

Home and Garden Show Comes to Klickitat County Fairgrounds

It all began during an early morning meeting centered on attracting people and businesses to Goldendale sponsored by the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce.

Someone said, "Why not do a home and garden show?"

A committee of a half-dozen volunteers was assembled and resulted in the first Goldendale Home and Garden Show the following spring at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds.

The tradition has continued for the past three years in the Joan Frey arena, a building usually filled with corrals and livestock, but magically transformed into an array of greenery inside and out.

The 2012 event will be April 20-22. The show, which attracts more than 2,000 people, features free admission and free parking.

Local master gardeners have organized a variety of workshops, plant clinics and demonstrations.

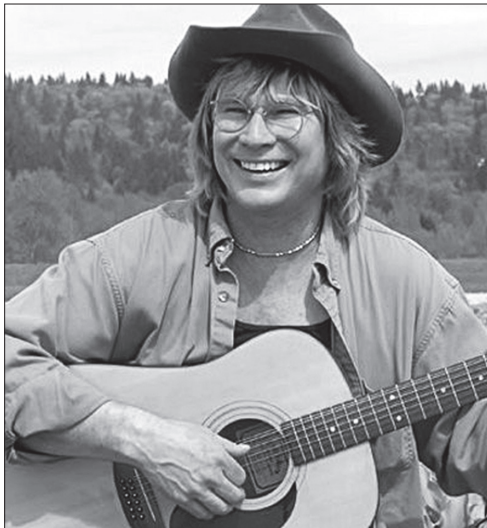
The workshops on Saturday will be presented by Todd Murray, who has worked with Washington State University's horticulture and agriculture communities for 15 years.

Murray began his WSU career working in small fruit and ornamental pest management. He is office director at WSU Skamania County, where he offers educational leadership and opportunities in agriculture and natural resources.

Master gardeners will present "Gardening in Small Spaces" and "Healthy Garden Soil" plus workshops on square-foot gardening, composting, season extending and varieties for our area.

For this year's entertainment, John Denver tribute artist Ted Vigil will return.

Vigil's career started with him winning the Talentquest contest in Laughlin, Nevada, where he met people who had worked with John Denver. For the past four years, Vigil has performed across the United States, singing in



John Denver tribute artist Ted Vigil will perform at this year's Goldendale Home and Garden Show.

casinos, clubs, street fairs, festivals and cruise ships. This includes performances with John Denver's lead guitarist, Steve Weisberg.

Vigil says he and his wife, Tamie, have met some great people on their journey across the country. The couple have four children and two grandchildren.

"The music we bring is a mixture of my originals and John Denver's hit songs," he says. "They all have the same theme: family, hard work, community, love, unity and peace. America was built on these things. I believe we need to get back to our roots."

His daily performances will be free at the home and garden show. Additional background musical entertainment will be provided by Kevin Malcolm from Haystack Broadcasting ■

For workshop schedules and vendors, check the home and garden website at www.goldendalechamber.org. Spaces are still available. For more information, contact the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce at (509) 773-3400.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

2-4—America's Largest Antique and Collectible Show, Portland Expo Center.

3—Lyle Lions First Saturday Breakfast, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., Lyle Lions Community Center.

13—KPUD commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale.

16-18—Annual Portland Roadster Show, Portland Expo Center.

18—Klickitat PTO Pirate Carnival, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Klickitat School Gym. For information, call (509) 365-2173.

24—Gorge wine celebration, 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Tickets at www.columbiagorgewine.com.

26—KPUD customer meeting Lyle Lions Community Center, 7 p.m.

27—KPUD commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale.

3/29-4/2—Northwest Quilters' 37th annual Quilt Show, Portland Expo Center.

April

13—Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour, www.gorgeartistsopenstudios.blogspot.com.

20-22—Goldendale Home and Garden Show, Klickitat County Fairgrounds.

June

1-3—White Salmon Spring Festival.

15—Bluegrass Festival, Ekone Park, Goldendale.

16-17—Ketchum Kalf Rodeo, 1 p.m., Glenwood.

To have an event listed in the community calendar, call (509) 773-7606.

