

Vernonia Florist Blossoms in New Location

Vernonia Florist has moved across the street to a new location at 711 Bridge Street and is featuring all new items.

The shop will celebrate its Grand Opening on December 3 with new displays and gift items for the upcoming holiday season. Store owners Lisa and Ben Edgar invite you to stop by and see all they have to offer at their new location.

The store will continue to provide flowers, plants, and balloons for all occasions, including weddings, birthdays, proms and school dances, holidays like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, and funerals.

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, Vernonia Florist will feature several unique gift ideas including fun soaps and perfumes from Soap and Paper Factory, build your own spa baskets from a selection of affordable bath products, slate cheese boards, kitchen linens, and fun hats, scarves, jewelry and birdhouses. And of course there will be Christmas and other holiday decorations, table center pieces, and handmade wreathes, during this time of year.

Lisa notes that Vernonia Florist is a participating business in the Columbia County "Catch the Holiday Spirit" program that encourages local shopping. You can pick up a stamp card with all the details, along with a list of all businesses taking part, at Vernonia Florist.

The Edgars will continue to offer potted plants and this spring will have hanging flower baskets as well. "I'm trying to stay involved in the agricultural industry which is what I really like and want to be doing," says Lisa. "By adding more gift items we hope to encourage more people to stop by to shop and see what we have to offer."

Ben noted that often the perception is that shopping in Vernonia is always more expensive than it is outside of town. "That's not always true," says Ben. "A lot of our flower arrangements are a lot less expensive

than they would be from a florist outside of town." Lisa notes that she sells a dozen roses for \$54.99 and the quality of her roses is much higher than you would get at some larger shopping locations.

Lisa says her flowers come from the Swan Island Flower Market, where her first stop is always at the Oregon Flower Growers Association booth so she



can get the freshest flowers available while supporting local Oregon flower growers when she can, rather than buying flowers imported from other countries. She says all her plants are grown in Oregon green houses and plans to offer more landscaping plants and flowers this spring, along with potted trees.

Another unique offering that Vernonia Florist will feature are portraits draw by Ben Edgar. Ben specializes in pet portraits which he can create from a photo of your favorite furry friend at a reasonable cost.

Vernonia Florist does offer delivery services for their flowers and arrangements and have expanded into Banks and Forest Grove with those services. They hope that local customers will remember to buy local when they have floral needs for funerals and holidays. They are also happy to consult with anyone planning a wedding. "We feel like we have a lot to offer on the customer service side of things," says Lisa. "We have a lot of props like table center pieces, linens, arbors, and things that we've collected over the years. We have connections at local event venues and churches. We even have a dance floor! So we encourage people to contact us before they buy or rent something because we can loan things out and help someone save some

money for their event if they use our services."

Another option Vernonia Florist offers is food or fruit baskets that Lisa can prepare and deliver in lieu of flowers following a death.

Vernonia Florist is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, but Lisa says to please call if you need something on other days; she is happy to come in and make an arrangement if needed.



You can reach Vernonia Florist at (503) 429-2000, Lisa@VernoniaFlorist.com, www.VernoniaFlorist.com, or go to their Facebook page.

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