

## Free Lecture- Learn About Acupuncture and Naturopathic Medicine

Learn how Acupuncture and Naturopathic Medicine can improve your health. Dr. Carol McIntyre will give a free lecture at the Vernonia Community Learning Center on Thursday October 1st from 6:30 -7:30 PM. Free acupuncture demonstrations. Try it out and understand the benefits yourself.

## Last First Friday of the Season

The last First Friday will be held at Hawkins Park and the Vernonia Scout Cabin. on October 2nd. Are you curious about Solar Power? Several professional vendors will be there to answer questions and hand out materials about their businesses and solar power in general. Chip Bubl and the Columbia County Master Gardeners will again be there to answer your gardening, horticultural, and agricultural questions. The Vernonia Hands-On Art Floating Arts and Hand-Made Gifts Gallery will be in the Scout Cabin Ike David from Portland will be performing live. This will also be the last Outdoor Market of the season, so please come and encourage them to return next year! Hours are from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. For mor info contact: Erika Paleck epaleck@gmail.com, 503-429-0898.

## Salmon Dinner at the Blue House

Following the festival, the Blue House Cafe will be serving a Salmon Platter Dinner from 4:00-8:00 PM for \$14.75. Musical entertainment by Lowell Mitchell.

## Country Dance at the Vernonia Grange

A Country Dance will be held at the Grange, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM with lessons and then dancing afterwards, refreshments available - \$20 per couple, tickets at Wauna Federal Credit Union & Cornerstone Naturals, contact is Allison McLeod (503) 429 0734. Proceeds go to Support the Vernonia Community Garden.

## Mud Bay Jugglers and Tune Stranglers Perform in Clatskanie

The Clatskanie Arts Commision (CAC) is proud to present the Mud Bay Jugglers and Tune Stranglers on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at 7:30 PM at Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center in the Clatskanie Middle/ High School, 471 SW BelAir Drive, Clatskanie,

The Tune Stranglers focus on the hot jazz and blues sounds of the 1920s and 30s, or a more old-timey selection of fiddle tunes, country classics, and Western swing. Most often, the band combines all of the above for a performance that crosses the musical landscapes of the early 20th century. Teamed up with the Mud Bay Jugglers, dubbed "Masters of Levity" by popular acclaim, expect an evening performance of great music and juggling that is guaranteed to entertain crowds of any age.

Tickets are available at Hump's Restaurant or at the door with the CAC box-office opening promptly at 7 PM the evening of the show at \$10/adult, \$8/senior citizen or student and \$5 for children 5 and under. For more information about this and other CAC offerings throughout the year, patrons are invited to call the commission at (503) 728-3403 or visit them on the web at [www.clatskaniearts.org](http://www.clatskaniearts.org).

## Fundraisers for Darrold Mushatt

Two fundraisers are planned to help Darrold Mushatt and his family. On Sunday October 11, a Benefit Dinner will be held at the Blue House Cafe. There will be live music and supporters can order from the regular restaurant menu--proceeds will benefit Darrold and his family. On Saturday October 17 A Benefit Concert will be held a the Vernonia Christian Church. Numerous local musicians will participate. Donations of canned food and money will be accepted.

## VHS Class of 1974 Reunion

Members and friends of Vernonia High School Class of 1974 are invited to join their reunion on October 17th at Coyote's Bar and Grill, 5301 W Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123. Please RSVP before October 15th to [rlennen@hotmail.com](mailto:rlennen@hotmail.com). For more info see [www.VernoniaClassmates.com](http://www.VernoniaClassmates.com).

## CAC Slates Oregon Symphonic Band

In what promises to be a lively afternoon of bright big band music punctuated with marches, show tunes, orchestral transcriptions, as well as a fine selection of challenging original band works, the Oregon Symphonic Band is set to dazzle audience members center stage Sunday afternoon October 25, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center located at the Clatskanie Mid/High School at 471 SW BelAir Drive, Clatskanie.

This blockbuster offering, boldly underscored by the combined talents of some of the area's best instrumentalists comprising this extraordinary, 60-plus member band that has long been touted, as Oregon's "...premier symphonic band," gathers in unison as part of the Clatskanie Arts Commission's highly acclaimed 21<sup>st</sup> CAC 2009-10 Performing Arts Season.

Tickets, now available at Hump's Restaurant or at the door with the CAC box-office opening promptly at 2:30 PM the afternoon of the show, are \$10/adult, \$8/senior citizen or student and \$5 for children 5 and under.

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# Events Calendar

**Free Lecture, October 1, 6:30-7:30** -Learn About Acupuncture and Naturopathic Medicine. Dr. Carol McIntyre will give a free lecture at the Vernonia Community Learning Center. Acupuncture demonstrations.

**"Driving to Vernonia" Book Reading, October 1, 7:00PM**- Author George Byron Wright will be at the Vernonia Public Library for a reception at 6:30 PM, discussion and reading at 7:00 PM

**Vernonia First Friday Arts Celebration, October 2nd, 5-7:30 PM**-Art Show, Open Air Market at Hawkins Park and the Scout Cabin.

**Vernonia Salmon Festival, October 3, All Day**- Salmon Viewing, Hayrides, Pumpkin Carving, Scarecrow Building, Art and food Vendors, Kids Trout Pond, Claudia the Chinook, Live Music, "Knee Deep In Salmon" Auction at 2:00 PM, Original Melodrama-"The Sweet Violette of Vernonia" at 4:00 PM.

**Salmon Dinner, October 3, 4:00-8:00 PM** - At the Blue House Cafe. Salmon Platter for \$14.75. Musical entertainment by Lowell Mitchell.

**Country Dance at the Grange, October 3, 7:00 PM** - Lessons and then dancing afterwards, refreshments available - \$20 per couple, tickets at Wauna Red Credit Union & Cornerstone Naturals, contact is Allison McLeod (503) 429 0734. Proceeds go to Support the Vernonia Community Garden.

**Mud Bay Jugglers and Tune Stranglers, October 3, 7:30 PM**- at Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center in Clatskanie.

**School Bond Question and Answer, October 6, 6:30-8:30 PM** - At the Vernonia Scout Cabin. Get current information about Vernonia School Bond Measure 5-197

**Fundraiser for Darrold Mushatt, October 11, 6:30 PM** a Benefit Dinner will be held at the Blue House Cafe. Live music, order from the regular restaurant menu--proceeds will benefit Darrold and his family.

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**Benefit Concert, October 17, 6:30 PM** - for Darrold Mushatt and family at the Vernonia Christian Church. Numerous local musicians will participate. Donations of canned food and money will be accepted.

**Oregon Symphonic Band, October 25, 2009, 3:00 PM** - at the Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center in Clatskanie.

**Vernonia Halloween Parade, October 31st, 4:30 PM** - Vernonia businesses invite kids to come trick-or-treat in downtown Vernonia. Start at City Hall and end back at Wauna Federal Credit Union.

## Author of "Driving to Vernonia" Makes Appearance

Oregon author George Byron Wright will be in Vernonia on Thursday, October 1, to discuss and read from his new novel, "Driving to Vernonia."

Wright will appear at the Vernonia Public Library for a reception at 6:30 PM, followed by the program at 7:00 PM. The novel "Driving to Vernonia" is not about Vernonia. It's about exploring one man's loss of self, and chronicles his journey to reconnect with his past and reclaim what is there. It is a penetrating story of deprivation, laced with love, anger, violence and self-discovery.

"Whenever I was asked about this novel, most people acknowledge that

they too had one or more persons in their past to whom they owed a debt of thanks," says Wright, about his book. "For most of us, such persons were bigger than life, others were people of quiet guidance: mentors, role models, maybe even a Dutch uncle who got us out of a jam or two. In spite of all that support, we often forgot to thank them-- maybe still haven't."

George Byron Wright is the author of the Oregon Trio, a unique body of work comprised of three novels set in the small towns of his youth-- *Baker City 1948*, *Tillamook 1952*, and *Roseburg 1959*. *Driving to Vernonia* is his fourth novel.

## It's Time For the Vernonia Salmon Festival

It's time once again for the Vernonia Salmon Festival, the weekend when we take time to celebrate the fall harvest and welcome back the salmon to our local rivers and streams. The Festival is held on the first Saturday in October-- this year it takes place on October 3.

This year marks the seventh year Vernonia has celebrated Salmon Festival, and this year's Fest at Hawkins Park looks to be bigger and better than ever, with the addition of a melodrama play at 4:00 PM, a salmon dinner at the Blue House Cafe and a Country Dance at 7:00 PM

The festivities actually kick off a little early, with the First Friday and Open Air Market moving to Hawkins Park and the Scout Cabin on Friday, October 2. Stop by to check out local artists at the Floating Art Gallery and your usual favorite Open Air Market vendors from 5-7:30

PM. The Art Show and vendors will also be there all day Saturday as part of Salmon Festival.

The Festival continues on Saturday with Pumpkin Carving and Scarecrow Building, hay-rides, and the kids' trout pond, where kids can have a chance to observe and catch a real fish. The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council will be on hand with educational information about the life cycle of the Salmon, and Claudia Chinook, the giant salmon you can walk through, will be there, too.

At 3:00 PM, the Fourth Annual "Knee Deep In Salmon" Auction takes place. Local artists have decorated wooden cutouts of salmon and donated their artistic works to help fund future Salmon Festivals. This is always one of the highlights of the day!

At 4:00 PM, make sure you are

still around, as some of Vernonia's talented thespians take the stage for an old-fashioned melodrama-- "Sweet Violette of Vernonia." It has the usual-- heroines, heroes, villains, live music and audience participation. It is set in 1900, right here in Vernonia and was written and directed by our own mayor, Sally Harrison.

You can end your day with a special Salmon Festival Dinner being served at the Blue House Cafe-- \$14.75 gets you the Salmon Platter: Salmon baked in Chardonnay with tarragon, ziti pasta and spinach and walnut salad. Lowell Mitchell will perform on guitar and vocals. That will be followed by a Country Dance at the Vernonia Grange, a fundraiser for the planned Vernonia Community Garden. Stop by for a half hour of dance instruction starting at 7:00 PM, followed by the dance. Cost is \$20 a couple.

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