

Sunday, June 8

12 Noon - 3 PM Peony Festival Garden Tours
Various Locations *(see brochure)*

1 - 4 PM Wassenberg Art Center Fundraiser
Artisan Birdhouse Silent Auction

1 - 4 PM 53rd Annual Jubilee Flower Show
Wassenberg Art Center
Sponsored by 3 local garden clubs

Peony Queen & Court



2014 Queen Jubilee XXXIX & Court

left to right

Mackenzie Haney, Wayne Trace High School

Cheyenne Stant, Parkway High School

2nd Runner-Up, Claire Gamble, Van Wert High School

Queen Jubilee XXXIX, Chelsea Hancock, Crestview High School

1st Runner-Up, Elizabeth Griffin, Spencerville High School

Rachel Nicelley, Paulding High School

Tori Suever, Delphos Jefferson High School

Amberlyn Miller, Lincolnview High School



The Grand Parade is on Saturday, June 7 starting at 5 p.m.

2014 Peony Festival

Van Wert, Ohio

June 6 - 7 - 8

*"A Cut Above the Rest -
A Community Sharing"*



The 39th Van Wert Peony Festival

Van Wert is a special city with a special history. One chapter of this history is dedicated to a beautiful flower - the Peony. Van Wert became famous as "The Peony Center of the World", or as shown on maps as "The Peony Capital of the World," during the 1930s through the 1950s. Soon after the turn-of-the-century in 1900 the Peony was becoming known by gardeners in Van Wert and within a few years "Peony Sunday" became a popular event. Large crowds gathered in Van Wert to see the Peony blooms, usually near the first of June.

In 1932 the very first Peony Festival was held. This was an expansion of Peony Sunday and started the tradition of an annual Peony Parade. The Festivals continued until 1960 except for a break with the beginning of WWII through 1954. The Festival was started again in 1992 and Van Wert has continued the celebration of the Peony every year since. 2014 will be the 39th Peony Festival. Love for the Peony still continues in Van Wert. The community is proud of its heritage and still remembers the people of decades ago who made Van Wert a Peony center for so many years.

Plan to attend the Peony Festival this year! The Peony Parade is held on Saturday at 5 p.m. We think you will enjoy the Parade. Pick a spot on the curb with your family and friends and have a great time!

Friday, June 6

- 10 AM Festival Information Booth Opens
Jefferson & Main Streets
- 10 AM - 6 PM Optimist Youth Art Show
Fountain Park
- 11 AM - 9 PM Peony Festival Craft Show
Fountain Park
- 11 AM - 1 PM Lunch with Peony Festival Queen
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- 12 - 9 PM Food Vendors Open
South Jefferson Street
- 12 - 9 PM Art Rageous on Main - Artist Exhibits
Fountain Park
- 1 - 5 PM Wassenberg Art Center Fundraiser
Artisan Birdhouse Silent Auction
- 4 PM Peony Concession Stand Opens
Fountain Park
- 6 - 9 PM Peony Festival Car Show
West Main Street
- 7 - 9 PM Fountain Park Community Concert
Papa Doo Run Run
This Beach Party Band's music brings back all our favorites from yesteryear
Fountain Park
Sponsored by The Van Wert County Foundation



Saturday, June 7

- 9 - 11 AM Festival Kids' Free Fishing Derby
YMCA Camp Clay
- 9:30 AM YMCA Peony 1-mile Fun Run for Kids
Camp Clay
- 10 AM YMCA Peony Pace 5k Run & Walk
(3.1 mile) Camp Clay
- 10 AM Festival Information Booth Opens
Jefferson & Main Streets
- 10 AM - 2 PM Girls Scouts of America—Children's Games
10 AM - 4 PM Activities & Inflatables for Children
Fountain Park
- 10 AM - 2 PM Peony Festival Garden Tours
Various Locations (*see brochure*)
- 10 AM - 4 PM Chalk the Walk Activity
Fountain Park Sidwalks
- 10 AM - 6 PM ArtRageous on Main - Artist Exhibits
Fountain Park
- 10 AM - 6 PM Optimist Youth Art Show
Fountain Park
- 10 AM - 6 PM Architectural Hunt
Downtown Main Street
- 10 AM - 8 PM Food Vendors Open
South Jefferson Street
- 10 AM - 11:30 AM Peony Festival Pet Show
Fountain Park Band Shell
- 11 AM - 5 PM Peony Festival Craft Show
Fountain Park
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Medieval Reenactors—Fountain Park
- 12:30 - 1 PM Stars by Erin—Dance Performance
Fountain Park Band Shell
- 1:30 PM Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
Eggerss Stadium, Van Wert H. S.
Registration on site available
- 1 - 5 PM 53rd Annual Jubilee Flower Show
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Artisan Birdhouse Silent Auction
- 1:30 PM Peony Festival Queen's Reception &
Flowers in Full Bloom Reception at
Willow Bend County Club
- 5 PM Peony Festival Grand Parade
Washington Street
- 7 - 9 PM **Blair Carmen** in Concert—Fountain Park
*Authentic 1950s style Honky Tonk - Rockabilly -
Boogie Woogie - Piano Pumpin' - Rock & Roll*