

Let's Celebrate Day

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Hope and persevere!



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This afternoon I had the honor of attending Shelley St. Jean's commencement from Southern New Hampshire University. I listened to the keynote speaker Bob Ryan, the Boston Globe sports columnist. He told the graduating class of 2013 their diploma in life and life owes them nothing. It is their responsibility to take each and make something of them. This is so true about our Grange. Our Grange owes us nothing. It is our responsibility as individual members to take our Grange and make something of it.

Like a college degree if we do nothing with it, it is merely a piece of paper. If a Grange does nothing, the charter is merely a piece of paper. In life to succeed it takes great work. Our Granges require great attention and unity by all to succeed. There are many facets required for a healthy Grange. It must have good

leadership. It must have a solid membership base. We must, at all times, be serving our communities by having a consistent presence. By serving our community our Granges become a living, breathing, real organization. One that offers an environment of growth, success, and a healthy future. I imagine these young men and women today believe there is nothing they will not be able to accomplish. This is the greatest day in their lives to this point. We must get to the point where every Grange in this state and across the nation believes there is nothing they cannot accomplish for their members or their community.

The lessons of our Fifth Degree are brought more forcibly to my mind for these college graduates and for our Granges, HOPE and PERSEVERE.

"All through life! Let is be a lesson, never to be forgotten that success in a good cause is gained only by perseverance. Never be discouraged. Hope and Persevere!"

I wish every Grange member and every Grange the most success in the balance of this Grange year. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zones. Don't be afraid to challenge your membership and leadership to try something new. Our founders did that very thing. We would not be here, 146 years later without their courage, their determination and their foresight. It is our job as members of the Grange today to do what they did in 1867 to ensure 146 years from now that there is still a Grange in every state, in every community in this country. Never be discouraged, hope and persevere.

Let's Celebrate

The sixth annual Connecticut State Grange Let's Celebrate Day will be held June 9th at Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Rd. (one block east of the Town Hall), Cheshire. The Hall will open at 10:00 AM for viewing entries. Admission to this family-fun event is free, and parking is free.

The event will feature contests and displays including needlework, baking and crafts, and photography, in both the adult and junior categories. There will be many activities for the whole family to enjoy. The day will begin with a non-denominational service at 11:00 AM, followed by a Luncheon by the Connecticut State Grange Youth and Family Activities Committees, and then an afternoon of fun. An entertainment program by the Connecticut State Grange Lecturer Marge Bernhardt will feature the Talent and "A Number" competitions which will begin at 1:00 PM. Tickets for the luncheon will be available at the door.

Contest entries will be received on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Cheshire Grange Hall before 9:00 AM for judging.

The many departments and committees of the Connecticut State Grange have been working together for over a year to ensure this event is a success. More information and complete contest rules are available by contacting the Connecticut State Grange Central Office at 860-633-7550, and by visiting the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org.

Connecticut's first new Grange in nearly 60 years... Groton Community Grange



The members of the new Groton Community Grange pose for a group photo with State Overseer (Organizing Deputy) Jeff Barnes at their May 20th organizational meeting.

For the first time since the the 1950s, Connecticut has added a brand new Grange to their ranks. Groton Community Grange executed their Charter Application on Monday, May 20th at 7:45 PM, with 14 members and newly initiated members present.

Connecticut State Grange President Jody Cameron, along with Connecticut State Grange Vice President (Overseer) Jeff Barnes, presided over the founding of the new Grange chapter. Barnes was the Organizing Deputy behind the formation of Groton Community Grange.

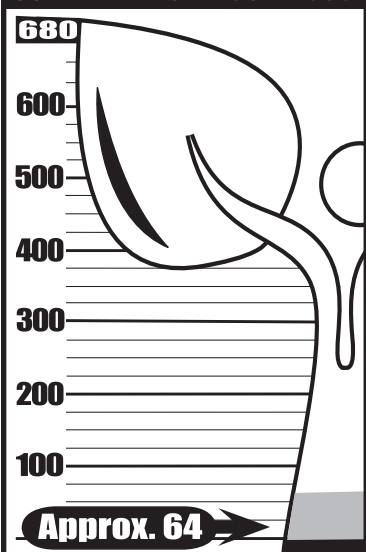
The first meeting of Groton Community Grange, which will include installing their new slate of officers, will be held on Monday, June 17th, at 7:00 PM, at the Poquonnock Bridge Firehouse, 373 Long Hill Road, Groton, CT 06340.

This is not the first Grange to be located in Groton. Groton Grange No. 176 was formed in 1909 but disbanded nearly 15 years ago. The new members voted to start as a new Grange instead of a reorganization an existing Grange.

Anne-Marie Knochenhauer has been elected to be the new Grange's first President. The complete slate of officers is as follows:

Master (President), Anne-Marie Knochenhauer; Overseer, Susan Kenny; Lecturer, Donna Victoria; Steward, Natasja Jurgensen; Assistant Steward, Michael Doyle; Chaplain, William Knight; Treasurer, Clarissa Mathewson; Secretary, Jenny Knight; Gatekeeper, John Knochenhauer; Ceres, Jacqueline Goddard; Pomona, Della Cusati; Flora, Mary Mingo; Executive Committee, Joseph Cusati.

OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 680



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Connecticut Granger Guest Columnist...

YOU are your Grange



Michael Martin
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Development Director
National Grange

Are you a member of a growing Grange, a stagnant Grange or a dying Grange? This is a very personal question and requires a thoughtful response. You may believe you have no power or responsibility to sway your Grange's reply. But you do. In fact, only YOU do. A Grange cannot grow by itself; it takes individual initiative to grow your Grange. It takes YOUR personal active solicitation to bring a new member into your Grange.

It's kind of like that old standard we've all heard during a membership drive at one time or another. When the Master asked if there were any applications for membership to be presented at the meeting, there were none. While anybody could have brought a signed application; and somebody surely should have; in the end, nobody did, and that Grange perished from the earth.

In my travels, I witness wondrous rebirths of previously-dying Granges. I have seen new Granges grow and strengthen communities. And I see Granges stuck in the "same-ole, same-ole" routine with never-changing officers and little activity outside of the Grange Hall. Here are some figures to be proud of in Connecticut Granges. Last year, thirteen Subordinate Granges in Connecticut had net gains in membership. That is positive growth. That represents new energy in our Order. Consistently working toward net gains in membership will perpetuate The Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

(Number of members gained in parentheses): Taghannuck #100 (1); Stonington #168 (1); Simsbury #197 (1); Southington #25 (2); Killingly #112 (2); Bethlehem #121 (2); Cannon #152 (4); Greenfield Hil #133 (6); Beacon Valley #103 (8); Hemlock #182 (14); Norfield #146 (19); Wolcott #173 (22); Harmony #92 (24).

Individual Patrons within these Granges asked someone to join their Grange and they did. Several other Granges took in new members, but perhaps not quite enough to realize a net gain for the year. Do not despair; in the lesson of the Fifth Degree, Hope on, Persevere ever.

In a small minority of Granges, new members join, but they leave us soon after joining. Perhaps

something in their life precluded their regular involvement. How many of you are caring for older family members and perhaps helping raise the younger generation simultaneously? We cannot combat changes such as this.

However, how many new members do not benefit from the Grange because they feel unaccepted or unwelcome? How many may leave because one person, or a small group, openly criticize or use the Grange meeting as their personal "stump" to air their grievances with local or federal governance or some personal cause. I have been consulted as to how to handle these types of situations.

Would you return to a restaurant where you were treated rudely? No, neither would I. Would you frequent a business where the office assistant is overbearing and demeaning? Nope. Same goes for a Grange. I might go to another Grange, or I might give up on Grange.

You and I are the "face" of the Grange. How we interact with others is how they will perceive our Grange to be. We must be the one to greet a guest or new member. Do not leave it to the new member to introduce him or herself to you. Invite them to your table for refreshments. Explain the opening ceremony of a Grange meeting to them. Answer their questions willingly. What may seem so obvious to you and me is likely a mystery to visitors. Be gracious.

Brothers and Sisters, in our Order everyone gets to have their turn on the "stump". Everyone gets to say their piece. But, no one should be allowed to dominate the discussion or shut down another's perspective. In my forty years as a Patron, I have witnessed, first-hand, two phenomena in our wonderful organization. First, we are a kind people. We do not want to hurt another's feelings. As a result, we "put up" with a lot more unkind or domineering behavior in a meeting than we ought.

For those of us who have been members alongside one or more of these cantankerous members, we have become immured to their behavior and say, "Oh, that's just his way; he doesn't mean anything by it." But to a new member, this member's actions and words may chase them away from a long-term, meaningful relationship as a Brother or Sister of the Order. When you or I sit by and watch this occur, we are each responsible for chasing away the new members.

When I'm asked to suggest a solution to this

dilemma I look two places, in my heart and in the Grange Digest of Laws. If the ornery member is trying to control the action of a Grange, the Digest should be invoked to quell these intentions. If the member simply feels compelled to speak repeatedly and at length on issues, parliamentary procedure can be strengthened and enforced equally among all members of the Grange.

Will the offending member react softly to encouragement to change his or her demeanor? That is the key question. Possible outcomes include, the members gets angry and storms out of the meeting...never to return...to return at the next meeting and act as ever before...or to return a bit more mellow and understanding of others. Or, the member may demit to another Grange. This may or may not solve the problem; it may simply displace it to the receiving Grange. Or, the member may quit, never again returning to Grange.

In my heart, it is sad when someone leaves because of the actions of another. It is sad when a long-time member cannot change his or her ways and is asked to leave so as to not dissuade others from remaining. It feels like a no-win situation. And, it really may be a no-win dilemma on the individual, personal level. But what about at the organizational level? Are we to squander the future of our Grange because of the short-sightedness of a few members?

The hardest thing for some Grangers is change. Changing the ritual to be more modern. Changing the language from the flowery text of our Founders to more common words of contemporary society. I am caught in the midst of this whirlwind also. I grew up in the New England Grange, the staunch supporter of ritual and ceremony. I love it. It's hard for me see why other parts of the country, or newer members don't cling to it as I do. But, for our Order to grow, and we are so close to growth at the highest level, we need to appeal to today's Grange member.

Last year, 461 Granges across the nation had net gains in membership! Nine state Granges had net gains in membership! Connecticut is so close to having a net gain, too! I know if you work together to invite new members; to include them in your activities; and make them feel welcome the next year will be a bright one for all.

Another saying I learned in Grange as a young man is that, "If it's to be it's up to me." I invite you adopt that philosophy in your Grange.

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Dufresne is "Golden"



Richard Dufresne, member of Wolf Den Grange, receives his Golden Sheaf for 50 years of continuous membership (along with seals for 55, 60 and 65 years) from State Master Jody Cameron.

Do You Remember?

David W. Seelye

by Betty Jane Gardiner

During my early years in our Order there was a young man in Beacon Grange who everybody knew was destined to "go places." He was active in the youth group and was a bit of a mischief maker. He was known as the fella from Connecticut who was the leader of fun at the conferences – although he had a serious side as well. He loved the Grange and knew the work well.

I recall his coming to our Grange (West Hartford) for a neighbor's night the evening following a national election for president- the first one in which he was old enough to vote! He was so proud of having had the privilege to cast his ballot- and his candidate WON! He was so excited and enthusiastic that you just knew he would always be that way about everything he did.

When Alma Brooks started the King and Queen Contest (later called the Prince and Princess Contest) Dave was the first contestant from Mountain County Pomona and he was given the title of State Grange King! It went on from there.

He possessed such a rich booming voice and a personality to match. He was called upon to be the narrator for many Lecturer's programs.

He had a great attraction to the Massachusetts State Grange- her name was Barbara and she was a beautiful girl who became his wife and the mother of his children - David, Robbie and Tracy. Sadly, Barbara was called to the Great Grange Above at a very young age.

David served the United States as a Marine. He put his heart and soul into that service - just as he did into everything else.

He served Beacon Grange #118 as Master for many years. One night as Master of Mountain County Pomona, Dave was escorted to the Master's Station at Farmington Valley Pomona and brought the place down when he planted a big kiss upon Farmington Valley's Master, Ben Barr- who just about fainted! Well, after all, it was one of the famous Kissin' Cousins Nights between the two Pomonas!!

David served the State Grange as Deputy and was elected to the office of State Gatekeeper. Everyone was pleased when he started his long journey toward the office of State Master! Sue Addison wanted to make him a special case for carrying his pink sash- and asked him what he would like - well- Sue always said she bet Dave was the only State Officer anywhere who carried his sash in a patriotic case trimmed with gold braid and the U.S. Marine's emblem!!

As a state officer you travel the state a lot. David had to take the same route where there was a long stretch of road where deer were very active. They say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place- but on that particular route nobody told the deer, and THREE times a deer (our should I say three deer) ran into his car- damaging the car and totaling the third- an almost new vehicle. He had tried to avoid the situation but it just didn't work. It really wasn't funny, until you heard Dave tell the story. He loved his Grange - Beacon #118, but he wasn't fond of Route 118!!!

David worked hard for the State Grange, but ill health made it necessary for him to drop out of the officer line-



David enjoying the Youth Lunch at a Spring Concert in Wallingford.

Sallie Smith escorts Dave from the altar after being installed as State Grange Assistant Steward.



Dave presents a membership seal to Annie Mason.

Dave's "Mathematics" skit.



Dave & Russell Gray



Dave presents a 75 year membership certificate to his dad, Norris F. Seelye.

up after being State Assistant Steward. It wasn't long after that when we lost him.

He was a hard person to forget- but please remember David Seelye!

Miscellaneous reminders . . .



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With so many Granges initiating new members with the Welcoming Ceremony, we should urge

all new members to attend a degree day or degrees to witness the various degrees and learn of the lessons offered. As Secretary, have you enough Declaration of Purposes and "Welcome to the Grange" to be given to new members? They are available through the Central Office or can be ordered from National.

I hope you are planning on attending "Let's Celebrate" at Cheshire

Grange on June 9. As usual the Youth will serve lunch at noon and the program will begin at 1 P.M. A fun day for all.

Scholarship applications have been sent out and we are hoping for a good response. The student does not have to attend UConn. There is time to have applications mailed out and returned. The deadline is September 1.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87 FUNDRAISER BEADS

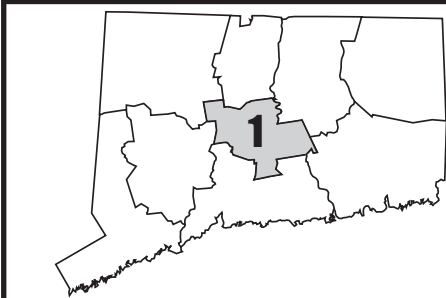
Hillstown Grange is selling a beautiful "Connecticut Grange" bead that fits Pandora, Chamilia, Biagi, Troll and most European bracelets. The beads are sold individually or on a keychain.

Bead individually: \$26.00
Bead on Keychain: \$30.00



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Questions: Please contact Michelle @ 860-568-2415
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Central Pomona No. 1



- Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing its talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Diane Clark

Central Pomona #1 will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 P.M. at Hemlock Grange. Co-hosts will be Meriden Grange. Election of Officers will be held.

The CWA table will feature picnic goodies.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: M. Harrison

Meriden grange performed the 3rd & 4th Degrees this April with a special thanks to all who helped make the evening a success. A delicious potluck was held before the degrees and everything was yummy. Of course, Grangers are the best cooks! We were fortunate to have 2 potential members to participate.

We have a special congratulations to member Cindy Hupper on 50 years of marriage. Her church

held a luncheon for her and her husband, Jerry.

Please join us for our program on King Kamehameha.

Save the date for May 18th and June 15th, we will be having our dinners. May will be meatloaf~just fabulous! June will be our famous roast pork dinner. As always, all you care to eat.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

June 14: Flag Day

There will be Flag Day festivities and George Swanson will present the proper use of the flag. We will also celebrate Father's Day. Refreshments: Something for Dad.

June 28: Park and Rec. Dept., Town of Portland

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Capturing the media's attention

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Understanding how the media works, what makes news interesting to the public, and how to make the news is valuable knowledge for any Grange. Favorable media exposure means recognition in the community, acknowledgement of Grange activities, services and accomplishments and a higher profile of your Grange among potential members.

So, how does your Grange get into the news? The key to media coverage can be simply explained as a two-step process: developing the right story and delivering it to the right media.

Although all media outlets search out and welcome all types of news stories, television, radio and print each have their own unique qualities that will affect their interest in your story.



PRINT: What makes the print media unique is its ability to provide in-depth commentary by publishing longer news articles. Basically, print publications provide the most important details of a story, where as radio and television only provide the snapshots or the fast facts of a story.



RADIO: Radio may not be a first choice when it comes to news coverage but when

speed counts, radio, just like television, has the advantage of being able to produce and air a broadcast report minutes after news breaks. When radio is not covering breaking news, it gets most of its news stories from local, regional and national print publications. Another advantage of radio is that morning-drive and rush hour shows often have large followings and loyal listeners.



TELEVISION:

Television's strength is its ability to blend pictures with storytelling to create a compelling and visual broadcast. It also can produce and air breaking news stories moments after it occurs, as well as extend across boundaries by covering news in other states and countries while bringing live broadcasts from those areas to its local viewers.

With the ever-expanding 24/7 online and traditional media world, reporters and journalists are hungry for authentic original sources and stories. Why shouldn't these stories be about your Grange?

Pitch yours professionally, and you have a chance at media coverage and reaching many more people than you ever thought possible.

Contact Terri or Bob with your questions at publicrelations@ctstategrange.org or information@ctstategrange.org

A reminder from the CWA



Entries for the various contests to be judged at "Let's Celebrate" are to be at Cheshire Grange Hall on **SATURDAY, JUNE 8** before...

9:00 A.M.

The doors will open at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 9 for viewing of the exhibits followed by the Church Service at 11:00 A.M., lunch served by the Youth at Noon and the Lecturer's Contests at 1:00.

Nominate a "Granger of the Year"



Joanne Cipriano
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Our statewide tag sale was not as profitable as last year. As I write this article (May 5th) we have \$615.00. The grapevine rumors tell me that a couple of Pomonas are planning on sending a cash donation. Whatever you did to help we appreciate your efforts and I am sure the Connecticut Food Bank will appreciate our donation.

We are going to have a food collection for the Food Bank at State Session. If everyone attending brought just one item- what a nice donation of food we will have.

I have been watching the mail and have received no "Granger of the Year" applications yet. I'll keep checking the mail. Just a reminder to mark the calendar for September 21 for our Christmas Party. It will be a good time. And unless the weatherman pulls a late April fool's joke on us the weather should be ideal for driving.

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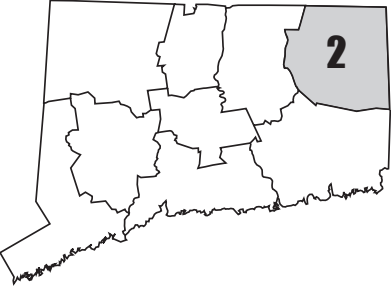
HAVE YOU SEEN THESE STATE OFFICERS?

 JODY CAMERON Should have been seen at: Central #1, E. Central #3, Southington #25, Coventry #75, Pachaug #96	 EDITH SCHOELL Should have been seen at: New Haven Cty. #5, Fairfield Cty. #9, Winchester #74, Ashford #90, Bethlehem #121
 JEFF BARNES Should have been seen at: Quinebaug #2, Mt. County #4, Enfield #151, Hillstown #87, Preston City #110	 PHIL BERGQUIST Should have been seen at: Central #1, E. Central #3 Putnam #97, Watertown #122 Taghannuck #100

This is intended to be a fun way to remind Grangers that State Officers are assigned to visit each Grange in the state this year.

All elected officers will be featured here.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



Senexet No. 40

✓ Wolf Den No. 61

✓ Ekonk No. 89

Ashford No. 90

Putnam No. 97

Killingly No. 112

✓ Echo No. 180

MISSION STATEMENT

Quinebaug Pomona supports and assists the communities within its jurisdiction through a financial and physical presence. We offer the Community Granges assistance and support for their programs and activities.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

June 12: Growing Season, Agriculture

July 10: Neighbor's Night

Everyone is very busy! This is good. A lot of projects to work on. Right now a quilting class is once a week at our hall and squares are being made. It's amazing what one can do if you only try. A sewing group get-together - plans get made.

Recently State Master Jody Cameron presented Richard Dufresne with a 50 year certificate, a 55, 60 and 65 year seals. Richard moved to more than one Grange and it was difficult to track him. Congratulations, Dick.

Our garden is planted and coming up we hope Mother Nature will be kind and no late frost.

Tags and labels are still coming in.

School will be out soon- be more careful on the roads.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

June 3: Inspection & Election, 7:30 P.M.

June 8: Strawberry Supper, 5 P.M.

We have some bittersweet news to report: Our Youth Drill Team decided to pull out of the Northeast Competition for this year ONLY; too many commitment conflicts. BUT they pledged to be back in 2014- stronger than ever- AND they have a monetary cushion to start them off.

More new members- we seem to be doing something right! We were so pleased to have State Chaplain Barbara Kulisch visit us in May. We had a fun program about Willie Mays, whose birthday was on our meeting night. Our Memorial Service paid tribute to 79 year Granger, Hazel Opperman (101); 76 year member, Esther Jalkanen; Mae Louise Mays (Willie's wife of 42 years who recently passed away) and we honored those innocent lives lost at Sandy Hook,

the Boston Marathon, the Texas Fertilizer plant and other natural disasters this past year. Young people were in the majority that evening. It is truly a delight watching them exemplify Grange work and with a smile too! Trevor Gervais joined Pomona in May. We stretched ourselves in April and May-- some think we are taking on too much (at the same time)- food for thought!

While it is fantastic to be active, we certainly do not want member burnout! Chris Sebastian set-up the weekend of June 14th and 15th to take down and rebuild the Grange pavilion; this is his Eagle Scout project and we applaud him; it will be ready well before our Fair! He did his usual exemplary job in the Plainfield High School play enjoyed by many Grangers! We catered lunch for the "Farm to Plate" trip around Sterling (which included "Buttercup Farm" on Main Street; Betsy's Stand and Molodich Farms on Ekonk and Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm!

The awards were given to Sterling 3rd graders in the annual Earth Day poster contest and we voted a donation to the "Team Cameron" for their Relay for Life walk in Woodstock. The Youth Drill Team (and Grange) voted to pay for Clifford Gervais' hotel room (\$250) when he goes to Elk River, MN in July as

a member of the Northeast Youth First Degree Team. This is one of 4 youth teams conferring the "original" degree work on the working farm once owned by Grange "father" Oliver Hudson Kelley. Clifford is the only youth from Connecticut participating.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

June 11: Picnic

June 25: Overseer/ Stewards

We are now holding our two meetings. We are finally having warmer weather. Our members are working on their crafts and contests. We have lost two of our members. Joyce Roscoe and Cecelia Farrington. Joyce would invite us to her home at Christmas time for a sing-a-long. It was a great time.

Everyone must be getting their gardens started in this nice weather.

State budget?



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
Legislative@ctstategrange.org

From June 2nd through June 4th the National Grange will be holding its Annual Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. National Grange offers a scholarship, that youth members can apply for, which covers most of the expenses for the youth member to attend


the Fly-In. Victor Salazar from Eureka Grange has been selected as one of the winners of this scholarship this year and will be joining us at the Fly-In. Victor just graduated from Clemson University in May where he studied Agricultural Education with a focus in Leadership Development and a minor in Political Science. On his Facebook page Victor announced that he is headed to Texas A&M this fall to pursue his Master's Degree in Agricultural Communications. Congratulations Victor on both winning the scholarship and graduating from Clemson. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

The Connecticut legislative session is in its final days and hopefully a budget has been presented by this point. The state budget is also affected by the federal budget. The biggest problem with the state budget is that the state is expecting to see cuts in federal monies but at this time they do not know how much.



As you saw in last month's column by Russell Gray, the lack of budgets put a hardship on towns who are trying to put together their own budgets for the year. One area of the budget that we are watching was the proposed reallocation of a portion of the Community Investment ACT (CIA) monies. It has been recommended that some of these funds be used for nutrition programs for schools which traditionally came from the general funds. We understand that the funding has been restored in the general funds for the nutrition program so CIA funds would not be touched. Some of these funds are used for the farmland preservation program. We also realize that until the final budget is voted on, nothing is definite and things can change.

Has your Grange started working on your resolutions yet for the next State Grange Session? Many Granges and Pomonas limit their meetings during the summer months. Remember that resolutions should be sent from your local Granges to the Pomonas before being sent to State. A plus of this requirement is that it allows resolutions to be considered by a larger audience and educate others as to what the resolution is about. There is an outline that you can follow on the State Grange website as to how to write a resolution. Look under the Download section and select Legislative under Select Category. Feel free to contact any member of the Legislative Committee for help as well.



Granger Shout Out

Shelley M. St. Jean, Ekonk Comm. #89 graduated from So. New Hampshire University School of Business with a 3.9 GPA, Suma Cum Laude, outstanding undergraduate day student in Hospitality & Management.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our state-wide tag sale. Good job! - from the Social Connection

Thanks to everyone who participated in Excelsior Pomona's Degree Day. It went like clockwork.

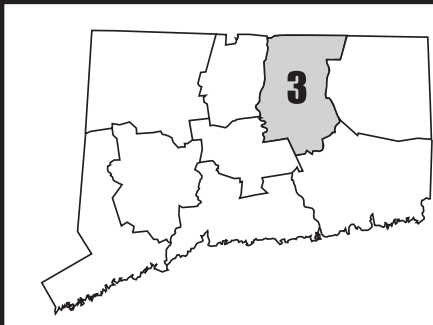
A big shout out to Terri Fassio from Winchester Grange for helping Norwich Grange set up their Facebook page.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Email your "Shout Out" to Granger@CTStateGrange.org (use "Granger Shout Out" in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- Granby No. 5
- Tunxis No. 13
- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- Coventry No. 75
- Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

MISSION STATEMENT

East Central Pomona supports the Community Granges by helping one another; through legislative advocacy and by supporting community service efforts.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

June 6: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers, Strawberry Time; Refreshments: Doris Monaco & Queria Sullivan

June 8: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

July 11: Meeting 7:30 p.m. "Fireworks Galore"; Refreshments: Priscilla Schmartz, Herbert & Ruth Grommeck

Aug. 1: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Picnic

As I am writing this article we are selling tickets to the Pasta Dinner that we have scheduled for May 18th. So all I can say at this time I sure hope we have good luck and sell plenty of tickets.

We had very good luck with Bake Sale and Boutique Sale on May 4th. It was the most successful sale ever. I want to thank all our members for their great support for that event.

I encourage all Glastonbury members to try to attend the June meeting and take part in selecting who will serve as your officers for 2014. The last card party for the season is June 8th. I hope we can have at least 4 to 5 tables for the final card party for the year. They will start up again in October.

There will be a Degree Day held in East Central Pomona at Good Will Grange Hall on August 17th. It will begin with the 1st Degree at 10:00 a.m. The 1st and 2nd Degrees will be conferred followed by a Pot Luck Lunch. Then the 3rd and 4th Degrees will be conferred.

This would be a great time to contact your friends and neighbors and get a application or two or three filled out and

presented to the Grange meeting. Also, those who have been taken into the grange with the Welcoming Ceremony should plan on attending to witness the degrees. It is a wonderful ceremony and will teach those new members what the full meaning of the organization is.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forwarding to see you all at our next meeting, June 6th and the Card Party June 8th.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

June 4: June Brides

June 18: Graduation

Spring is finally here. If you have been dormant like the trees and flowers, now is the time to renew your Grange efforts. We had a great evening at Coventry Grange. Our June 4 program is about "June Brides." Sister Maryanne is in charge of the program. Our June 18 program is about graduation. Guests are always welcome. Come and see what Manchester Grange is doing.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

June 4: Presidents 36-40

Tolland Grange is back in the hall on the Green in Tolland. We will continue our discussion of bits and pieces about Presidents 36-40. If you can join us, please feel free to do so.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

June 21: Food Corps Speaker with Neighbor's Night, 7:00 P.M.

Vernon is holding a neighbor's night with a special bright, young guest speaker, Dana Steven Food Corps Fellow. Food Corps is a nationwide team of leaders that connects kids

to real food and helps them grow up healthy. They do that by placing motivated leaders in limited-resource communities for a year of public service. Working under the direction of local partner organizations, they implement a three-ingredient recipe for health kids. Service members. Learn what these are! That night we will also be presenting a 55 year membership seal and a 75

year member recognition. If you can attend, please call or email Nancy at nrstrong@aol.com or 860-875-2412.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

June 8: National Dairy Month, Ref. Elaine & Judy

July 13: Fun and Games, Ref. Richard & Mickey

Everyone participated in the Emblem ceremony and enjoyed it very much.

Our inspection was completed and we hope for a decent score. It's always nice to have visitors. Maggie and Lyn-- thank you for coming. Our squash that was started in pots is growing nicely and we hope to have a big crop.

We will have the welcome ceremony for our new member Rosemary Roe.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

Inspection season is rapidly drawing to a close and all of the deputies join me in thanking the various Granges for their hospitality and cooperation in completing the inspections for 2013.

At the risk of sounding like a skipping CD (modern version of a broken record!), there still seems to be question about the proper way to recognize dignitaries and call for Suggestions at the close of the meeting.

The complete procedure is outlined and explained in the new "Master's Handbook" distributed to the Masters of all Community and Pomona Granges at the Schools of Instruction this winter/spring.

On inspection nights, the inspecting Deputy (or officer if the person inspecting is not a Deputy) outranks all others in attendance at the meeting, including the

State Master and should be recognized first. The choice of whether to escort the guest or not is up to the Master (and sometimes depends on available space to seat the guest(s) at the Master's station). Please review the Master's Handbook for the order in which to recognize guests.

When calling on guests for Suggestions for the Good of the Order, this is entirely up to the Master. It is recommended to call on any guests who were escorted to the Master's Station, including the spouse, regardless of whether or not they hold an office.

Master's who did not receive a copy of the Master's Handbook should contact me. Additional copies of the handbook are available to any member at a cost of \$5 and can obtain them by contacting me (860) 626-0326 or the State Secretary at the Central Office (860) 633-7550.

Register for Lecturers' Conf.



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

The 98th Annual Northeast Grange Lecturers' Conference will be held at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven on August 5, 6, & 7, 2013. Connecticut is hosting and we still need volunteers. I am looking for someone to assist with luggage when people arrive on Monday and leave on Wednesday.

My thanks to Gordon Gibson for volunteering to be our Registrar. Information on the conference should be in all Granges. If you haven't heard it read, ask your Lecturer or give me a call and I will send you

everything you need to attend. We have to stick to the July 10th deadline for registering as I have to get all the information to the college.

Joan Perry will be in charge of refreshments after the evening programs. She did such a wonderful job the last time CT hosted I just had to ask her again. Why not call her and offer to bake or make sandwiches or even buy something she needs. Don't make her ask you.

Our program will be Monday night. The

theme of the conference is "Community Spirit" and our program is Health Care. We have a mixture of comedy and some very serious issues. I still have parts to fill. Why not give me a call and volunteer?

The conference has taken on a different look this year. This was a financial necessity as we wanted to keep the cost affordable for everyone. We are focusing on a good time in addition to a learning and sharing experience for all.

Hope to see you in New Haven in August.

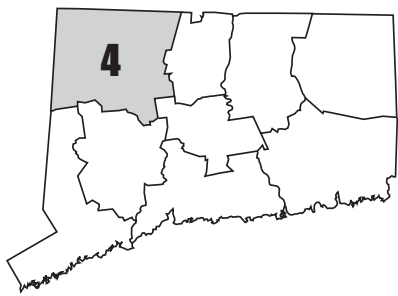


98th Annual Northeast Lecturers' Conference

Albertus Magnus College
New Haven, Connecticut

August 5, 6 & 7, 2013

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Cawasa No. 34
- Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- Riverton No. 169
- Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

Mountain County Pomona No. 4 has strong leadership, a keen sense of community and many skills and talents which we use to promote and support our local Community Granges through citizenship, legislative and agricultural policies within our Pomona.

MT. COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 24: "Notices" at Eureka Grange, 7:30 P.M. - Election of Officers, Raffle Drawing

The re-scheduled Litchfield Grange Open House should have been held by the time of this reading (June 2). As of this writing (May 26) there were reports of snow in the higher elevations --- you start to think there's a weather conspiracy against Litchfield Grange with the Blizzard of 2013 postponing the first open house. We thank everyone around the Pomona who chipped in to make the event successful. Hopefully that spark plug of a person or persons were found to help re-launch Litchfield Grange.

At the suggestion of the Pomona Master, the annual Gift Drawing held at our June meeting has taken a new twist-- all of the prizes are gift cards purchased through the donations of the Pomona officers.

Tickets are available in each of the Granges or from any of the officers of the Pomona (they have plenty of tickets to sell). Tickets are \$1.00 apiece. The drawing will be held at our June 24 meeting at Eureka Grange which will also be our election of officers for the next two years.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 11: Election of Officers, Ref. Sue Addison

June 16: Strawberry Festival, 2-5 P.M., Grange Hall

June 25: Fathers & Strawberries, Ref. Sue Kline & Nichole Melius

It continues to be busy at Winchester Grange. Our spring tag sale was held on May 25 with pouring rain outside and a decent amount of shoppers inside.

Next up will be our annual Strawberry Festival at the hall on Father's Day (June 16). The event, as always, is coordinated with the annual Laurel

Festival held in Winsted the weekend prior to the Strawberry Festival. The Laurel Queen will make an official visit and, if custom holds, will help serve Strawberry Shortcake to the hungry masses. The drive up to Winchester Center is always enjoyable and the portions of shortcake never disappoint. Join us! Call (860) 626-0326 for more information.

We were recently contacted by Gerri Griswold (known locally as the traffic reporter on WZBG and as the "Bat Lady" for her love of the creatures and the lectures she presents on the subject). Due to a scheduling conflict at

the White Memorial in Litchfield, she needed a new venue for her Iceland event. Join us on Saturday, July 20 the Grange Hall and the green will be turned into Iceland for the day featuring food, lectures, customs, and farm animals! It promises to be a very interesting and fun day in the Center.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghannuck Grange was busy celebrating Grange Month. We held a successful square/round/ contra dance on April 20th at the hall. The caller Bob Livingston and the music by Still The Home Grown Band had everyone

dancing.

On April 25 our Citizen of the Year dinner honored Ed and Ruth Epstein of Kent. This will be the first year that Kent picked the honoree. Country Spice band with Chaplain Myrtle Hayden on fiddle entertained all after the awards ceremony.

May 9th is our Spring Cleaning meeting where everyone pitched in cleaning the hall. HobbyNight on May 23rd is always a delight as we have so many talented members. We will also be planning the rummage sale which is our annual big fundraiser on June 15th.

Taghannuck mourns Myrtle Hayden



Originally submitted by Taghannuck Grange No. 100 to report on their April 25 Citizen of the Year Dinner, this photo is one of the last photos of Myrtle Hayden doing one of the things she loved the most, entertaining with her fiddle. Myrtle is shown performing with her band Country Spice after the presentation of the Community Citizen Award to Ruth & Ed Epstein. This month has been especially difficult for Taghannuck with the loss of Claire Pedersen, Phyllis Glen and now Myrtle Hayden.

Winchester Grange

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Take Dad Out For Dessert!

FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 16, 2013

2:00 PM

WINCHESTER GRANGE HALL
On The Green
100 Newfield Rd, Winchester Center

Strawberry Shortcake:
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Take-Outs Available

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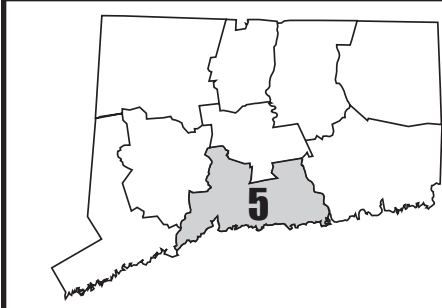
(Members of Winchester Grange #74)

Memory books



A sampling of the 32 Life Books made by Liz Ryducha of Cheshire Grange to be distributed to Foster Children.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

MISSION STATEMENT

New Haven County Pomona through the strength of its Community Granges offers collective wisdom and experience to enhance the individual leadership skills, pride in Grange ritual and camaraderie to all citizens in the communities in which we serve!

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: *Wesli Dymoke*

June 10: Regular meeting at Cheshire Grange (44 Wallingford Rd., Cheshire)-Gift Card Drawing, Program: Summertime!

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: *A. Ruel Miller*

June 5: Election of Officers, Memorial Service, Pot Luck Supper at 6PM

June 19: Open Meeting -Strawberry Festival

Ballroom fever reigned at Cheshire Grange in Early April with dance demonstrations It was well received and is a very

popular program.

A successful CWA program was held on April 17th with bathing beauties in attendance as the program centered around the State CWA theme this year, Over, Under, and Around the sea. We enjoyed refreshments from the men's bake off and others.

Plans are under way for our pre-Mother's Day ham dinner at our hall on May 11th. We hope to have a good attendance.

Our weekly craft nights continue as we make favors for the various holidays for presentation to our local

nursing homes.

Come and visit us in Cheshire (first and third Wednesdays) Happy Spring to all.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: *A. Tolette*

June 4: June Bugs

July 2: Happy Birthday, U.S.A.

Spring has sprung. Many trees and flowers have burst into bloom early and bright. Which is easier? Sneezing or shoveling?

We had an extra visit from the Bernhards last month. They came to see what kind of fools would show up for the meeting. Now they know.

They will be back in May for Carl's inspection night. We are planning to present Carlton Platt, Jr. with his 80 year certificate that night. More about that next time.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: *Barbara C. Kulisch*

June 14: Flag Day - Inspection

June 28: Memorial Program

July 12: Officer's Night

By the time you read this article, we will have draped our charter in loving memory of Eleanor C. Norton, a 58 year member, starting out her Grange journey in Old Saybrook Grange #198 in the spring of 1955. She and

her family had resided in Florida for the past 8 years and continued to do much community service work there. She will be missed by all who traveled along her Grange journey.

The officers and members of Old Lyme Grange wish everyone a safe and happy summer ahead.

80 year member Carlton Platt



Cheshire Grange congratulates Carlton Platt, a member of North Haven Grange, on his 80 years of active Grange membership. Pictured with him is long time friend Arline Tolette, Secretary of North Haven.

photo by Marge Bernhardt

Welcome to our newest Grange members!



- Alan DiCara Winchester Grange #74
- William Ahrens Winchester Grange #74
- Betty Ahrens. Winchester Grange #74

Has your Grange taken in new members? We would love to know about them and include them in this report and in the State Master's membership tally on page one. Email, mail or phone the Editor with the names of your new members.



American Values, Hometown Roots



CHESHIRE GRANGE Hosts Ham Dinner

SATURDAY

June 29th 6:00 PM

44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire

Adults: \$10.00 Children 5-12: \$5.00 Under 5: Free
You can order/reserve tickets & takeout by calling:

Don Lanoue at 203-213-6235 or
Elizabeth Ryducha at 203-996-0851

So. CT Past Masters

Our June meeting will be held at Redding Grange Hall on Saturday, June 15. Vice President Cindy Charbonneau will put on the program and President Cindy Legg will preside over the meeting.

It's always a fun evening. Come and join us.

Legal help needed



I am sending out this message to all Grange members in the hope that you can help us. We are seeking assistance from anyone who is knowledgeable in the areas of Real Estate Law and Deeds to advise one of our Connecticut Granges.

Please contact me ASAP with the contact information of the person(s) you feel may be of help. Phone: 860-564-7614 or email at president@ctstategrange.org.

Thank you in advance for your help.
Jody

New London County Pomona No. 6



MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate and nurture the flock while encouraging their advancement to the degree of Pomona.

NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

June 12: Memorial Program by Chaplain. Summer recipes and Picnic Bingo. Norwich Grange.

Our June 12 meeting sounds like fun. Maybe you have a favorite summer recipe you'd like to share. Why not bring it to the meeting?

We will decide that night where will hold our N.L. County picnic in August. Last year we went to Bluff Point and a large crowd enjoyed warm sun, great food, games, a hike and neighboring with friends. Do you have an idea where we should go this year? Come on down to Norwich Grange and make your voice heard.

It's spring! It's spring! It's finally here!

We waited and it came! Come down to Norwich June the 12th

And play our Bingo game.

GROTON COMMUNITY GRANGE

Corr: Susan Kenney

The newly established Groton Community Grange initiated four new members. Jeffrey Barnes, Overseer of the Connecticut State Grange, conducted the ceremony. Our State Master Jody A. Cameron officiated to elect all of our new officers.

Many pictures were taken and the newly formed Grange was commended for its efforts. There has not been a newly formed Grange in Connecticut since the 1950s.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

Colchester Grange will "Dive into summer" with its program on June 10 at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments with a social hour will be held. We are blessed to have wonderful cooks in our

Grange. That also includes our Master Jeff Watson. You all come and visit.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

June 14: Mingle-mangle Election of Officers

June 28: Farrago Annual Picnic / Potluck at 6:30 followed by games

Our April 12 program was presented by the Agricultural Committee. It was an enjoyable mix of a skit, a game of charades and readings. Jason Miner sang 2 verses of Home on the Range accompanied by his mom.

On April 28 we celebrated Grange Month by honoring long-time members and our Community Citizen, Jennifer Welborn. Jennifer has contributed her time and talent in building an extensive science section in our local library. She has designed and donated many kits that may be signed out and utilized by the community. Jennifer also donates her time at the elementary school, teaching various classes to love science.

We presented a 70 year seal to Guz Crofts and 65 year seals to Mary Eppler, Dot Gurnee and Mac Gray. Mary lives a great distance from our hall now; but she said she was happy to be reunited with two of her childhood friends at the meeting. Seals were mailed to members unable to attend.

Please come to our annual picnic on the 28th. The Grange provides hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Bring a side dish to share and stay for the games and companionship after the meal. And if the deer who came around at night will just develop a taste for something besides my hostas, next time I'll tell

you all about merry May.

LYME GRANGE #147

June 6: Guess who? Election

July 4: No Meeting "Happy Birthday" America

July 11: (2nd Thurs)- Wearing of the Red, White & Blue

Aug. 1: Will the ants visit us? Picnic

Sept. 5: Start of another year.

We had another milestone birthday, Alione Stark Cone turned 80, so of course there was a cake, candles and the Happy Birthday song was sung loud and clear.

Our Deputy, Jeff Barnes, presented Kathy Tefft with her 50 year certificate. She was accompanied by her two grandsons David and Riley. He also presented Alione with her brother, Lucius Stark, 55 year seal. On the 14th of May, our Master will visit Virginia Gardner. It is her 99th birthday. She will be presented with her 85th year letter from the National Master. Of course, there will be flowers and a balloon.

The daffodils have passed, we are now looking forward to flowering trees and shrubs. It has been a beautiful spring after the hard winter.

Our old rusted fence around the fairgrounds has been replaced by a gorgeous black one. It sure looks wonderful. The old fence was sold for scrap metal. The gates are now larger to allow large trucks carrying cattle to enter our fairgrounds much more easily.

NORWICH GRANGE #172

Corr: Susan Kenney

The month of May meeting for the Norwich Grange included an interesting report from Art Tylenda of the Agriculture Committee who reported a threat of invasive bamboo effecting north eastern Connecticut. There is a group of concerned citizens forming to legislate the removal of bamboo in our area. Apparently the bamboo is so invasive, it has grown through cement and even a roof and is raising havoc with the farmers in the area.

Our Worthy Chaplain, Richard Tarryk, respectfully conducted our Annual Memorial Service and draped the charter for numerous previous members of the Norwich Grange.

We had our potluck dinner and opened the Norwich Grange to prospective new members. We had two potential candidates.

Mary Mingo, our Family Health Issues Committee Chairperson, gave an informative talk on winter

safety and fall prevention in cold weather. She demonstrated this by wearing a hat, special grips to add on to shoes, and the use of ski poles. Mary's husband recently passed away please keep Mary in your thoughts.

Susan Kenney, Balloon Artist and Temporary Lecturer, gave a Spring Balloon Show and distributed spring themed twisted balloons to members, guests, and potential new Grangers!

New fence @ Hamburg Fair



Hamburg Fairgrounds (Lyme Grange #147) is now sporting a new black chain link fence. The old fence was taken down with the assistance of the Thompson Fence Co., the Town of Lyme road crew and two tree companies. The new fence runs along the front and one side of the fairgrounds. The entire job took only four days to complete. Come on down to the 2013 fair scheduled for August 16-17.



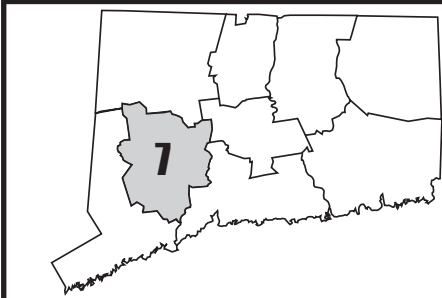
Alione Cone was given a special 80th birthday celebration by the members of Lyme Grange at a recent meeting complete with cake, candles and the birthday song.

Colchester Grange



Eighteen large Easter baskets were delivered to Jewett City - American Legion Veterans Housing. They were filled with items of use for each plus candy for each. Colchester Grange continues to remember our vets not only in support but action. We are so proud not to forget the sacrifice that they continue to make so that we can live free and safe in the greatest country in the world. We continue to pray for them and our beloved USA. From left to right: Cathy Russi, Mike (Veterans Program Coordinator) and Eve O'Connell.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Excelsior Pomona sponsored a degree day in which Excelsior Pomona along with members of Central, Fairfield and New Haven County Pomona came together making up 4 degree teams and conferred the degrees on 5 candidates. It was so nice to see everyone work together and the degrees were done very well. We would like to thank Janet Haller for doing the tableaux.

By the time you read this we have had our Fifth Degree with inspection at Beacon Valley Grange. Our next meeting will be June 19 for election of officers at Prospect Grange at 7:30 P.M.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

"Here Comes the Grads" is the title of our June 14 program. Bryan Kaplan will be in charge of refreshments.

At the recent celebration of our 124th anniversary we honored the following for continuous membership: David Knapp - 40 years, Theodora Gagnon for 50 years and Charles Brush for 60 years.

Our members helped at the statewide tag sale and many of those who did not work donated items. We also participated in the Excelsior Pomona Degree Day. Everyone can be proud of their efforts at both events.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Diane Barbieri

June 7: Flag Day (All Members)

June 17: Father's Day

Hello everyone, hope everyone will have a nice summer. We had our Memorial Service in April. We had our CWA contest in May. We had our tag sale on May 31.

We had our inspection on May 17.1 We are selling and collecting Naugatuck Duck Race money for the Grange. Our first meeting on June 7 is Flag Day. Our second meeting, on June 17 is Father's Day. To all the fathers... Happy Father's Day.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

A successful Grange Month Open House was held on April 28 at the Prospect Senior Center with 33 in attendance which included State Representative Zupkus, Mayor Robert Chatfield, and several State Grange Officers and Committee members and 11 non-members of which we have 2 possible new members. Unfortunately, none of our membership awards members were able to attend. Doris Welton, 75 years; Althea Hubbell, 65 year seal; Paul Miller, 60 year seal; Marguerite Moran, 55 year seal and Jeanne Desrochers, Golden Sheaf (50 years).

John Dyckman was honored as our Citizen of the Year. John started volunteering while he was a child and brought up helping others. He was president of the Prospect Land Trust for several years and Scoutmaster for the Boy Scout Troop 258, which he founded 8 years ago and promoted the efforts of the Red Cross blood donor program since he moved to Connecticut 25 years ago. John and his wife have brought up their two children to volunteer their time and talents as well.

Plumb Farm co-owner by Tom Wheeler and his partner David Rubino were honored for their contributions to our community and support of our veterans. Timothy

Meehan presented them with a certificate of appreciation from the VFW Post 7790 for the support Plumb Farm has given them.

Mayor Chatfield presented both with certificates from Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Senator Richard Blumenthal and Rep. Zupkus presented them both certificates from the Connecticut State Government.

Our next meeting will be June 13 in which the Steward will be in charge of the program "Come Play with Us." This is a neighbors night, so we hope to see some of our Grange neighbors. All members are responsible for the refreshments.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

We are back in our Grange Hall which is closed during the winter from the second week in December until the end of March. We are very grateful for St Marks Episcopal Church, which happens to be next door, for the use of their facility. We had all our regular monthly meetings although one was delayed because of bad weather.

We delivered Easter flowers to shut ins on the week before Easter and we held an Easter egg hunt on March 30th.

In April we had our first monthly meeting in our hall on April 17th. On April 24th we had a clean up of the hall. On April 26th we had our annual Community Service Award dinner. There was a potluck supper at 6:30 followed by an award given to the Bridgewater and Roxbury Garden Club.

Fran Bednar, the president of the club, accepted the award. There were over 35 people in attendance.

The second week in May promises to be a busy week for us. We will be preparing our Grange and the hall for a big meeting on Wednesday May 8th followed by our first roast beef dinner on Saturday May 11th. The roast beef dinners have been very popular and the hootenanny which follows

the dinner is becoming very popular also. Our lecturer Jeff Case brings in a diverse group of friends and musicians for some very good music. You get folk songs, country songs, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and the Grateful Dead.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

June 7: Election of Officers

June 21: Music Night

We don't know what the future holds, but reminiscing about some past events can bring great pleasure. All present agreed that our recent invitation-

only Public Supper was well done and should be repeated. Rob Buck presented a fine summary of Grange activities, and Ron Fischer entertained with country music. The food, as always, was great. Thanks go to all who helped and who contributed to the event.

The Pomona-wide Tag Sale held in Oxford also went well, thanks to volunteers from Watertown, Beacon Valley, Bethlehem and Oxford Granges.

Finally, congratulations go to Audrey Wellner on her winning the Toasted Coconut Shortbread Baking Contest. Nice job, Audrey!

See the first four Degrees of the Order presented as they were in 1873

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June 28 cut-off

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
Cannon No. 152

MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfield County Pomona is made up of Community Granges with a special interest in leadership development, who come together to share information and fellowship and through legislative action addresses the needs of all its members and communities.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

June 5: Election of Officers

Our June 5 meeting will be at Cannon Grange hall and will start at 6:00 P.M. with a dairy supper.

The agenda for this meeting is a long one as there is much work to accomplish. The main item is the election of officers for the next two years. This may turn out to be the hardest part. During the lecturers program we will judge the talent entries and the A number skits. I hope we have a lot of participants.

Prior to the meeting, during the supper, there will be judging of the CWA needlework entries. This looks to be a long night but its part of the job.

After this we will have a long rest as our Pomona does not meet again until September. Enjoy your summer vacation.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

June 10: Election of Officers

June 24: Grides

July 8: Grange Picnic

June, a changing of the seasons from spring to summer. The best time of the year and a busy one for us Grangers.

The first meeting of the month is election of officers. We elect officers for two years. Lets see who we can get.

The program for our second meeting is Brides. No, none of our members is getting married but who knows, there may be a surprise. Just kidding it's just that month of the year. Other notable events are dads and grads. Almost every family has one of those.

We will have our Grange

picnic on July 8 at 6:30 P.M. We have the picnic outside and then move indoors for the meeting. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Please let us know though.

Everyone enjoy this great time of the year with its warn weather and wonderful activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

June 11: Election of Officers

July 9: Fourth of July Celebration

Aug. 13: Annual Barbecue and Picnic, 6:30

Breaking News: Our Worthy Patroness Flora will be leaving Norfield Grange for the University of Connecticut next fall, with a five-year double major in Classics (Latin and Greek) and Education. Gratulationes, Catharine!

On Earth Day, April 27, we celebrated with a picnic on the side lawn during the Farmers' Market, played badminton and lawn games, too, and then went for guided walks through the Katherine Ordway Preserve.

At our April meeting we draped our Charter for Betty Miller. Proposed and passed at the meeting were a \$350 scholarship for Camp Berger and a \$500 scholarship for Catharine Kimberly. Heather Wilson donated a dishwasher to Norfield Grange, which was turned over to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Our last Farmers' Market for the season was on May 4. It will reopen n November 23, for its fourth season. Also on May 4 we held a lively Kentucky Derby viewing and party.

And so, on to summer. It was quite a year!

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

June 17: Election of Officers/"Hints of Summer", 7 P.M., Meeting

In April, we heard reports on the Community Garden projects. Our

Assistant Steward, Eric Frisk, has been active with a series of talks on gardening at a branch of the Fairfield Public Library. As our hall will be the scene of another Agricultural Fair in mid-September, it is not too early to think about entries

- home grown or home made! Details will follow.

Our election of officers is slated for June. We will also be focusing on summer activities planning.

All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and events!

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing submissions@ctstategrange.org.



This month we heard from Marge Bernhardt with an answer for the April photo. She said the photo was taken at the groundbreaking of Marlborough Grange Hall, and was in the 1970s. Marge was actually in attendance when this photo was taken. She said the first man is a Town Official, then Mary Planeta who was Master of Marlborough Grange at the time, then the contractor for the building, and then on the right end is Mervin Whipple. Marge says the photo was taken when Mervin was State Grange Lecturer. Thank you Marge for the great information!



2013 Youth/Junior Conference in Vermont

This year the Youth/ Junior Conference is being held on Friday, June 28, 2013 to Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the Vermont State Grange Center in Brookfield, VT. Directions will follow. Sleeping accommodations are in cabins. Please make sure you bring your own bedding and bath towels as none will be provided.

The "Spirit Stick" continues to encourage the Junior/Youth of each State Grange to exemplify their Grange Spirit. As before, Grange Spirit may be the wearing of specific clothing that promotes the Junior/Youth program or by sharing what you do to get the word out about Grange. The host state will provide the judges who will only be revealed on Sunday. As before, the winning state will be awarded the Spirit Stick which they will keep for one year, and must bring said stick the following year to the conference where the cycle begins again.

Friday registration begins at 3:30. Dinner of pizza, salad, and ice cream sundaes begins at 6:00. The agenda tells you how the weekend will unfold.

The Vermont State Grange looks forward to hosting you at our Grange Center.

Fraternally,

Kendal Holden, Youth Director, Vermont State Grange

Registration materials and further information about attending the Youth/Junior Conference may be obtained by contacting the State Master at president@ctstategrange.org or by calling 860-564-7614. The packet will also be available at the State Grange website, ctstategrange.org for download.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday

- 3:30 Registration/Move-In
- 6:00 Dinner
- 10:00 Rules/Vespers – Assign State

Saturday

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:50 Flag Raising
- 9:00 – 10:00 Workshop
National Youth Director
Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 Workshop
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 Competitions
Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 Workshop
National Youth Director
Break - Outside Activities
- 6:00 Banquet & Awards
Break
- 8:30 Dance/Bonfire/S'mores
- 11:30 Vespers – Assign State
- Midnight – Lights Out

Sunday

- 7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 Flag Raising and
Worship Service
- 10:00 Drill Competitions



EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

April was a busy month for us. We were inspected by Sister Kay Ruff. It is always a pleasure to see her! We took in 4 new members. Brianna Gervais has been waiting for "SO LONG" to join Junior Grange like her older brothers! That she was able to join on my Birthday, made it a sweet gift for me! Casey and

Patrick Ferns have been our friends for years. They have been in three of our Christmas plays. Such fun kids! Finally, last but not least, Jacob Bessette also joined. His older sister joined awhile ago. It is great when families belong!

In April a small group of Juniors and Subordinates cleaned up around on of the rivers in town. They were a diligent group! Good job, all!

We also went on a hike. Some of the youth joined us, for a total of 19 and a pooch. We had an enjoyable amble through part of Pachaug forest. The kids had so much fun, when they were at the shelter they decided we should go camping!

At our May meeting we had 12 Junior members present, there was a total of 24. A smaller than usual group as the school was having a dance for the Junior High, and Carly and Conner Sebastian were at a play in Plainfield High school. A "Civil War Soldier" was our guest for the evening. He had a very informative talk, although he kept it short for our young group. We can't wait until our Fair in August when he'll be back with his group. They will have a tent and lots of cool stuff from that time.

We have been on Facebook for over a year, feel free to check us out online, or even better, visit us in person!



(Above) Members, youth and family of Ekonk Jr. Grange went on a hike through Pachaug Forest, posing for a picture at a shelter along the trail. The hike was enjoyed so much plans are being made for a camping trip! (Left) Brianna Gervais, Casey Ferns, Patrick Ferns and Jacob Bessette all joined Ekonk Jr. in April.



Civil War talk at Ekonk

A "Civil War Soldier" gave a brief talk to the members of Ekonk Community Junior Grange at their May meeting. The members are looking forward to the Grange's August Fair when the soldier will be back with the rest of his company to set up an encampment.

The Connecticut State Grange Foundation is pleased to announce that they are currently raffling a new John Deere X300 Riding Lawn Mower.

The John Deere X300 Riding Lawn Mower comes equipped with a smooth-running V-twin iTorque™ Power System and easy-to-use Twin Touch™ hydrostatic transmission, as well as four-wheel steering and easy-to-operate Twin Touch transmission control pedals.

Second prize is a \$500 Gift Certificate to the Tractor Supply Company.

Tickets to enter the drawing are available at the low cost of only \$5.00

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Nagorny	Manchester Grange #31
Stanley Moroch	Colchester Grange #78
Margaret Ely	Colchester Grange #78
Myrtle Hayden, G.S.	Taghannuck Grange #100
Phyllis Glen	Taghannuck Grange #100
Claire Pedersen	Taghannuck Grange #100
John Magyar, G.S.	former Litchfield Grange #107
Ralph Main, G.S.	N. Stonington Grange #138
Eleanor C. Norton, G.S.	Old Lyme Grange #162
Louise L. Lillibridge, G.S.	Norwich Grange #172
Joyce Roscoe	Echo Grange #180
Cecelia Farrington	Echo Grange #180
Helen Gustafson, G.S.	Hemlock Grange #182

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Chaplain's Message

Cell vs. Bible



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

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I never thought of it this way, but it's an eye opener.

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to Kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go...hmm...

Where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected and no dropped calls, because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think "Where are my priorities?" When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you! Have a Blessed Day!

Upcoming Dates:

SUNDAY, JUNE 9: 11 A.M., Grange Sunday Worship Service, Cheshire Grange Hall (Part of "Let's Celebrate" Day)

Sunday, June 23: 3 P.M., New England Grange Sunday, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire

Time is running out!

per ticket, and are limited to only 2,500 tickets sold, greatly increasing each ticket holder's opportunity to win. The drawing will be held on Sunday, June 9th at the Connecticut State Grange's Let's Celebrate Day event at Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire.

Tickets are available from



This X300 Deere could be yours!
Get your raffle tickets today.

CT State Grange Officers across the state.

The Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc. is a statewide nonprofit 501(c)3 public charitable organization created by the Connecticut State Grange for the people and businesses of Connecticut to promote and facilitate philanthropy through community leadership, grant-making and donor funded stewardship.

For more information on the raffle or to purchase tickets, contact CT State Grange President Jody Cameron via e-mail at president@ctstategrange.org or by calling the Central Office at 860-633-7550.