

Vernonia Pride Yard-of-the-Month for July Winners Announced

By Janelle Thomas-Cedergreen

Vernonia's yards don't look as though they have suffered from our ever-changing weather. This month's **Golden Rose Award** winners were a bit harder to choose as there are so many attractive yards and business fronts in our community.

Vernonia Pride's winners for Yard of the Month for July 2009 are:

Residential – Tim & Jessica Davis @ 1046 Rose Avenue

The story I was told is that Tim and Jessica have a completely renovated house and yard. The exterior of their house and yard exhibit their gardening talents. This tiny, compact, yard resides behind a redwood fence. It is packed with a punch of great design, a pond, and appropriate small-scale plantings. It is like walking into a little dream garden. Great job!



Commercial – New Day Massage & Bodyworks @ 847 Madison Avenue, Heather Lewis, Owner

Talk about small! Heather has included a wonderfully eclectic variety of plantings with little pops of bright flower color to draw your eye into the business entrance. Her eclectic variety includes: Hostas, contorted long-needled Pine, nasturtiums, geraniums, sedums, Alberta Spruce, Yucca, lilac, bleeding hearts, and Gerbera daisies with pots and lanterns as added attractions. Along the side walkway, she has planted Monk's hood, lavender, and crocosmia with a climbing hydrangea on the red fence. This assortment has balance and is very pleasing to my eyes!



Left: Micah, Jessica, Tim and Noah Davis outside their recently remodeled home.

Above: New Day Massage & Bodyworks won for Best Commercial Property in July.

Honorable Mention – Jim & Janet Hult @ 470 Louisiana

This large, well-established yard is full of huge, old rhododendrons and fir trees befitting the house they surround. Jim and Janet have added lots of colorful hanging baskets and yard art as a complement to the entire area. They obviously take pride in their home. This yard has a feeling of grandness about it!

More nominations are appearing in the ballot boxes. Thank you and remember to get them in before the 14th of each month.

Yardwork Raffle a Success!

At the June 5th First Friday, with tickets at \$5 each, the Vernonia Community Garden project group was thrilled to raise \$230 towards their goal of \$2500.

The winner of the free yard work was Anne Mitchell and the hanging basket winner was Susan Wagner.

So how did the group deliver on their committed 'prize'? Sunday, June 28th, a group set to work, trimming back weeds and overgrowth, pulling ivy, falling a small tree and spreading bark dust... followed by an awesome lunch provided by Anne. Anne's son and his family were also there to help. Anne was



happy with the overhaul and below are a few pictures of the work done by the crew, who was made up of Sig Mitchell and family; Nikki and Zachary Larke; Kelli and Ben Schulte; Mark Lemay; Jeana Gump; and Marilyn, Abigail and Hannah Nicks.



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Properties Available Now!

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830 Texas: **If you're just starting out** or deciding to scale down, you'll love this cozy 2 bdrm, 1 bath cottage w/easy care vinyl siding plus an oversized detached dble car garage w/concrete floor & power door opener all on 2 large lots. New Price! \$155,000



910 Riverside Drive: **Budget friendly & cozy** 2 bdrm, 1 bath bungalow on 1/2 acre w/riverfrontage. Home was high & dry in Dec 07. Also includes a large carport, covered deck, fruit trees, grapes and majestic fir trees. REDUCED to \$142,500



1058 First Ave: **For the thrifty.** A dble-wide hm w/3 bdrms, 2 bath, heat pump w/AC, covered deck and attached garage all on two 50'x125' lots. Owner offering a \$2,000 floor covering credit. This is a real steal of a deal! JUST \$119,500



981 Fairway Ln: **In a newer neighborhood** but off the beaten path just minutes from city center you'll find this 2800 sq ft, 4+ bdrm, 2 ba, 2 story home on 1/3 acres. Lg shade trees & new deck. Included is a work/hobby shop. \$235,000
Adjoining lot \$73,500



59229 Nehalem Hwy S: **Enjoy low** County taxes & convenient city utilities. Over 1 acre w/newer, 1560 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 2 ba hm. Lg fenced yard, 24'X30' shop w/power, covered deck, RV pad & 2 car garage. \$299,900



600 Jefferson: **Affordable and** adorable, remodeled 3 bdrm cottage w/Prego and tile flooring thru out, lg kitchen/dining area w/island, pantry & gas fireplace. Fresh paint in/out. \$164,900

Additional Properties...

Close in with a country feel this 100' x 200' w/ city utilities available, is just \$75,000. You won't cramp your style here!!

Near the end of a country road you'll find a wooded 1.64 buildable parcel for \$75,000. Ideal for a cabin retreat or just to live in full time peace and quiet.

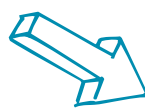
Great riverfront building site or nice get-a-way property. Over 2 1/2 acres along the Nehalem. Build new or fix up old mobile. \$119,000

Over 1/2 acres in the city limits divided into 3 lg lots. One very nice building site or 2 lg building sites dotted w/ trees at the end of the street. \$65,000

SUPPORTING VERNONIA & OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY...

FIRST FRIDAY

AUGUST 7, 2009



FEATURING...
(most events @ VCLC @ 939 Bridge Street)

Pet Party & Fundraiser!
Bring your well-behaved, socialized pet
(5-6:30pm, Vernonia Realty Lawn)

the OSU Master Gardener's Table
Starring Chip Bubl & local Master Gardeners

Floating Gallery of Art
(Also featuring Handmade Crafts & Goods!
Open all weekend, 10-5, Sat. & 10-4, Sun.)

Open Air Market
5-7:30. Local Produce, Crafts, & more...

Paint the Goat Banner!
Come get your art on at this fun, free event!

Get Your Groove On!
With music from Portlander Clint Cobert...



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Interested in being involved? Call Erika Paleck 429-0898  VernoniaFirstFriday.org

