

January 26, 2012 – Ridgefield Events

Big show with the **Strange Tones** and their sonic crime fighting partners, the **Volcano Vixens**, at the Old Liberty Theater, this Saturday, January 28, at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door. This show is for ages 21 and over. Tickets at 887-7260 or 601-7549. www.strangetones.com

Elizabeth Madrigal will make a brief presentation at the **City Council** meeting tonight about what has been going on with the **Clark County Arts Commission** and their plans for 2012. The meeting starts at 6:30 in the Community Center. Information: 887-3557.

Gardening season will soon be upon us, and City Councilman Dave Taylor is looking for a **committee to run the Community Garden** this year. There will probably be three or four plots available to rent, although many of last year's gardeners will be returning. Dave has promised me he'll let us know when interested people will meet. Information: 887-2200.

As far as I could tell, the Community Garden was a rousing success, with all sorts of vegetables and flowers being grown. The garden is at 5th and Sergent if you want to check it out.

Last Chance to "**Name the Owl**" at **Alcove Art Gallery**. Adrian Peterson is giving away his framed photograph of an owl to the person who comes up with the best name for the bird. Pick up an entry form at Alcove, 328 Pioneer, and deposit it in the jar by this Saturday. You'll be notified next week if you win!

We found a user for the ink cartridges. Thank you all who called.

Did you know the **Science Olympiad** teaches students rocket science?

Students from Union Ridge and South Ridge Elementary Schools recently participated in the Science Olympiad, a competitive event which pits teams of elementary students against one another in a **series of tests using knowledge of different types of science and engineering**.

Students interested in participating must be prepared to take the competition seriously. "They need to be prepared to practice as often as they can," said Anja Felton, one of two third grade teachers who helps prepare the Union Ridge team. "This year, we increased practices to twice a week after school for 75 minutes each." Teams include members from third through fifth grade. Members from the last year's team are invited to return, with any empty spots filled by teacher nominations.

During practices, Sharon Floyd, also a third grade teacher at Union Ridge, ran the team through its paces by teaching the concepts accompanying each event. "After each

practice, we stop and analyze what's working and what isn't," said Felton. "Then, we rework our thinking to improve our results."

Linda Wear, a fifth grade teacher at South Ridge, put together the school's first Science Olympiad team which was made up of 3rd and 5th grade students. "I had a group of kids who really enjoyed science and wanted to give it a 'go'," said Wear. "We designed drills and activities based on the Olympiad's online resources describing the events to prepare." Students met twice a week after school and during lunch recess for about a month in order to get ready for the event.

The competition was intense for both teams with South Ridge's team placing 2nd in Metric Mastery and 5th in Paper Rockets. "We're incredibly proud of both teams in their hard work participating in this great event," said Wear. "Ridgefield will definitely return next year!"

For more Did You Knows, visit the Did You Know section of the Ridgefield School District website: <http://c2.ridge.schoolwires.net/Page/97>

The **Vancouver Ski bus** takes mostly middle school and high school students to **Mount Hood for skiing and boarding** in January and February. Costs are good because they get a group rate. Kids can participate in Snowblaster or Trailblazer programs. The bus has adult advisors to help supervise. The bus leaves from Salmon Creek Elementary at 6:30 am every Saturday and leaves the mountain at 4 pm arriving at the school between 5:30 and 6 pm. It's sponsored by the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association. Information: 574-9546 or fionaih@comcast.net.

Ridgefield is home to the **BlackPearl Equestrienne Troupe**, a team of horses and riders dedicated to the philanthropic value of equestrian art. The troupe now travels along the west coast and performs with some of the world's most beautiful and talented equines including Friesian, Andalusian and Spotted Baroque horses. Comprised mainly of stallions, the troupe performs choreographed dances to music, highlighting the trick training of Susan Dyer-DeBoer, the troupe's founder and organizer.

The BlackPearl Equestrienne Troupe self-funds the majority of these costs and does so in honor of the immeasurable value these horses bring to the hearts of their public. In times like these, touching others through love is priceless.

In 2012, the BlackPearl Equestrienne Troupe will be piloting a one hour show in Albany, Oregon entitled "If Wishes Were Horses". The intent is to take the viewer along on a journey of dreams that really do come true. The costs for creating such a production are significant and in an attempt to help offset these costs, the troupe and their supporters are hosting a **silent auction to raise funds**. Your help will keep the BlackPearls dancing for many others to enjoy.

Please join us on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 5-8 pm at Confluence Winery, located at 19111 NW 67th Avenue, Ridgefield, WA. We will provide a slideshow of some of our

performances, along with the beautiful, live music of the Montavilla Jazz Committee. Premium Confluence wine will be available for purchase, along with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Items to be auctioned vary greatly from fine art to local artisan goods and services to stud fees, tack and much more. Cash and checks accepted. Payment may also be made by PayPal within 24 hours of auction completion. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sorry – Susan DeBoer, who sent me this information, did not leave a phone number or any other contact information. You can try calling Confluence Winery, 901-1063.

LOOKING AHEAD

Just found out you're expecting? Or are you due in two weeks? Or somewhere in between? Please join us for our **childbirth education/support/fitness class**. Learn gentle, fun dance moves that can help facilitate birth. Enjoy sharing your birth journey with others. Five week session starts February 13, 2012, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at **4RiversYoga**, 208-A Pioneer Street. Call Sarah at 887-3220 or email lovethepnw@gmail.com to ask any questions and sign up! Cost is \$30 for the five week session and scholarships are available.

The **Old Liberty Theater** announces **Stand-Up Comedy** on Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 pm. It will be an evening of honest comedy featuring: Ian Karmel from IFC's "Portlandia" and a two times winner of 'Portland's Funniest' award. Also sharing the stage will be Sean Jordan, Anthony Lopez, and Tynan Delong. Stand-Up Comedy is hosted by Todd Armstrong. Admission is \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. This show is for folks 21 and over. Information: 601-7549

Then on Saturday, February 11, the **Old Liberty Theater** will host the **River City Ramblers**, who play bright, full, folk-country rock. Starts at 7:30, admission is \$15, and the show is for over 21. www.rivercityramblers.com, 601-7549

There will be an **Arts & Cultural Summit** that is open to the public on **March 3** at the Reserve. The purpose of the Summit is to create collaborations and a voice for the arts in Clark County. They have capacity for 120 people and it's first come / first served. People from the arts, arts advocates, business people, governmental officials and of course, artists are invited to attend. Cost is a very reasonable \$25 and includes lunch. The seminar is sponsored by the Clark County Arts Commission and Arts of Clark County. Information at [\(360\) 887-4530](tel:3608874530) or elizabeth.madrigal@gmail.com. The link to the summit is <http://www.artsofclarkcounty.org/summit/index.html>.