

Hands on Art offering workshops

Learn to paint a watercolor, create a stepping stone or techniques to cope with life changes. Vernonia Hands On Art will be hosting eight workshops February through May.

Kimberlee Weisker, a watercolor artist and teacher, will offer the first course, February 25, with an Introduction to Watercolor. This class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Vernonia Community Church. "This is a class for beginning students," Weisker explained. Students, age 12 years and up, will learn how to mix paint and use water colors. Each student will complete a painting in this three hour class. The class fee is \$28.00.

Later in the day, a Mixed Media Madness workshop will be offered. "This is a round robin collage class. Students will explore color layering and texture through a variety of painting techniques. This is a chance to try out lots of cool art supplies, like watercolor pencils, radiat inks, portfolios, watercolor crayons, chalks and lots more," said Weisker. This class is also for ages 12 and up, and the fee is \$28.00.

For more information on these first two classes, call

Get donations ready for scouts

Vernonia Cub Scout Pack 201 will be canvassing town for donations on two Saturdays. On February 25, a donation bag should be placed on your doorstep. The bags are bright orange and blue with "Good Will Good Turn" written on them. During that week please fill your bag with good donations that can be used by others. Large items cannot be accepted.

The following Saturday, March 4, the Scouts will return to collect donations. Collection will start at about 10:00 a.m. Please tie the donations bags closed and place them out early that morning. This will help prevent water damage, spilled items or animal damage.

Donations this year will benefit the local senior center. Call Kinnell Steward at 503-429-8133 with any questions.

Weisker at 503-645-4266.

Weisker, who has been painting since she was 11 years old, was featured in the 2005 visual arts showcase in Beaverton, as well as the 2005 transparent watercolor show for the Oregon Watercolor Society of Roseburg. Her next show is March 2-5, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 12250 SE Denney Road, Beaverton. She has taught for 10 years and has a studio in home. She showcased and sold her art at the 2005 Vernonia Salmon Festival.

Party changes meeting site

Monthly meetings of the Constitution Party of Columbia County will now be held at the Columbia River PUD Building, on Highway 30 near Deer Island, at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Bits & Bites isn't to rock the world or any other city anywhere. It's just a view of myself (a senior) running into sometimes little things happening in Vernonia that hits a nerve in most of the common folk who go slow enough to smell the roses or taste the coffee they are sipping as they go through their days.

Some thought a small boy watering the park lawn should have been none of my business. Oh? It should be everyone's business. If not, think what Jamboree weekend could be like. I still appreciate the feedback - Thank You.

Don't be fooled by the sunshine. The lake trees started showing buds the middle of January. I fear they will suffer blossom freeze.

Are you planning on watch-

ing Donkey Basketball on February 17? You want a good laugh night out? This is it. Pre-game tacos, too.

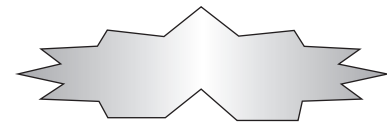
One group *The Independent* forgot to mention in their "flood" issue was the Americorp Youth group (18 thru 21). They were based at the basketball camp - cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner and then delivered them hot to the Baptist Church for anyone that needed a hot meal. They also did any job they were called on to help with - from shoveling to first aid runs. A great bunch of caring youth. The fellow in charge of the Food Program was 18 years old.

Here's an idea for question-

ing minds. You want to know something instead of asking on the street, go to the source. Say like; a Senior Center meeting, a City Council meeting, the Vernonia Cares meeting (open to the public). I'm sure the Chamber of Commerce meetings would okay your being there, as well.

Become involved as well as informed. It answers questions with fact, not someone's idea of what might be an answer to your question.

Enjoy the sunshine and cool breeze - hot weather is on it's way - someplace.



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Hands On Art Spring Workshops

Class	Instructor	Phone #	Date	Time	Cost	Location
Intro into Watercolor	Kimberlee Weisker	645-4266	2/25	10-1:30pm	\$30	Vernonia Community Church
Mixed Media Madness	Kimberlee Weisker	645-4266	2/25	2-5pm	\$30	Vernonia Community Church
Italic Calligraphy for Beginner ^S	Kim Morrison	429-0154	3/11	TBA	\$30	VHS
Poetry Slam	Jeannie Drake	TBA	3/11	TBA	TBA	VHS
Human Origami	Carol Sawyer	429-4748	3/18	9-5pm	\$28-55	Vernonia Grange
Garden Art	Gina Lende	429-2142	4/29	10-2pm	\$30	TBA
Essential Oil Basics	Linda Grace Spry	429-4102	5/2	1-4pm	\$36	Serenity Gardens
Beret to Bowler	Loyce Ericson	359-3958	TBA	TBA	\$42 + 35	TBA

To register or for more information call Instructor