



RESTAURANTS + STORES

street walking

Cigar magnate Abbott Kinney wanted to create his own "Venice in California", and by the time of his death in 1920, his dream was a reality: a city of canals and culture risen from the marshes. Today, the mile-long street that bears his name is a classic Venice Beach destination.

The Goddess
1507 Abbott Kinney Blvd.

I guess you could call this crafty little place a "Color Me Mine" for adults! Housed, like many AKB establishments, in a house, The Goddess has dazzling dishes of beautiful beads and perfect little pendants that YOU turn into rifty necklaces. Frames and other cute things can be made, classes are available for kids, and the arty and restful back garden is the perfect place to admire your light-catching creation.

Hal's Bar & Grill
1349 Abbott Kinney Blvd.

Open for lunch, dinner, and late night schmoozing 'n boozing, Hal's is a classy joint favored by actors and upscale locals. A woody, open space with a long bar, modern art by local artists, and a cozy sofa by the windows, Hal's is a welcoming oasis. Oh yeah, the food is good, too. Hot and hearty dishes (a grilled half chicken, their "famous" Caesar salad, crispy golden French fries) pair nicely with cool jazz on Sunday and Monday nights.