

Downtown Divas host home brew competition day

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Home brewers provided Fourth weekend celebrators with a tasty range of beverages, competing in an event hosted by the Crescent City Downtown Divas.

On Friday, July 5, the Independence Day festivities continued with a street corner demonstration by local homemade beer brewers. The competition was part of the nonprofit organization's "Live From Downtown: It's First Friday!" promotion. It was an opportunity to learn more about home brewing and sample fine locally made creations.

Participants paid a \$10 entry fee and voted for their favorite beer, also entering a raffle to win a home brewing kit. The event also featured live music, artisans, craft beer and wine, food vendors, family activities, and display by local vintage car owners.

Top honors were captured by Connor Caldwell & Emily Diekema for their Amber Ale. Scott Lindsay's Spruce Tip IPA and Michael Glore's Park Ranger Promotion American Double IPA tied for second place.

Other competitors included Steve Ruch, School Bus Brewing, with No Boil Pale Ale; Randy Fugate, Stump Brewing, with Smith River Red Ale; Daniel Sedgewick, Sedgehammer Brewing, with Grapefruit Double IPA; and Doug Hickey, Symposia Brew Corps, with Great Googly Moogly & Barrel Aged Sour Solera.

Beer has been home brewed throughout its 7,000-year history. Women have typically dominated alcohol production across the globe. Brewing beer at home with any significant alcohol content was illegal until 1978, when Congress passed a bill repealing federal restrictions that was later signed by President Jimmy Carter.