

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Writing Class

This email is in regard to a junior high/high school writing class for homeschoolers beginning next week called "Stack the Deck." The instructor is Sally Voorhies, a teacher at the River Academy. She has been teaching the program for 20 years. It is a writing mechanics course and a great **complement** to our favorite homeschool writing instructor's classes in the valley - (Matt Turnbull!) She teaches the students how to write an essay void of all forms of the "to be" verb, along other effective writing tools. See the following website for more information: www.stackthedeck.com.

Nancy Grette highly recommends the course - it was a great benefit to her kids when they took it at the Co-op (way back in 2000). Sally is an energetic instructor, inspiring kids with high (though achievable) standards. If you are interested, please contact me. Feel free to pass this along to anyone that may be interested.

Here are the details:

When: Tuesdays: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Where: Valley View Seventh Day Adventist Church

Fee: 15.00/ hour

Text: **Cut the Deck** (14.95) www.stackthedeck.com (under book catalog link)

Duration: weekly until June

Blessings in Christ,

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Regional High School Art Show

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center is proud to sponsor the **Regional High School Art Show** in cooperation with the **North Central Educational Service District** and the **Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction** each year. This year's show will be on view at the Museum March 7 through April 5, 2008. *Entries are due at the Museum February 21 through 23, 2008.* The program offers North Central Educational Service District Art Students a wonderful opportunity to exhibit their work in the professional setting of the Main Gallery of the Museum and (if their work is chosen "Best of Show") the chance to compete with students from around the state in Olympia. This year we are making a special effort to increase participation from throughout the District. We hope to make this year's show the best and biggest yet! Our ability to send student art work on to the **35th Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show "The Art of Everything"**, April 18 through May 28, 2008, in Olympia, is directly linked to the number of entries received for our Regional Show. **Informational Packets have been mailed to every High School and Home School organization in the North Central ESD.** *First of all, if you did not receive your packet, please let me know and I will get one to you right away.* **It would help in our planning if you would take a minute to reply to this email and answer the following**

questions: Is your School planning to participate in this year's High School Art Show at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center? If you **are not** planning to participate at this time, is there anything we can do to help, so you will feel able to participate? Such as: arrange for pick-up of the students' art, coordinate a workshop, or ??? If you **are** planning to participate, how many pieces do you think you will be

submitting? ***Thank you! I look forward to hearing from you.*** For more information about the **Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction High School Art Show**, including Winner's Galleries from 2002 through 2007, visit: <http://www.k12.wa.us/curriculumInstruct/Arts/ArtShowInformation.aspx> Bill Rietveldt Exhibits Coordinator Email: billr@wvmcc.org Phone: 509.888.6247 Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center 127 South Mission Wenatchee, WA 98801 Please visit our website at www.wvmcc.org

Student Essay Contest for Community College Students

"Why Obtaining a Four Year Degree on My Community College Campus Is Important To Me" - Deadline is Feb. 1, 2008

PR.com, Dec. 28, 2007

<http://www.pr.com/press-release/65667>

Any student currently enrolled in a community college is eligible and there is no limit to the number of students per school that may enter. The winning student's college Student Government Association also receives a \$1,000 award. All the essay contest rules and entry information are online at the Student Essay Contest link at www.accbd.org <http://www.accbd.org> .

If you have a student who is interested in entering this contest, here's a little background information to help them understand the issue and get started.

A new trend in higher education is for community colleges to offer 4-year/bachelors degrees.

See articles on the topic at

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/education/2002571954_degrees20m.html
and <http://seattle.bizjournals.com/seattle/stories/2006/02/27/focus1.html>

There are currently 6 community colleges running pilot programs to offer Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees. Bellevue Community College not only offers a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree, but they also offer 4-year degrees that can be completed online and bachelor's degrees from Eastern Washington University that can be earned entirely on their Bellevue campus. See <http://bellevuecollege.edu/programs/degrees/bachelor/>

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