

FALL WINE WALK SET FOR SATURDAY

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BELOIT - Local wine fans will be able to sample a variety of delicious new drinks and explore downtown Beloit during a special event next month.

The Downtown Beloit Association's (DBA) Fall Wine Walk is taking place from 2-5 p.m. Saturday. It's expected to be very popular, as the Spring Wine Walk sold out.

"We had a total of 300 tickets available for the Fall Wine Walk event and over half have already been purchased," said DBA Promotions Coordinator Crystal Cribbs.

Last year marked the first time the wine walks were held downtown. Cribbs said that with so many Stateline Area events catering to craft beer fans, having a wine option proved a real hit.

"Shauna El-Amin (DBA executive director) works with Badger Spirits to discuss wine flavors so there's a good variety," Cribbs said. "We also learn what nibbles will pair well with the wines."

The premise of the Fall Wine walk is simple: adults age 21+ can buy a ticket for \$25. Each ticketholder will be able to enjoy 10 different 2-ounce wine samples.

Proceeds from the event will help support the DBA mission to continue beautifying downtown Beloit and provide support to 170-plus businesses in the organization's service area.

"Even if somebody doesn't drink wine, the wine walk is another great way to experience downtown in a different way and support our local businesses," Cribbs said.

Check-in for the Fall Wine Walk will be at the Hendricks Center for the Arts, 409 Pleasant St. Participants will receive a commemorative tasting glass and a map detailing which downtown businesses are participating in the wine walk. There will be a variety of red and white wines represented at the venues, as well as accompanying treats and hors d'oeuvres.

Over a dozen downtown Beloit businesses will be participating and some will offer specials throughout the afternoon.

"It's a great chance to drink your wine and do some shopping as well," Cribbs said. "It's definitely a great day."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/2M4OWxx> or see "Downtown Beloit Association Fall Wine Walk" on Facebook.