## Vernonia Jamboree Car Show '08 is a Small But Mighty Display

By Mike Justice



Unlike past years when the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Car Show fielded hundreds of cars and had thousands of viewers, this year's numbers were slight and covered only the front lawn of the Middle School; however, there were plenty of bright work, paint, wheels, and alterations to satisfy most motor madness fixes.

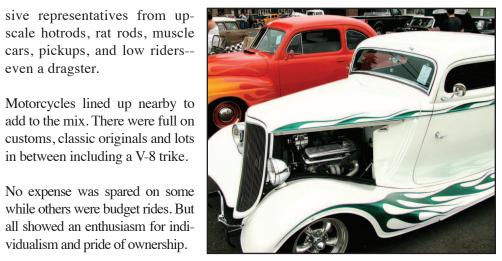
The attention to details produced eye candy for those impressed with craftsmanship and automotive creativity. There were enough cars to make the show interesting, and you could see them all without rushing. It was easy to study the creations from a wide range of eras and styles. There were impres-

Grand Rat Winner Mike Schafmsa with his 1942 Ford Ratrod Truck. The handmade trophies at this years show were a big hit among the entrants.

scale hotrods, rat rods, muscle cars, pickups, and low riders-even a dragster.

Motorcycles lined up nearby to add to the mix. There were full on customs, classic originals and lots in between including a V-8 trike.

No expense was spared on some while others were budget rides. But all showed an enthusiasm for individualism and pride of ownership.



After all, isn't appreciation for imagination and workmanship why we enjoy car and bike shows?

## Jamboree Art Show a Success

By Erika Paleck

It has been many years since an art show was held during the Friendship Jamboree, but the one held in the Vernonia Grange on Saturday and Sunday reminded old-timers of a pleasant, long-standing tradition. That, along with pieces by Vernonia Arts community stalwarts June Wilson (two paintings) and Ilene Grady (photographs), signaled the return of a happy tradition.

Also represented at the show were Beth D'Aubigne with her baskets and ceramics; Lori



Grimmett's nature photography: Erika Paleck's mixed media of ink, watercolor and airbrush; Walter W. Neumann's landscapes and nature paintings; Dave Anderson's mixed media works covering both his Blues and Holocaust series; Kathy Larsen's custom jewelry and lavender works; Diane Coughlin with prints, mixed media and acrylics both portraits and landscape; and newcomer Nicole Gray's photographs. Nicole is a recent

graduate of Vernonia High who plans to attend the Portland Art Institute this fall. This was her first exhibit outside of school.

Many exhibitors sold some of their pieces. A percentage of the proceeds went to defray the cost of renting the Grange and to benefit Vernonia Hands-on Art, a 501(c) (3) entity that supports arts and culture in the area.



One of Hands-on Art's projects, the Arts in the Woods

program headed by Carol Pelster and Rachel Hardy, had thirty children attending an arts day camp during the previous week, and all the children attending had work at the exhibit as well. Other instructors along with Carol and Rachel were Pam Monnin, Jennifer Draeger and several of the high school aged students who participated in the camp.

A smaller version of the Art Show will be presented during the regularly scheduled September 5 First Friday event to be held in downtown Vernonia on Madison Avenue from four to seven PM. A larger indoor version is planned in conjunction with Vernonia's October 4 Salmon Fest to be held in Hawkins Park at the Cabin in the Woods (formerly known as the Scout Cabin).



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