

Mont Vernon

Mont Vernon Spring Gala – May 16

Aloha! Mont Vernon

Warmer days are ahead and with it lots of tropical fun! This year we have gone South Pacific for inspiration - Aloha! Mont Vernon! The weekend of activities begins Friday, May 15th with the PTA sponsoring a Family Luau Dance. Come dine and dance or just dance. On Saturday, May 16th, we will take to the streets at 8:30 am for an Aloha Fun Run followed by the (5K), all benefiting the McKayla Geisinger Memorial Fund. At 11 am the parade steps off with a spectacular procession of bikes by our young MV riders followed by marching bands, scouts, dignitaries and others. From there you can go up and down Main Street checking out the Book Sale, Plant Sale, Junque Jools, the Mont Vernon Artisans Show and much, much more. In addition, there will be several demonstrations, exhibitions and Polynesian food on the

Town Green. Our special entertainment this year - you! At 1 pm the First Annual Spring Gala Talent Show will begin hosted by our own Town Welfare Officer, Rich Masters. Sign-ups taken that day - performances from 1 to 3 minutes. You say you have no talent? Here are some ideas... play a musical instrument (maybe a ukulele), sing an Elvis song (from Blue Hawaii), or hula hoop while naming the 50 states. All talents serious or not so serious - take out! are invited. Perform with your family, friends or neighbors. The show is open to all ages. At the end of Gala, we will have the unveiling of the Kiss the Cow winner. It should be weekend of fond memories. To get involved with any of the festivities please contact us at SpringGala09@gmail.com or montvernonrec@comcast.net. Hele mei hoohiwahiwa (come celebrate)!

Annual Mont Vernon Spring Gala 5K and Fun Run

It is time to start training for the 7th annual Mont Vernon Spring Gala 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, May 16th! This year the Gala theme is Aloha! Mont Vernon. So break out your hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts and join the fun! Registration fees are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. All proceeds from this race will be donated to the McKayla Geisinger Memorial Fund.

The Fun Run starts at 8:30 am and the 5K at 9:00 am. Both courses are runner/walker friendly. The first 85 people to register will receive a t-shirt. Refreshments and hydration will be available.

Registration forms are available in Mont Vernon at the General Store, Post Office, and Daland Memorial Library, in Amherst at the Amherst Public Library and at the Shoe Box, and in Milford at The Good Loaf and Curves. Forms are also available online at <http://town.mont-vernon.nh.us/recreation.php3>. For more information, email Carla at mctitus@myfairpoint.net.

Grand Marshal Nominations

The Mont Vernon Recreation Commission is looking for nominations for Spring Gala Parade Grand Marshal on May 16. In the Aloha Spirit, the ideal candidate for Grand

Marshal should be a Mont Vernon resident who is caring, compassionate and has contributed to the improvement of life in Mont Vernon in the past year.

Nominations may be submitted by email to SpringGala09@gmail.com, or at the Mont Vernon Town Hall.

Spring Gala Talent Show

Can you dance? Sing? Drink a glass of water while standing on your head? If so, we need you! On May 16, at 1 pm on the Town Green, the Mont Vernon Recreation Department will host its first-ever Spring Gala Talent Show. Performers of all ages and abilities are welcome to take the stage and perform in front of a live audience. Mont Vernon's favorite "Masters" of ceremony, Rich Masters, will MC the event. For more information, contact the Mont Vernon Recreation Commission at SpringGala09@gmail.com.

Seniors Wanted

The Mont Vernon Recreation Commission is seeking the town's history makers and memory keepers aged 80 and older to participate in the Spring Gala Parade on May 16. In honor of our town's oldest residents, special transportation will be provided for the parade route. For more information, contact SpringGala09@gmail.com.

Mont Vernon Town Ball

Spring T-Ball has become of a rite of passage for Mont Vernon's youngsters, and as the black flies start swarming, a new season of T-Ball is about to begin. Coach Roger Seacole has taken the helm of Mont Vernon T-Ball, an informal program that introduces kids ages 5 through 8 to skills like throwing, catching, and batting, while having fun and developing confidence.

T-ball will be held at the beautifully restored McCollom Field on Friday evenings from beginning on May 8th and running through early summer (June 19, or when everyone stops showing up). Practice and games begin at 6:00PM and end no later than 7:30 pm. If it looks like a rainy, yucky day, especially with lightning, there is no need to show up.

The T-Ball program is open to all Mont Vernon children ages 5

through 8 (including all 3rd graders). Each child should bring a glove with their name on it and sneakers. Water and bug spray are also recommended. Kids can hit the ball off the "T" or be pitched to by the coaches depending on their skill level or preference.

The cost of the program is \$10, which includes an official Mont Vernon T-Ball hat and t-shirt and a family ice cream night on May 29th. For kids with access to hand-me-down hats and shirts, registration is \$5. Registration forms can be downloaded by visiting <http://town.mont-vernon.nh.us/recreation.php3>.

Because this is an all-volunteer program, parents are encouraged to step up to the plate and help with coaching. For more information, contact montvernonrec@comcast.net.



Erin Quinlan, left, and Olivia Masters make steady progress clearing the Mont Vernon Cemetery of debris from last December's ice storm.

Junior Girl Scouts Do Cleanup Work to Earn Bronze Awards

MONT VERNON--Olivia Masters, 11, Erin Quinlan and Abby Fitzgerald, both 10, are spending several afternoons and parts of each weekend in the cemetery, gathering piles of broken limbs and branches that were snapped off of trees during the ice storm that roared across New Hampshire in December.

The girls, all members of Mont Vernon Junior Girl Scout Troop 22667 are doing the cleanup work to earn their Bronze Awards - the highest award a Junior Scout can achieve.

Troop leader Nicole Masters, Olivia's mother, said she suggested the idea of cleaning the cemetery when she found out that the bid to do the work, received by the Cemetery Trustees was far beyond what they could afford to pay.

Selectman John Quinlan, Erin's father, said that one bid to clean the cemetery came in at nearly \$30,000,

a sum the town couldn't afford to pay.

Masters asked the girls to take on the project and they agreed.

The girls originally estimated that the project would take around 15 hours, but thus far, they've already put in six and the job isn't close to being completed yet.

"It's hard getting all of the really little sticks into the piles," said Erin Quinlan. "But it feels like I'm doing a good job."

Olivia Masters said that the project has meant a lot of hard work, but "I'm having fun because I get to be with my friends."

John Quinlan and Nicole Masters are also chipping in to pile up the branches which will be turned into mulch by the DPW this week, but mostly, Quinlan said, he was just glad to be supporting his daughter.

"I'm just a proud father of a hard-working daughter," he said.

Mont Vernon School Board Notice of Vacancy

The Mont Vernon School Board would like to announce a vacancy on its board due to the resignation of school board member John Schwoppe. If you are a Mont Vernon resident and interested in serving on the Mont Vernon School Board until the March 2010 elections, please send a letter of interest to the SAU #39 office by May 1, 2009. All letters of interest should be forwarded to:

Superintendent Mary Athey Jennings
SAU #39
P.O. Box 849
Amherst, New Hampshire 03031

Mont Vernon Gardeners Announce Garden Gatherings For 2009

If you are interested in enjoying fresh air, exercise and learning about plants and gardening, please join our group of volunteer gardeners who maintain three small public gardens in Mont Vernon.

Each garden has a group leader who organizes monthly clean up, planting and maintenance sessions that last about an hour. With willing hands and laughter we keep these gardens in shape and enhance the beauty and charm of our lovely town.

The kickoff event for the 2009 season is a Garden Party to be held on the Daland Memorial Library grounds on Saturday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m. Put on your gardening hat (white gloves not required!) and come to share refreshments, meet other gardeners and find out about the public gardens. We guarantee a good time!

Membership to the Mont Vernon Gardeners is open to all. Yearly dues are not a requirement, but a \$5.00 donation to the group offers cardholders a discount at many area businesses that sell plants and gardening supplies.

Garden Gatherings for 2009*

- Daland Memorial Library Garden (corner of Route 13 and Grand Hill): 2nd Thursday of every month, 9 a.m. May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8. Rain date the following Thursday.
- Joanne's Garden, Lamson Farm (across the road from farmhouse): 3rd Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m. May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 22, October 20. Rain date the following Tuesday.

- Herb Garden (Town Hall south lawn): 1st Monday of every month, 1 p.m. June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5. Rain date the following Monday.
- Garden "sweep" (a quick maintenance once-over for each garden): 4th Saturday of every month, 9:30 a.m. Meet at Daland Memorial Library May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24
- * Please bring garden gloves, pruners, hand trowel, shovel and a garden bucket to each gardening session. Children are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming new members. If you have questions regarding our group and our events, please contact Linda Peck at 673-5041 or Lpecknh@hotmail.com.

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