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**A Downtown Newark Summer Tradition
9TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN NEWARK FOOD AND BREW FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JULY 28 - DOWNTOWN NEWARK**

Newark, DE (July 10, 2012) – Food and Brew Fest is all about celebrating the unique relationship between the culinary arts and the brewing sciences! Out & About Magazine and Downtown Newark Partnership are proud to host what has become a summer tradition: the 9th Annual Downtown Newark Food and Brew Festival. On Saturday, July 28, more than 40 craft and imported beers paired with creative food offerings will be showcased at 17 Newark restaurants.

Unlike most beer festivals, this event takes place in the restaurants. Guests travel from restaurant to restaurant to sample the featured brews and tasty dishes designed to spotlight the brews at that particular establishment. Tickets are not required. This is a pay as you go event. All guests need is their wallet and state issued photo i.d. because beer samples are only available to those who are at least 21 years of age.

Beer tastings and food specials begin at 2:00 p.m. and run until 8:00 p.m. The first 2,500 guests will receive a Food & Brew Fest 9 commemorative 5 oz. tasting mug. These are available at all participating restaurants and at the information booth. Guests may sample one of the restaurant's featured brews for \$1.00. A day-of-event program will be available at the restaurants and at the information booth located at the Academy Building lawn on the corner of Academy and Main Streets.

The all day event features the popular "Hops and Shops" Sidewalk Sale Extravaganza beginning at 12:00 p.m. showcasing the goods and wares offered by downtown merchants. Strolling musicians and balloon decorations line the street keeping guests in the festive spirit while shopping and strolling

downtown. Out & About Magazine is hosting a root beer tasting stand for kids on the Academy Lawn until 6:00 p.m. or until supplies run out, whichever comes first.

There is plenty of parking for this event. Municipal parking lots are conveniently located throughout downtown. A complimentary, air conditioned shuttle will take you to convenient stops located near all of the participating restaurants! The shuttle runs 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For more information on featured brews, please call (302) 655-6483 or visit www.NewarkFoodandBrewFest.com.

(Attached photos: 1) Carlin Starrs, Katy Appelhaus, Brad Ryder at Deer Park Tavern, 2) Lynn Swany, Martin Swany, and Donna Evans at Deer Park Tavern, 3) Debbie Whittington and Karen Nickle at Mojo Main)

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