

# 'Beach Bash' celebrates, wakes things up June 25-28

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This is a case of "at home, go big."

"Beach Bash," the annual celebration of the Gorge wind and water lifestyle, covers four days next week with events including a concert, barbecue, swap meet, and, of course, racing.

Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association presents its new and improved four-day festival Thursday through Sunday, June 25-28.

The popular windsurf event will include a live concert, a community barbecue, an all-sports gear swap, the "Never Ever Windsurfed Before Race" and fun relays, plus two days of water-sports gear demos.

CGWA offers two different watersports

hands-on gear demo days for windsurfers, stand-up paddle boarders and spectators. Throughout the weekend, CGWA hopes the events will appeal to everyone, from those who have never surfed or SUP'ed to those with plenty of experience.

"Beach Bash is all about having a good time in the Gorge, on and off the water," said CGWA Executive Director Greg Stiegel, "This year's event builds on the legacy we have built with Windfest and is designed to include more of the community, so everyone can have a good time. We've rebranded and reinvigorated the lineup this year."

Stiegel gives the rundown on page A7, but here are a few highlights:

■ June 25 — Pray For Wind Party hosted by Stonehedge Gardens restaurant in Hood River. Activities will include a fully catered dinner (tickets for sale at the door are \$10-\$20), live music, cash bar, and loads of auction and raffle items to raise money for the CGWA kids program, Gorge Grooms.

■ June 26 — New this year, from 6-10 p.m., is a live outdoor concert at the Hood River Waterfront Park's newly built amphitheater, featuring Tim Snider out of Portland, with Smoke on the Water opening. Presented by 10 Barrel and supported by Naked Winery. Free entrance and open to all ages.

■ June 27 — The Beach Party, hosted by Big



Photo by Trent Hightower



Photo by Sammy Ben-Ami

Windsurf and SUP gear demo (the latest and greatest gear) at the Hood River Event Site for \$5-\$10 all day. For up-to-date information on Beach Bash visit [GorgeWindsurfing.org/events/beachbash](http://GorgeWindsurfing.org/events/beachbash).

**WHATEVER YOUR** speed, leisurely messing about in boats or high-flying windsport athletics like Rob Watkins shows in 2014, Beach Bash has something to offer.

## TRAVELING CHAIR

Jane Nichol, left, of Hood River B & B, passes a special red chair to Mary Pellegrini of Old Parkdale Inn. The red chair visited Hood River County in May and June as part of a national B & B awareness program that focuses on a traveling red porch chair to highlight the comfort, hospitality and friendliness of bed and breakfasts. The chair previously visited Sakura Ridge Farm and Lodge and Oak Street Hotel. Since the start of the red chair's travels in New England in 2012, B & Bs and inns have taken inspiring photos of the red chair from beaches to bandstands. Participating B & Bs and inns listed on [BedandBreakfast.com](http://BedandBreakfast.com) host the red chair, chronicling its stay with blog posts and photos on [RedChairTravels.com](http://RedChairTravels.com). Nichol said that in its week at her Oak Street establishment, the chair was the honored seat at the head of the table. Pellegrini has transported the chair to Madras, where she met a B & B owner from Bend for the red chair's next stage of the journey.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

## Workshops look at landscaping with less water

Join OSU Extension Service, Columbia Gorge Master Gardeners, Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District and Hood River Watershed Group for a series of free presentations starting July 11 on water-conserving landscapes in the Learning Garden at the Extension grounds.

The presentations will take place in the gardens and will begin at 9 a.m., with highlighted features to include bioswales, a native plants garden, hellstrip garden, herb garden, and water-efficient lawns, followed by a primer on drip irrigation from 11:30 a.m.

The OSU Mid-Columbia

Agricultural Research and Extension Center is located at 2990 Experiment Station Drive. Experiment Station Drive connects with Tucker Road south of Hood River; at Excavation Rental Services (formerly Your Party and Rental Center).

Call 541-386-3343 for more information.

## Art on Oak gallery opens

Art on Oak Gallery of Artists, a new collaborative gallery, opened at 210 Oak St. Monday.

Artists Jill Warila, Noelle Newton and Michael Scrivens coordinate the gallery, which currently presents the work of 23 artists doing watercolor, oils, woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, soaps, cards, ceramics, clothing, metalwork, and more on display and for sale.

Art on Oak is open seven days a week ([arton-oak.com](http://arton-oak.com)), 541-436-4472.

The gallery is the first of three tenants in the former Second Wind store. The space recently underwent extensive remodeling after being vacant for more than a year.

A grand opening is planned for First Friday on July 3.

Many of the artists had participated in the 2014 holiday pop-up gallery at the adjacent Butler Bank Building, 301 Oak. The artists themselves mind the shop on a rotating basis, and sometimes they will be working in the gallery.

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