

Fort Vancouver Bookstore's 2009 ornament by Don Lonsbrough is available now

The Fort Vancouver National Trust has selected **Don Lonsbrough** as Fort Vancouver's 2009 Christmas artist for his image "Christmas at the Marshall House."

Collectors who would like to meet Lonsbrough and have him autograph an ornament are encouraged to attend the free "Christmas at the Marshall House" event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Previous ornaments sold were the 2008 ornament "Vancouver Barracks" by **Fay Kahn** and the 2007 ornament "Fort Vancouver" by **Elida Field**.

All of the Fort Vancouver National Site ornaments are available for purchase at the Fort Vancouver Bookstore for \$19.95 each or \$49.68 for a set of all three.

The Fort Vancouver Bookstore is located inside the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd, on the south side of Officers Row. The bookstore is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is **992-1824**.

The ornaments can also be purchased online at www.FortVan.org.

Farmers Insurance Agency of Harold Van Norman, Vancouver, offers free Christmas Tree to families

Vancouver families are invited to visit the Farmers Insurance Agency of Harold Van Norman and receive a free Christmas tree with a donation to the Clark County Food Bank.

The free trees will be available at 13912 NE 20th Ave, Suite 206, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. There are just over 100 trees, so plan on coming as early as possible. Those who are interested in getting a tree but cannot make it due to working that day can reserve a tree by calling **944-7332**.

"We would like to see 2 canned goods for each foot of tree they desire," says **Harold Van Norman**. "In other words, if a family would like a 5 ft.-tree they would donate 10 canned goods. Of course, all donations are accepted for any size tree. We will also have hot cocoa, free pizza and Santa Claus waving to the public!"

News Briefs

Normandeau Associates will be at the Northwest Environmental Conference and Trade Show 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Dec. 8, booth No. 35. Drop by to learn about solving environmental challenges.

Calendar

The 25th anniversary year of Walk and Knock, the community's largest annual food drive, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.walkandknock.org or call **877-995-6625**. <> **Ruby Hill**, an eclectic pop/rock band with a blues influence, will be playing from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Brickhouse Bar & Grill, 109 W 15th Street, to benefit many local charities. There will be happy hour prices and a random drawing for a gift basket. There is a \$3 cover charge. All proceeds from the cover charge and a portion of sales on Ruby Hill CDs and t-shirts go to First Independent Giving Campaign recipient nonprofit organizations. To listen to Ruby Hill, visit www.myspace.com/rubyhillmusic. <> Fort Vancouver is having its Lantern Tours at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 1001 East 5th Street. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 for children under 15 years of age. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call **816-6230**. <> The 9th Annual Festival of Nativities exhibit is running today through Sunday, Dec. 6, noon to 9 p.m. each day, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10509 SE 5th Street. Admission is free. For more information on performances and directions, visit <http://www.festivalofnativities.org/>. <> Northwest Classical Ballets presents its world premiere of *The Nutcracker*, with director **Maricar Drilon**, 7:30 p.m. tonight, Dec. 4, and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Prairie High School, 11500 NE 117th Avenue. Tickets cost \$11 and can be purchased at The Aurora Gallery, 1004 Main Street, **696-0449**, or at the door. <> The Christmas Sojourn concert, featuring pianist **Thomas Rheingans**, with guest artist **Nancy Wood**, is at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$12 for matinee performances, \$16 for evening performances, and \$20 for Council for the Homeless benefit ticket. Admission includes dessert and beverages provided by Trader Joe's. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/7674>, by calling **800-838-3006**, or at the door. Heritage High School Choirs, under the direction of **Joel Karn**, will also be featured in the evening concert. <> Poinsettias from the 2009 annual poinsettia sale benefiting Hospice Southwest can be purchased online by [clicking here](#). For questions, call **696-5056**. <> The Free Clinic Holiday Ball will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Royal

Oaks Country Club, 8917 Northeast Fourth Plain Road. The event is black tie optional, and all proceeds benefit the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington. Call **256-1250** for more information. <> Friends of Three Creeks Community Library is hosting a holiday book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the community room of the library. Hundreds of like-new, recently published books of fiction, non-fiction, and children's books will be offered, as well as DVDs, most for only \$3.00 each. Proceeds of the sale help support special library purchases and programming. For further information, contact **Mary Stender**, mljd.stender@gmail.com or at **573-2077**. <> The 20th annual Battle Ground Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Celebration will start at 5 p.m. tonight, Dec. 4, Fairgrounds Park and the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 East Main Street. For more information, [click here](#). <> Camas is celebrating its Hometown Holiday event from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight, Dec. 4, on the main streets of Downtown Camas. To find out more about this event, visit <http://www.ci.camas.wa.us/>. <> Port of Camas/Washougal's annual Christmas Ship Parade is 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Port. <> Councilmember's Pancake Breakfast to benefit the North County Community Food Bank will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 5, Battle Ground Community Center, 912 East Main Street. Cost is \$5 or canned food donation. <> Battle Ground City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 109 SW 1st Street. <> La Center Christmas Festival starts off with a holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in La Center High School, and Santa Makes House Calls from 5:30 to 9 p.m., both events on Saturday, Dec. 5, finishing with a tree lighting ceremony, fireworks, and Santa from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 4th Street between Aspen and Birch. Those interested in the Santa Makes House Calls must schedule an appointment by [clicking here](#). <> The City of Washougal Christmas Tree lighting ceremony is at 3:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Reflection Plaza, corner of Main Street and Pendleton Way. [Click here](#) for more information. <> Vancouver City Council meets for workshops from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, followed by a full council meeting at 7 p.m., Council chambers. Call **696-8211** for more information. <> Planning Commission is holding a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, City Hall, 214 E 4th Street, La Center. <> Washougal City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. <> Port of Camas/Washougal meets for an executive session at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, followed by an open meeting at 4 p.m. <> Holiday Pet Portraits with Santa is back at Humane Society for Southwest Washington, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 13501 NE 84th Street. Pictures cost \$25 and includes a CD with 12 high resolution, digital images. All proceeds benefit the Humane Society for Southwest Washington. For more information, call **693-4746**.

Friday on the air

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert (12-2)--5 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Rotary Foundation Festival of Trees' Community Tree Lighting (11-27)--6:20 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (12-3)--6:59 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (12-3)--7:24 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Rotary Foundation Festival of Trees' Community Tree Lighting (11-27)--8:51 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (11-22)--9:11 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (11-24)--9:59 p.m. CVTV
Workzone Safety PSA--10:46 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Planning Commission (11-10)--10:59 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Mary Branze driving. <> **Anne Holgan** buying. <> **Karen Ciocia** offering solutions. <> **Friday**, mostly sunny, 47-29. **Saturday**, sunny, 45-30. **Sunday**, partly cloudy, 41-23.