

# Begonia Festival opens in Capitola

Thousands turned out Sunday to watch the creation of dozens of sand sculptures on Capitola beach.

The contest was the highlight of the first weekend of the 32nd Annual Capitola National Begonia Festival.

The event resumes next weekend with the Capitola Beach Festival on Saturday and the annual Nautical Parade Sunday.

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The Sand Sculpture Grand Prize went to a Sacramento couple, Doug and Sandee Gibson, for "Sunnyside Up" — the sculpture of an enormous woman basking in the sunshine.

The Gibsons started their creation three times before finally completing it and winning the judges' nod. The first time they started building in a section set aside for kids. When they moved, they found the tide threatening to melt the sculpture, so they moved again.

There were plenty of other activities during the weekend, downtown as well as at the beach. Saturday, skateboard aficionados gathered on Monterey Avenue to watch skateboard races. Among Sunday's events was a "Diaper Derby" in Esplanade Park.

Besides the grand prize in the sand sculpture competition, other prizes included:

**Directors' Award**

"Bear Bookends" created by an Aptos group led by Charlene

Gerrish.

**Children, 0-5 yrs. old**

First — A volcano.

Second — Spider.

Third — Dog.

**Children, 6-9 yrs. old**

First — Sea Castle.

Second — Birthday Cake.

Third — Drips Ahoy.

**Children, 10-13 yrs. old**

First — Little old lady in a shoe.

Second — Sea creature.

Third — Terror on Capitola Beach.

**Seniors, 18 and older**

First — Lighthouse Cove.

Second — Little Boy Blue.

Third — Capitola Bookworm.

**Families**

First — "Heads I win, tails you lose." — the Rene Patereau

family.

Second — Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Third — "The Cow jumped over the moon."

Fourth — "L.O.L. 1985 Style."

The action continues this Saturday with the Capitola Beach Festival — a fund-raiser sponsored by the Capitola Junior Lifeguard program. Proceeds from the \$2.50 per event entry fee support the Junior Lifeguards.

On Sunday, there will be the Nautical Parade at 2 p.m.

The theme this year is "Mother Goose Visits Capitola."

Some of the float entries include:

PG&E — "Rub-a-dub-dub."

302 Cherry St. Gang —

"Mother Goose Herself."

Campfire Boys and Girls —

"Old Lady in a Shoe."

Green Earth Singles — "Hey Diddle, Diddle."

Monterey Bay Properties —

"Little Miss Muffet."

Capitola Mall — "Humpty Dumpty."

White Knight Plumbing —

"Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater."

Jo Jo and the Kids — "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

First Interstate Bank —

"Little Bo Beep."

El Toro Bravo — "Jack Sprat."

Pleasure Point Nightfighters — "Peter Piper."



Judged best of the sand sculptures was "Sunnyside Up" — a sunbathing woman.