

It's Holiday Bucks Time!

It's "Holiday Bucks" time again in Vernonia! And you know what that means. Great opportunities to receive gift certificates just for shopping in Vernonia. Here's how it works:



Promotion runs from Friday, November 16th to Saturday, December 15th, and is open to all ages.

Customer will receive one (1) stamp per \$5 purchase or transaction

When \$50 in purchases are made, you the customer, fill out your card and enter it at any participating business.

All entries will be kept from week to week.

***FIRST FRIDAY December 7th is DOUBLE Stamp Day**

Gift Certificates are to be redeemed at any one of the participating businesses by February 14th 2008.

Drawings will be held at noon on the following Saturdays: November 24th, December 1st, and December 8th for \$25 gift certificates. Grand Finale Drawing for three more Gift Certificates (amounts to be determined) will be on Saturday, December 15th.

The Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce, organizer of this annual event, looks forward to your participation in this exciting and fun promotion. Remember, this is a great way to support your local businesses, help keep your holiday money in Vernonia, and maybe win prizes as well!

Vernonia Hands-On Art

Vernonia Hands-on Art presents its third annual variety show at 7 pm, Thursday, November 15, at Washington Grade School. This year's show will benefit the Vernonia School Band program and Vernonia Cares Food Bank. If you would like to participate as a performer in this year's show, please contact Tobie Finzel at 503.705.2173 or send an email to vernoniaart@aol.com by October 24. We encourage everyone to attend this family-friendly evening of entertainment by local singers, dancers, musicians, and other talented people of all ages. Admission is \$5 for adults, 2 cans of food for kids.

Registration is now underway for an Oral History seminar on Saturday, November 3rd, from 10 am to 5 pm. The class is sponsored by the Clatskanie Historical Society and the Columbia County Cultural Trust. Many of our county museums - including the Vernonia Pioneer Museum - are using video, audio and written records to capture the stories of the people who grew up in and built our communities. Oral histories are also a valuable addition to family genealogical records. This training is open to all who would like to learn the best methods to obtain information from our elder generations and preserve these personal histories. To register for the class, please send a check for \$35 payable to L. D. Cole, Clatskanie Historical Society, PO Box 502, Clatskanie, OR 97216, by October 22. The class fee includes lunch. The training will be held at the Clatskanie Community Education Center; if you are traveling west on Highway 30, turn left two blocks after the traffic light onto Bryant Street and head up the hill. If you have questions, please email vpma@agalis.net or call Tobie at 503.705.2173.

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association will present another in its Museum Talk series on Sunday, October 21, at 2 pm, at the Museum, E 511 Bridge Street. October's speaker will be Lona Pierce who has done extensive research on the Virgil Powell diaries that a part of the museum's collection. Mr. Powell was an early settler in the Mist and Vernonia area; he kept daily diaries for over fifty years, recording his daily work activities, the weather, wildlife observations, and other topics including his work as a firefighter on the Tillamook Burn in the 1930s. Ms Pierce is writing a book based on his detailed observations of natural phenomena and daily life in the Nehalem Valley during the first half of the twentieth century.

The Vernonia Community Grange is hosting a "Farewell to the Fifties" sock hop at the Grange on Saturday, November 3, starting at 7:30 pm. Fifties attire is optional, but socks or saddle shoes are the only footwear allowed! There will be a DJ playing popular music of the Fifties when rock'n'roll was born, refreshments, a raffle, and other surprises. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. This event is a fundraiser for improvements to the Grange Hall and a way to celebrate the Baby Boomers who are saying goodbye to their fifties as they hit that milestone 60th birthday.

Events Calendar

"Say Farewell to the 50's" Sock Hop

November 3 - 7:00 pm

Costumes optional, saddle shoes suggested, clothing required! Door-prizes, raffle, 50's style dance lessons, professional DJ, refreshments, and more! Come help Tobie say good by to the 50's! \$3 Adults, \$1 Kids.

Where: Vernonia Grange Hall, 375 North Street

For more info call Tobie at 503-705-2173 or Robb at 429-7731.

Body, Mind, Spirit retreat at Cedar Ridge Retreat Center

November 9 - 11

Feeling Fractured? Our society tends to concentrate on the race... not the journey. During this weekend retreat you will have an opportunity to discover the similarities of different philosophies while we demonstrate time honored truths in practical applications to benefit our whole person. We will focus on integrating your internal spiritual life into your relationships, community, and how you can live a life that is connected globally to make a significant impact.

Three days / Two nights - Food, Lodging, and Classes \$225.00

Early Registration and Day Rates also available

Register at www.aletheia-hti.com or call (503) 429-4677 or (503) 429-2703 for more information.

Veteran's Day Potluck and Movie Night

November 11 - 5:00 pm

The Vernonia Community Church will be hosting a potluck and family movie night in honor of Veteran's Day on Sunday November 11, 2007 at 5:00 PM at the Church.

For more information please call the church at 503- 429-6790.

The Vernonia Community Anti-Drug Coalition

November 15 - 7:00 pm

A community presentation will be put on by VHS and VMS students on November 15th, 7 pm at the Scout Cabin.

Refreshments will be served.

Vernonia Hands-on-Art Variety Show

November 15 - 7:00 pm

DO YOU SING? DANCE? PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? PERFORM A COMEDY ROUTINE? DO MAGIC TRICKS?

If so, you are welcome to perform in the Community Variety Show! All ages Welcome! This year's show will benefit the Vernonia Dallas Brass program and the Vernonia Cares Holiday Food Drive! The VHS and VMS band students will be performing!

Give us a call (503-705-2173) or email vernoniaart@aol.com by October 25 if you would like to be a part of the third annual show.

Childcare for young children will be provided by donation.

Cost: \$5 - Food donations are appreciated

Where: WGS gym

A Spirited Old-Fashioned Christmas

December 1 - 5:00 pm

Lighted parade at 5 pm starting at WGS and ending at City Hall. Community Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30. The VHS band and choir will be performing and will also be serving refreshments.

Christmas in the Country" Booster Club Bazaar

December 1 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and December 2 - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Anyone wishing to purchase a table or space to sell their handmade items, or anyone wanting to volunteer a few hours of their time to call Corrie Smith @ (503) 429-1052 or email VernoniaBazaar@aol.com.

Where: Vernonia Middle School

For more information and pictures from past events visit our events page at www.vernoniasvoice.com/events.htm



First Fridays of Vernonia is a new cultural event held every month on the first Friday. Centered around the Vernonia Community Learning Center and its gallery space, First Friday brings our community together to share food, conversation, and the arts.

The First Friday Committee is looking for performers, artists, venues, events businesses, and idea-people to help make this event grow and expand. Help showcase the arts in Vernonia. If interested in getting involved please contact Julie at vernoniaart@aol.com.