

EDUCATION TENT SESSION #1 2:00-2:45PM

Gail Ambrosius Chocolatier (www.gailambrosius.com)

Gail Ambrosius' mother introduced her to the magic of chocolate when she appointed her as her "Chocolate Pudding Apprentice", but it was during a high school trip to Paris that Gail fell in love with premium dark chocolate. Years later, she returned to France and studied with the Valrhona and Cluizel families of chocolatiers. Gail opened Gail Ambrosius-Chocolatier in 2004 and the rest is dark chocolate history.

New Holland Brewing (www.newhollandbrew.com)

Fred Buelmann is Beervangelist and Partner at New Holland Brewing Company and Past-President of the Michigan Brewers Guild. He is responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing the brewery's approach to market, or as he likes to put it, "Bringing beer to the people". In his 17 plus years in the world of beer, Fred has pursued his passion for discovering, renovating and presenting beer pairings and recipes. An avid home-cook, Fred encourages you to uncover what eating and drinking can do for one another. Check out the recently launched "Brewers Kitchen" at www.newhollandbrew.com.

Pairings:

Caramel with grey salt with
Pilgrim's Dole Wheatwine (2007)

Rica Organica- 77% dark chocolate with
Dragon's Milk barrel-aged ale (2006)

Cardamom with Orange Blossom with
Blue Sunday Anniversary Sour (2008)

Cognac & Ginger with
Black Tulip Trippel (2008)

***Limited samples will be available to seated patrons.
No guarantees!***

EDUCATION TENT SESSION # 2 3:15-4:00PM

Free State Brewing (www.freestatebrewing.com)

Rick Martin is the Executive Chef of Free State Brewing Company in Lawrence, Kansas, the first legal brewery in Kansas since before prohibition. In his 17 years at Free State, Rick has created an inviting menu of rustic beer cuisine and invented interesting new ways of pairing food with beer and spirits. He's provided simple yet exciting views on beer and food during cooking performances at the Great American Beer Festival and his recipes are featured in Lucy Saunders' recent book, *The Best of American Beer and Food*. His year peaks during Free State Brewery's popular Beer Banquet dinners, an annual series of multi course pairings carefully guided by Rick and Brewmaster Steve Bradt.

Backyard Pairings:

Bleu Mont Bandaged Cheddar with

Castelvetrano Olives with Copperhead IPA

Spicy Thai Chicken, Coconut Pilsner Sauce and Cilantro Slaw with

Lemongrass Rye

Grilled Polish Sausage, Brie and Shiitake Sauce with

Oak Aged Ironman Imperial Stout

Pistachio Toffee Cookies with

Ad Astra Ale

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EDUCATION TENT SESSION #3 4:30-5:15PM

Carr Valley Cheese (www.carrvalleycheese.com)

Owned and operated by the Cook family, Carr Valley Cheese Company is over one-hundred years old. Nestled amongst the rolling hills and lush pastures of central Wisconsin, Carr Valley Cheese remains one of Wisconsin's traditional cheese plants, famous for making cheese the old-fashioned way. The company has won numerous awards and continues to offer delicious Wisconsin Cheeses from Aged Cheddar to Cocoa Cardona.

Saint Louis Brewery (www.schlafly.com)

Sara and Stephen Hale have been with Schlafly Beer since its opening in 1991. Sara brewed beer for many years, was director of quality control and, until her (voluntary! and sad) departure earlier this year, was in charge of the design department. Stephen is still brewing at the Tap Room, Schlafly's original pub brewery downtown. They have together had the great pleasure of working with local cheesemongers in St. Louis to help create the menu for the nearly-a-dozen Beer & Cheese Tastings they have hosted at the Schlafly Tap Room and Schlafly Bottleworks over the past nine years. Yes, they both love cheese as much as you do.

Pairings:

Hefeweizen & 4-yr. Cheddar ~ Pilsner & Gran Canaria
Pale Ale & Aged Cardona ~ Oatmeal Stout & Creama Kasa
No.15 & Marisa ~ APA & Benedictine
Biere de Garde & Cocoa Cardona

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