



May 2019

Art By The Sea Gallery Ribbon Cutting!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event!
Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this a success!

Art By the Sea holds monthly receptions and features one of their 21 artists each month. Stop in to inquire or check out their website at <https://www.artbytheseagallery.com>

Art by the Sea Gallery & Studio - 145 Fillmore Ave SE -
(541) 347-5355



Welcome to our Newest Members!

Rawsome Juice and Smoothies
Jon Everest-Northwest Mutual

Take Two

Joan Coleman-
Ink Wonderland

Thank you to Renewing Members!

Billy Smoothboards

The Beverage Barn

Sunrise Carpet Cleaning

Cascade Wireless

First Community Credit Union

McKay's Market

Ray's Market

Coos Curry Electric

Moore Mill

Daniel Graham

Hennick's Home Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make sure to check out the
Community Calendar at

<https://tourism.bandon.com/events>

You can also submit your Event to be
included on the Community Calendar.

JOIN THE CHAMBER FORUM

THE BANDON CHAMBER HAS
A FACEBOOK GROUP FOR
CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY. A
GREAT WAY TO INTERACT
WITH YOUR FELLOW
CHAMBER MEMBERS.



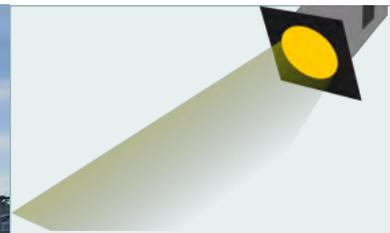
Brian Kraynik loves the water. Before moving to Bandon, he served 5 years in the Navy and grew up boating on the Great Lakes. Now a Bandon resident of 12 years with his wife Nicole, who is a middle school Science Teacher and their two children Olivia (10) and Raleigh (8) he continues his life on the water.

Coos Boat Tours reopens this month with Tours both in Coos Bay and in Bandon. Two tours in Coos Bay are offered aboard the FUN SWAY a 40 ft. motor yacht. The FUN SWAY was built near Myrtle Point back in 2003 and originally home ported in Bandon. It has sailed from Bandon to Baja Mexico, Hawaii and back before Brian took ownership and refurbished it as his tour boat.

All Bandon tours are aboard the pocket tug "O'Flynn". A 21' Ranger Tug, it launches from the Bandon Charter dock for a historic, scenic 2-hour tour up the Coquille River.

Coos Boat Tours has two main goals. One, to share their passion for the history of the area and their love of the water and two, putting smiles on faces. To Brian, that is the ultimate reward.

Both vessels can take private parties up to 6 people and tours can be booked on the Coos Boat Tours website at <https://www.coosboattours.com>.



Bandon Business Spotlight

*Each month we will
be highlighting one
of our members and
their business.*

*May's Spotlight
Coos Boat Tours*

*Want to see your
business in the
spotlight?*

Go to [bandon.com/
business-spotlight-
submit/](https://www.bandon.com/business-spotlight-submit/)

Southwestern Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Thank you to the SBDC and Director John Bacon for presenting at the April Bandon Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. The SBDC gives small businesses free consultations, training, and classes to help them succeed. Services and classes include: Access to capital, Marketing, Accounting, Global trade, Starting a business, Business planning, Business management and much more!

Contact them today at 541-888-7182 or visit their website at
<https://bizcenter.org/centers/southwestern-sbdc>



Websites

Find us on Facebook!

[Bandon Chamber of Commerce](#)
New Official Facebook Business Page

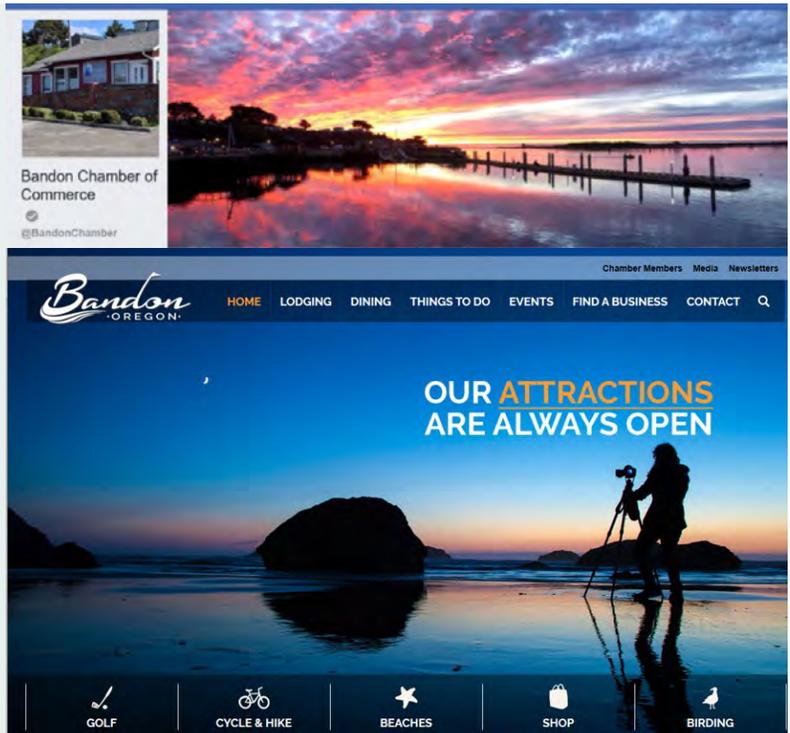
Community Events, Spotlights, Tips and more.

[Bandon Chamber of Commerce Member Forum](#) (must be current member)

This is our members page to network and interact.

[Bandon.com](#)

Our official website and one stop shop for visitors and members both.



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5 Underrated Places for Business Advice

None of us are born knowing exactly how to run a business. Some of us learn in school and some of us in the school of life. Some of us have better natural instincts than others but even those who do will eventually get to a point in their business when, if they want to continue to grow, they need outside help.

Everyone does.

Sure, there are very expensive consultants who can help you become "public-facing" if you're ready for that step. But what about the smaller businesses? Those steps, like hiring the first non-family employee or creating additional revenue streams, can be just as daunting as a public offering. Here are a few places you can turn for help that you might not have thought of.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chambers can help in a lot of different ways. From direct suggestions to referring you to the right business coach to inviting you to a mentor program or a mastermind group, the chamber has solutions for all sizes of businesses in every step of the business lifecycle. Share your growth dilemma with them and they'll likely have a list of resources for you.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are countless resources on social media. You can strike up a conversation with a business owner on Twitter from any area of the world. You can also join a Facebook or LinkedIn group that focuses on your industry or business size. Do a search for resources. The best thing about social media is that you can build relationships at a time that works for you.

CONFERENCES

Just as there are social media groups for most types of businesses or industries, there are likely also conferences. Search (your) industry conference to start. Often by doing that you'll find other leads you hadn't thought of. Don't ignore sponsored posts. These have targeted you because something you searched for appeared to make you a good fit. Ads can be valuable too so don't discount them.

BOOKS AND BLOGS

Books are an incredible resource full of stories from people who have "been there, done that." Many books also have online resources these days. So, while you might start out at your local library, it may lead you to a special online group created by the author. If you are a smaller business, check out Michael Port's book, "Book Yourself Solid" for good advice on getting more clients.

Blogs are also a helpful place for information. Often, it's easy to connect with the writer of the blog (assuming the person isn't a blog celebrity who no longer writes their own material) by leaving a comment or filling out a contact form. Blogs have become much meatier these days than simple opinion posts of the past. Start following business people you respect. Don't forget local bloggers as well.

ONLINE BUSINESS COURSES AND VIDEOS

There are a number of free business courses out there as well as paid sites like Udemy and Lynda. Many entrepreneurs share their secrets on daily video blog posts and other video resources where they can address issues as they happen. In some cases, you may even be able to pass along an area of interest to the video blogger and the business person may just record a special video about it.

Don't let a lack of knowledge hold you and your business back from immense growth. You don't need an Ivy League degree to expand your operations or go to the next level. You just have to be resourceful and lucky for us, there are many resources out there for the choosing.

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