

October 13, 2011 – Ridgefield Events

The **Old Liberty Theater** presents the **Gonzalo Bergara Quartet**, serving up a fine example of “Gypsy Jazz” on Thursday, October 20, at 7:30 pm. Composer and lead guitarist Bergara mixes cascades of arpeggios with the sounds of Paris and his native Argentina and is supported by a clarinetist and a honed rhythm section. Admission is \$15. Beer and wine will be available, so the show is limited to those over 21. For tickets - 360 887-7260, (360) 601-7549. www.oldlibertytheater.com; www.gonzalobergara.com

Myrtle’s Tea House will close after business hours on Saturday, October 15, to make the move to their new location. Tentative plans are to re-open the **new, bigger store** at 321 North 3rd Avenue on Wednesday, November 30. We wish them the best in this move.

The **City of Ridgefield** announced a new initiative called **ShopsQA** to promote local business to its citizens. The service provides local businesses with a link on the City’s website that directs the public to new webpages designed and updated by each local business.

By offering businesses the ability to **display information** such as new merchandise or services, current coupon offerings, available job openings and other topical news, the City can help make their business community more available and more vibrant.

With ShopsQA, citizens go to one central location on the City website to search for local businesses. Citizens have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine store hours, join mailing lists and find the business location among a host of other capabilities.

ShopsQA provides businesses with a website if they do not have one or it can link to any existing business website. It will give citizens a direct platform to communicate with businesses and provide the ability to expand and enhance functionality depending upon the future needs of the local businesses.

ShopsQA is a service product from WebQA, the leader in citizen service systems. WebQA’s GovQA service products lead the country by servicing over 30 million citizens and 60 million people worldwide. Information: 887-3557

On Wednesday, October 19, from 4 to 7 pm, Ridgefield’s Friends of the Library and Heritage Committee invites you to a **reception welcoming community librarian Sean McGill** to our town and celebrating Ridgefield’s life story history book, “Ridgefield Reflections – a Legacy.” This book contains the life stories of 42 individuals from Ridgefield and also many anecdotes and historic pictures of Ridgefield beginning in the early 1900’s. The book will be for sale at the reception for \$25, and is sure to be a collector’s item. Information: 887-8281.

From everything I've heard, the **community garden was a success!** The gardeners who participated had lush growth, and ate well most of the summer. Many included flowers in their plots.

Several of the garden participants have asked if they could have the same locations next year. Dave Taylor would like to hear from the other gardeners if they want to continue next year, and he's also looking for someone to take over the management of the project. E-mail him at davidptaylor@comcast.net if you can help.

David says "Thanks to all of you for a successful gardening year."

Ridgefield Wellness & Nutrition just ended a **Weight Loss Challenge** and will be giving another check to **The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation**. Their next challenge will start next week and all are welcome. This Weight Loss Challenge will be a **fund raiser** also: the goal is to raise \$2,500 for The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation over the next year. People are getting great results at these challenges which include a class once a week and personal coaching. Information: [360-904-6019](tel:360-904-6019), www.shopherbalife.com/merrilee

Timely Tips from Katie Clean: Don't turn the burner on full bore when making tomato soup from your garden-grown tomatoes – unless you like having a red polka-dot kitchen. Katie speaks from experience!

Check out the **dog watering dish** at the base of the Word House at **Alcove Art Gallery**. It's handmade by Robin Hominiuk, and has become a popular stopping place for our dog walkers. Did you know that Alcove gives a portion of its sales to **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**?

Birdfest was a great success – the weather was beautiful on Saturday, although Sunday lacked both sunshine and musicians. Volunteers work on planning this event all year, and their efforts really showed. Thank you to all who participated. They're looking for more volunteers – call 887-4106 if you're interested in getting involved. Many hands make the work light!

I'm looking for a couple of people who would like to plan some kind of **treasure hunt** for kids for **Hometown Celebration** on Saturday, December 3. We could use the Word Houses in some way – maybe putting clues in each one that had to be decoded. This could be a fun project and start another Ridgefield Tradition. Give me a call at 887-2160 if you would be interested in helping.

Clark County commissioners will hold a **public hearing** on the proposal to **eliminate the county's septic tipping and inspection fees** and instead impose an annual flat fee of \$16.50. The meeting will at 9 am, Wednesday, October 26 at the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, sixth floor, in downtown Vancouver. If you are one of the 34,000 people with septic tanks in Clark County, you might be interested in attending. Information: 397-3012.

I'm getting older, and was interested in reading **Malcom Berko's column** in the Columbian, that listed the papers and documents everyone should have on hand for beneficiaries, heirs and other survivors. E-mail me if you'd like a copy – it's got some very good information in it. FYI98642@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, November 5, 2011 - **Terry Robb** will be in concert at the **Old Liberty Theater**. Terry will perform an acoustic solo show, and the show will be recorded live. Showtime: 7:30 pm. Admission: \$15 in advance or at the door. All ages are welcome.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 - **Molly's Revenge "Christmas Show"** at the **Old Liberty Theater**. Awesome Irish Christmas show including Irish dancers! Showtime: 7:30 Admission: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door.

Coming this winter 2012:

January 28th - The Strange Tones

February 11th - River City Ramblers

April 21st - The Stolen Sweets

For tickets - 360 887-7260
www.oldlibertytheater.com

Ridgefield American Legion Post 44 will host its second annual **Community Appreciation Program** on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11.

They will present awards to the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Teachers of the Year (K-6 & 7-12), Firefighter/EMT of the Year, Legionnaire of the Year, Eagle Scout of the Year, several Blue Star Banners and they will introduce and award their first "**Allene Wodeage Citizen of the Year**" award. The Citizen of the Year has been named in honor of Post 44 Auxiliary member and Ridgefield's first lady of volunteerism, Allene Wodeage. There will be snacks and punch served starting at 6:00 pm and the program will start at 6:45 pm. Citizens are invited to attend and help honor these very deserving members of the Ridgefield community.

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation is having a **fundraiser night** at **Vinnie's Pizza** in downtown Ridgefield on Monday, October 24th. Between 5 pm and 9 pm Vinnie's will donate 10% of their proceeds to the foundation. Bring the family out to support our schools and a great local business! Vinnie's Pizza is located at 205 N Main. Let's pack the place! Information: trsportland@comcast.net.

AARP will offer its Driver Safety Program on Monday and Tuesday, November 14 and 15 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield. Register by calling 576-5390. The program is a refresher course and may result in a

reduction in your insurance rates. The class may also be taken on-line at www.aaarpdriversafety.org.