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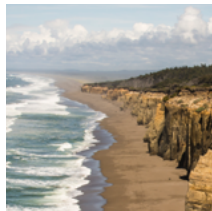
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If an artisan distiller is one who loves the process as much as the product, then Rick Stillwagon hits the mark. Stillwagon Distillery is making micro-distillery distinction on the Oregon Coast.

Stillwagon's rum varieties stand on their own, thanks to careful control of the process and ingredients. He samples every batch for quality and decides when the proof is perfect.

The goal is to avoid duplicating what's already on the market, says Stillwagon. The newest product in the tasting room is vodka made from sugar cane. The result is a spirit with the unique profile and pleasing finish that's the Stillwagon hallmark.

Stillwagon Distillery opened in 2013 with production in Charleston, and now operates tasting rooms in Charleston and Old Town Bandon. The idea for a distillery started with a koi pond, Stillwagon explains. He purchased a pellet stove to heat the pond and spent years experimenting with aquaponics, heating and distillation. Next came research into distilled beverages.

Of course, operating a distillery isn't all work and no play. The new Bandon tasting room evokes a nautical ambiance and nostalgia for days of pirates and rum-running.

Visit Stillwagon Distillery, 63848 Seven Devils Road, Charleston; Bandon Tasting Room, 140 2nd Street SE, Bandon, 253-732-8458

Photos by Cardas Photography (top), and Geneva Miller (bottom).



Dining Stillwagon Distillery

Straightforward, fresh, Provencal-inspired.
Did we mention fresh?

Edgewater is a destination for those who enjoy a completely coastal dining experience.

Chef Bob Grizzle starts with rustic, fresh ingredients with bold flavor: seasonal seafood, Oregon beef, local produce.

"The rib eye I just cut into 10 minutes ago is prime. Just marbled and beautiful," said Grizzle.

If he takes creative license, it's in the preparation.

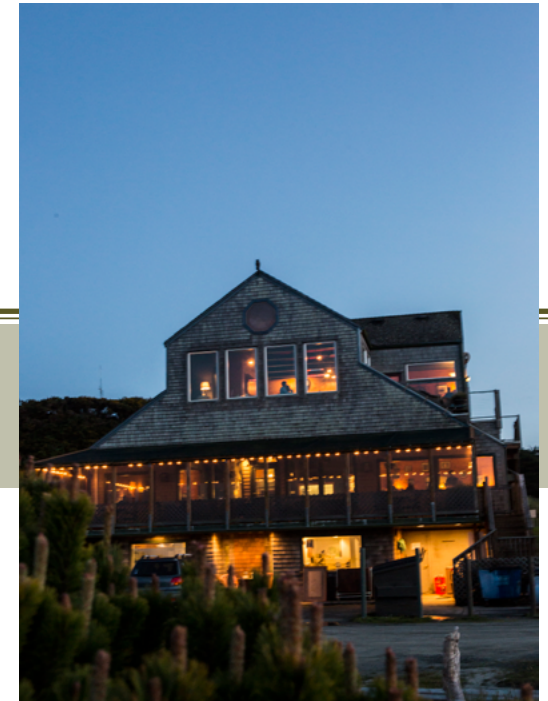
While Grizzle performs his understated sophistication in the kitchen, sister and brother in law Sheila and Larry Langenberg make sure the bar and dining room set the same tone. The family purchased the business in 2011. Five years later, business is hopping year round- so, reservations are a good idea.

Views of the Coquille River and historic lighthouse are stunning from either the downstairs dining room or upstairs bar. The menu offers plenty of turf selections, but it's hard to pass on Pacific surf choices such as crab, salmon or halibut.

Wander into Edgewater at 480 First St. SW, Bandon, Oregon; 541-347-8500.

Photos by Cardas Photography.

Dining Edgewater





Tour the most accessible art show on the Oregon Coast, on display all summer long on the picture-perfect boardwalk in Old Town Bandon. The 14th annual Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show features original works by artists throughout western Oregon.

Choose your favorites, then cast your vote for People's Choice winners. Voting is free. Ballots are available at Bandon Bait & Tackle, 110 1st St SE, Bandon.

Artist and show curator Shawn Tempesta has traveled the Oregon coast and found no harbor prettier than Bandon's. The annual boardwalk show invites artists to stretch their creative legs and explore subjects they might not choose for traditional gallery exhibitions.

"It's almost like the pressure is off. I like whimsy, but you won't see as much of that in a gallery," said Tempesta.

Participating artists are eligible for cash prizes in judges and people's choice categories, plus an encore winter exhibit at the Bandon Professional Center. The show is sponsored by the Port of Bandon with the Bandon Professional Center. Contact port staff for more information, 541-347-3206.

Photos: Artist Kathleen Morey Bailey begins painting her submission for Slice of Life, the 2016 Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show; Morning view of the 2015 boardwalk show by Robert Miller.



Arts 2016 Boardwalk Art Show

Cheers to 70 years of the Bandon Cranberry Festival! The longest running festival on the Oregon Coast boasts seven decades of family fun with a parade, festival market, street dance and more.

Join the festivities September 9, 10 and 11, 2016.

Cranberry cooks compete for a culinary crown in the Queen of the Kitchen food fair, while hungry festival goers dive into the cranberry eating contest to win prizes. Farmers and artisans strut their stuff at Cranberry City and the Festival Market. Live music, from rock 'n' roll to classic Big Band, will keep you hummin' all weekend.

Events are staged in Old Town, the Port of Bandon waterfront, Sprague Community Theater and city park, and Bandon High School. Get the full list of festival events at bandon.com/cranberry-festival. Or, visit the Bandon Visitors Center, open every day, 300 2nd St. SE, in Old Town Bandon.

Photos by Cardas Photography.



Events Bandon Cranberry Festival





The Oregon Coast Film festival delivers big-screen viewing complete with live audience to the region's multimedia storytellers. The annual event features professional and amateur west coast filmmakers such as two time winner Nick Martin.

Martin tries to stay in the moment and record what's real—an editorial style that clearly resonates with viewers. Martin's photography and videography embellish commercial projects such as the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort website. Outtakes from his personal cycling and hiking video journals won two Oregon Coast Film Festival Best-Of awards in the Tourism, Outdoors and Recreation category.

Martin documents the Southern Oregon Coast as seen from less traveled back roads and trails. Real time footage is punctuated by reflections on the journey. Martin's audiences share the irony of a rainy sojourn, marvel at breathtaking vistas, and find the solace only nature can provide.

"I wish more people would take notice of places like this. Suffer through it, push their own boundaries and get to places like this," Martin said, standing atop a bluff at Blacklock Point, the crash of the ocean surf in the background.

"I think more people would take more notice of the environment if they did that."

The 2016 film festival is October 7 and 8, at the Sprague Community Theater, 1202 11th ST SW in Bandon, Oregon. Audience members are invited to nominate their favorites for the Audience Choice Award. Visit oregoncoastfilmfestival.org for a look at festival winners, submissions and event details.

Photos: Beach resting spot and north facing view from Blacklock Point by Nick Martin.

Events

Oregon Coast Film Festival

Event Update: New date/location, October 22, 2016
Egyptian Theater, 229 S Broadway, Coos Bay, OR 97420

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