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Every officer must do their best



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It is a little hard to believe summer is gone but with that brings installation season. If your Grange has elected officers this year I strongly encourage you to make sure they are properly installed.

The lessons of the installation ceremony are meaningful and clearly explain the purpose and function of each office.

If you are newly elected to a position, I congratulate you and encourage you to learn and understand all

that goes with your office.

If you are retiring from a position I'm sure your successor would heartily welcome you as their mentor while they learn all that goes with their office.

Our "ritual" when taken seriously and executed to the best of each officer's ability is not only impressive but adds to a well run, organized, efficient meeting. Many members claim they do not like our ritual but I am unclear as to what they are referring. A ritual is something one does routinely. Most rituals are for necessity and efficiency. Our "ritual" of opening a meeting, order of business and closing a meeting are designed to be efficient, effective and instructive.

Without a structure we would have constant chaos and disorder. Members

rights would be violated by not allowing each member to be heard and we would offer little importance to the community.

In order for us to achieve the goals each of our Granges set for ourselves every officer must do their best to always do their best.

When we invite guests into our halls their first impression is their only impression. I constantly remind everyone, perception is always confused for reality.

By encouraging your members and yourself to truly listen to the installation charges, I am sure each officer will be inspired to take their Grange to the next level of greatness that we all know every one of our Granges can achieve.

National Representatives



Christine and Duane Hamp

The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Christine and Duane Hamp as the National Representatives to the 129th State Session to be held October 17-19 at the Holiday Inn in Norwich. Christine currently serves as National Pomona and Duane is Master of the Washington State Grange.

Christine E. (Chris) Hamp, a fourth-generation Granger, was raised on a dairy farm homesteaded in 1882 by her great-grandfather in Monroe, Washington. Chris joined Tualco Junior Grange #341 in 1972 at the age of 5. In 1981 she joined Tualco Grange #284 and received all 7 degrees in just six months. Currently, Chris serves as Secretary at Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 in Spokane County where she is an affiliate member.

Of note, Chris was named the Washington State Outstanding Junior Granger in 1981, the Washington State Outstanding Young Granger in 1986, National Youth Ambassador in 1986 and Master of the National Youth Officer Team in 1996. She also served as the Washington State Grange Lady Assistant Steward from 1990-1995, as a Washington State Grange Special Deputy from 1999-2011 and as a member of the National Grange's Strategic Planning Task Force, created at the 1999 National Convention.

Chris has earned a bachelor degree in Public Policy & Administration from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, a Master of Public Administration degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC and an associate degree of technical arts in Fire Command Administration from Edmonds Community College in Edmonds, Washington.

While Chris earned her first million picking
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Colchester Celebrates 125 Years

by Joan Toomey

Amid a beautiful day, Colchester Grange #78 (organized on Feb. 14, 1888) celebrated with a chicken barbecue on August 13, and other activities throughout the year with many State Grange dignitaries and guests in attendance at the beautiful Leonard Farm with Polly Leonard as hostess for the event. She had many helpful hands from Colchester Grange to assist her set up tents, tables and

chairs as well as assist with the many delightful side dishes and desserts.

Phyllis McCall was presented with her 60 year seal and State Master Jody Cameron presented the Grange with a 125th Anniversary plaque from National Grange as well as a Citation from the State of Connecticut by Linda Orange with Master Jeff Watson and other dignitaries present.

A lovely sign done by Polly's granddaughter

welcomed all to the affair as well as the original hall's bronze dedication plaque from 1888.

Colchester Grange is active in community service and its members volunteer hundreds of hours to help their town and those in great need. We are very proud of our Grange and our happy and persistent to contribute in so many ways to numerous to mention.

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Grange Day at the Big E

Grange Day at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in West Springfield, MA will be on Sept. 22. A limited number of tickets and parking passes are available at no charge. However, all members using the tickets are asked to march in the parade in the afternoon (if they are able) to show their support for the Grange. For more information, please contact State Master Jody Cameron at President@CTStateGrange.org or by calling (860) 564-7614.

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The CT State Grange, War Bonds & The Connecticut Granger



by Terri Fassio, CSG Public Relations Co-Director

Each time someone picks up a copy of the Connecticut Granger newspaper, the official publication of the Connecticut State Grange, they see a photo of a World War II military plane on the masthead. What the reader may not realize, is that the plane pictured was named the "Connecticut Granger" after the efforts of Connecticut Grange members to support the war through its War Bond program.

During World Wars I and II, the U.S. government issued war bonds for the purpose of financing military operations. War bonds not only generated capital, but also made civilians feel as if they were involved with the operations.

In the 1940s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt along with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. enacted a voluntary loan system, which began the Defense War Bond program during World War II. Bonds were sold for as little as \$18.75 and matured in 10 years, paying the bond holder \$25. Over the course of World War II, 85 million Americans purchased bonds totaling over \$185

billion.

As incentive to sell War Bonds, the government instituted the "Buy-a-Bomber" appreciation campaign to name a "Flying Fortress" Boeing B-series plane for every \$300,000 in War Bonds sold by a group or organization. Select Boeing B-17 planes were used to conduct War Bond tours as part of the program.

The Boeing B-series Flying Fortress planes were heavy-duty military machines. The B-17 was the most famous, and one of the most successful airplanes built during its time. The B-17 received the name "Flying Fortress" from a newspaper reporter in Seattle who commented on its defensive firepower. Boeing soon after patented the name for their planes.

Sherman K. Ives, Master of the Connecticut State Grange, instituted a state-wide effort in August 1943, with Grange members across Connecticut selling War Bonds. Bake sales, dinners, and programs of all sorts were held in Grange Halls across the state to raise money for the war efforts.

In the book "The Grange in Connecticut" written by Lida Skilton Ives, she

explains:

"Connecticut Grange support for the war effort was varied and substantial. The greatest achievement was the raising of \$487,000 worth of War Bonds during the Third War Loan Drive. In recognition, the War Department named one of its flying fortresses, "Connecticut Granger."

The Connecticut State Grange effort was started at Wichita Grange in Warren, who rallied their small town of 328 people and sold \$12,075 in war bonds. Mystic Grange topped the Granges in the state with a sales total of \$58,263. Each Grange who participated in the effort received a commemorative photo of the Connecticut Granger Flying Fortress.

The Connecticut Granger newspaper was started in 1960 by George Arundell and Maud Haines of Farmill River Grange, under State Master Robert K. Mitchell. The efforts to get the newspaper off the ground once again saw Connecticut Grange members working together for a common goal, similar to that of the War Bond campaign years earlier.

2000 subscribers were necessary for the newspaper to be viable, so Arundell and Haines formed a committee who then traversed the state to secure subscribers. They traveled 3,764 miles and spoke to 2,994 people at 12 Pomona meetings and 28 Subordinate Grange meetings. Their subscription goal was met in 6 weeks time, attending 6-7 meetings per week.

When it came time to decide on a name for the new official publication,

"Connecticut Granger" was chosen due to the combined efforts of Grange members statewide, making the newspaper a reality. The inaugural issue of the paper featured a photo of the Connecticut Granger Flying Fortress prominently on its front page.

In 1943, the Connecticut State Grange played a major role in the War effort by participating in the War Bond program. In 1960, Grange members rallied together to start the Connecticut Granger newspaper. These two initiatives shared a common goal: Community Granges across Connecticut not only

rose to, but exceeded the challenges they faced.

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National Representatives

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raspberries, she is currently employed by Spokane County Fire District 9 as the District's Administrative Services Director where she also serves as a volunteer firefighter/EMT and is a Certified Fire Investigator.

Duane J. Hamp, a native of Spokane Washington and a third generation Granger, was elected the 18th Master of the Washington State Grange in June 2011 and was reelected for a second term in June 2013. The Washington State Grange has approximately 15,000 members in 265 community Granges throughout all of the state's 39 counties.

A 40+ year member, having joined Grange in 1970, Duane is a past Master of the Washington State Grange Youth Group, Valley Prairie Grange #827, Spokane County Pomona Grange #4, and Five Mile Prairie Grange #905. He was named the Washington State Grange Outstanding Young Granger in 1975. He served as the Washington State Grange Gatekeeper from 1983-1987, State Executive Committeeman from 2004-2009 and as State Overseer from 2009-2011.

Duane and his wife Christine are members of the Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 and Spokane County Pomona Grange #4. He has recently retired as the owner/operator of an automotive repair business.

Duane's vision for the Grange includes building collaborative and sustainable relationships which work to strengthen both our Granges and the communities in which they belong. His focus for the Washington State Grange is to ensure that the values of Serve, Grow, Influence and Lead are built into every aspect of its organizational culture.

Chris and Duane live outside Spokane, Washington.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THESE STATE OFFICERS?



BOB SENDEWICZ
Should have been seen at:
Mt. County #4,
New London Cty. #6,
Tunxis #13, Wallingford #33,
Greenfield Hill #133



GORDON GIBSON
Should have been seen at:
New London Cty. #6,
Fairfield Cty. #9,
Manchester #31,
Cannon #52, Old Lyme #162

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 have been featured here.

Do You Remember?

Frank Warner



by Betty Jane Gardiner

A number of people have asked why we haven't featured Frank Warner as the subject of this column. To tell the truth it's been put off because there would be so much to cover and it would be difficult to ask people to remember someone nobody could forget.

One of these days we'll give it a try. The article would have to mention how he came back from the service following World War II with his bride, the lovely, ever patient, Margaret whom he met in Arizona. We would speak of his love of family, Grange, church and community. We would recall his days outstanding voice, his good nature and his friendship to everyone.

There were so many activities which were a part of his life- many years of service to the fire department, working on the installing team of his best pal, Carlton Platt, singing in the Hamden Grange Quartet with Duane K. Wetmore, Eddie Hooghkirk and Jim Grandy and participating in sports.

He was Master of Hamden Grange No. 99 and of New Haven County Pomona and was State Deputy before he began his long journey to the office of State Master. He was president of the Connecticut State Grange Federal Credit Union, a director of the Connecticut Agricultural Fair, and of course, Patrons Mutual Insurance.

While he was State Master there was a change voted for the time of election of officers which resulted in Frank and his team having to serve an extra year - thus creating the "Warner Five Year Wonders." His aim while State Master was to visit every Grange and Pomona - and he did!

While he was a lot of fun, there was nobody more serious about the ritual and work than Frank - even though he had a lot of ribbing wearing the leotard in the Seventh Degree.

His talents were many- a prime example was the monologue he often gave on programs where he carried a little black suitcase and using his "Italian accent" told of his career from "Gate-a-keep" to "Assistant Stew" and on to being the "Mast"!

As State Master he introduced the greeting card project which proved to be a good fundraiser. *Granges and Grange members sold boxes of greeting cards with a percentage of each sale going back to the State Grange. The assortment of cards was the same in every box sold.* When Frank's birthday came around, Joanne Cipriano thought of a great idea and we spread the word asking folks to take one specific birthday card out of their boxes and send it to Frank. That year he received over 200 cards - all alike!

We should mention how he loved ice cream, his many collections - trucks, horses, and of course, milk bottles. He built a set of lighted shelves in his garage on which to display his bottle collection.

His woodworking skills were excellent and he donated one of his famous fireside benches to every raffle or fundraising project that came along.

He was a people person and often put his own name on people. His daughter-in-law was "Shorty". He called me "Beege" and my husband, "Billy Boy" - but the best one was when he always called Joanne "Scrooge."

He was a great tease. Ted Beebe says when he walked into a gathering and heard the sound of a goat coming from the crowd he knew Frank was there. He had inside jokes with everyone.

Many a good time was had by all the Groups the Warners entertained in their cottage at the lake.



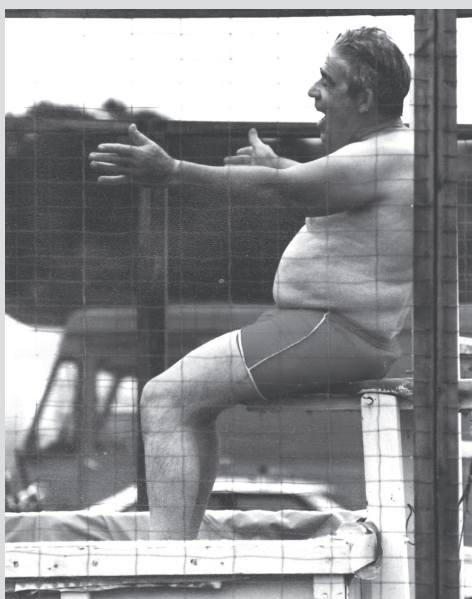
Frank performs his Italian skit at the 1972 National Grange Convention in Hartford.



Frank enjoys a bowl of ice cream, a favorite.



The Quartet from Hamden Grange No. 99.



Frank, the Dunking Booth Target!



Frank and Margaret Warner pose for a picture with granddaughter Karen.



Frank (far left) takes a break during a Camp Berger Clean-Up Day.

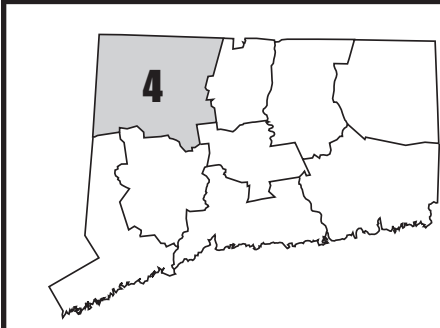


Frank, escorted by Margaret, is installed Master of the Connecticut State Grange.

Yes, one day there will be an article about Frank. It won't be easy to write and there will hardly be enough room for all the

things to be recalled, but we will ask you to remember Frank - as if anybody could ever forget him!

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.

MOUNTAINCOUNTYPOMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 9: Regular Meeting, Riverton Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M. (Reports of Officers), Program

SEPT. 24: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS@Winchester Grange, 7:30 P.M.

Due to scheduling conflicts the Installation of Officers for the Pomona has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Winchester Grange Hall. This will be a joint installation of Winchester and Mountain County conducted by State Secretary Edith Schoell and her team.

The Sept. 9 meeting will be held as scheduled at Riverton Grange Hall. It will be a regular meeting with a program to be determined. As it is September, we remind all officers that your annual (written) reports are due that night.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Hello Grangers! Starting to get back to work after the summer days. We had a wonderful Grange picnic at Lin's house in July.

We stopped in Windsor Locks to see the West Suffield Grangers and Vivian and Lyall Shaw. It was so good to see everyone.

We still need some main meal recipes for our new cookbook if you have any please send ASAP to: Maggie Schofield, 23 Thayer Ave., Collinsville, CT 06019-3023 or email to: mags0608@att.net.

Deadline is Oct. 31!

We were saddened to hear of the death of Marie Ackley. She was a good friend and Granger. Marie had had breathing problems for a long time. We will miss her. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved her little Lacey! (Granddaughter). Rest in peace, Marie.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

We sadly announce the passing of Sister Elizabeth Schiedel of Whigville Grange. Liddy was a Golden Sheaf member.

Whigville Grange met on Aug. 14. Our program began with the draping of the Charter in honor of Sister Liddy Schiedel. Our program theme was vacations. The trivia we had to answer was fun and we all learned something. Thank you Sister Helena. We finalized our plans for our Fair. The date is Sept. 14, 10-2. Please come. Call 860-582-9863 or b_gary@sbcglobal.net to enter items for ribbons!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 7: Fall Tag Sale, 8 to 2

Sept. 10: First & Second Degrees, Ref. Craig

Sept. 14: Winchester Day (Craft Sale, Food & Contests at the Grange)

Sept. 17: Third & Fourth Degrees, Potluck Harvest Supper @ 6 P.M.

Sept. 24: Installation of Officers with Mountain County Pomona, 7:30 P.M. (Winchester Grange Hall)

Oct. 11: Fall Super Prize Party

It continues to be VERY busy at Winchester Grange and September will be no exception!

Before we get into coming events, we need to make members aware of developments regarding the Winchester Center Post Office housed in our Grange Hall. For more than 18 years, the Post Office has been located in our hall and the agreement reached at that time provided for a very small amount of rent with the heat and electricity paid for by the Grange. It has always been considered a community service of this Grange to make every effort to have the P.O. remain in Winchester Center, thus preserving the 06094 zip code. After reviewing actual

expenses, it has been learned that it costs the Grange more than double what we receive in rent to maintain the P.O. We are now in negotiations to have an adjustment in their rent.

What started our review was a letter from the Compliance Dept. of the USPS asking the Grange to pay for extensive renovations to their space to bring them into compliance with the many handicapped accessibility requirements. Among many improvements are van accessible parking, railings, ramps, painting, resealing of the parking surface and new doors, locks and hardware. After discussing this with the USPS, it was agreed THEY would foot the bill for these improvements with the approval of the Grange. We will keep you posted!

The busy month of September kicks off with our Fall Tag Sale on Sept. 7 from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the hall. Come and get your treasures!

All four degrees will be conferred on Tuesday Sept. 10 and 17. Granges with candidates are encouraged to contact me if you would like to participate- (860) 626-0326.

Due to scheduling issues, Mountain County Pomona has asked to have their officers installed with ours at our Sept. 24 meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. and the installation will be conducted by Edith Schoell and her team.

On Sept. 14 Winchester Grange will again participate in Winchester Day, an event planned for more than six months by representatives of the Grange, Winchester Center Cong. Church, Winchester Center Historical Assoc. and the Winch. Center Fire Department. There will be a Car Show on the Green, Cider Pressing and woodworking demonstrations at the Chapel and the Grange will have a hot dog and apple crisp booth, craft vendors, an all ages Coloring Contest and continuous showings of the Winchester Grange 125th Anniversary video. Admission is free of charge from 10:30 to 2:30 P.M. Rain Date is the following day, Sun., Sept. 15.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: D. Anstett

Sept. 20: Spaghetti Supper & Open Meeting 6:30 - Mark & Cindy Prelli

corr. Program: Meet the GEARheads, NWR#7's First Robotics Team

Oct. 4: Meeting 7:30; Program: It's "Get Organized Week," Are You Ready?

Riverton Grange's August meeting and be part of Sister Moore's final program on "Summer Events." It is always bitter sweet for a lecturer to give that final program, and we have to thank Sister Moore for the work she has done for the Grange.

Riverton Grange is inspirational night.

2013 Grange Fairs

EUREKA GRANGE AGRIC. & HOMEMAKER'S FAIR - Sept. 15th
Part of the New Hartford Day Celebration
Brodie Park, West Hill Pond, New Hartford
<http://www.facebook.com/EurekaGrange>

GRANBY GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR & CHICKEN BBQ
(Expanded to 2 days in 2013) -- September 6 & 7th
Granby Grange Hall, 212 North Granby Road, Granby
<http://www.GranbyGrange.org>

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE FAIR - September 28th
Greenfield Hill Grange Hall, 1873 Hillside Road, Fairfield
<http://www.GreenfieldHillGrange.wordpress.com>

HILLSTOWN GRANGE FAIR - September 14th
Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street, East Hartford
<http://www.HillstownGrange.org>

KILLINGLY GRANGE FAIR - September 21st
Killingly Grange Hall, 801 Hartford Turnpike, Route 101, Killingly
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?GrangeID=219>

84TH MERIDEN GRANGE FAIR & ROAST PORK SUPPER - Sept. 7th
Meriden Grange Hall, 540 Borad Street, Meriden
<http://www.MeridenGrange.org>

45TH NORFIELD GRANGE FAIR - September 8th
Norfield Grange Hall, 12 Goodhill Road, Weston
<http://www.NorfieldGrange.com>

REDDING GRANGE HARVEST FAIR - September 12th
Redding Grange Hall, 399 Newtown Turnpike, Redding
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?GrangeID=187>

SIMSBURY GRANGE AGRICULTURE FAIR - September 14th
Simsbury Grange Hall, 236 Farms Vill. Rd. (Rt. 309), W. Simsbury
<http://www.SimsburyGrange.org>

WALLINGFORD GRANGE FAIR - September 14th
Wallingford Grange Hall, 586 Center Street, Wallingford
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?GrangeID=19>

WHIGVILLE GRANGE FAIR (BURLINGTON) - Sept. 14th



Saturday, September 14th
10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Rain Date: Sunday, September 15th

<p>WINCHESTER CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Quilting Demonstration Children's Games and Activities Luncheon Fare and More</p>	<p>WINCHESTER CENTER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION Cider Press Demonstration Timber Hewing Demonstration Historical Tours and More</p>
<p>ON THE GREEN Antique Car and Motorcycle Show, Music in the Gazebo by "Dark Horse" from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>WINCHESTER GRANGE HALL Craft Fair with Vendors - 10 AM - 3 PM Children's Games and Activities Luncheon Fare and More</p>
<p>WINCHESTER CENTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Firefighting Foam Demonstration Turnout Gear Race and More</p>	

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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!

NEWHAVENCOUNTYPOMONA #5

Corr: Wesli Dymoke

Aug. 19: 6 P.M., Picnic at the Bernhardt's- 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire. Potluck 6:30 P.M. (Pomona furnished Dessert and Drinks).

Sept. 9: Regular Meeting at Wallingford (586 Center St.) Program: Lo and Behold

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

Past Meetings in July: July 12 - We had our annual picnic in our lower hall. Vern cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill outside. The rest of the members brought side dishes and salads enough to feed an Army! It was all good and everyone

enjoyed themselves. Marge and Carl Bernhardt were also present and Carl, our Pomona deputy, was finally able to finish our inspection. Thankfully the full heat of this July wasn't in force. We also welcome our newest member Anne Cella.

Upcoming Meetings in September: Sept 12 - Preparing for our Fair on September 14. This year's fair will have a tag sale, vendors outside, fruits, vegetables, canning, needlework and baking exhibits in the hall and a chicken barbecue dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 pm followed by an auction of the exhibits and fair decorations. For more information contact

Janet Haller 203-314-6922.

Sept- 26 - Installation of Officers

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

Sept. 13: Summer Vacation Memories

Sept. 27: We Welcome Fall
Sept. 29: SUNDAY, Open Meeting at 2 pm sharp, with a speaker & presentation of Grange Seals.

Oct. 11: Autumn Is.....

At our June 28th meeting, a motion was made to start the process of "Surrendering our Charter," and selling our hall! This was a very sad and difficult evening for our eleven active members who have worked hard to keep us going. As we have a long process ahead of us, we are still holding our regular scheduled meetings and hope to see you all soon.

At our July 12th meeting we welcomed Ted Powell, a member of the State Agriculture Committee, and who also will be installed on September 5th, as Master of Lyme Grange #147. Ted, we here at Old Lyme Grange #162 wish you well and Thank you for your continued presence at our meetings!

Our September

29th SUNDAY afternoon the Open Meeting starts at 2 pm SHARP, which will feature a speaker from the New London Firefighters Burn Unit that helps anyone in the State of Connecticut who has been a burn victim

and needs help. We hope that you will join us as we will also be celebrating 380 years of Grange membership that afternoon as well.

Wonder how our August 23rd picnic, meeting and BINGO night went?

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary
secretary@ctstategrange.org

I think we all find ourselves saying "Where does the time go?"

Granges have been installed and ready for another year with many projects for community service and programs for their members.

State Session has turned the Central Office into a hectic workplace. Reservations

must be made for meals and choice for the banquet. No reservations will be accepted after Oct. 5th. I hope you are planning to attend part or the entire session.

You will learn from the resolutions and workshops offered, as well as the discussions, during the the session.

The Sixth Degree will be conferred on Friday evening, Oct. 18th. Candidates should be present by 7:30 P.M.

SIMSBURY GRANGE

AGRICULTURE FAIR



Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM
September 14, 2013

- BAKE SALE and CRAFT FAIR
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- FLAMIG FARM HAYRIDES
- REFRESHMENTS



LOCATION:
Simsbury Grange Hall
236 Farms Village Road (Rt. 309)
West Simsbury, CT 06092

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www.SimsburyGrange.org

Christmas in Sept.



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
social@ctstategrange.org

As I type this to send to Todd, we have 46 days to Christmas. That is... the Social Connection's Christmas Party. As you read this there are only a few days. The Committee has all the favors, gifts, program, prizes, and paper goods etc. ready to go. The only thing we need are a few to volunteer to bring some finger foods for refreshments.

Please let Barbara, Betty Jane or me know if you will help us. In case you forgot, the date is Saturday- September 21st at the Prospect Senior Center. We have too many business meetings, now it's time for some fun.

On a different note, we are still waiting for applications for the "Granger of the Year" Award. Deadline is September 21st. Mail it or bring it to the party.

We expect to have a representative from the Connecticut Food Bank at the Banquet on Saturday. We would like to have a grocery cart full for her to bring home. Your help will be appreciated.

CSG Social Connection's
Christmas
IN SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st • 6:00 PM

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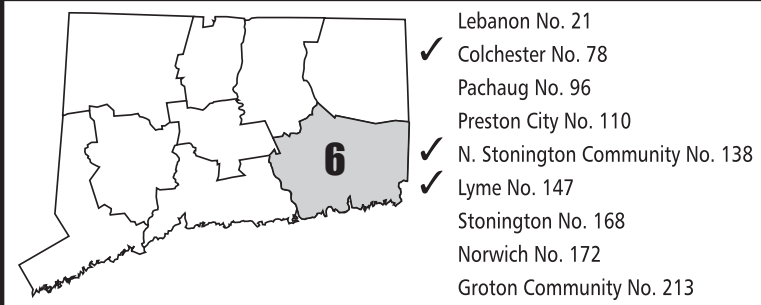


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For More Information: Contact Joanne Cipriano
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New London County Pomona No. 6



MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 12: Passing of the Season

Sept. 21: Pomona fundraiser- N. Stonington Fairgrounds

In June, Dan Mutchler was elected our Assistant Steward, filling the vacancy created by the death of Gene Bromley. Nancy Weissmuller was elected to the Executive Committee.

We will hold our September meeting as guests of Stonington Grange, Stonington has a lovely hall with soft benches to sooth our weary... bones, and delicious refreshments!

Don't forget the Pomona fundraiser on the 21st from 10AM to 2 PM. Debbie Barnes has been working very hard to make this an exciting event. There will be a raffle of several great prizes as well as the Civil War encampment, appraisals, demonstrations, exhibits, food and entertainment. I'm pretty sure the raffle tickets will be on sale at our meeting on the 12th, or contact Debbie.

The summer is almost over,

And boy, it sure was hot!

The fundraiser ought to be cooler,

So see you at ten on the dot!

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 13: At Loose Ends

Sept. 27: Daryl DelGrosso

We held a very successful 49th Annual Agricultural Fair in July. Next year we will be celebrating our 50th year. Mark off the second weekend in July, 2014 so you won't miss it. Our July meeting was a warm one. The program was held downstairs where the temperature was a few degrees lower. After learning we didn't know too much about "fair" sayings, we held a "Country Fair"

with the proceeds going to Christmas baskets. Jason Miner walked off with the most prizes.

Many thanks to Heather and Paul Ames for filling the half-barrels in front of the hall with beautiful flowers.

September brings installation of officers; then we will learn about ham radios from Daryl DelGrosso at our second meeting.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped with the food booth at the annual 4H Exhibition. It wasn't easy without Gene; but somehow we made it and, hopefully, the kids had a great weekend. And if the katydids will just stay away a little longer, next time I'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Oct. 3: Apple Pickin' Time

Nov. 7: Talk Turkey

Dec. 5: Will Santa Visit Us? Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Our July meeting was held on a very HOT night. The Lecturer presented her complete program despite the heat. Everyone was happy to leave our hot meeting room.

August brought cleaning out our meeting room to make room for the Hamburg Fair. All the regalia was put into the Steward's closet. A cooler night! What a treat.

Our resolution on bike safety on back country roads was adopted.

It will be sent to the Pomona for their consideration then on to State Grange.

We voted to keep our meeting hour at 7:30 P.M. instead of changing it to 7 P.M.

Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful sunny summer days - hopefully we will have some for our Fair.

Keeping our fingers crossed that no hurricanes will visit us this fall.

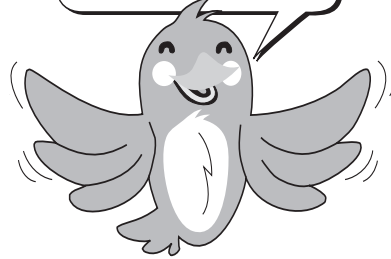
Colchester Celebrates 125 Years

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Top: Colchester Grange Master Jeff Watson receives a proclamation from the Connecticut General Assembly in honor of the Grange's 125th Anniversary. Bottom: Phyllis McCall receives a certificate from Congress. The certificate was presented by State Master Jody Cameron.

Granger Shout Out



A BIG thank you to Al Maddox for hosting this year's Excelsior Pomona Picnic. All of us who attended had an enjoyable day.

To Roseanna and Charle Smith of Granby Grange for ALL they do for their members and their Grange!

Eloise Osuch - Thank you Eloise for all your years as Master of Excelsior Pomona No. 7.

Thanks to Marguerite Rauch for creating an awesome web page for North Stonington Community Grange #138.

Thanks to all the workers in the food booth at the New London County 4H Exposition.

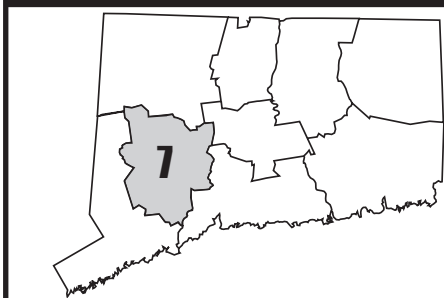
Thanks to Heather and Paul Ames for the beautiful flowers they planted in front of the N. Stonington Grange Hall.

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!

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.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Summer is over and it's now back to work. Our September meeting will be held on the 13th. Our program "Hobby/Game Night." Bring your hobby and share what fills your relaxing time. Gloria Meholik will be hostess.

To our members, the bad news. Our dues, which are payable in October, have gone up to \$25.00. So when sending in your dues, remember the increase and if you belong to Pomona add \$5.

Lecturer Cindy Legg has come up with an idea to add fun to the meetings. Come and see what her idea is.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Sept. 23: Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

The Charter was draped in memory of 55 year member Helene Agnew.

We are getting ready for the Bethlehem Fair with an exhibit.

We are pleased to report that Watertown Grange will be consolidation with Bethlehem Grange starting in October 2013. Welcome!

We enjoyed a beautiful day for our picnic at my home with the members of Excelsior Pomona.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Diane Barbieri

Aug. 2: Garden Harvest -

Ag. Committee

Aug. 16: Lecturer's Complete Program

Hope summer was hot enough for everybody (was or wasn't) hot enough. Our Aug. 2 program was "Garden Harvest" by the Ag. Committee. Wonder what kind of vegetables came from the garden. Our Aug. 16 meeting was Lecturer's Complete Program which is "Three Cheers for USA" by our Lecturer Diane Barbieri. Diane also attended the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in New Haven, 7/20-23.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

We held our monthly meeting on Wednesday July 17th. Our planned picnic was postponed because of the heat wave. Our meeting in the Bridgewater Grange Hall was hot too but cooled by fans, water and relatively cool night air we managed. Our next meeting will be August 14th and our Grange Hall will be opened on Friday August 16th for the Bridgewater Fireman's Parade.

It is with great sadness

that we announce the passing of one of our sisters. Dorthea DeFriesse passed away at the age of 66 after dealing with cancer for several years. She was a member of the Grange for the last 12 years.

She was a women of peace and she loved gardening and animals. Many Grange members attended her memorial service on Friday August 2nd.



Spreading Contagious Enthusiasm among Grange Members

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

What is enthusiasm? According to the dictionary: en thu si asm [en-thoo-zee-az-uhm] noun

1.) absorbing or controlling possession of the mind by any interest or pursuit; lively interest: He shows marked enthusiasm for his studies.

2.) an occupation, activity, or pursuit in which such interest is shown: Fishing is his latest enthusiasm.

Is there enthusiasm among your Grange members? Does your Grange need a boost? It is proven that productivity is linked to happiness and good morale. In the Grange, that productivity could mean new projects, better programs, more community service, new members, and ultimately Grange growth. The more often members are enthusiastic about their Grange, and share that enthusiasm with their friends, family and even strangers, the enthusiasm then becomes contagious, spreading like wildfire, thus generating interest in that Grange.

Here are a few key ways in which you can incite a spread of enthusiasm in your Grange --

- **Appreciating what you have.** The Grange is the sum of all its parts -- location, people, history, music, projects, service, programming, events and activities, etc. When members have an appreciation for all that the Grange offers, they also have an appreciation for the organization as a whole.

- **Promote the positive.** Members with a good outlook about their Grange will speak positively about the organization. They will tell others about the latest Grange projects and events, or the details that happened at the last meeting. They get excited about Grange, and want to share their excitement and enthusiasm. It's infectious. When one member has a positive experience and is excited, others will soon be excited and enthusiastic too.

- **Let your imagination flow.** It's true that photos can speak 1000 words. Use photos to get people talking your Grange. Does your Grange has a Facebook page? If so, this tip is especially useful for you! Having a potluck dinner? Take a low, long shot of the table of food, or a close-up of beautiful looking casserole. Having a meeting? Take photos of a member setting up the hall with the regalia, the flag waiting for service, or a close-up of the Sash on the station ready for the officer to arrive. Trying to rent your hall? Use different angles to accentuate the best aspects of the space. Photos, as well as videos and graphics, can fire-up enthusiasm and inspire the imagination.

- **Have fun.** People love to enjoy themselves, it's part of human nature. A smile and a laugh leave a lasting impression. Think outside the box for ways to make your Grange fun - from games as part of the program to activities that are outside the norm, such as field trips and mystery rides. Making Grange fun, and showing that you know how to have fun, are two important components of generating enthusiasm and positivity among your Grange members.

All it takes is one or two members to get enthusiastic about their Grange, and they become the cultivator for others to become enthusiastic too. It's like that old TV commercial: they tell two friends, who then tell two friends, who each then tell two friends...

Experience Grange as a positive opportunity and then share that with others. That building of contagious enthusiasm will flow throughout your members, family and friends, opening doors for future Grange growth.

Washington accomplishes little



Alma Graham
Legislative Director

Legislative@ctstategrange.org

Well our national elected officials decided to go on vacation without finishing up much of anything. The Farm Bill is still pending. This also affects the Food Stamps and school nutrition programs. They also have not finished the federal budget. The current budget expires on September 31. That is the same date that the current Farm Bill also expires. At least the House and Senate did take action on the Student Loan rates which were scheduled to double from 3.4% to 6.8%. The rate was increased slightly to 3.9% and only affects NEW Federal Stafford Student loans. Any existing Federal Student loans would not see rate increases.

Our National Legislative Director, Grace Boatwright, recently mentioned two other bills at the national

level that she has been watching. National Grange is concerned how both bills will affect the expansion of broadband in the rural areas. This has been a National Grange focus for a few years now.

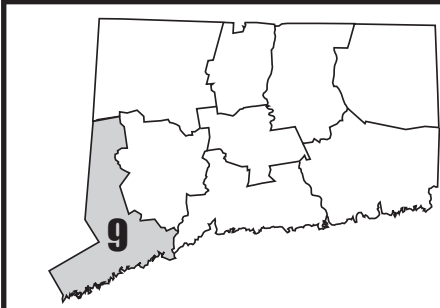
The first bill is the Internet Tax Freedom Act or IFTA. This bill would call for a ban on state and local taxation of Internet access itself. Presently there is a law banning such taxation which will expire in November 2014. If this ban expires then Internet access would be able to be taxed like other communication services presently are. Think of all of the taxes and fees that the many phone services presently have. Boatwright mentioned that consumers could see an increase as much as 25% in their Internet bill. She feels that these additional taxes would hinder growth of broadband in rural areas.

The second bill is the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness, S.1364. This bill would affect any digital goods and services including phone apps, ringtones, music, movies, e-books and video games bought and downloaded online by

electronic means including computers, tablets or phones. The bill will create a national standard framework for taxing of digital goods and services. As an example, you purchase an e-book from an online service. The download of that e-book may bounce across many different servers in many states before it arrives to your e-reader. What if each state that your e-book went through was allowed to charge a tax on your e-book as it passed through. This could greatly increase the cost of your book through "stacked taxes". The proposed bill would allow the consumers residing state to be the only one allowed to tax the digital goods.

Remember, if you have any issues that you would like to have the State Grange address then submit a resolution to your local Grange. Resolution should be passed from your local Granges to your Pomona Grange before passing on to the State Grange. All resolutions need to be submitted to the State Grange office by September 15 to all time for preparation for State Grange.

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

Sept. 9: Installation of Officers

Oct. 2: The Power of Public Speaking

On Sept. 9 we will install our officers for two years. The installation will be at Redding Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M.

The October meeting is also at Redding Grange Hall. There will be a 6:00 potluck supper and the program is on The Power of Public Speaking. A country store will follow the meeting.

We hope everyone enjoyed summer vacation. The children are back in school but there are still several weekends to enjoy especially since fair time is here. Patronize a local

Grange fair and have fun.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Sept. 9: Installation of Officers

Sept. 21: Harvest Fair, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Sept. 23: Autumn

Our Installation of Officers will be a dual installation along with the officers of Fairfield County Pomona. The installation will be conducted by Sister Edith Schoell and company.

We will hold our Harvest Fair on Saturday the 21st. There will be fruits and vegetables for judging. Along with baked goods and books for sale. Also our famous white elephant table of real bargains and refreshments to purchase. It will be a fun

fair, so bring your children and friends.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Sept. 14: Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Sept. 16: Installation of Officers/School Days, 7 P.M. Meeting

We have been continuing upgrades and sprucing up at our hall to be ready for our Fair and early fall activities. In July, in spite of the heat, we took in four new members. They are Gwen Frisk, Paul Jones, Diane and Paul Lytwyn.

Our Annual Agricultural Fair will run from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday, September 14th. There will be exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables, home canning and baking, arts and crafts and needlework. Enjoy talks on gardening, raising chickens, and related topics. Exhibits may be submitted 7 to 9 P.M. Friday evening or before 9:45 A.M. the day of the Fair. Where possible, we would appreciate non-perishable exhibits submitted the day before to facilitate the write up of entries.

All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Sept. 8: 45th Annual Norfield Grange Fair, 10-3

Sept. 10: Installation of Officers

Oct. 8: "Let's Talk Turkey"

Oct. 27: 2nd Annual Kiwanis Reservoir Run (Grange Water Station)

Nov. 2: BBQ and Square Dance

Nov. 12: Business Meeting

Nov. 23: Re-Opening 4th Annual Winter Farmers' Market

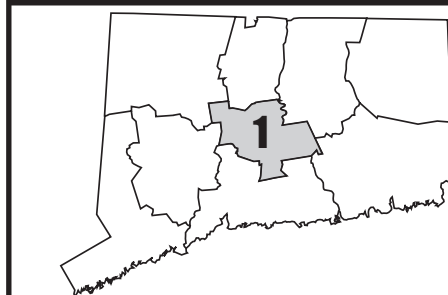
Save the date! All roads will lead to 12 Goodhill Road in Weston on Sunday, September 8, when Norfield's 45th Annual Grange Fair begins at 10 A.M. By 3 P.M. the professional judges will have picked the winners in 10 departments and 45 categories, including three

new ones, "Best Tomato," "Best Homemade Hooch," and "Best Cupcake in Connecticut." The pony will have finished his pony rides, the outdoor booths will be clearing away their tables, and the auctioning of fruits and vegetables, flowers, etc. will be going full tilt.

And that's just the beginning. We will be installing our new officers on September 10 with Master Randy Miller the all important Master of Ceremonies. Grange projects and funding for the year will be our main topics of conversation at our October meeting, and the monthly business meeting will take place on November 12.

We won't even think about Christmas!

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.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 13: Field Trip. Field trip to the farm at 6:30. Meeting will follow at the Grange.

Sept. 27: Memorial

Program. Memorial Program will be put on by our Chaplain.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Welcome new members!

Fran McDonough Greenfield Hill Grange #133
Lisa Winkel Greenfield Hill Grange #133
Joy Lake Greenfield Hill Grange #133

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.

New national controller

On Thursday, Aug. 8, the National Grange welcomed Bobbi (Roberta) Rencevicz as the controller for the 145-year-old nonprofit advocacy organization.

Rencevicz has worked with many large and small nonprofits, including supporting the Armed Forces Medical Examiner and in the insurance industry. She said she is looking forward to working for an organization whose mission she highly respects.

"The Grange is such a great force in so many communities. Before I came here, I checked out the organization and realized the positive impact it has and excellent reputation," Rencevicz said.

National Grange President Ed Luttrell said Rencevicz is a good addition to the staff. "We're happy to have Bobbi on board and look forward to the knowledge and skills she can bring to our office," Luttrell said.

Rencevicz is a Washington, D.C. native, an avid Redskins fan holds a B.S. in Accounting from the U. of Miami.

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

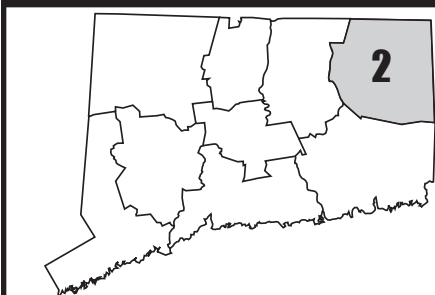
Answers from last month:

From Jean Meehan and Gwen Fisher -- This photo is Alvah Hamilton with his wife Marie and daughter (Fair Queen) Debra Hamilton from Prospect Grange #144 taken around 1974.



August

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.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Senexet Grange awarded scholarships to seven students on August 1st. Four students attended the ceremony which included Nathan Giamundo, Helena Duffy Scholarship winner attending the University of Rhode Island studying business, Danielle Nowak, John F. Duffy Scholarship winner attending the University of Connecticut studying animal science and biology, Michael Thienel, Helena Duffy Scholarship winner attending Eastern Connecticut State University studying elementary education, and Harley Blodgett, John F. Duffy Scholarship winner attending Keene State in New Hampshire studying nutrition. Not present included winners of the John F. Duffy Scholarship Tyler Luppi, Victoria Palacios, and Sarah Owen.

Diane Miller is the chair of the Scholarship Committee and has been a member of the Grange for 50 years now. The criteria to win the scholarships is the students must represent the principles of the Grange which now stresses the importance of community service. They must also be residents of Woodstock and have graduated from one of the following schools, Woodstock Academy, Killingly High School's vocational/technical program, or Ellis Tech. The committee looks for well rounded students who excel in school, participate in extra-curricular activities and donate their time to the community by participating in community service. Questions asked on the application include "What is your need?", "Where are you going to be going to school?", and "Are you working now?". These are some of the questions we ask to know that they are self-motivated, they work during the school year or during the summer to make some money to go

to school. We were proud of all the students we gave scholarships to this year. They been in sports, other activities, volunteered in the community and in school, and they are working to meet their goals.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson
Sept. 11: Fall Review; Ref. All
Sept. 25: Potluck- 6 PM
Oct. 9: Harvest Time, Ref. Apples

Enjoying your summer? Up and down weather. We've had a lot of downpours of rain. The grass has been growing well and keeping the lawnmowers busy.

The vegetables are not as good-- some are very good.

Love the tomato sandwiches. The farmer's markets are busy. Peaches and apples are in and good so patronize your local orchard. I've heard people being stung by bees- so be careful.

Gas prices are up and down- mostly up!

Tabs, cans and coupons continue to be brought in.

Schools will be in soon. Backpacks are to be filled and any donations will be appreciated.

State Session is coming in October- will be in Norwich. Happy birthday to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray
Labor Day meeting cancelled
Sept. 16: Meeting 7:30 pm
Oct. 7: "He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread..." 7:30pm

Congratulations to our newest youth member, Matt Maher; Matt joined Aug. 5th & is entering in our Fair! Clifford Gervais introduced him to the Grange! Aug. 5th was our Youth Night and wow: we had TWENTY youth in attendance! Mike Molodich led young and young at heart in a variety of fun activities. We heard about Clifford & Trevor's fascinating trip to Elk River,

Minnesota and they shared their scrapbook of pictures etc. We honored deceased astronaut, Neil Armstrong, whose birthday was August 5th also.

Link Cooper was given a round of applause for his extraordinary service to the Grange; hall improvements, lawn care and much more!

The roof came off of our Pavilion and Chris Sebastian reported this project will be completed before the end of August! Thanks to Trevor Gervais for cleaning and repainting the two Grange picnic tables.

This year, we sent two teams to Washington County Fair to assist Richmond Grange in their "shaved steak" booth. Thanks to Link Cooper, David & Sue Griffiths; Jim & Verna Cole; Janet Hawkins and Deborah Sharpe for working Wednesday and Betsy and Katie Molodich; Robin & Sarah Cousens & Nate; Katie Boswell for serving as the Sat. night shift. Jody, Jodi Ann and Jaimie Cameron and Shelley Racine worked Friday night in the Washington County Pomona Grange booth! Grangers helping Grangers!

We were well represented at the CT/RI picnic at Washington County Fairgrounds.

Thanks to Mike Molodich for organizing a fun Mystery Ride/picnic; haven't done that for years! We ended up at Hopeville Pond State Park and all enjoyed hiking, good food and fellowship and were visited by some pesky mosquitoes!

Our August Fair was a huge success! Adding duct tape and lego stations were great additions! Link Cooper and Sue Griffiths get A+ for their outstanding efforts;

Rebecca Gervais led Juniors in providing a free Moon Bounce, the Bike Rodeo and "Dave The Animal Man", who brought a myriad of animals for "hands on" fun! Special guests travelling 420 miles to attend included Dennis and Joan Phelps, their daughter Amanda & her husband, Todd and their daughters Morgan and Kaiden! The "Civil War Encampment" proved another great addition!

With new Fair officers came new ideas and new ideas are the materials with which progress is made!

Clifford Gervais selected quotes from the First Degree as his theme for the coming years programs. Each meeting we will learn more about this degree as well as have fun! Jody Cameron will lead in conferral of the First Degree this fall. It should be another exciting year!

We now have an air conditioner in the kitchen; doorknobsthat arecompliant; a dehumidifier; a grab bar outside the kitchen door; the center island cabinets have been repaired AND we have new, safer exit steps outside our emergency door: way to go Link! Thanks to Marion Emmons for her continued financial assistance with projects! Marion and her sister, Ruth Rosebrooks, each received their 70 year membership awards at a luncheon and Mason Gray his 25 year.

The annual scholarship, presented by Deborah Sharpe, was awarded to Megan DeRouin.

25 year certificates were delivered to Bev Pepin, Cindy Henry and Mandy Dubay and a 55 to Bruce Lindberg.

Katie Molodich will end her term as President at our Oct. installation and has certainly done an exemplary job! We expect Link Cooper to be a great leader too!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno
Sept. 16: Installation of Officers
Sept. 17: Killingly Grange #112 Fair

Fifteen members were present for our July 15 informal meeting and potluck supper. State Membership Director Joan Perry was also present.

It was a HOT, HOT night with fans going but we persevered and continued the meeting and dinner.

Aug. 19 was another "dinner out" at Sweet Evelines in Woodstock.

Our Installation of Officers was held on Sept. 16 and on Sept. 23 we will hold our Killingly Grange Fair- more on that later.

We have draped our charter twice this year and as of our next meeting in Aug. we will drape it again for past Treasurer Phil Greenleaf who just recently succumbed to cancer. Several of Killingly Grange members attended Phil's memorial on Tues., July 30. He will be sorely missed. We just recently held a turkey dinner to raise funds for the Greenleaf's medical expenses. The dinner was well attended and Phil and Gail were in attendance but sadly we couldn't save our "big teddy bear."

We seem to gain new members, but also lose as many to death. Hopefully the coming year will be more productive.

Senexet Grange presents scholarships



Four of the seven students receiving Senexet Grange scholarships attended the August 1 award ceremony at Senexet Grange in Woodstock.

Volunteers needed for National Session in New Hampshire

It is less than three months until the National Session opens in Manchester, NH. Everyone can ensure that Connecticut completes its responsibilities by assisting in some way. The opportunities are varied and detailed in the rest of this article.

Many members are needed to cover positions at the convention on Saturday, November 16. We need volunteers for the following: to assist in the host office, registration table from 7:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.; Hospitality Room from 6:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. as well as after the banquet in the evening, Exhibit Room from 8 A.M. - 3 P.M., Production Room to help with packing up, and, lastly, two deputies for the Sixth Degree. As soon as the list of volunteers is compiled we will be able to set up

shifts for each position. If you are able to assist, please contact Carol Hnath or Jody Cameron as soon as possible.

Grange polo shirts and convention tees are still available. Carol Hnath and the Sendewicz have them available in a variety of colors. They will also be sold during our State Session in October.

We are still looking for maple syrup to use as table favors during the convention. If you have a contact or know someone that is willing to donate a quantity of syrup for our use, please let us know. Maple confections are also an option.

Mittens, hats, and scarves are needed to 'decorate' the 'mitten tree' with the donations distributed to various agencies in the Northeast Region after

the convention. They may be knitted, crocheted, or purchased. If you will be unable to get them to New Hampshire yourself, please bring them to State Session.

Connecticut also needs to obtain 500-600 items for the ditty bags that will be distributed to all members as they register at the convention as well as items from Connecticut for our gift basket for the raffle. If you know of a company that might be willing to provide something and you are unable to contact them yourselves, please send the information to Carol Hnath or Jody Cameron. If you do obtain anything for either the bags or the basket, please contact Carol or Jody with that information as well.

A Blood Drive will be held on Friday, November 15 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. in

the Idea Fair. Workshops, demonstrations, and other booths are being planned for the Idea Fair that will be open Thursday through Saturday morning.

Additional information about the convention may

be obtained at the National Grange website. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Hnath, CT Coordinator for the Host Committee, or Jody Cameron, State Master.

Spaces available in 2013 Idea Fair

The Northeast Regional Planning Committee for the 2013 National Grange Convention in Manchester, NH is looking for exhibitors for the Idea Fair. Complete guidelines and the entry form are available at www.ctstategrange.org or by contacting the CT Granger Editor at Granger@CTStateGrange.org.

You may also contact Samantha Johnson at the National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; 860-447-2643, ext. 109; Fax 202-347-1091.

Tables (1 or 2) may be reserved at the for-profit rate of \$40.00 per table (checks made payable to the National Grange). The application will request the name of the Company/Grange/Organization, Contact Person, Address, phone/email, description of display and a list of the Booth Staff.

The National Grange has final approval for exhibitor participation, selection, and space assignment. Assignment of space will be according to National Grange arrangement and layout and in the best interest of the event. No change of space, assignment, subletting, or sharing of exhibitor space is allowed unless specifically approved in advance by the National Grange.

Only items stated in Exhibit/Display Description and approved by National Grange are to be exhibited/sold, distributed in exhibit area. Except for display/handout only vendors, exhibits must be manned at all times while the Idea Fair is open. Exhibitors are responsible for the security of their own merchandise and display. National Grange will not be held responsible for merchandise and/or display.

Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining any necessary business licenses and/or permits and shall be liable for registration and payment of any and all taxes. Farmers Market vendors must have current food permit and insurance on site during the event and meet the requirements of the Manchester Department of Public Health.

All vendor/exhibit merchandise must be displayed on tables provided or on National Grange approved display devices. Exhibit/display times (set-up, open/close hours, and teardown) will be directed by the National Grange. An "Exhibitors Hold Harmless and Rules Agreement" (included in the formal application form) must be included with the "Exhibitor Registration Form." Copies of the form with original signatures are acceptable. Display/Exhibit space is available on a first come, first served basis.

A fee of \$75 is charged by the Radisson for all booths that require electricity connections.

The Radisson current policy does not allow meal type items to be sold on site for visitors (i.e. stews, sandwiches, etc.). Inflated balloons are also prohibited. This is subject to change.

Bus Trip Planned to National Convention

East Central Pomona will have a bus going to National Grange in Manchester, NH on Nov. 16 for those wanting to take the Seventh Degree. Some may want to witness the degree again. The bus will depart from Good Will Grange Hall at 8:30 A.M. This will give you sufficient time for lunch before the degree. Cost: \$40 per person. Contact Edith Schoell at the Central Office: 860-633-7550 or 860-528-8015.

129th Annual Session of the

Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____

Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

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FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 17 - Sat., Oct. 19)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$20.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

Meal Choice: # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

_____ Herb Crusted Chicken Breast

_____ Roasted Atlantic Salmon # of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
with Shallot Jus

_____ Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
with Fresh Horseradish Aioli

Thurs., Oct. 17 & Fri., Oct. 18 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday, Oct. 19 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

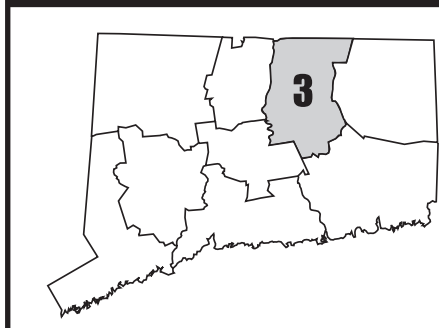
Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

REGISTRATION AND BANQUET CHOICE MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2013
Late Registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Please make checks payable to: Connecticut State Grange
Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Questions: Please call 860-633-7550 or email: secretary@ctstategrange.org

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- Coventry No. 75
- Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Enfield No. 151
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197

MISSION STATEMENT

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

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian Shaw

Fifteen Granby Grangers and guests attended an open meeting and lunch at Windsor Locks Diner on August 13. Master Roseanna Smith, Lecturer Charle Smith and their grandson Stephen Gilkey, Overseer Charles Hunderlach, Chaplain Shirley Stulpin, Golden Sheaf members Jackie and Conrad Krupa, Gertrude Hastings, Vivian and Lyall Shaw. Also in attendance from West Suffield were Dorothy Hinkley and Robert Sheldon and Tunxis Assistant Steward Pamela Covington and Cawasa officers Linea Erickson and Marguerite Schofield.

Granby Grange Agricultural Fair and Chicken Barbecue will be held on September 6 & 7 at the Grange Hall at 212 North Granby Rd., Granby.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff

Oct. 3: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Trick or Treat Ref: R. and D. Nordstrom

Oct. 5: Semi-Annual Food & Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 12: Monti-Carlo Whist Card Party, 7:00 p.m.

Here it is August 1st as I am writing this. Hope everyone had a happy August. Our August meeting and picnic is this evening. I hope we will have a good turn-out. As Membership Chairman I am still looking for some names and addresses for our prospective membership list. Bring your suggestions to our meetings or mail them to me.

September 5th will be our Installation of Officers evening. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Sister Edith Schoell and her team will be installing us. Try to come

and join us for a really special evening. Refreshments will be a variety of desserts.

The October 3rd meeting is at 7:30 p.m. and the Lecturers Program is "Trick or Treat",

Our Fall Semi-Annual Food and Unique Boutique Sale runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All help is most welcome. Phone calls will be made to the membership about the sale.

The Monte Carlo Card parties will begin on Oct. 12th. Call some friends and come and enjoy a pleasant evening playing cards and enjoying some delicious refreshments. See you there.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Sept. 3: ???

Tolland Grange will meet at 7:30 P.M. on the 3rd of September at Parker School Recreation Center. Call Master Robert West if you are planning on attending. The program will be a surprise.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Sept. 6: Surprise!

Vernon had a fun picnic at the Strong Family Farm in August. Gatekeeper Christian Schimer had just returned from an exchange trip to Germany and shared his experiences with the group.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 6. It will be a surprise program!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 14: Back to School. Ref: Apple Cake

Oct. 12: Mystery Ride

Our July meeting was truly full of fun and games. Sometimes we need to forget we're adults and act like kids.

Vacation time is here which means a lot of absentees, so if you would like to help fill the blank spots, please drop in and visit. Cookbooks are selling well. Please call 860-749-0463 to order yours today. \$12.00 for the book and an additional \$3.00 for mailing. Make check payable to Enfield Grange #151.

September will bring us back to school. Bring your memories, graduation photos, and yearbooks, anything from the past to share. We will be starting our craft nights soon, so put your thinking caps on.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Simsbury Grange will host its annual Agricultural Fair on Saturday, September 14th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The fair will feature a bake and craft sale, exhibits from local organizations and farms, kids' activities, and contests with ribbons and cash prizes in several categories.

The community is invited to participate. Join us as an exhibitor and/or as an entrant into one of our many categories:

Exhibits: (Limited table spaces are available); Non-profit - no charge (\$25 requested if selling items); Others - \$25

Contests with ribbons and cash prizes: Adults: Fruits and vegetables; Home Arts - quilting, sewing, knitting; Baked goods; Flowers and Plants.

Children: Vegetables, Lego creations, Baked goods

Online Registration is available by visiting www.simsburygrange.org.

Fair Brochures are available at the Simsbury Town Hall, Flamig Farm, the Senior Center, and the Simsbury Library or online at <http://www.simsburygrange.org>.

Simsbury Grange Hall is located at 236 Farms Village Road (Rt. 309), West Simsbury. For additional information please contact Simsbury Grange President Barbara Friedland at (860) 413-9567 or via e-mail at info@SimsburyGrange.org. More information on Simsbury Grange can be found at <http://www.SimsburyGrange.org>.

THANK YOU!



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

THANK YOU to all forty-nine people from Connecticut who came to the 98th Annual North East Grange Lecturers' Conference.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Connecticut's program whether it was giving me ideas, writing a script or being in the program. You are all important. Together

we did it.

THANK YOU to our refreshment crew who provided a variety of refreshments to over a hundred people each night and managed to get everything donated.

THANK YOU to our key bearer who missed most of the conference so she could let us in the dorms.

THANK YOU to our Talent Winners who represented Connecticut on Spirit Night.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated toward my wonderful gift on Tuesday night. Connecticut people are the best.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID. If you notice I didn't mention names. It was everyone that made the conference great and you all played an important role in this. This year was an experiment. We knew we had to change the format to keep the price within reason and yet provide information and entertainment for those who attended. You all helped prove that this could be done.

Lecturers, it is getting close to the end of the Grange year. If your reports are not up to date, now is the time to take care of that. Your Honor Lecturer form will be mailed with the September/October Newsletter. This and the other reports need to be back to me by October 1st. Please don't be late, I already have judges who can't wait to see what you have accomplished this year.

See you around the State.



Donald Lanoue and Karen Macdonald present a skit on Don's "Weight Problems."



George and Harriet and the Colonoscopy.



Bob & Marge Sendewicz present a skit on Alzheimer's



Contact:
Jody Cameron, State Master
president@ctstategrange.org

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

Phew! Our fair is over, and what fun it was! The moonbounce was a bouncing success. The kids, and a

couple of kids-at-heart, kept it bouncing all day long. The Civil War Camp was most interesting, they had effective locks back then. Many of us tried to figure out the lock. Some were successful on their own. The Lego station was fun, but, the duct tape table really stole the day! I think this is one craft that really sticks out! Dave from Animal Experiences brought his snakes, turtles, chinchilla, rabbit, hedgehog, lizards and frog for us to enjoy and to learn

about. We were also able to pet his alligator! What fun to see girls smiling with snakes draped around their necks! --Boys, too. The chinchilla is the softest and cutest rodent.

We were going to go camping again, unfortunately, we were unable to get together. So much going on around here on weekends, in the summer. By next month, I should be able to report on our Installation and awards night. Enjoy the start of school!



Ekonk Community Junior Grange sponsored Animal Experience's visit to the Ekonk Grange Fair this year. Above, Dave talks about the animals with a group of children at the Fair.



Hands-on with an alligator from Animal Experience.



Christopher Sebastian (foreground) and Shelley St. Jean (back) playing an awesome game as part of Ekonk Community Grange's Youth Night. Twenty Ekonk youth members were in attendance (with all 20 playing the game!).



Patrick Ferns holding a snake during Animal Experience's program at the Ekonk Grange Fair.

In Memoriam

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| Marie Ackley | Cawasa #34 |
| Elizabeth Schiedel, G.S. | Whigville #48 |
| Philip J. Greenleaf II | Killingly #112 |
| Irene Carnell | Old Lyme #162 |
| Frances Rogalsky | Hemlock #182 |
| Constance Berggren, G.S. | Hemlock #182 |

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Chaplain's Message



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain
chaplain@ctstategrange.org

God Whispers



The man whispered, "God, speak to me," and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me," and the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you," and a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

And the man shouted, "God show me a miracle," and a life was born. But the man did not notice.

So the man cried out in despair. "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Whereupon God reached down and touched the man, but the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us, in the little and simple things that we take for granted....even in our electronic age. So I would like to add one more.

The man cried, "God, I need your help," and an e-mail arrived, reaching out with good news and encouragement. But the man deleted it and continued crying.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect. Remember that Miracles come in all shapes and sizes~and happen to those who believe and recognize them.

Have a beautiful day!
May God Bless You Richly

So. Conn. Masters Association

Our September meeting is on the 14th and we will be traveling to Harmony Grange in Monroe. Vice President Cindy Charbonneau will present her program entitled "Harvest Time." So pack up something good for the potluck supper and something for the country store and we will see you in Monroe.

OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 680

