

Moeller Brew Barn craft brewery closes Monroe, Ohio, taproom, Building for sale



Moeller Beer Barn offers beers that aim to be slightly different than what patrons can find at other establishments.

By [Andy Brownfield](#) – Managing editor, Cincinnati Business Courier Sep 19, 2023

The new craft brewery that took over Rivertown Brewing's old home in suburban Cincinnati has announced that it is closing its doors for good. Moeller Brew Barn, which opened in September 2022 at 6550 Hamilton Lebanon Road in Monroe, announced Sept. 18 on Facebook that it has shuttered that space. "We have made the difficult decision to shut down our Monroe taproom effective immediately. Unfortunately our sales revenue was not adequate to maintain operations," the brewery wrote in its Facebook post. "While our time here was short, it was an adventurous ride shared with our staff and our guests."

Brewery founder Nick Moeller told me that the brewery will continue producing beer for several weeks while he winds down operations and markets the property for sale. Moeller Brew Barn, through a separate business entity, acquired the property in May of 2022 for \$3.7 million. Moeller said that he plans to work with a broker to market the property for sale but has not yet selected one.

Moeller is a native of Maria Stein in northern Ohio and graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to work for the Navy as an engineer and moved to San Diego with his wife and started a family. Around 2013, they witnessed the craft beer boom in that city and decided to get into the business, but in Moeller's hometown. The Monroe spot was its third, after one in Troy. A fourth has since opened in Dayton.

Rivertown Brewing Co. was one of Cincinnati's original craft breweries, opening in 2009 when the scene was fairly sparse, with only Christian Moerlein Brewing Co. (2004), Mt. Carmel Brewing Co. (2005) and Listermann Brewing Co. (2008) as peers.

Rivertown in 2019 was the subject of a number of lawsuits stemming from its contract brewing business.

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Tickets include a souvenir map, showing the ballpark sites visited, and a beer or soft drink at the Moerlein Lager House when we return. Tours run rain or shine and the group does disembark from the bus several times in order to take a closer look at some locations, but guests are welcome to remain onboard. Don't miss out on this new, one-of-a-kind tour, only offered by the Brewing Heritage Trail!

Get Your Collectible Ohio Pint Day Glass at These Greater Cincinnati Breweries

Breweries will have different offerings on Ohio Pint Day, with some selling the glass with the customer's choice of beer and others including the glass with a crowler or growler purchase or selling the glass individually. By [Katherine Barrier](#) on Tue, Sep 19, 2023, CityBeat



Photo: Provided by the Ohio Craft Brewers Association Collectible pint glass for Ohio Pint Day

Sixteen Greater Cincinnati breweries will be selling collectible pint glasses as part of the fourth annual Ohio Pint Day next week. Ohio Pint Day, put together by the Ohio Craft Brewers Association, serves as a fundraiser for the brewing industry advocates. On Tuesday, Sept. 26, more than 180 breweries across the state will be offering this year's limited edition, collectible pint glass in their taprooms. "Craft beer and art both have the power to enrich our lives and bring people together," said Ohio Craft Brewers Association executive director Mary MacDonald in a press release. "Ohio Pint Day is about celebrating the intersection of art and beer, and the positive effects of both in our communities." About 17,000 Ohio Pint Day glasses will be available at participating breweries, a record number since the inaugural fundraiser in 2020. Demand for the glasses is typically high, with many breweries selling out within hours, says the association.

Breweries will have different offerings on Ohio Pint Day, with some selling the glass with the customer's choice of beer and others including the glass with a crowler or growler purchase to-go or selling the glass individually. Breweries not typically open on Tuesday will have the glasses on the next day of operation.

The Ohio Craft Brewers Association commissioned artist Amy Kollar Anderson to design this year's glass after admiring the artwork on the walls of her Kettering brewery, Nowhere in Particular Cabinet of Curiosities.

"When I was brainstorming ideas, I thought about looking at the image as you rotated the glass and something that would be light-hearted and whimsical," Kollar Anderson explained in her artist's statement. "I pictured a Victorian style chaise and who might lounge there. Visions of a goddess (perhaps Ninkasi, goddess of beer?) enjoying a pint came to mind, but she needed something more to create an engaging narrative. As a proud Daytonian, I wanted something to represent my city and thought about our baseball team, the Dayton Dragons. I am also a fan of mythical creatures and Game of Thrones. I concluded that surrounding this lovely lady should be three hungry dragons begging for a sip!" In partnership with participating breweries and glass manufacturer Boelter Beverage, \$1 from every glass will be donated to the Ohio Craft Brewers Association. And if you use the Ohio On Tap brewery passport app, you can get a bonus passport stamp by purchasing the collectible glass and submitting a selfie of yourself with the glass.

Greater Cincinnati breweries participating in Ohio Pint Day include:

BrewDog Cincinnati, Fifty West Brewing, Grainworks Brewing Company, HighGrain Brewing, Little Miami Brewing Company, March First Brewing, MPH Brewing, Nine Giant Brewing, Rhinegeist Brewery, Streetside Brewery, Taft's Ale House, Taft's Brewpourium Cincinnati, Third Eye Brewing, Wandering Monsters Brewing, West Side Brewing, Woodburn Brewing



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