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October 2016 Edition

Tuesday, October 04, 2016

Home Brewing and the History of Beer

Summer 7:00 PM

Event audience: Adult

Join local homebrew expert Tom Vedvick, beer steward of the Puget Sound Amateur Wine and Beer Makers Club, tells the history of brewing beer and describes different beer styles. He'll also discuss beer-making equipment, ingredients and the beer-making process.

Hoot 'n' Howl



October 23 - October 24
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Don your best costume and bring your brood to Northwest Trek for the spookiest event of the year. Navigate through the park to search for animals in the dark on a special nighttime tram tour. Revelers young and young-at-heart can play games, win prizes, and eat treats during this wild weekend!



Special Activities

Venture to the Free-Roaming Area on a special nighttime tram tour. Spot Roosevelt elk, bighorn sheep and other animals under the stars.

Trick-or-treat and pick up goodies throughout the park.
Make spooktacular crafts to take home.



Fort Nisqually Candlelight Tour 2016

Friday, October 7 – Saturday, October 8
(7:00 pm - 9:30 pm)

Advance Tickets Required:

Purchase tickets at: <http://candlelight2016.brownpapertickets.com/>

Tickets are \$12 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$8 for youth (age 4-12). Tours start every 15 minutes. For more information call (253) 591-5339.!

Campfires and candlelight provide illumination for this magical evening walking tour of Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. *Candlelight Tour* is Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 7-9:30 pm.

Guests may eavesdrop as more than a hundred re-enactors bring to life the men and women of the Hudson's Bay Company. The people from the past won't be aware of their 21st century visitors.

http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/?cid=4343&park_id=129

Next HOA Meeting is Monday October 17th, at 7PM. join us at our next meeting!
Contact President - Brad Doll for more information see our website
<http://www.ponderosaestates.org/>

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Fun October Decorations on a Dime

Mason Jar Mummy Luminaries

Create your own mason Mummy Jar luminaries for fun, adorable lights to add to your Halloween decor by day and adds a spooky glowing touch by night . . .

These are so easy to make you'll want several different sizes. If you don't happen to have cheesecloth on hand, you can easily use 2" gauze (which is only \$1 at the dollar store!).

www.budget101.com/content.php/4250-Mason-Jar-Mummy-Luminaries

MYO Pumpkin Preserver

An easy pumpkin (Jack-o-Lantern) preserver is to spray your pumpkin inside & out, with WD-40. Let it set for at least **24 hours** before adding your candle!

We use this every year and it keeps the pumpkin from rotting/molding, etc. for about 15-17 days or so.

Other Pumpkin Preserving tips that our Members and Fans have shared are:

Soak the Hollowed out pumpkin in a solution of bleach water (1 tsp bleach per gallon of water) overnight. Then spray it daily with the same ratio of mixture. This keeps the pumpkin hydrated and kills any bacteria. This lasts 9-10 Days.

Make Your Own Pumpkin Fresh- Mix 1 Ta of Borax with 4 cups of water, spray the pumpkin liberally every other day. This is a fungicidal spray. This lasts 12-14 days

Coat the inside And outside of the carved pumpkin with white school glue, let it dry. It dries clear and helps prevent dehydration of the pumpkin. This lasts about 5-7 days.

Coat the pumpkin inside and out with Vaseline (aka petroleum jelly). Containers of petroleum jelly can be found for about \$2 at many dollar/discount stores. This lasts 7-9 days

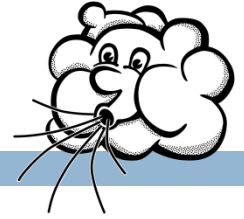
Seal a carved pumpkin by spraying it with an Acrylic Spray (found in the Home Good Department of your favorite big box store) or at Lowes, home depot, etc. Be sure to spray it OUTSIDE as the fumes can be overwhelming. This lasts 7-9 days

Following the carving and treatment of your creations, try to keep them at temperature of 62-65F for best preservation. It generally takes about 48 hours for mold to start becoming apparent, so be sure to re-treat as needed.



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Winterize Your Car and Avoid Problems Later

You can avoid many dangerous weather problems by planning ahead. Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary. **Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:**

Keep your gas tank full - in case evacuation is needed. **Do not drive through a flooded area** - Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control and possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars. **Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded** - Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.

If a **power line** falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire. **Antifreeze levels** - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing. **Battery and ignition system** - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.

Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels. **Exhaust system** - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning. **Fuel and air filters** - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing. **Heater and defroster** - ensure they work properly. **Lights and flashing hazard lights** - check for serviceability. **Oil** - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well. **Thermostat** - ensure it works properly. **Windshield wiper equipment** - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level. **Install good winter tires** - Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs. If there is an explosion or other factor that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake. If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway, avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.

Be Prepared-Make an Emergency Kit for Your Car

In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car including

Jumper cables: might want to include flares or reflective triangle

Flashlights: with extra batteries

First Aid Kit: remember any necessary medications, baby formula and diapers if you have a small child

Food: non-perishable food such as canned food, and protein rich foods like nuts and energy bars

Manual can opener

Water: at least 1 gallon of water per person a day for at least 3 days

Basic toolkit: pliers, wrench, screwdriver

Pet supplies: food and water

Radio: battery or hand cranked

Cat litter or sand: for better tire traction

Shovel

Ice scraper

Clothes: warm clothes, gloves, hat, sturdy boots, jacket and an extra change of clothes for the cold

Blankets or sleeping bags

Charged Cell Phone: and car charger



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For all you Hawks Fans !
Try some of these great recipes for the next game day tailgate party .
Go to the link below

Go Hawks!!

<http://www.thriftynorthwestmom.com/25-game-day-recipes-12th-fan/>