

JANUARY

29 Sunday 2-6pm

Bridal Expo

Vendors, complimentary apps, cash bar, fashion show
CruiseportGloucester.com

FEBRUARY

44th Annual Meals on Wheels Valentine's Breakfast

Supports Meals on Wheels
TheGloucesterHouse.com

MARCH

11 Saturday 8am-noon

6th Annual Cape Ann Birding Week-end

CapeAnnChamber.com

26 Sunday 2pm

Cape Ann Symphony

CapeAnnSymphony.org

APRIL

Whale watches begin

see pages 42-43 for listings

30 Sunday 10am-3

30th Annual Pride Stride

Walk benefits local non-profits Stage Fort Park
GloucesterPrideStride.com

MAY

6 1st Annual Tulip Festival

10am-10pm
Over 22,000 tulips Promenade, Ribbon cutting, Stacy Blvd.
GenerousGardeners.org

14 Sunday 10:30-noon

Mother's Day River Cruises

EssexCruises.com

15 Monday 8:30-10:

Intro to Birding

Cogswell's Grant
HistoricNewEngland.org

20 Saturday 8pm

Cape Ann Symphony

CapeAnnSymphony.org

19-Jun 10 **Bank**

Job

GloucesterStage.com

20 Saturday 10am

Essex River Race

BlackburnChallenge.com

20 Saturday 9am-5pm

Motif #1 Day

Downtown Rockport
RockportExchange.org

JUNE

Art Haven

Art classes

for school age students;

ArtHaven.org **The Hive**

for older students and adults

TheHiveCenter.org

Thursdays 3-6:30pm

Cape Ann Farmers Market

60+ vendors, live music, children's activities
Stage Fort Park
CapeAnnFarmersMarket.org

Saturdays 9am-1pm

Rockport Farmers Market

RockportExchange.org

Sat 10am, Sun 1pm

Rockport Cultural District

Free walking

tour Dock Square

2-July 9 Rockport Chamber Music Festival

World renowned musicians Shalin Liu Performance Center
RockportMusic.org

3-4 Sat-Mon 10am-5pm

Cape Ann Artisans Spring Studio Tour

20+ studios, self-guided open studio tour
CapeAnnArtisans.com

5 Monday 6-8pm **5th**

Annual Schooner Challenge

Maritime Gloucester Essex
ShipbuildingMuseum.org

16 **Essex River Day**

CapeAnnVacations.com

17 Saturday 10am **64th Annual International Dory Races** US vs. Canada State Fish Pier
InternationalDories.com

17-Jul 8 *The Effect*
GloucesterStage.com

21-25 all day
St. Peter's Fiesta
Blessing of the fleet, sporting events, carnival
St. Peter's Square
StPetersFiesta.org

23-25 5pm **Greasy Pole & Seine Boat Races** off Pavilion Beach
StPetersFiesta.org

JULY

Thursdays 3-6:30pm
Cape Ann Farmers Market 60+ vendors, live music, children's activities Stage Fort Park
CapeAnnFarmersMarket.org

Saturdays 9am-1pm
Rockport Farmers Market
RockportExchange.org

Mon-Sat 10am, Sun 1pm
Rockport Cultural District free walking tour
Dock Square

1-8 *The Effect*
GloucesterStage.com

1-10 **Rockport Chamber Music Festival** RockportMusic.org

all month **Live**

Performances at Rockport Music
World renowned musicians
Shalin Llu Performance
Center RockportMusic.org

3-4 **Independence Day Celebrations**

3 Sunday 6pm
Fishtown Horribles Parade & Concert
Stacy Blvd 10pm
Fireworks on waterfront

4 9pm **Bonfire**
Back Beach Rockport

6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays 6-8pm
Harbor Loop Concerts Fitz Henry Lane Park, Harbor Loop, free GimmeSound.com

7-8 Friday-Saturday
10am -4pm **Rockport Garden Tour**
RockportGardenClub.org

8 Saturday 10am-4pm
Gloucester Garden Tour
GloucesterGardenTour.com

9, 16, 23, 30 Sundays
7pm **Bandstand Summer Concert Series** Stage Fort Park

12, 19, 26 Wed 8pm
Gloucester Harborwalk Summer Cinema
Free outdoor movies 65 Rogers Street on the HarborWalk ghwalk.org

14 - Aug 5
The Rainmaker
GloucesterStage.com

15 Saturday 5-10pm
Gloucester Downtown Block Party
Music, entertainment, al fresco dining, store specials Main Street GloucesterBlockParty.com

15 Saturday 7:30am-3pm
The Blackburn Challenge Oar/paddle powered race around the Cape, Annisquam River/Harbor BlackburnChallenge.com

15-16 **Renaissance Fair** HammondCastle.org

29 Saturday 10am-3pm
Annisquam Sea Fair Village Hall
AnnisquamExchange.com

AUGUST

Thursdays 3-6:30pm
Cape Ann Farmers Market Stage Fort Park
CapeAnnFarmersMarket.org

Thursdays 6-8pm
Harbor Loop Concerts Fitz Henry Lane Park, Harbor Loop, free GimmeSound.com

all month **Live Performances at Rockport Music**
World renowned musicians
Shalin Llu Performance
Center RockportMusic.org

Saturdays 9am-1pm

Rockport Farmers Market

RockportExchange.org

Sundays 7pm

Bandstand Summer Concert Series

Stage Fort Park

Mon-Sat 10am, Sun 1pm

Rockport Cultural District free walking tour
Dock Square

1-5 The Rainmaker

GloucesterStage.com

2, 9 Wednesdays 8pm

Harborwalk Summer Cinema Free

Outdoor movies 65 Rogers Street ghwalk.org

3-5 Thursday-Saturday 59th Annual Gloucester Sidewalk Bazaar

Vendors, food, live music, children's activities Main Street Gloucester-DowntownAssociation.org

5 Saturday Festival by the Sea Art, Music & Food

FestivalbytheSeaMa.com

5 Gloucester Country Fest Stage Fort Park

GloucesterCountryFest.com

6-13 Rockport Jazz Festival

RockportMusic.org

8-13 Tuesday-Sunday 7:30pm Singing in the Rain

Annisquam VillagePlayers.com

11- Sep 2 Out of the Mouths of Babes

GloucesterStage.com

11-13 Illumination Night Fireworks Rockport

CapeAnnVacations.com

12 Gloucester Blues Festival

Stage Fort Park GloucesterBluesFestival.com

12 Saturday 3-7pm Rockport Lobsterfest 9:30pm Fireworks

RockportUSA.com

12 Saturday 5-10pm Gloucester Downtown Block Party

Music, entertainment, al fresco dining, store specials Main Street GloucesterBlockParty.com

19-20 Sat-Sun 9am-6pm Gloucester Waterfront Festival

Craft fair, music, food, entertainment Stage Fort Park CapeAnnVacations.com

26 Saturday 5pm Fishermen's Memorial Service

Man at the Wheel statue Gloucester-ma.gov

SEPTEMBER

Thursdays 3-6:30pm Cape Ann Farmers Market

Stage Fort Park CapeAnnFarmersMarket.org

Saturdays 9am-1pm Rockport Farmers Market

RockportExchange.org

Sat 10am, Sun 1pm Rockport Cultural District

free walking tour Dock Square

all month Live Performances at Rockport Music

World renowned musicians Shalin Liu Performance Center RockportMusic.org

1 Friday 5-10pm Gloucester Downtown Block Party

Music, entertainment, al fresco dining, store specials Main Street GloucesterBlockParty.com

1-3 Friday-Sunday 33rd Annual Gloucester Schooner Festival

Ship visits, public lobsterbake, lighted boat parade, fireworks. GloucesterSchoonerFestival.net

1 Friday all day Arrival of ships

Gloucester Harbor

2 Saturday 10am-4pm Maritime Gloucester Heritage Day

MaritimeGloucester.org

2 7:30pm Lighted Boat Parade, Concert & Fireworks

Stacy Blvd. after dark

3 Sunday 10:30am Parade of Sail and Mayor's Cup Race

Gloucester harbor

3 1pm Mayor's Race

off Eastern Point

8-30 Flight of the Monarch

GloucesterStage.com

15-17 and 22-24

Fri-Sun-all day Trails & Sails Hundreds of area events and tours celebrating land and sea

TrailsAndSails.org

16 Saturday 11am -8pm
Gloucester Harvest Music Festival
65 Rogers Street; Music, dancing, beer tent, food, crafts; proceeds benefit Addison Gilbert Hospital

24 Fourth Annual
Essex Arts Festival
TrailsAndSails.org

OCTOBER

1 Sunday 2pm
Celebrate Wearable Art! Fourth Runway Event
Cruiseport Gloucester
seARTS.org

1 Saturday 9am-1pm
Rockport Farmers Market
RockportExchange.org

1-9 Cape Ann Art Week
seARTS.org

5, 12
Thursdays 3-6:30pm
Farmers Market
60+ vendors, live music, children's activities
Stage Fort Park
CapeAnnFarmersMarket.org

6-28 *To Kill a Mockingbird*
GloucesterStage.com

7-9 Sat-Mon 10am-5pm
Cape Ann Artisans Fall Studio Tour
20+ studios, self-guided open studio tour

CapeAnnArtisans.com

7-8 Sat- Sun 10am-5pm
Annisquam Arts & Crafts Show
Annisquam
ArtsandCraftShow.org

8-16 Cape Ann Plein Air
Weeklong outdoor painting competition & festival
seARTS.org

14 Sat 9am-6pm
Rockport Harvestfest
RockportUSA.com

14-15 Saturday-Sunday
19th Annual Great Brewers Gran Prix
of Gloucester Cyclocross
Stage Fort Park
GPGloucester.com

21 Sat 11am-4pm
35th Annual Essex Clamfest
Memorial Park, Essex
CapeAnnVacations.com

31 Trick or Treat
Downtown Gloucester shops

NOVEMBER

20 7th Annual
Middle Street Harvest Festival
Live music, museum tours, Farmers Market, craft fair, more . Middle Street

25 Small Business Saturday
Downtown Gloucester shops

26 Christmas Parade
Main Street

DECEMBER

All month **Rockport holiday shopping**

2 Annisquam Christmas Fair

7 Thursday 5-10pm
44th Annual Ladies Night
Refreshments, discounts, fun
Downtown Gloucester shops
GloucesterDowntownAssociation.org

9 Saturday 10am-4:30pm
Middle Street Walk
music, kids activities, tours of historic homes and museums

9 Saturday 4:30pm
Lobster Tree Lighting
CapeAnnVacations.com

14 Thursday 5-10pm
Customer Appreciation Day
Gloucester-DowntownAssociation.org

21 Thursday 5-10pm
42nd Annual Mens Night
Refreshments, discounts, fun
Downtown Gloucester shops
Gloucester-DowntownAssociation.org

31 Rockport New Year's Eve
RockportUSA.com