

Sawyer named 2008 My Fair Lady court princess from Vernonia

Carol Sawyer has been chosen as this year's My Fair Lady Princess from Vernonia.

The My Fair Lady pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service to our community. Columbia River PUD organizes the pageant in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Columbia River Fire and Rescue.

Sawyer has been in Vernonia for seven years. Born in Maracaibo, Venezuela, she enjoyed dual citizenship until turning 18. Sawyer has lived many

places, but the three places she has considered 'home' are Vernonia, Ibiza, in the Balearic Islands of Spain (where she lived for 16 years), and Varanasi, India. Varanasi (formerly known as Benares) is one of only two cities in the world (the other being Jerusalem) considered sacred to three different religions: Buddhists, Muslims and Hindus.

Widowed, with two unofficially 'adopted' daughters and one 'adopted' grandchild, Sawyer carefully chose Vernonia because it so closely resembles the river valley climate of her other 'homes'. After a



Back row, left to right; Carol Sawyer, Patricia Humphrey, Jackie Chausee. Front row, left to right; Evelyn Pugh and Maureen Sloan make up the 2008 My Fair Lady court.

number of trips to Vernonia, including one in January just to be sure, and after subscribing to *The Independent* for a couple of years, Sawyer made her move to Vernonia.

A woman of many talents, Sawyer has worked as a film script synchronizer (dubbing foreign languages), a tutor, an herbalist (she manufactured her own line of natural cosmetics at one time), and a cabaret dancer. She says she has been a teacher of one thing or another since 1971, having taught French, Hindi, Spanish, English, Creative Writing and Yoga. Organic gardening, working with "difficult" teens who are also her helpers, reading and

writing poetry are the activities that currently bring her enjoyment.

Nominated by the Vernonia Senior Center, Sawyer has been on the Vernonia Planning Commission, was on the board of directors of Hands on Art, serves on the Vernonia School Site Council, Columbia County Cultural Coalition, and served as a volunteer for Vernonia Flood Relief.

The other My Fair Lady court princesses are Jackie Chausee of Scappoose, Patricia Humphrey of Rainier, Evelyn Pugh of Clatskanie and Maureen Sloan of St. Helens.

The My Fair Lady coronation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, July 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Fair. July 16 is also Senior Day at the Fair, with seniors 60 years and over receiving free entrance to the Fair. Each princess will answer questions asked by the judging panel, made up of Fire Chiefs from each of the cities represented by the My Fair Lady Court. The winner will appear at area parades and events during the next year.

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