

Harvest brews news

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Geneva Beer Week Returns

Geneva Beer Week successfully concluded its run, spanning from October 25 through November 2, marking the welcomed return of the celebration. This popular weeklong event was brought back by the Seneca Lake Order of Brewers (SLOBs) in collaboration with the Geneva Business Improvement District, demonstrating the power of collaboration in strengthening the local economy and supporting the continued vitality of downtown Geneva. Attendees enjoyed a full calendar of free events, including beer tastings, educational events, a brewery crawl, beer pairing dinners, culinary events, and special Beer Week promotions. The weeklong passport program, which could be picked up at any participating location, encouraged participants to support local breweries by making a purchase at each of Geneva's six breweries. The suggested route for this crawl included Brewery Ardennes, Big aLICe Brewing, Watershed Brewing Company, Twisted Rail Brewing, Lake Drum Brewing & WeBe Brewing Company. A completed passport earned participants a free limited edition Geneva Beer Week pint glass. The festivities culminated with The Fall Festival/Wet Hop Festival on November 1st, which featured every brewery on Seneca Lake in attendance.

A piece of Bavaria in Ithaca

Every Fall, Liquid State Brewing Company brings a piece of the world-renowned Bavarian festive spirit to Ithaca, and this year was no exception. The *O'zapft is!* opening cry (meaning it's tapped) was heard from across the street, as owners Ben Brotman and Jamey Tielens hammered the tap into a firkin full of delicious Festbier. The day was full events like *Hammerschlagen*, beer marionette and stein holding competition, while festive oompah music was being played by DJ Lil'B.

Food offerings included Silo's food truck fried chicken, grilled sausages and more. This was Silo's last event at Liquid state after many years of serving their beloved fried chicken at Liquid State. More than a few participants showered themselves in beer attempting to dominate the beer marionette at the tune of the "Yodeling deathmatch" contest, while others stunned the audience with their *dirndls* and *lederhosen*.