

**FESTIVALS & HOLIDAY EVENTS | SUMMER 2019 - SPRING 2020**  
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## Bandon Festival and Holiday Events

Explore. Enjoy. Repeat!

Annual festivals and holiday events are a delightful way to experience Bandon year after year. Longstanding events, such as the Bandon Cranberry Festival and July 4 fireworks display, present a lively introduction to the community as well as a time-honored tradition for residents. Newer festivities, including the Gorse Blossom Festival, let participants savor the unique and friendly character of our coastal town.

If you're planning a visit during festival or holiday time, it's a good idea to make lodging and dining reservations in advance.

Independence Day, July 4, 2019

Bandon Cranberry Festival, September 13, 14 and 15, 2019

Holiday Highlights, beginning November 30, 2019

Gorse Blossom Festival, February 14, 15 and 16, 2020

Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 and 24, 2020



## SUMMER - FALL 2019



### INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4, 2019

Bring the family and enjoy a festive 4th of July on the Coquille River waterfront in Old Town Bandon. Events begin at 10 a.m. with the Celebration Parade. Wander up to City Park for the Lion's Club BBQ lunch, then back to the Port of Bandon for an afternoon at the farmers market and a bird's eye view of the Port of Bandon Cardboard Boat Races.

Evening activities include live music, wine and art walk, and the Grand Fireworks Display.

Community events are sponsored by the City of Bandon and local organizations, including the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, Bandon Lions Club, Greater Bandon Association, Port of Bandon, and VFW Medal of Honor Post #3440.

Check out [bandon.com/4th-of-july](http://bandon.com/4th-of-july) for event times and locations.



### BANDON CRANBERRY FESTIVAL September 13, 14 and 15, 2019

The longest running festival on the Oregon Coast boasts more than seven decades of family fun with a parade, festival market, street dance and more.

The Bandon Cranberry Festival is a lively introduction to the community as well as a time-honored tradition for residents. The festival celebrates local cranberry farming, with entertainment for youth and adults. Enjoy live music and performing arts, classic cars and farm equipment, sports, shopping, dining– and our annual cranberry eating contest.

Organized by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, 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](http://bandon.com/cranberry-festival). Or, contact the Bandon Chamber & Visitors Center, open daily at 300 2nd St. SE, in Old Town Bandon.



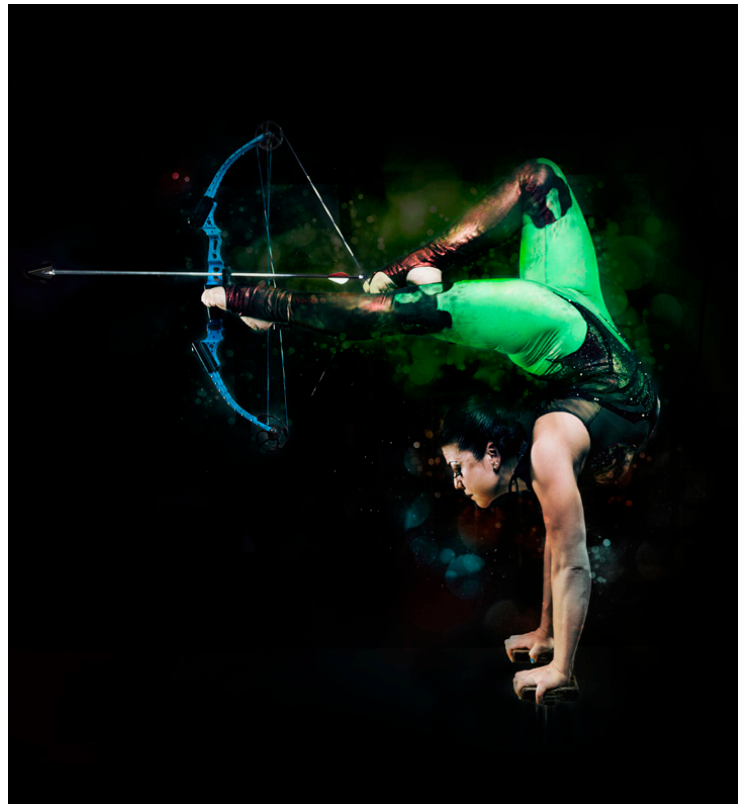
### HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS beginning November 30, 2019

Old Town Bandon lights up Thanksgiving weekend. Merchants welcome shoppers with festive displays, and the Port of Bandon boardwalk sparkles with lighted sculptures.

Our one-day Shop Bandon 2019 event lets shoppers redeem receipts, from retail purchases anywhere in Bandon, for commemorative glassware.

Join the tree-lighting ceremony at the Night of 10,000 Lights and Old Town nog walk. Enjoy refreshments, music and photos with Santa. This free community event is presented by the Greater Bandon Association with the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. Visit [bandon.com/holiday-highlights](http://bandon.com/holiday-highlights) for details.

Visit our event calendar for community events through the holiday season. Local and touring performers present music, drama and more at the Sprague Community Theater. December 2019 acts include "Aureum," an aerial and acrobatic adventure tale by the Portland-based Halcyon troupe, presented by Bandon Showcase.



## WINTER - SPRING 2020



GORSE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL  
February 14, 15 and 16, 2020

This is not your average beer and wine fest: The Gorse Blossom Festival highlights Bandon's heritage and culture with a quirky angle on local horticulture.

Save the date Presidents Day weekend. Festival vendors fill the Old Town Marketplace on the Coquille River waterfront, featuring Pacific Northwest wine, beer, food, crafts and live music. Sign up for wine or brew-maker dinners at local restaurants. And, get ready to raise a glass to the Bloody Mary Stroll, a movable cocktail feast.

Eco-education may be the most intriguing festival component. Visitors can learn about invasive plant species, such as the local gorse plant, and get tips even home gardeners can use to promote healthy local landscapes.

Organized by the Greater Bandon Association, the festival was named 2017 winner for Best Downtown Special Event by the Oregon Main Street program.

Find tickets and event details at [gorseblossomfest.com](http://gorseblossomfest.com).



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
May 23 and 24, 2020

Join the Port of Bandon summer season kick-off, Memorial Day Weekend, on the waterfront in Old Town Bandon. On the boardwalk, fishing enthusiasts shop and swap at Saturday's Marine Swap Meet. Browse water-themed goods from tackle to marine memorabilia. The farmers and artisan market Old Town Marketplace is open Friday and Saturday.

Members of Bandon's Ministerial Association lead an interdenominational blessing of the fleet to honor those lost at sea, those who make their living on the sea, and military veterans. Following the ceremony, ministers scatter flowers at the mouth of the river. And, the Bandon VFW officiates a gun salute at South Jetty beach.

The Port of Bandon Boardwalk Art Show makes its annual debut. The outdoor public art installation features work by amateur and professional artists in a variety of styles and media. Nominate People's Choice awards with free ballots available at Bandon Bait and Tackle, 110 First St. SE.

For more information about events, moorage and launch facilities, contact the Port of Bandon, 541-347-3206, [portofbandon.com](http://portofbandon.com).



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