

## Jr. Salmon Auction Scheduled for May 26

Mark your calendars! On May 26<sup>th</sup> the Vernonia Hands On Art Center, the local non-profit arts and heritage support group, presents the eight annual Jr. Salmon Auction. The goal this year is to again push past the \$2,000 mark in raised funds.

A fundraiser for the Vernonia Schools arts program, the auction features the amazing salmon creations of Vernonia art students. The students are supplied with blank pressboard salmon on which to craft their own unique visions. In addition to salmon, students have worked their magic on small furniture items that will also be included in the auction.

Beginning at 7:00 pm in the VHS Commons, the salmon will be auctioned off with a minimum starting

bid of \$10.00. Proceeds from the auction support Vernonia School Arts, Scholarships, and Hands On Art programs. Over \$10,000 has been donated to the arts programs to date!

This auction is the community's way to help the school with funding shortfalls. Since 2006, the school art supply budget has fallen from \$24 per student to just under \$5. Pens, paper, paint, and everything else come from this budget.

Art teacher Linda Allen has had to spend part of her salary on supplies, some of the shortfall has been relieved by the auction proceeds, but there is the



*Jr. Salmon created by Paige Smith.*

need for more. In order to have kept up with the cost of materials, the budget today should be \$4,950. This means a \$2,000 gap still exists.

The Jr. Salmon auction is a good place to open up your heart and wallet to the arts programs at Vernonia Schools. There are incredibly talented

students who will never discover their abilities without the hands on training and learning. Bid high, bid often, and do your best to improve art funding in our school.

The doors open at 6:30. Enjoy live music performed by students under the direction of Matthew Urban, visit the Band Boosters for a bite to eat, and chat with Vernonia's talented young artists while you browse their creations.

Be sure to sign up at the bidder's table and be ready to go at 7:00!

Watch for previews of artwork and reminders on Facebook. For more information, contact Diana Peach at peachlee123@gmail.com or check the webpage at [www.vernoniahansonart.org](http://www.vernoniahansonart.org).

## Grace Fine Arts Show and Auction

The Grace Fine Arts class held an auction and art show on Friday, April 29.

The silent auction raised \$625 for World Vision, an organization that supports poor children around the

world, and \$500 for CASA, adults who assist children in the foster care system.

"People were extremely generous and supportive of the efforts of these young artists and I am very

grateful for that," said Grace Fine Arts instructor Kerri Boutwell.

Award winners in the art show were:

Mixed Media: Izzy Martinez, Averie Hough, and Sarah Nicks.

Drawing: Becca Nelson, Hunter Buehrer, and Sarah Nicks

Painting: Wyatt Hartman, Meghan Lemay, and Brook Naron

Adult: Erica Johansen

Sculpture: Mellody Graham

*Several pieces were purchased to be displayed at the CASA office, including Paige Cieloha's sketch of a baby.*



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