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Secret Trail Brewing Co.

Museum

FIRST Place: Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA)

900 Esplanade, 487-7272

Housed in the beautiful and historic Veterans Memorial Hall (a landmark since it was built in 1927), the Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA) celebrated its fifth anniversary this year. The top-of-the-line institution features a fine permanent collection of Nor-Cal art and hosts a varied schedule of rotating special exhibits and community events.

SECOND Place: Chico History Museum

141 Salem St., 891-4336

THIRD Place: Chico Children's Museum

325 Main St., 809-1492

Place To Buy Art

FIRST Place: Chico Paper Company

345 Broadway St., 891-0900

Collecting art shouldn't be a hobby reserved for the rich and well-heeled; Chico Paper Company knows this. From original works by established and up-and-coming artists to local-nostalgia prints by Jake Early, this downtown art store has something for everyone.

SECOND Place: Chico Art Center

540 Orange St., Ste. 6, 895-8726

THIRD Place: Art Etc.

256 E. First St., 895-1161

Place To Dance

FIRST Place: The Beach

191 E. Second St., 898-9898

There's nary a seashell or a grain of sand to be found at Chico's beach, but what the local nightclub does offer—abundant drinks, driving beats and

beautiful people—once again puts it at the top of the list of where locals go to get their groove on.

SECOND Place: Crazy Horse Saloon

303 Main St., 894-5408

THIRD Place: North State Ballet

2400 Notre Dame Blvd., 774-2364

Place To Drink A Glass Of Wine

FIRST Place: Wine Time

26 Lost Dutchman Dr., 899-9250

Downtown's dives and dance clubs serve their purposes well, but there is a refined sensibility that reigns at North Chico's Wine Time. Here, wine lovers can find a wide array of varietals—from California, Europe and more—as well as meals paired to enhance the experience.

SECOND Place: Unwined Kitchen & Bar

980 Mangrove Ave., 809-2634

THIRD Place: Grana Wood Fired Foods

198 E. Second St., 809-2304

Sports Bar

FIRST Place: Bella's Sports Pub

231 Main St., 893-5253

Bella's Sports Pub offers a variety of entertainment options—like regular dance nights, open-mic comedy and trivia contests—but at heart, it's a sports bar. All the elements for a good game day—beer, bar food and big screens—can be found in abundance at this downtown institution.

SECOND Place: The Pour House

855 East Ave., Ste. 270, 893-3000

THIRD Place (tie): Buffalo Wild Wings

845 East Ave., 592-3251

THIRD Place (tie): Oasis Bar & Grill
1007 W. First St., 343-4305

Theater Company

FIRST Place: Chico Theater Co.

166 Eaton Road, Ste. F, 894-3282

Chico Theater Co. has a solid grasp on what local theatergoers like—namely musicals and other community-playhouse staples—and delivers them in a way that keeps audiences coming back. Recent productions include a rendition of *The Spitfire Grill* that received sizzling reviews, and a well-received run of the blockbuster *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

SECOND Place: California Regional Theatre

139 W. First St., 722-4522

THIRD Place: Legacy Stage

legacystage.org

To-Go Cocktail or Bar Service

FIRST Place: Argus Bar + Patio

212 W. Second St., 332-9914, argusmonstercrate.com

See Best Bar.

SECOND Place: Tres Hombres

100 Broadway Street, 342-0425

THIRD Place: Banshee

134 W. Second St.

Venue For Live Music

FIRST Place: Secret Trail Brewing Co.

132 Meyers St., Ste. 120, 487-8151

A few short years ago, Chico's new "booze district" on Meyers Street, far removed from downtown's traditional gathering spots, seemed like a novel idea. Today, Secret Trail Brewing Co. is drawing huge crowds to South Chico with its stacked calendar of local and touring acts booked to its indoor and outdoor stages.

SECOND Place: Sierra Nevada Big Room

1075 E. 20th St., 893-3250

THIRD Place: Argus Bar + Patio

212 W. Second St., 332-9914

Watering Hole For Townies

FIRST Place: Duffy's Tavern

337 Main St., 343-7718

Chico may now contain prettier, trendier and more modern establishments, but the bar closest to the hearts of many locals remains Duffy's Tavern. With its kitschy-come-iconic art work, old-school jukebox, Friday Irish-music happy hours, and an interior that hasn't been spruced up since sometime in the last century, Duffy's is a dive unlike any other.

SECOND Place: Secret Trail Brewing Co.

132 Meyers St., Ste. 120, 487-8151

THIRD Place: Studio Inn Lounge

2582 Esplanade, 343-0662