festivities Early

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(Ashland, Ore.) Hop vines hit their stride in May, making it the perfect time for the brewing industry and beer enthusiasts to celebrate the time honored beverage. Aptly, The American Homebrewing Association is holding its "Big Brew" on May 7, while American Craft Beer Week, coordinated by the Brewers' Association, is May 16-22.

Standing Stone Brewing Co. has a full lineup of happenings on tap for American Craft Beer Week (ACBW), as well as a specialty beer. All take place at the brewery at 101 Oak St, Ashland, Ore. "The world of beer is fascinating and diverse," says co-owner Alex Amaratoco. "We're looking forward to helping the community celebrate and discover all it has to offer." Activities are posted on Standing Stone's website event calendar and blog, and include:

Each night, Standing Stone will offer beer and food samples for guests, and will feature special beer and food pairings. The "Declaration of Beer Independence" will also be on display to sign.

5/16, 5 pm: Mayor John Stromberg will read a proclamation in support of the week, which was approved at the Ashland City Council Meeting on 5/3. Mayor Stromberg will then tap the first keg of Milk & Honey Ale, a specialty beer crafted for the occasion.

5/18, 2-3 pm and 7-8 pm: Free Brewery tours for women, held in partnership with Women Enjoying Beer. Sign up at <http://www.womenenjoyingbeer.com/events/>

5/19, evening: Corey Zschoche of Klamath Basin Brewing Co will tap one of their microbrews.

5/21, early afternoon: Community bike ride and hop farm tour beginning at Standing Stone and traveling a few easy miles to Alpha Beta Hops farm. Participants will enjoy an educational tour of the farm and a bit to eat before returning to the brewpub.

5/21, evening: Southern Oregon Brewing Co's Scott Saulsbury will tap one of their craft beers.

5/22, 3-4:30 pm: Ingredients and Tasting Seminar for women, coordinated through Women Enjoying Beer. The cost is \$15 and participants will receive a program, beer samples and a tasting glass. Sign up at <http://www.womenenjoyingbeer.com/events>.

Those who wish to get into the spirit earlier are invited to the American Homebrewers Association "Big Brew," coordinated by the Bear Creek Homebrew Club (BCHC) with support from Grains, Beans & Things. The free event takes place May 7 from 11-4 at Grains, Beans & Things, 820 Crater Lake Ave, Medford, Ore. Activities include hands-on brewing demos for four different beers, BBQ and a raffle featuring brewing yeast, Alpha-Beta hops, restaurant gift certificates, the opportunity to craft a batch of beer at Standing Stone with brewmaster Larry Chase as a "Brewer for the Day," and more.

For information on American Craft Beer Week, see [standingstonebrewing.com](http://standingstonebrewing.com) & [craftbeer.com](http://craftbeer.com). For details on the Big Brew, see [thestoutpalace.com](http://thestoutpalace.com) & [homebrewersassociation.org](http://homebrewersassociation.org), or contact Dennis Dye, [dennis@thestoutpalace.com](mailto:dennis@thestoutpalace.com), 541-773-6673. #

