

# Joy Creek Nursery Offers Free Classes

Joy Creek believes their classes are a good way for gardeners of all levels to improve their knowledge of plants and their gardening skills. The classes also offer an opportunity for gardeners to meet others who share a similar passion. Joy Creek hopes they give confidence to the beginner and inspiration to the long-time gardener.

## Saturday, August 17 Twilight in the Garden

Come and join us at our annual evening open-house. As the sun goes down, our gardens undergo an extraordinary transformation. Enjoy the magic that takes place in the light of the setting sun. Music and light refreshment.

## Sunday, August 25 Fern Tables and Tiny Shade Gardens - Richie Steffen

Join Richie Steffen as he demonstrates the principles and techniques for creating unique displays of shade loving plants on table tops and in unusual containers. Richie's naturalistic style uses plants, moss and weathered wood to form miniature woodland gardens that are perfect for the patio.

## Sunday, Sept. 1 Berries and Thorns - with Nadine Black

The title of this talk grew out of Na-

dine Black's desire to plant a new garden along her back fence. This space had been taken over by a 25-foot cherry tree, a large compost pile, and even larger "chipper pile," some unkempt raspberries and some killer blackberry vines from her neighbor's yard. This combination, she discovered, was ideal habitat for ground nesting birds. Nadine's talk is a discussion of her efforts to replant the space while still accommodating the birds... with Berries and Thorns.

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## THREADS OF TIME, POTPOURRI OF CRAFTS

# St. Mary's Annual Quilt & Craft Fair

Sept. 19-22  
Thursday-Sunday  
10 am-4 pm

Quilt Fair Admission  
*(still only)*  
\$1.00 per person

## Unique Craft Bazaar

### Lunch Served Daily at 11:00 am

### "Star of Bethlehem" Raffle Quilt Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

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960 Missouri Avenue  
Vernonia OR 97064  
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VISA/MASTERCARD  
ACCEPTED

Vendors Call:  
Willamae (503) 429-7871  
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## Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,  
Thank you to everyone who supported the Vernonia Fire volunteers during Jamboree. From the Toy & Joy Donation booth, Golf Benefit & Logging Show food booth, your continued support is appreciated. We will be raffling off a cord of wood during Salmon Festival and Christmas in Vernonia. Hope to see you there.

Randy Carlton  
Vernonia Fire

To the Editor,  
I would like to extend a great big thank you to the Class of '73 for the opportunity to see a high quality, high powered performance at the Give Back Bash on Saturday!

What a bargain for people my age not to have to drive or fly miles away, stay in a hotel, buy meals, park, etc. in order to watch a profession entertainer work very hard to give a great show!! We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly at both shows. How wonderful if we could get something like that here again sometime!

Judy Budge  
Vernonia

To the Editor,  
My neighbor, Heather Johansen, is running as a write-in candidate for District 5's position on the WOEC Board of Directors. I am supporting her candidacy, because she is the ideal person to represent the majority of WOEC members. Please note, no matter which district you live in, you can write in Heather Johansen's name for District 5 on your WOEC ballot.

I was shocked to learn that our electric cooperative has the highest rates in the state of Oregon. This is a huge problem for families and businesses. Throwing gasoline on the flames, WOEC plans to DOUBLE the basic utility charge in a few weeks and simultaneously increase our rates, once again, by 10%. I am asking for a price freeze. Would you support that?

If our schools were producing the worst students in Oregon, people would be carrying pickets in the street. This problem of excessively high rates for electricity is equally urgent.

Please write in Heather Johansen for District 5 on your WOEC ballot and please ask WOEC for a price freeze.

Eileen Williams  
Vernonia, OR

To the Editor,  
I want to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, flowers, telephone calls, food and all your visits. It is wonderful to know I have so many friends. It has all been greatly appreciated.

Eleanor Thompson  
Vernonia, OR

## Vernonia Weather July 2013

	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	88	57	0
2	82	48	0
3	78	44	0
4	67	46	0
5	72	44	0
6	76	46	0
7	74	48	0
8	81	50	0
9	84	48	0
10	74	45	0
11	72	38	0
12	68	38	0
13	78	40	0
14	81	43	0
15	82	46	0
16	85	46	0
17	75	54	0
18	79	53	0
19	79	54	0
20	79	54	0
21	77	54	0
22	80	48	0
23	87	45	0
24	86	44	0
25	85	42	0
26	83	42	0
27	74	43	0
28	67	49	0
29	76	53	0
30	78	53	0
31	72	54	0
Ave/Tot	78.0	47.4	0

Weather data is collected at the U.S. Weather station at the Vernonia Water Plant

## Vernonia Festivals 2013



**Oct. 5th**

**Salmon Festival**  
@ Hawkins Park

Saturday: Scarecrow Building  
Pumpkin Carving  
Fish Pond  
Food & Craft Vendors

facebook.com/VernoniaSalmonFestival



**Dec. 7th**

**Spirit of Christmas**  
Historic Downtown Vernonia

Saturday: Story-telling  
Lighted Parade

**Enter a Contest!**  
Chili, Cookie  
Gingerbread House,  
House Decorating

facebook.com/vernoniaspiritofchristmas

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