

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.

Sunday, Sept. 22
Low Water Gardening - with Maurice Horn
The last many years may have brought us record cold and record wet winters but they have also brought some very long dry summers. We have been pleased how well the plants in our low-water and no-water borders have done despite the weather. This is testimony to both the plants themselves, of course, but also to the soil amendments and preparation that make these borders possible. Learn how we amend our soils and make our plant choices.

Sunday, Sept. 29
Containers for Winter Interest - with Ramona Wulzen
Basic container maintenance and a strong design element are essential to having breathtaking containers throughout the winter. Create a winter container combination that will delight you through the cold winter months and the year ahead.

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Protesters from the group ‘Power of One’ were out in the evenings in front of the West Oregon Electric Cooperative office, raising awareness about the member meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 to consider a proposed rate increase that would begin on October 1. The WOEC Board is considering the rate change due to increases in power supply costs and costs of providing service. A standing room only crowd packed the Board Room and lobby to voice their complaints about high rates and ask questions about how WOEC might cut expenses.



Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting



6:30 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2013
at the UNWC office
1201 Texas Ave. Suite A,
Vernonia
(Entrance is around the back of the building)

For more information call
(503) 429-0869 or
email maggie@nehalem.org

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Vernonia Community,
Welcome to another great year at Vernonia Elementary School. I would like to take a minute of your time and let you know about the fundraisers we will be doing this school year. Your help and support for our school is greatly appreciated! There will be no collection bins. Please hand me the materials personally, or turn them into the elementary school office and someone will make sure I get the materials. You can also mail it in as well. If it is not on the list below, then it is not being collected anymore.

- Collecting:**
Box Tops Labels
Campbell Soup Labels (upc part)
Cell Phones & Ink Cartridges
Flav R Pac & Santiam Labels (upc part)
Capri Sun Drink Pouches
Elmer Glue (glue sticks/bottles)
Frito Lay Chip Bags (i.e. Fritos, Cheetos, Lays, Doritos)
Writing Instruments (Paper Mate, Sharpie, & Expo) those dry erase pens that you use

Colgate (toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, packaging)
Scotch Tape (dispensers & cores) has to be the brand Scotch
All the money collected from fundraising/recycling this specific school year will be going towards playground equipment at the new school and for elementary physical education equipment.
If you have questions or are not quite sure what is the correct upc label or product, please don't hesitate to call VES or to stop by and talk to me in person.
I will send out periodic letters throughout the year about this, letting you all know what is still being collected or if something is not being collected anymore. Thanks to those who have helped in the past and a "thank you" to those who will help this school year. Take care and thanks for your time.

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including softball, which is my passion. As well as being active in my athletics, I also work hard in school and carry a 4.0 in my academics. I hope to someday play softball in college and know that my academics are an important part of doing that. I have played tournament softball for the last 3 years, but this summer I decided that I wanted to move on to a more competitive team, which also participates in many college exposure tournaments. I tried out for a traveling tournament softball team out of Salem called the Oregon Titans. There were 80 girls from all over the state of Oregon that tried out for this team, with only three open spots on the team. At the end of try-outs, the coach came up to me and offered me a spot on his team. I was excited and proud of myself for making the team and I accepted the offer.
This team is traveling a lot to get extra college exposure and because of that it costs a lot of money to play. I will be doing a few fundraisers as well as continuing to collect cans/bottles to help earn my way. This whole experience is helping me get one step closer to my dream of playing softball in college someday. If you would like to sponsor, donate or help out in any way possible, I would greatly appreciate it!
Thank you for your time.

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HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Vernonia Weather August 2013

	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	64	54	0
2	64	50	0
3	78	50	0
4	85	49	0
5	87	41	0
6	88	41	0
7	84	44	0
8	81	49	0
9	77	49	0
10	78	52	0
11	88	56	0
12	76	48	0
13	83	46	0
14	60	46	.01
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16	82	54	0
17	77	51	0
18	78	48	0
19	76	41	0
20	79	40	0
21	86	41	0
22	81	46	0
23	74	56	.02
24	71	47	0
25	76	50	.04
26	75	56	.16
27	78	58	.19
28	77	58	.02
29	75	58	.18
30	76	49	0
31	86	50	0
Ave/Tot	77.5	49.7	.62

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

Vernonia Festivals 2013



Salmon Festival @ Hawkins Park

Saturday: Scarecrow Building
Pumpkin Carving
Fish Pond
Food & Craft Vendors
[facebook.com/VernoniaSalmonFestival](https://www.facebook.com/VernoniaSalmonFestival)

Oct. 5th



Spirit of Christmas Historic Downtown Vernonia

Saturday: Story-telling
Lighted Parade
Enter a Contest!
Chili, Cookie
Gingerbread House,
House Decorating
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Dec. 7th