

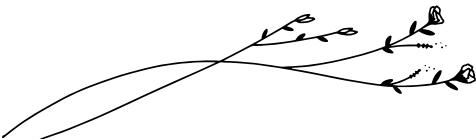
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Garden Gear-Up

We're hosting the Garden Club for their 3rd Annual January Garden Gear-Up on the 15th, at 5:30pm. We'll look at some seed catalogs, we'll talk about last year's good producers, and last year's disappointing duds. We will get excited and looking forward to warmer weather, we will talk about what kind of pruning and trimming happen now while the sap is lying quiet.



Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1950
Hold That Tiger

What's Happening?

January Calendar:

- 1/1 Closed in observance of New Year**
- 1/2 Library Open House All Day (Library)**
- 1/9 Monica Reads Storytime 10:30 am (Library)**
- 1/15 Garden Gear-Up 5:30pm(Library)**
- 1/22 Novel Readers 2:30 pm Sometimes a Great Notion by Ken Kesey (Library)**
- Every day 3:30pm-4:00pm After School Library Club**
- Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons**
- Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime**



New Books at the Library

- A Ferry Merry Christmas*, by Debbie Macomber
- Ripley's Believe It or Not!: Seek the Strange*
- Dog Man: Big Jim Believes* by Dav Pilkey
- Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes That Dot Our Planet* by Geo Rutherford
- Thorn: the Complete Proto-Bone College Strips 1982-1986, and Other Early Drawings* by Jeff Smith
- Bone: More Tall Tales* by Jeff Smith, et. al



Old Timey Country Weddings

The wedding industry is a little shaky at the moment. Venues, flowers, dresses, cakes have become more expensive. Vendors* are difficult to coordinate. The young couple of today is not blessed with a great deal of starter money. A big splashy wedding is not only unattractive for monetary reasons, but is also a bit out of style. In fact, these young people seem to be in a rather 19th century situation where their weddings are concerned. Like an Oregon Territory kind of wedding, with few amenities but plenty of love. After all, lacking in money has never meant lacking in friends, family, and well-wishers.

I'm a big believer in Do It Yourself. There are so many how-to videos on the internet, and so many patterns and instructions to help makers turn out the most charming lines of decorations and favors and hors d'oeuvres that a large wedding need not be fancy in price. Library users have access to books, dvds, and magazines that help with learning to arrange flowers, bake a selection of tiny nibbles, print attractive invitations. You can even learn to effectively smoke brisket in large quantities, or deep fry turkeys safely, or fire roast salmon on planks. I myself have always wanted to bake a simple wedding cake, recipes for which are to be found in cooking magazines to be found in the library in paper form AND on our Libby downloadable digital content app.

Dresses and DJs and tuxes and liquor will always be with us. Professional photographers are indispensable. I think it's always best to have the wedding at a neutral place like a paid venue, to avoid conflict on a hectic and already fraught day. There are always discount racks at the dress shop, and the groom and his party probably have access to suits or sport jackets. I don't think it's a great idea to depend on friends or relatives to pour the drinks, because they are neither licensed nor insured and accidents with alcohol are to be avoided at all costs. Your photographer will be concentrating on getting all those magical moments during the wedding and reception, when you would want your loved ones to be concentrating on experiencing the magic firsthand**.

But a very easy and traditional old fashioned country wedding is available to you at very low cost. This is the small afternoon affair for a select crowd. Provide only midcentury homemade treats: sausage balls (Bisquick, grated cheese, sausage) and cream cheese mints (powdered sugar, cream cheese, mint extract). Provide punch (7-Up, Kool-Aid, scoops of sherbet). Have the wedding in the backyard, it's nice out there in October. Have a responsible and trusted friend officiate. Invite only close family over the age of 16, only your closest friends. Wear nice new clothes, but keep it to things you really will wear again. It sounds cute and old-fashioned and I mean to recommend it to all my young friends.

*Vendors are people like florists, caterers, stationers, DJs, photographers, dress shops, tuxedo shops, bakers, liquor salesmen, and officiants.

**Your experience may vary. I have a family of talented photographers who would not only capture everything, they would have the best time doing it.