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From the President's Desk



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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Hmm... sounds like something that could be said about things going on today, doesn't it? This quote could be applied to Facebook. It can be used for so much good, yet also for so much bad. This brings me to the current saga wherein one well-known Granger and prominent Granger who has made many lasting contributions to our Order is using Facebook to question just how much the Connecticut State Grange really supports our Granges. These misstatements of information have placed the disposable income of the Grange available to be spent on programs far above what it really is. All when the financial statements of the Order are properly put before the Delegate Body at the Annual Session and is also available to all in the Journal of Proceedings. On two National Grange forums this person has put said subject forth in utterly inappropriate fashion as neither was the proper forum to air this content. One was in a posting about the Seventh Degree filming in Illinois and the other

was on National Grange History; utterly inappropriate places to post dirty laundry. Furthermore, while this lack of support of Granges is being foisted upon the populace, the subject's Grange has received a rather substantial loan for repairs to her Grange (which used to be quite well off, it is said). Another substantial loan is heading to her Grange from unclaimed funds from the subject's former Grange, all discovered through the hard work of our State Secretary and to be turned over to the successor Grange on a unanimous decision of the State

Time for the Silent Majority to Speak Up

*by Christine E. Hamp,
President of the National Grange*

In every city council chamber, statehouse, and congressional hearing room, decisions are being made that shape the future of our families, communities, and country. Yet far too often, those decisions are influenced by the loudest voices – not necessarily the wisest or most representative ones.

For too long, the so-called "silent majority" – hardworking, civic-minded Americans – have taken a back seat in the advocacy process. We have trusted that "common sense" would prevail, that our leaders would act in our collective best interest, and that simply voting every couple of years would

Grange Board of Directors because we felt they needed it instead of the State Grange keeping it. The Connecticut State Grange doesn't do anything for its members, eh? Maybe it seems so if your head is in the sand. Years ago, Ray Pilewski of Washington Grange #11 came up with a slogan and had pins made stating, "I Am Responsible for My Grange." Not the Connecticut State Grange, but each of you. Period. Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Remember, we are grassroots; bottom up, not top down. Take responsibility. Period.

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be enough. It isn't.

Democracy demands more than silence. It requires active participation. It thrives when everyday people – including
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on Grange Purpose in a previous column? What are you (plural and singular “you”) doing and where are you going. Are you the master of your future or just waiting for others to do it for you? Use the resources provided by the Grange to your advantage.

This brings me back to Facebook. Words have lasting impacts. I rarely get political so forgive this one minor incursion. This idea on words was brought to me recently

in reading about the President's Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt commenting on former President Joe Biden's speech about the dismantling of Social Security. What she said when she heard he had made a nighttime speech was that she was surprised he was up at this hour as she thought it was after his bedtime. Clearly a nasty swipe with no direct connection to anything he said yet meant to insult. This is how normalized nastiness has become in our society and especially on Facebook in which case you don't have to confront those you wish

to insult or gripe about. You have the protection of an inanimate computer screen and might even be bolstered by “friends” of like philosophical bent.

Brothers and Sisters, I would encourage you all to review your Obligations and ideas of what this Fraternity means to you before you write on Facebook or other social media. Share the good, make Facebook a positive place, and remember, if you don't have something nice to say, maybe you best keep it to yourself!

Then there's the mis-truths about the coming dues increases. We'll get to that subject of dues in another column...

Time for the Silent Majority to Speak Up

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farmers, teachers, small business owners, healthcare workers, construction workers and skilled laborers, students, and retirees – make their voices heard. It's time for the silent majority to stop assuming someone else will speak for them and start showing up, standing up, and speaking out.

As President of the National Grange, I see firsthand how deeply our members care about their communities. We believe in strong values, in service to others, in tradition, and in progress. But I also see that many feel disconnected from the legislative process – disillusioned, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. The truth is that advocacy isn't just for professionals or partisans. It's for all of us.

You don't need a lobbyist's credentials to walk into your legislator's office. You only need your voice. A personal letter, a well-placed phone call, a presence at a town hall meeting or community function – these are powerful tools that too few use. And in their absence, the vacuum is filled by those with more narrow, sometimes self-serving agendas.

We must remember that silence can be interpreted as acceptance. When small, independent pharmacies close due to unjust reimbursement systems, when broadband once again skips our back roads, when healthcare becomes harder to access and education less equitable – our silence can cost us dearly. But our engagement can turn the tide.

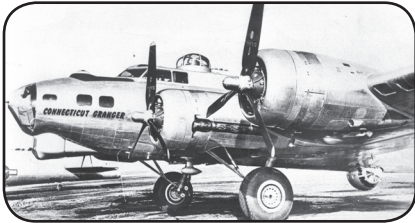
The Grange has always stood for active citizenship. We were founded on the idea that when neighbors and communities work together, we don't just react to change – we lead it. Today, that spirit is more essential than ever.

To the silent majority: you are not invisible. Your values, your experience, and your insight are needed in every conversation about the future of this nation. Let's turn silence into action – at the local, state, and national level. Democracy doesn't just belong to the loud. It belongs to the engaged.

Let's act today.

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Winchester Grange sued... sort of



Todd A. Gelineau
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In early March, Winchester Grange received a registered letter from a (legitimate) law firm in Florida. The letter was entitled "Settlement Communication" and demanded a payment of \$30,000 to their client within fourteen days of receipt.

The letter went into painful detail about how Winchester Grange had violated the U.S. Copyright Act by publishing a photo of sweet potatoes on a social media post promoting a monthly Grange meeting program about... sweet potatoes.

For those of you not versed in the popular acts of less than honest people... there is a practice called "phishing" which is defined as:

"The fraudulent practice of sending emails or other messages purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers."

In our case a law firm with a very shady reputation scans the internet for organizations that may be easily scared into paying the money they demand. Fortunately, Winchester Grange purchased the image in question from Adobe Stock and has the receipt and the license for the use of the image in question.

You might be wondering how Winchester Grange knows this is fraud. We don't know for certain but have the ability to wait them out as we have a solid defense with our receipt and license for the image in question.

Ultimately, we believe this is a scam and have not heard from them again after more than a month and a half.

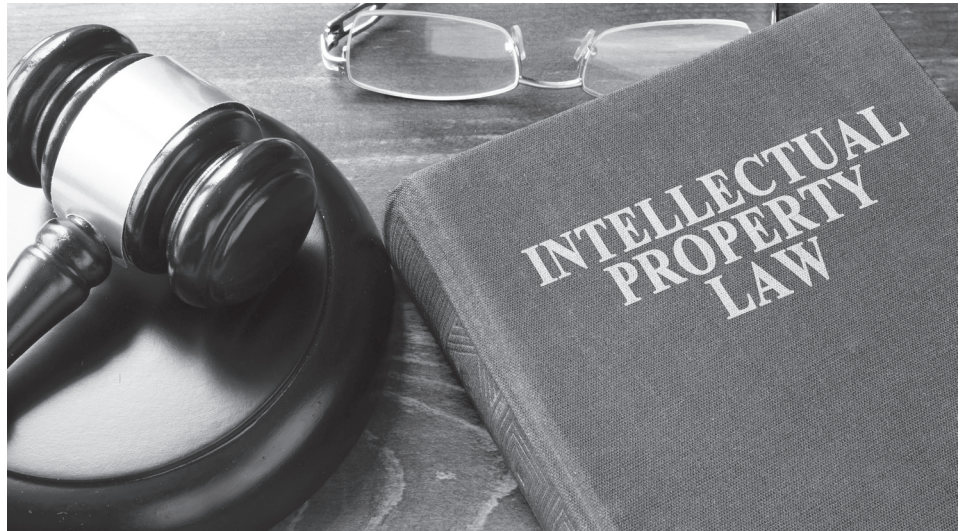


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There is, however, a very important lesson to take away from this experience. **DO NOT** lift images from websites or otherwise republish images you don't own or have a license to publish or use on any social media or in printed form on posters, newsletters, etc.

The penalties for stealing images can be very stiff and really not worth the risk. Legitimate copyright holders scan websites, social media postings, etc. constantly looking for misuse of their work.

As many of you know, I work in the printing industry. A customer

of the company I work for was sued by one of these companies after his wife had used part of one of their images in his new business logo that was emblazoned on his food truck, apparel and coffee cups. It was a very expensive mistake.

Most of the images used in the *Connecticut Granger* are either submitted by Grangers or are purchased from online image brokers (like the image above).

It might cost a little bit to purchase that perfect photo or graphic but it's worth every penny to be worry free.

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2025 Community Service Program Explained

by Todd A. Gelineau, State Secretary

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the National Community Service Program. While it is true that National Grange has discontinued judging Community Service Books on the national, they have not ended the Community Service Program.

From the National Community Service Directors:

"Community Service is a vital part of the Grange, from the smallest to the largest communities and Granges, believing that there is no project 'too small' to make a difference. Grange members across the nation dedicate themselves to improving their communities in countless ways.

Recognizing the diversity of our Granges, communities, and service efforts, we are updating the 2025 National Grange Community Service Program to highlight and celebrate these contributions.

Our goal is to showcase and celebrate the incredible work of Grangers - not through competition at the national level, but by sharing and recognizing the unique and impactful projects happening across the country all year long."

COMMUNITY SERVICE BOOKS

Effective 2025, there will be no national-level judging of Community Service Books. Submissions, whether physical or electronic, will not be accepted at the national level.

SHARE YOUR PROJECT STORY

When you complete a Community Service project in 2025, consider filling out the "Share Your Project's Story" form and emailing it to CommunityService@NationalGrange.org.

We want to recognize your efforts by sharing your story, including:

- The need or benefit in your community.



- How the project was successfully conducted

- A "how-to" guide to help others replicate similar efforts.

As a bonus, your written details will be ready for inclusion in your state's reporting.

STATE RECOGNITION

The National Grange will continue awarding \$250 to states where at least 25% of Granges submit reports at the state level. Electronic certificates will also be available for printing and presentation.

FIREFIGHTER/EMT/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Effective 2025, there will be no national-level judging for these awards, and entries will not be accepted at the national level.

Granges are encouraged to honor hometown heroes- those who go above and beyond in their profession. Your recognition will have a profound impact on them and the community.

Ideas for honoring them include:

- Hosting a public reception or dinner

- Presenting an award at their workplace

- Any other creative and thoughtful way to show appreciation

Email their stories and details of your recognition to National

Grange: CommunityService@NationalGrange.org for publication in Grange materials.

CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

The Connecticut Community Service Contest will continue this year as it has been in the past. The only difference is that no books will be sent on to National for judging.

Judging categories:

- 49 or fewer members
- 50 or more members
- Junior Granges
- Plus One Members

The traditional Connecticut Community Service Contest Forms were mailed out to all Granges in late March. As mentioned above, the State judging will continue unchanged from last year. Please fill out the form and/or submit your books as you have in the past by the deadline. Awards will be announced at State Session in October.

If you did not receive your form, please contact the State Secretary.

For more information on the National Community Service Program, please visit the National Grange website: nationalgrange.org.

2025 Connecticut State Grange COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM	
1. The report must be received by your State Community Service Chairpersons, Ted Poveil, 1024 E. Lake Rd., Oakville, CT 06370 by September 1, 2025.	
Grange Name _____	Grange No. _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Chairperson's Name _____	
Chairperson's Address _____	City _____
State _____	Zip _____ Telephone # _____
Master's Name _____	No. of Grange Members _____
Signature of Community Service Chairperson _____	
2. Please complete this form and place it in the front of your report notebook. This will be of tremendous assistance to judges.	
3. The report notebook should indicate name and number of Grange on the outside front cover.	
4. While this form will be accepted as a report book, we strongly urge you to write a description of your activities in greater detail.	
5. Newspaper articles, letters and evidence of publicity should be included. Pictures are helpful, especially "before the project(s) began and after completion."	
6. The report should be typewritten if possible. While the reports are judged on the results accomplished, it helps the judges if the reports are neat and easy to read.	
7. A Final Reminder - your completed report must be received by SEPTEMBER 1 by your State Community Service Chairpersons.	
8. Please <u>mark</u> the envelope "Community Service Report."	

Legislatively Speaking



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As I write this article, it is tax day. I hope everyone gets a generous refund. As a kid I remember that phrase “Liar, liar pants on fire, nose as long as a telephone wire.” Wouldn’t it be grand if we all wished this phrase together and it came true, what excitement we would have that every politician, department head, new agencies, leaders, religious, educational, police and people responding to the events of flaming pants. We need to stop the bullying, hate, and violence against us, we the people.

With the tariffs on one day and off the next, the stock market has dropped and gained in wide swings. Old days would call this a correction, which means the stock is adjusting to its true value. Old days, the CEO would invest in plant upgrades and reward workers for their contributions to the successful profits of the industry. Nowadays the CEO’s give dividend checks to department heads and investors. We need to invest in manpower and plant equipment. If we want manufacturing back in the USA, this will help achieve it.

The tariff problem we are seeing is higher prices on items in the stores. The issue that we need to focus on is that the US Bond Market is being cashed in on by foreign countries that over the year bought these as an investment in the USA.

In the 80s, farmers and local golf courses offered cheap, or even free municipal sludge for use as fertilizer. Many farmers and golf courses took

the deal, yet later found heavy metals and contaminants in forage and ground surfaces. This program was abandoned and many people were angry by what happened to them. Today many states are offering municipal sewer sludge for farmers and ranchers for their fields for low cost. With PFAs, the forever plastic, from firefighting foam and plastic products. The PFAs have been found in the sludge and has contaminated the water supplies and organic farmland. Some sludge has contaminated neighbors with e-coli from raw sewage being spread on fields. With the EPA being scaled back by DOGE, safety standards are being removed and testing is not available. The last cartoon article of “Pogo” ended with “We have met the enemy! The enemy is us”.

April 18, 2025 is the 250th Anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord, which started the American Revolution. These patriots of the New England colonies began the fight against the rule of the King, we know how it ends. Let’s hope what we have now is not a repeat. Stand up and speak up.

Connecticut has witnessed the movement of bears, due to springtime. Remember to remove bird feeders, secure trash barrels, remove food items from your cars, and lock them. There is no hunting season, and relocation is not the option for DEEP. With development of housing in bear habitats, its making bears more mobile and seeking new habitats. We have already seen bears at WestFarms Mall in West Hartford. Remember, they are wild and give them space.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers in our Grange Family.



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Roundup Time

Spring has sprung across our beautiful state, and with it comes renewed energy, fresh ideas, and an opportunity to deepen the impact our Granges have within our communities.

I am excited to invite you to our 14th CSG Lecturers Roundup on Sat., May 31st at 7PM. As always, these Roundups are open to all Lecturers and members, because strong programs and community service efforts don’t begin and end with just one person.

This month, we’ll focus on a powerful topic: “Partnering with Other Organizations to Expand Your Grange’s Service.” Collaboration is key to revitalizing our Granges and making a meaningful difference. Whether you’re working with local schools, nonprofits, community groups, or veterans organizations, partnerships can unlock new opportunities for engagement and service.

To inspire your collaborative ideas, we’re thrilled to welcome a special guest from the Veterans community who will join us to share strategies and programs.

Roundups like these are a time to connect, share, and brainstorm. If you’re looking for new program ideas, want to hear what’s working for other Granges, or simply want to feel a part of the greater Grange family, this is your time.

ZOOM INFORMATION

May 31, 2025, 7PM

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81227097374?pwd=zYa3uHoxHCrQvLAqMkQEOoY1bVATrp.1>

Meeting ID: 812 2709 7374

Passcode: 937891

Let’s keep the spirit of innovation alive and thriving in our Granges. I look forward to seeing you online on May 31st!

Easter Luminaries



Members of Bethlehem Grange #121 gather for a photo after helping place Easter Luminaries on the Green on April 20.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual Social Hour

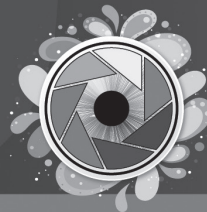


Thursday, May 22nd • 7:00 PM

PHOTOS and GRAPHICS: The Benefits of Eye-Catching Visuals

Topics to include:

- Collecting Moments
- Phone Photography
- Use of Color
- Rule of Thirds
- Vision Boards
- and more!



Join us for a fun and casual social gathering. A brief program will be presented.

Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org for info and Zoom Credentials

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Family Festival



Family Activities Department:

NE Region Needlework Contest
Family Activities Contests
Baking • Crafts • Junior Contests
Everything Gnome Contest
Decorate and/or Make a Picture Frame and more!

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Lecturer's Department:

Photo Contests
Lecturer's Program

Friday, August 1
Saturday, August 2
Sunday, August 3



Friday:
Entry Drop Off
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday:
Entry Drop Off:
before 10:30 AM
Judging Begins:
11:00 AM

Sunday:
• Entries on Display •
• Pancake Breakfast •
hosted by Hillstown Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
• Tea Cup Auction •



HILLSTOWN GRANGE HALL
617 Hills Street
East Hartford, CT 06118



For More Information:

Dawn Percoski, Family Activities Chair • familyactivities@ctstategrange.org
Dave Roberts, State Grange Lecturer • lecturer@ctstategrange.org
www.ctstategrange.org



Wolcott Grange held a successful clean-up in April.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Using the wise words of Grange Ritual in our Communications

“As we are again to separate, and mingle with the world, let us not forget the precepts of our Order. Let us add dignity to labor, and in our dealings with our fellow-men be honest, be just, and fear not. We must avoid intemperance in eating, drinking, and language; also in work and recreation; and whatever we do, strive to do well. Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.” (President, Closing of the Grange)

The Grange ritual, written by our founders over 150 years ago, still resonates today due to its timeless themes of human struggle and positivity. The President’s closing charge is especially important as we engage with our communities.

As Grange members, we hold various responsibilities, including:

- Paying dues and participating in fundraising
- Complying with National and State Grange by-laws
- Prioritizing the Grange’s mission and fostering respect among members.

Officers and committee members have additional ethical and legal duties, ensuring the proper use of assets and adherence to by-laws while staying informed and mentoring fellow members.

Every Granger should present a unified, professional image to establish the Grange as a recognizable brand.

“Wherever you go, whatever your calling, aim to do good. Good deeds are ever fruitful of yet more good.” (Lecturer, Second Degree)

With trademark considerations in mind, it’s crucial for Granges to follow guidelines from the National Grange and the Connecticut State Grange, especially regarding the use of social media.

“We must reap for the mind as well as for the body, and from the abundance of our harvest, in good deeds and kind words, dispense CHARITY.” (Steward, Third Degree)

Members are encouraged to participate in the Grange’s official social media channels while ensuring consistent representation of the organization.

“Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of others’ virtues, and pass by their faults in pity. The tears of the compassionate are sweeter than dew-drops falling from roses on the bosom of the earth.” (Chaplain, Third Degree)

Our public image is shaped by how we communicate. Consistency and alignment between our words and actions strengthen the Grange’s integrity.

“The hand of the diligent shall bear rule, but the slothful shall be under tribute. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding; for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.” (Chaplain, First Degree)

Here are some tips for managing your Grange posts and communications responsibly:

Use Disclaimers: When posting in social media spaces, state that your views are personal and not

those of the Grange.

Be Considerate: Avoid posts that could embarrass the Grange or others. Use constructive criticism.

Report Issues Privately: If you witness unethical behavior, or have a Grange-related issue, report it to a Grange leader rather than on social media.

Understand Liability: You are responsible for your posts, ensuring they’re accurate, lawful and respectful.

Respect Copyright: Follow copyright and trademark laws, particularly concerning use of the National Grange Logo and other Grange-related materials. Grange Logos symbolize our mission and should be used correctly on official documents and recognitions.

Abide by the Grange’s fundamental principles in all communications, differentiating personal views from the organization’s stance.

“By command of the Worthy Master, I proclaim this Grange opened in ample form for promoting the welfare of our country and of mankind, and for advancing the interests, elevating the characters, and increasing the influence of all Patrons of Husbandry, by properly transacting our business and by exemplifying our principles in Faith, in Hope, in Charity and with Fidelity.” (Overseer, Opening of the Grange)

Connecticut Granges should adhere to the guidelines outlined in the “Communication Guidelines and Procedures” handbook, published by the Connecticut State Grange. If your Grange needs a copy, contact information@ctstategrange.org for a PDF.

Effective communication is vital for all Grange members, as it helps convey our contributions and achievements amid growing public competition for attention and support.



SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

May 20: Ham and bean dinner

May 28: Freedom

We held a pancake breakfast on Saturday April 5 to show the community what the Grange is all about. We were able to show them with our displays as well as handouts. We will have work sessions to work on the landscape and the outside lawn. It is important to keep the outside looking good for passer-bys. Members will be participating in the roadside cleanups in our town. Now that the local 4-H is holding their meetings in our hall we appreciate their help in keeping the hall inside tidy. Other groups using the hall also go out of their way to help keep our hall ready for the next event. We continue to have monthly craft events to open our doors to the community. We have a lot to be proud of and want to share that. Members are also serving on the America 250 committee in town. We welcome everyone to join.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Cherie Robinson

May 2: Family Activities Committee presents Program

June 6: Short Program followed by Mystery Tour

Ekonk Clam Cake & Chowder



Ekonk Community Grange #89 held a successful Clam Cake & Chowder Dinner on April 18 with all you can eat Homemade Clam Cakes and Homemade Chowders.

What a great thing to be back to in-person meetings after a winter of Zoom meetings! Our program was called 'A Mad Mad World'. We heard about Danbury, CT as the hat capital of the world, home of the Danbury Shakes; illness due to mercury poisoning from exposure during the felting process in hat making. We played a game of MadLibs. How many of us are old enough to remember that silly fill-in-the blank game from our childhood?

We worked on 2 resolutions submitted. It's not too early to start writing resolutions.

Our summer community service projects are firmed up.. Come buy our treasures at the tag sale at Strong Family Farm on June 7th. We will be collecting gently used garden tools for donation to community gardeners in need.

Our doors are always open to

visitors. At our May 2 meeting, come sample the entries in our CWA cake baking contest!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Penny Bennett

Here at the Killingly Grange, we have been very busy serving Fish Dinners during Lent. We are hanging up our fishing gear right after good Friday. Also, with the help from the Danielson Lions we are serving the average of 48 meals a week. We offer both fried fish or baked and French fries or baked potato. No surprise most people want fish and chips!

If you enjoy Gospel music and like to sing along- we are having a gospel sing on Saturday April 26 at 6:00 pm. Several local churches will contribute. Please join us for some fun and some soul searching. As always, we have some delicious food for you to purchase.

We also have many vegetables

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starting plants to give away! All you have to do is give us your e mail address so that we can notify you of our upcoming events. You also will have a chance of winning a cash prize with your plant at our annual Grange fair in August.

Hopefully the snow has stopped and the Easter Bunny will have a clear path to hop to your house with some much-loved chocolate eggs.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

May 9: Russian Civil War - Wait! U.S. Participation???

May 23: Memorial Program

We have welcomed John Gaccione, Jr., and Loretta and William Aitken to our membership in the past few months along with the members of Preston City Grange #110. We now can boast 82 members.

Another exciting activity has been added to our busy summer program on the grounds. The Scottish Highland Games will be here on July 27, tucked in between our own Agricultural Fair July 10-13 and the 4H Expo. Aug. 8-10. Some big changes are in the air for our Grounds, too. Stay tuned for further updates.

We held a very successful pancake breakfast at our hall as a fundraiser for a local family in need and are very grateful to the North Stonington Lions Club for their able assistance. And putting in a plug for our local Lions, their Memorial Day Parade will step off from our grounds at 10:00 on Monday, May 26, they will hold a pancake breakfast here on May 4 and their annual Steak Fry will take place on June 7. And if these crazy winds will just stop toppling trees over into the wires, next time we will tell you all about Awesome April.



**Jody & Jodi Ann
Cameron**
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Has your Grange outlived its usefulness?

Older members talk of the days gone by where the grange was pretty much the centerpiece of the town. Where everyone came to dance, eat and socialize. Where whenever anyone in the community was in need the Grange was there in force.

Today, this is the case in a few of our Granges in CT, but for the most part, it no longer is. And we struggle to maintain our relevance in our community. The demographic of our communities has changed since the good old days. Both parents must work. If your child is of school age, they need to be involved in extracurricular activities because they need a solid college resume. Mealtimes are not for connecting as much anymore, and electronics and social media have dominated our lifestyle.

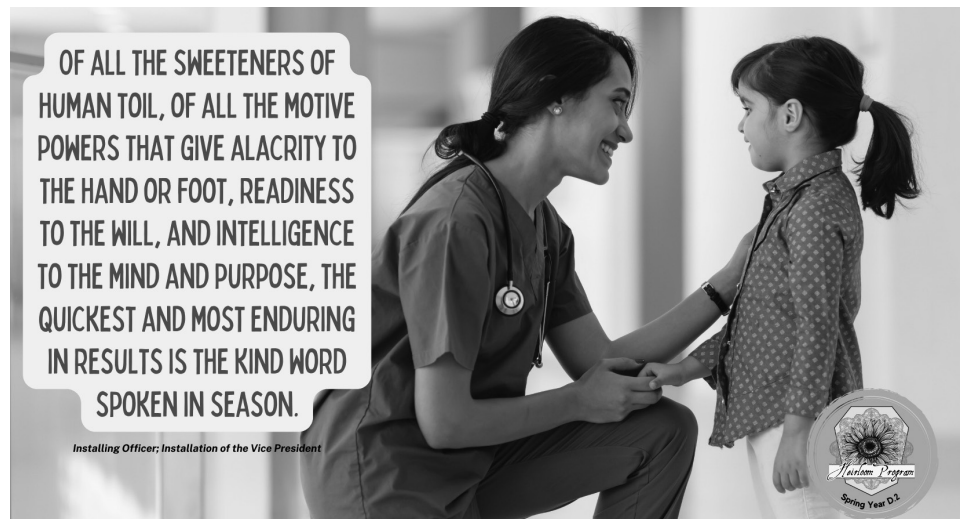
So, what are we seeing today, knowing how valuable everyone's time is, and competing in a digital age? We are seeing Grange holding Hybrid meetings. The physical meeting in person in full form

while those who cannot be there in person can still attend via electronic means. We are seeing more Granges opening their halls for tag sales, plant sales, public dinners and breakfasts and many, many educational programs.

We are hearing of new ways Granges are serving their communities. Hat and Scarfs for the homeless, seed swaps, free meals, food banks, supporting local organizations that also serve the community and, as there is ability, financial support to local sports teams and groups.

We just saw on Facebook a Grange in PA holds a Blue Jacket Night. On this night, any new student actively involved in their FFA Chapter receives from the local Grange their Blue Jacket. **THIS IS BRILLIANT!!!**

So, as you reflect on you as a Grange member and your Granges relevance in your community, we again ask you this question, **HAS YOUR GRANGE OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS.** If you think so, call us immediately and let's put some plans together to see how the State Grange can offer support and try to turn things around. Again, many Granges and Grangers are making sure they have a relevant presence in their communities, but there is more work to do, more people to impact, more lives to change. Let us continually live a connected life and Grange every day like our very existence relies upon it.



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 history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of 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.



No answers were received for last month's picture. Let us know if you have any clues.

Save the Dates in August



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Family Activities Dir.
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Save the Date! We have confirmed that our Family Activities and Lecturers contests will be held on the weekend of August 1-3rd. Hillstown Grange in East Hartford will be hosting us this year. Drop off for your entries is on Friday, August 1st between the hours of 3:00 to 6:00 and Saturday, August 2nd before 10:30 am. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00.

On Sunday, August 3rd, come and enjoy breakfast. Hillstown Grange has a wonderful pancake breakfast and you can also try your chances on our tea cup auction. All needlework will be displayed for all to see! As always, the first prize winners will be held for the Eastern

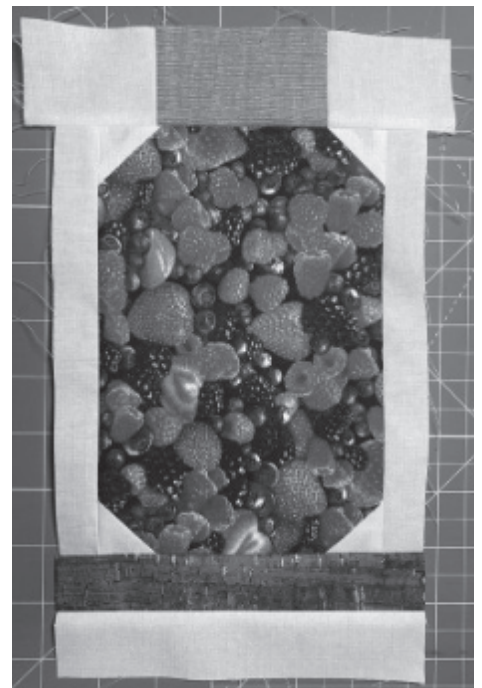
States contest.

We would like to remind you that we need several judges for all the categories including baking and our theme entries. So those of you with a sweet tooth will enjoy judging the cake entries! We would love to see you and we are providing a nice lunch after the judging is completed on Saturday before you are on your way.

Also, we are looking for donations for our tea cup auction. If you have something new and not used that you would like to regift we would love to have it. We are looking to have these items (not used items) so that we can continue helping and supporting other committees

National Quilt Block Contest Announced.

One more contest to announce is the National Quilt Block contest.



This year's pattern is the Canning Jar. Full rules and guidelines are available on the National Grange website: www.National-Grange.org/Lecturer-Contests

Adult and Junior Divisions.
Deadline: September 1, 2025.



WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

May 3: Tag Sale, Grange Hall, 9-?

May 13: Food for Homeless Animals Month, Potluck 6:00 PM

May 27: Memorial Day Program (by Chaplain), Ref. Patrick O'Brien

Winchester Grange will kick off the warmer weather with a spring tag sale on May 3. Members are encouraged to donate items and come to the sale to find the treasure they didn't know they needed. Please do not donate large items of furniture, bed frames, etc.

Plans are moving ahead for the restoration of the front of the hall. The new Grange emblem has been ordered and will replace the oval window (once covered up and re-sided). In the kitchen and dining room, the windows will soon be replaced with energy efficient versions. Until now, we have had to remove inner windows in the spring and put them back in during the fall.

Also on the agenda will be the replacement of the front doors with new doors and hardware. All are expensive projects but we are necessary for the long-term health of our hall.

Looking ahead to our August Grange Fair... We have made arrangements for a local Mobile Veterinary Clinic to be at the Fair. Dr. Jill's Pet Candy Pop-Up Wellness Clinic will provide affordable, high-quality veterinary care. Learn more by visiting her website: www.mypetcandy.com/vet

Taghhannuck's newest member



Photo by Ruth Epstein, Lakeville Journal

Taghhannuck Grange signs up Sharon Selectman Lynn Kearcher (center) as a new member of Taghhannuck Grange during the Volunteer Recognition and Recruitment Event at the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon. She is pictured with Taghhannuck Treasurer Debbie Hanlon (left) and Secretary Barbara Prindle.

mypetcandy.com/vet

Join us at our upcoming tag sale or one of our meetings. We would love to see you there.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

May 3: Grange Dance 7pm-9pm
NOTE: No experience needed as all dances are taught.

May 15: Fishing by Mike Taylor
Ref: Barbara Prindle

NOTE: This is the third Thursday of the month and not our usual meeting date.

June 7 & June 8: Plant & Rummage Sale 9AM-3PM both days

June 12: Dairy Month by Debra Tyler
Ref: Debra Tyler

NOTE: Refreshments & Social Time at 7PM with Meetings at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

The Sharon Library held a Volunteer Recognition and Recruitment Event April 4th and we had a table/booth there. Lynn Kearcher submitted an application to join our Grange. She was voted in at our regular April meeting and will be given the Obligation at our next meeting on May 15th. We noted that all 3 of the Selectmen in Sharon will then be members of Taghhannuck Grange.

We are still collecting G Notes and it is going well. We also voted to make donations to the CT Grange Trust Fund, the Hole in the Wall Gang camp, the Ct. Scholarship fund and the State Grange Foundation. It was helpful to receive money from the State Grange for our very successful Seed Kit Making Event community service.

As always, we are working on improvements to our Grange Hall. This past month grab bars were installed in the bathroom and thanks to Lynn and Debbie cleaning the kitchen during our program "Spring Cleaning In & Out", the replacement bulbs were found for our chandelier. So that is the next project as we need a tall ladder. Also, thanks to the outside workers as it was starting to snow flurry. We found about an inch when we left the hall. The hall now looks ready for our next Square & Contra dance on May 3rd.

Posters for our June 7th & 8th Plant & Rummage Sale were handed out for posting as they have to be up by the middle of May. We are collecting donations at our Grange Hall on Thursday May 29th, Friday May 30th and Saturday May 31st from Noon to 2PM each day. Again,

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this year our sale will be a big one and our only fund raiser. We look forward to seeing some of you to the sale.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

Meetings are held at Memorial Hall on the Green. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 at 2pm. A Memorial Service will be conducted. Also, the Grange cake contest is scheduled. Visitors are always welcome.

As an Organization Participation Sponsor, we are selling raffle tickets until May 18 for the NAUGATUCK DUCK RACE & FESTIVAL. Raffle ticket cost is \$5.00, and we get a return of \$2.50 per ticket sold. All members are holding tickets to be sold.

The program for April was entitled "Easter Lily" and was presented by Barbara Robert and was very interesting.

June is right around the corner, and I really hope that we get better weather ahead, especially for our gardeners.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: David Roberts

May 2: Riverton Grange #169's monthly in-person meeting (with Zoom option). Refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM, and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

May 4: 40th Veteran of the Month ceremony at the hall, 6:00 PM. Open to All; refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The event is co-sponsored in collaboration with Riverton American Legion Post #159.

Riverton Grange conducted its April membership meeting on Friday, April 4th, with a large attendance.

Before the meeting, a special Kitchen Renovation meeting was held to discuss the next steps in renovating the kitchen.

Since their last visit, Sister Gail Prelli and Brother Charlie Bierce attended the April meeting and saw many new hall enhancements

(AED, WIFI, freezer, first aid kit, working front and back door locks). The meeting began with President Roberts reading the National Grange Proclamation celebrating National Grange Month. Under new business, the members unanimously approved a resolution opposing any National Grange dues increases at this time. The members also approved a hall rental agreement. All tenants must pay a rental fee and have insurance for their events. The Grange's largest tenant, Barkhamsted Forks Senior Center, continues to hold weekly lunches at the Hall for seniors with packed attendance. These lunches are open to all, and it is nice to see attendance from Riverton, Winchester, and Granby Granges each week.

The Union Agricultural Society of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, and Hartland approved the Riverton Grange request to install a safety mirror on their property so vehicles can safely exit our parking lot. Riverton Grange Secretary Judy Doyle was recently elected to the UAS Board of Directors.

The Community Service Committee, chaired by Dave Roberts, is working on the next American Flag Retirement Ceremony; hopefully in June. Riverton Grange has already retired over 6,000 American Flags per U.S. Code requirements since this program began four years ago. The CS Committee also reminded members about the Project Sustenance box on the hall's front porch, which has non-perishable food items available to anyone in need 24/7. Finally, the members unanimously voted to again participate in the Third Grade Dictionary Project for 2025, chaired by Lecturer Raine Pedersen, which the Grange has participated in for over two decades.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

The Simsbury Grange had a wonderful APRIL IS GRANGE

MONTH!

April 4th - Friday - Our FIRST of five Beaver Pond Wildlife films was very well received with 37 in attendance.

April 5th - Our first ever YARN SWAP in conjunction with Simsbury Yarns went well. Many of the people selling donated their leftover yarn which we have been able to pass out to local crafting groups and prayer shawl ministries.

April 7th - Eddie Gautier aka Saints House, Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller, provided heartfelt stories and wonderful original music.

April 14th - Monday - We held our monthly meeting at the Grange with discussions of upcoming programs and our annual Ag fair in two months.

April 27th - Sunday was our Food and Fun at the Grange - featuring Amoroso's Pizzeria - Cooking demo of homemade gnocchi and menu tastings.

May 2nd - Friday - Beaver Pond Wildlife Film #2 by local filmmaker, Ray Asselin - Late spring - Social hour at 6:00pm, film at 7:00pm. Come see this film presented on the back wall of our stage, newly painted with projection paint. It's FABULOUS!

May 5th - Music Monday - featuring Melanie Champagne, a local singer-songwriter from Collinsville. You DEFINITELY want to look her up on Facebook, Instagram, Apple music or Spotify. Her music is a blend of thoughtful lyrics, personal storytelling, and a warm acoustic sound. You will love her introspective, indie/ folk-pop sensibility. Please register through the Simsbury Public Library calendar of events. Doors 6:30, Music at 7:00.

June 14th - Saturday - from 10:00-3:00. We will host our surrounding community to various contests with prizes, local farm and non-profit table displays, children's activities, dance group performances, crockpot kitchen/bake sale and a live band, Out the Boxx, to dance to. Come on out and enjoy the fun!



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Only meeting four times a year can sometimes make the meeting long as was our March 23rd meeting with Degrees and Inspection. Ted Powell, Overseer of the Connecticut State Grange was present for the Inspection. The officers did a good job during the meeting and the conferral of the Fifth Degree. It has been many years since we had a class of ten candidates from Harmony Grange #92: James & Carol Ritter, Robert & Betty Blackwell, Peter Kinahan and Thomas Sulier, Wallingford Grange #33 William and Kathy Barnes and Scott Mowerson and from Greenfield Hill Grange #133 Melissa Nichols.

Three resolutions from Harmony Grange kept the brain thinking. For Community Service, it was voted to collect cans of soup each meeting to be donated to the Food Bank of one of the Granges present.

Add a bountiful country store topped off with delicious Shepherd's Pie plus for refreshments made by the members of Greenfield Hill and Harmony Granges made for an interesting afternoon.

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 1 at Beacon Valley Grange. Program "Fun in the Sun"- refreshments Beacon Valley.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

May 7: Music Night-Open Meeting,



Cheshire Grange honored its 2025 Community Citizen of the Year, Arnett Talbot at their April 2 meeting. She is pictured with Cheshire Grange President A. Ruel Miller.

Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra Tribute Artists

May 21: Family Activities Night-Speaker from the Hole in the Wall Camp

Spring so far is a busy time for us. In March we hosted Nutmeg Pomona. We held two fund raising dinners on March 22nd and April 5th. As always, a good membership turnout to work on the dinners. We continue to support our local food bank and offer our hall twice a week to a Cheshire AA group. We have had our organizational meeting for our 140th Cheshire Grange Community Fair the last full weekend in August. One of our key meetings on April 2nd was our Community Citizen of the Year Award. This year we honored Arnett Talbot for her thirty plus years serving the town in the Town Manager's office and other volunteering work.

Cheshire Grange presented its 2025 Community Citizen of the Year award to Arnett Talbot at their April 2nd meeting. Ms Talbot was recognized for her 30 plus

years serving the town of Cheshire in the Town Manager's office. She was Cheshire's Assistant Town Manager for many years. She also is involved as a volunteer in many local organizations along with some charity work. The guest speaker for the evening was Town Manager, Sean Kimball. A reception followed the program.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

Easter activities were hoppin' at Wallingford Grange this past month. First, many thanks goes out to Molly, an animal sciences student in Lyman Hall High School's vo-ag program, and her advisor for helping some young, potential rabbit owners understand how to care for their bunnies, and to the rabbit Paws for being such a good ambassador of the species.

Second, we had about a dozen kids attend our first Easter Egg hunt at the grange hall. They had lots of fun finding the eggs throughout it.

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Finally, at our April grange meeting, we celebrated the coming of spring with a seed and plant swap. Our next grange meeting will be on Thursday, May 8, at 6:30pm.

In May to July, some special events Wallingford Grange is looking forward to hosting include the Wallingford Town Wide Pizza Battle that will feature 8 local pizzarias (May 3rd: 11am-1pm), Wallingford Grange 140th Anniversary Celebration (May 17th: 2pm-4pm), Town Wide Tag Sale at Wallingford Grange with Pancake Breakfast and Meatball Sandwich Luncheon (May 31st: 7:30am-2pm), Meatball Sandwich Luncheon (June 14th: 12pm-2pm), Youth Owl Pellet Dissection (June 14th: 12pm-2pm), Pancake Breakfast and Sun prints Youth Activity (July 12th: 8:30am-11am), and Harvesting Honeys and Tastings (July 15th: 6pm-8pm). To stay informed about these different happenings and upcoming events at Wallingford Grange, please follow our "Wallingford Grange" Facebook page. Hope to see you at these events!

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The April 11th meeting of Beacon Valley Grange was held at the home of President Joanne Cipriano. This being a busy time for Granges there was much to be discussed.

Paul Paloski was chosen as our "Citizen of the Year". Paul is very active with our Scout Troop as well as volunteering with a couple of the local churches and others.

Refreshments were planned for our anniversary on June 13th and hosting the Pomona meeting on June 1st.

Members filled a huge basket plus with a ham, potatoes and other staples and gifts for a needy family for Easter.

A discussion of our Tag Sales and Open Mic resulted with us changing the closing time for the tag sale to

2:00. Hours for the open mic to remain the same.

Tickets for the June 13th raffle were distributed. Anyone wanting more, willing to buy or sell tickets please call President Joanne.

At our anniversary meeting on June 13th, we will be honoring our President Joanne Cipriano for 75 years of Grange membership. This is an Open Meeting. Come and visit.

Our next meeting is May 9th. Election of Officers. Marilyn Maxwell is in charge of refreshments.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

April heated up at the Greenfield Hill Grange's second chili cook-off.

Members and friends voted on seven different chilis and there were 3 winners: 1- Chris Golias; 2- Jennifer Romano; 3- Krissie Marsan

Thank you to Cathy Raynor and Marcy Thompson who hosted a pop-up bake sale that night. It was a sweet success.

Save the date for the 3rd in our "How Does Your Garden Grow" Luncheon series. May 24. Topic:

Planting seeds and plants outdoors. Reservations required. Call Cornelia 203.571.8673.

Our annual Agricultural Fair will be held on Saturday, August 23. A special feature this year: Goldilocks Farm and Sanctuary will have friendly animals to visit with.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

May 9: Here we come marching into town.

May 10: Hemlock Grange at 17 Sage Hollow Rd., Portland, joins the Historical Society's town-wide tag sale 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Members can donate items to the Grange tag sale pile. Bring your items to the hall Friday, May 9th 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Or any Grange member can have their own table. Bring your own table, boxes, bags, etc.

Call Betty Jane 860-267-7512 for info/questions.

May 23: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

2025 Agriculture Contests

Nominees are being accepted for the 2025 Agriculture contests to be awarded at the 2025 Annual Session in October. The categories are:

- 1) Outstanding Agriculture Professional Award
- 2) Outstanding Agricultural Young Professional Award
- 3) Outstanding Agricultural Promoter Award

Please contact Ag. Director Kristina Donihee for more information or to submit your nominees: 366 Geo. Washington Rd., Enfield 06082 or by email: agriculture@ctstategrange.org.


Decorate a Pumpkin




Decorate a pumpkin using artificial, real or handmade pumpkins. There are two divisions. One for 14 and under and the other is for 15 and older. Entries to be brought to State Session where judging will be conducted and awards will be presented,

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

14th LECTURERS' ROUND UP



SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025
• 7:00 PM •



Let's gather VIRTUALLY on ZOOM
to discuss the latest news and programs from the Lecturers' Department.
Spotlight: "Partnering with Other Organizations to Expand Your Grange's Service."

For More Information and ZOOM Credentials:
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GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE

BI-MONTHLY ROUND TABLE LUNCH-TIME DISCUSSIONS



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

A SERIES OF 6 LUNCHEONS AND DISCUSSIONS FOR LOCAL GARDENERS, FARMERS, AND EATERS (BEGINNERS AND EXPERIENCED)

MAY 24
12:00 NOON - 2:00PM
PLANTING SEEDS & PLANTS OUTDOORS

FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS:	
7/19	WEEDING AND WATERING
9/20	HARVESTING AND REPLANTING FOR A FALL GARDEN
11/15	CLEANUP AND WINTER PREP

CORNELIA OLSEN
GRANGE MEMBER AND BACKYARD FARMER

JAMES FLINT
GRANGE MEMBER, GARDENER, AND COMPOSTER

THE SPEAKERS WILL TELL YOU HOW THEY DO THEIR GARDENS AND THERE WILL BE OPEN DISCUSSIONS OF EACH TOPIC, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO FOLLOW THE GARDENING YEAR.

Greenfield Hill Grange #133
 1873 Hillside Road
 Fairfield, CT 06824

PARKING IN REAR OF THE GRANGE BUILDING

\$20 PER PERSON PER SESSION
LUNCHEON INCLUDES CHOICE OF SANDWICH (TUNA OR EGG SALAD), BEVERAGE, & DESSERT

RSVP AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR
SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO ORDER
CORNELIA OLSEN OR **JAMES FLINT**
203-571-8873 OR **203-858-2187**
TEXT OR CALL TO RSVP

SEND YOUR \$20 RESERVATION CHECK MADE OUT TO
GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE, c/o James Golias, 60 Oldfield Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824

3RD ANNUAL

GRANBY GRANGE #5 RUBBER DUCK RACE

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

12 NOON - 3 PM (RACE STARTS AT 1:15 PM)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC GRANBY GRANGE HALL



1 DUCK = \$5
5 DUCKS = \$20



OVER ONE DOZEN PRIZES TOTALING OVER \$1,400 IN VALUE FOR FIRST DUCKS TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE

SALMON BROOK PARK PAVILION 2
215 SALMON BROOK ST.
GRANBY, CT

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO GRANBYGRANGE.ORG
(DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.)

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



GRANGE WORK DAY

THE BIG E

↙ **Sunday** ↘

JUNE 29, 2025

Starting at 1:00 PM



The New England Grange Building
on the grounds of THE BIG E
1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield, MA 01089

We would really appreciate anyone who would be able to volunteer to come and help mark items that are new as well as set up the inventory to get ready for the Big E's opening day.

For more information: familyactivities@ctstategrange.org

PRIDE AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain
Cheshire Grange No. 23
chaplain@ctstateGrange.org

Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
Proverbs 16:18

Live in harmony with one
another. Do not be proud, but be
willing to associate with people of
low position. Do not be conceited.
Romans 12:16

And your Lord says, Call upon
Me, I will answer you, surely those
who are too proud for My service
shall soon enter hell abased. *Quran*
40:60

Pride is probably the sin that
is most difficult for us to recognize
as one of our defects, although we
might more easily recognize it in
others. One of the seven deadly sins
in Christian Theology, it is defined
as an excessive love of oneself
and a refusal to acknowledge
God's sovereignty, leading to self-
importance and a disregard for
others.

Akin to Pride is Self-
righteousness, a belief that one's
own beliefs, associations, and
practices are morally or ethically



better than those of others. The
Bible, in many places, warns
against such belief. In the Book
of Proverbs we read: Do you see a
man who is wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than
for him. Indeed, it is all too easy
to fall into the trap of believing in
one's own superiority.

It is generally true that all of
us have faults, some of them more
serious than others. It is also true
that most of us are much better
at detecting the faults in others
than in realizing our own faults.
Robert Burns summed this up
nicely with his "o wad some pow'r
the giftie gie us to see oursels as
ithers see us! Yet there is a partial
solution to this problem. It is called
discernment, which can be used to
find the solution to many problems.
In the case of determining what we
ourselves are really like, and how

we may appear to others it means
taking the time to analyze your
feelings and to, as some people put
it, find yourself. Be honest with
yourself. If you find that you have
been unduly proud or self-righteous
confess your faults to God and
ask him to give you humility. I'll
admit that this is not easy. Pride
is perhaps the most difficult sin to
bring yourself to recognize and one
of the most difficult to correct once
you have recognized its presence.

In Memoriam

Joan Reed
Beacon Valley Grange #103

Steven Rossignol
Beacon Valley Grange #103

"Well done, good and faithful servants."