

## Here's the Scoop

You've seen them at the Portland Farmers Market, in Whole Foods Markets across the country, and even documented on Food Network, but this week Portland-based Ruby Jewel's ice cream sandwiches will get permanent freezer space. Attendees of last Saturday's prodigious Mississippi Avenue Street Fair got a sneak peak – and refuge from the blazing sun – at Ruby Jewel Scoops, the next step in Lisa Herlinger-Esco's ice cream dynasty. The scoop shop's grand opening is on Thursday, July 15th.

In addition to the winsomely-paired ice cream and chewy-soft cookie sandwiches, the scoop shop will offer homemade cones to pile high with flavors like Caramel and Salted Dark Chocolate, Honey Lavender, or Rocky Road – a homespun twist on the classic with chocolate ice cream, housemade marshmallows, and Marcona almonds. One particularly crave-worthy flavor is "The Honey Bar," loaded with chunks of the Portland-made Bees & Beans candy bar.

Choose from a connoisseur's collection of Signature Sundaes – strawberry ice cream with aged balsamic, anyone? Or, create your own with a selection of sauces ranging from dulce de leche to bittersweet chocolate. Embellish with fanciful housemade toppings such as candied coconut, toffee, rosemary pecans, or amarena cherries.

Pretty pink walls and a roll-up garage door facade make this scoop shop an ideal Mississippi neighborhood spot to take a seat, inside or out. While there, pick up a "Make Your Own Sandwich" kit to enjoy at home whenever the craving strikes.

*Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to midnight, Fridays and Saturdays, through Labor Day.*

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