

# Capitola's Begonia Festival to Flower Again

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One of Sunset Magazine's best small towns in the West is getting ready to flower. Be ready for a unique Dance Party you've never experienced before.

The 59th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival begins on Friday, September 2nd. This family friendly four-day weekend beach party is free to the public. The festival begins at dusk with a "Let's Dance Review," unfolding as the opening entertainment. Local talent will be showing off their best steps.

Saturday's activities begin early morning as the competition heats up at the legendary Sand Sculpture Contest. Join us at the beach to partake in the building of these magnificent sculptures or just

observe how the teams incorporate the "Let's Dance" theme into their creations. After, we will have the Budding Artist event where Students from local schools display their original artwork reflecting the fun and flavor of Capitola. Held at the Esplanade Park Come join Extra Large for a concert down in Esplanade Park we hear they plan on "daring us not to dance". Come show them as well as the rest of Capitola just how much jitter you have in your bug.

The festivities pick up speed on Sunday, with a horseshoe contest, chalk art and begonia decorating on the schedule before noon. At 1 p.m., the long-awaited

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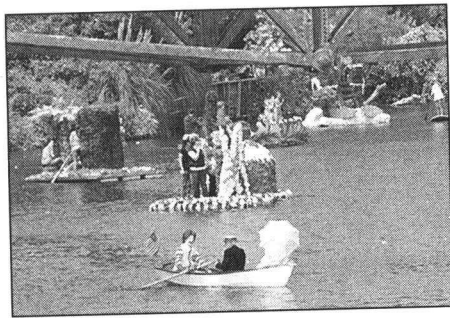
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Nautical Parade will glide down Soquel Creek toward the judge's stand. Topping off the day's events will be a final live concert played by Mike Hadley and the Groove at 4 p.m. in Esplanade Park.

Lastly on Labor Day, Monday September 5 will be the finale—a morning Fishing Derby off Capitola Wharf with awards for all ages. Lastly, we will wrap up the festival with The Children's Art Event In Esplanade Park. Children of all ages are welcome to come and create a "make & take" memory to take home. Then electric slide over to Soquel Creek to view or partake in the Row Boat Races.

What can be better than a weekend in this coastal village at Festival time? Enjoy the surf and sand, a party on the beach, the



local museum, good food and shopping. Bring the family and children of all ages out to enjoy a festival that truly displays the spirit of this seaside village we call, Capitola. ■

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