

# Another Round: More Words of Wisdom About Beer



**By Scott Laird**

*Beer Fact--In 1756, Arthur Guinness signed a 9,000 year lease on a building in Dublin that has been producing beer ever since. Guinness, still run by Arthur's descendants, is now produced in more than forty countries.*

**The 24th Annual Oregon Brewers Festival--** They came, they saw, they drank. And although we didn't make it to this year's festivities, we can bring you this report on Portland's biggest Beer Fest:

Four days of perfect summer weather in the low to mid 80s led to a fourth consecutive year of record attendance for the Oregon Brewers Festival: 80,000 people came from all parts of the world for the 24th annual event, just a few more than last year's all time high of 78,000. The four-day event took place July 28 through July 31 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

"Portland has had a slow start to summer, with cooler than average temperatures and not a lot of sun," explained festival director and founder Art Larrance. "The warm spell kicked in just in time for the festival, and it brought a lot of people outdoors to celebrate."

The four-day affair kicked off on Thursday, July 28, with a mile-long parade of 800 brewers and beer lovers through the streets of downtown, led by beer writer Fred Eckhardt in a PDX Pedicab and accompanied by the Transcendental Brass Band. Upon arrival at the venue, Eckhardt swung a wooden mallet to drive a brass tap into the official first keg of the festival, presented by McMenamins Breweries.

In the two main beer tents, the OBF served 85 different craft beers from 14 states across the country.

The festival grows in popularity every year, and beer lovers came from every state in the nation, and many countries around the world, to join in the celebration. In addition to beer tasting, there was live music all four days, food from six area restaurants, a collection of beer-related vendors, homebrewers, and breweriana displays.

The Oregon Brewers Festival was founded in 1988 as an opportunity to expose the public to microbrews at a time when the craft brewing industry was just getting off the ground. Today, that industry has succeeded, especially in Oregon, where 91 brewing companies operating 121 brewing facilities in 50 cities in Oregon. There are 40 breweries operating within the Portland city limits, more than any other city in the world; the Portland metro area is the largest craft brewing market in the US, with the greatest amount of breweries, according to the Oregon Brewers Guild. The Oregon Brewers Festival annually generates an economic impact of close to \$2 million for the state. The Oregon Brewers Festival always takes place the last full weekend in July. The 25th annual event will take place July 26 through July 29, 2012. For more information, visit [www.oregonbrewfest.com](http://www.oregonbrewfest.com).

**Some Summer Beers**—Now that summer is finally here, we actually found some Oregon brewed summer beers to try and thought we would pass on what we found. Bridgeport Summer Squeeze is a light and refreshing beer brewed with lemongrass and with YUZU ( an Asian citrus fruit) juice added. With a beautiful, dark golden color and thick white head, this beer was slightly bitter, like a grapefruit. Fort George Brewery in Astoria has produced the 1811

Lager—the official bicentennial beer of Astoria. Light gold in color with a bright white head, this is a classic Lager tha tis extra heavy on flavor with that distinct Fort George taste. Sold in a 16 oz. can that features a historical timeline about Astoria, this is good for loading into the cooler and heading out for a summer excursion. Bridgeport's Stumptown Tart is brewed with Oregon strawberries—the fruit doesn't overpower the beer, especially with 7.7 % ABV. The is a nice, robust, sweet summer ale that let's you know summer really has arrived!

**Information That Might Be Useful...Someday**—As a public service we bring you this, stuff to wow your friends with or impress strangers while sipping a beer:

A group of apes is called a shrewdness.  
A group of bears is called a sleuth or a sloth.  
A group of boars is called a sounder.  
A group of caterpillar is called an armmy.  
A group of cobras is called a quiver.  
A group of crocodiles is called a float.  
A group of crows is called a murder.  
A group of eagles is called a convocation.  
A group of elephants is called a herd or a parade.  
A group of elk is called a gang.  
A group of emus is called a mob.  
A group of falcons is called a cast.  
A group of ferrets is called a business.  
A group of finches is called a charm.  
A group of frogs is called an army or colony.  
A group of goldfish is called a troubling.  
A group of herons is called a hedge.  
A group of larks is called a exultation.  
A group of rattlesnakes is called a rhumba.  
A group of ravens is called an unkindness.  
A group of rhinos is called a crash.

## Turn Back the Meter

**Community Action Team will be offering energy education class for low income families in Vernonia.**  
**Class at the Vernonia City Hall in the Chamber room**  
**Thursday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

The free class is geared to help you plan and prepare **now** and for the next winter season to:

- **Learn to reduce your energy use.**
- **Learn to reduce your heating costs.**
- **Learn how to read, manage your bill, and talk with utility company.**
- **Eliminate possible health and safety risks.**
- **Find out about community resources.**

We will offer tips, helpful hints, and an energy saving bag for you to take home. Please RSVP with Melissa Stewart at Community Action Team 503-366-6548 or 1-866-722-4951 x: 201 or email: [mstewart@cat-team.org](mailto:mstewart@cat-team.org)

## Friends of the Vernonia Public Library

### Membership Dues:

Family: \$10.00 Individual: \$5.00  
Minimum: \$1.00 plus 2 hours minimum of work in the library

**Make checks payable to: Friends of the Vernonia Public Library**  
**Mailing Address: 701 Weed Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064**

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**Vernonia Night Out**  
**Aug. 24th**



### VERNONIA NIGHT OUT

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- RAFFLE
- B.B.Q. BY THE LIONS
- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- TOUCH A TRUCK
- FAMILY FUN

PRESENTED BY: VERNONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF VERNONIA

LOCATION: ANDERSON PARK, VERNONIA OREGON

**Contact person:**  
Brent Thompson,  
Community Police Officer  
( 503 ) 429-5291

**Wednesday August 24th**  
**Starting @ 5:30**

**Donations & Prizes From**  
Vernonia Sentry  
Vernonia Prevention Coalition  
Vernonia Lion 's Club  
Local Business  
Volunteers Like You!  
*Thank You!*

**vernonia open air MARKET**

local produce & products,  
Hand-crafted goods,  
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**Every Saturday**

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**June through October**

Interested in Vending?  
Contact Kathy at (503) 449-3591  
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