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Member or Granger?



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While in Atlanta for the Master's Conference, Jodi Ann and I had the great opportunity to have lunch with High Priest Bruce Croucher, his wife Sharon and Michael Martin, National Grange Membership/Leadership Director.

While having lunch Brother Croucher asked the question "how do you take someone from being a member to being a Granger?" WOW, what a question! Is there a difference? Aren't all of our members Grangers?

Fast forward to early April; Jodi Ann and I hosted a brainstorming session with Steve and

Claire Logan (RI), Michael Martin (National Grange), and Carmen Brickner (Consultant). (We are exploring the potential opportunities for expanding the Grange into non-rural communities.) During this brainstorming session Carmen asked if we only "welcome" people into membership or do we create a "belonging" environment. Holy COW that is the same question Brother Croucher asked.

Now this REALLY got me thinking, what type of image do we offer to our guests and new members, sorry, new GRANGERS? Are we creating an atmosphere that fosters individual growth and achievement? Do we encourage ALL of our members to be engaged in our discussions or developing programs?

When we hold a meeting or activity do we have meaningful work for all?

Do we treat our members as Grangers?

We need to always be asking ourselves do we have members in our Granges, or do we have Grangers? There is no secret; our numbers are not as strong as they were just 10 years ago, and by making sure we are continually seeking out new Grangers, making sure there is meaningful work for all, making sure we are cultivating a belonging atmosphere, we will quickly exceed our Grange Growth goals.

When we are working on the same team, with the same focus, with the same pride of being not just a Grange member, but a PROUD GRANGER, it is then that we will truly be a Grange that is influential in the lives of everyone in our Grange and community.

Please ask yourself, am I a member or a Granger? You might be surprised by your answer.

Last call for entries



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If you haven't started on your "A Number" and Talent Entries yet you have to get started. I know that a few Pomonas have already had their contests and I thank them. Now how about the rest of you? Every Grange in the State should have an "A Number". This is any number that took place in your Grange Hall or meeting place. I have seen some excellent numbers from years past. Others are remembering their founding or anniversary. If your Pomona hasn't had its contest yet, please contact your Pomona Lecturer to see when it will be.

Did you take any good pictures in the last year? No? Well spring is here along with all the gorgeous flowers and spring buds. Why not take a day trip and snap some pictures for our Photo Contest. The categories are: America the Beautiful, Animals, Grangers In Action, Family Celebrations and Historic Places or Events. You can enter one photo in each of the categories. Complete rules are in the Bluebook. Every Master, Lecturer, Secretary, CWA, and Youth Chairperson should have a copy. Photos may be mailed to me so they arrive by Friday, June 8th or may be brought to Cheshire Grange Hall between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9th. If you are in the Glastonbury area, you can leave them

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Simsbury revitalized



Congratulations to the newly revitalized Simsbury Grange No. 197 on their election of officers on April 26. Barbara Friedland (left) will be installed as their new President at their next meeting. Simsbury Grange is the first Grange revitalization in Connecticut in 2012. Also pictured is CT State Grange President Jody Cameron and outgoing Simsbury Grange President Frances Sarnecki.

Time for resolutions



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This is the time of year to start composing resolutions that you would like your Grange to submit to your Pomona Granges then pass on to State Grange. The assist you, the Legislative Committee are presenting resolution writing workshops around the state. We also have

created a template that can be used as a guideline for writing your resolutions. Check the State Grange Website for information. (www.ctstategrange.org)

The Connecticut General Assembly session is in its final days and there have been a few controversial bills proposed this year. One of the biggest was the repeal of the death penalty. I expect we will still be hearing more on this in the coming months. Changes to the rules for educators, especially the tenure program for teachers, were Governor Malloy's primary focus this year.

This session also brought out a few other interesting topics that did not necessarily make it out of committees but are issues to think about. The banning of wood furnaces was again proposed. This bill was less restrictive than last year's bill. This one recommended banning their use from May until October. The State Grange policy is in opposition of banning their use. These furnaces can be used for heating hot water as well as heating homes, farms and nurseries. One question that was asked during the committee hearing was how many farmers were using outdoor wood burning furnaces for heating hot water for their farming business. If anyone knows that answer, we

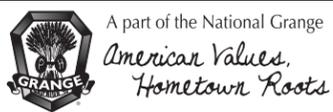
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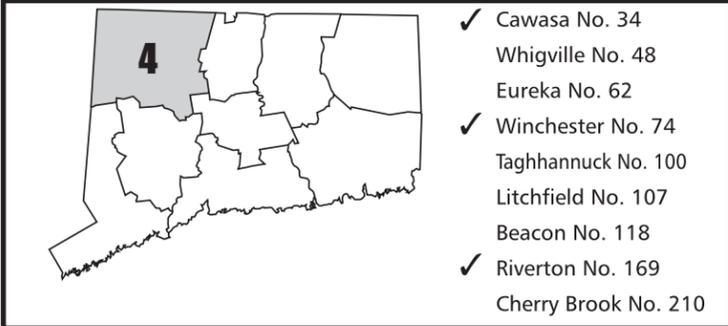
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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4

Corr: *Todd Gelineau*

May 14: Fifth Degree at Winchester Grange Hall, Dinner at 6:00; meeting at 7:30

June 25: "New Ideas" at Whigville Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Mountain County participated in the first-ever Statewide Tag Sale sponsored by the Social Connection Committee of the CT State Grange. With all proceeds going to the American Liver Foundation, many members and friends happily donated many different items for the sale. The Bake Sale portion of the day was dedicated to helping defray the Pomona's portion of the cost of the new roof for its cabin at Camp Berger. Unofficially, the Pomona brought in over \$200 on the tag sale and another \$75 for the bake sale. Not bad for a first effort! It was good to see Litchfield Grange Hall bustling with activity again!

Next up will be the spring conferral of the Fifth Degree at Winchester Grange on May 14. There have been many new members taken in throughout the Pomona so we hope a good number of them will consider taking the next step to Pomona membership. The evening will begin with a supper at 6:00 P.M. prepared by the members of Winchester Grange. Cost for dinner is \$5.00 (new members are free).

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: *M. Schofield*

Last month Chris Griswold and I went to the day meeting of Mountain County Pomona. It was held at Riverton Grange with a wonderful Lasagna Lunch with the works!

It was a very nice meeting. Earl Phillips spoke about the Co-Op he is setting up and it sounds wonderful. Not just produce but anything in the store or farm. Meats, produce, etc.... we will have a card to show and receive a discount.

Cawasa made fudge for Easter for the food bank people, and we put them in plastic Easter eggs.

We lost another member of Cawasa, Gertrude Caron. She joined in 1980. A book will be purchased by Cawasa at the Library in her memory.

Everyone enjoy their Spring weather.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: *Todd Gelineau*

May 4: Super Prize Party, Doors Open at 6

May 8: Remembering Mothers, Country Store, Ref. Pam & Don Fancher

May 22: Memorial Day, Ref. Sue Addison

May 26: Tag Sale, Grange Hall, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

It's a busy season at Winchester Grange! Conferral of all four degrees has been completed with four new members joining

Winchester along with six additional new members from Taghannuck, Beacon Valley and Eureka Granges. It was great to see so many new members taking the degrees. This makes 9 new members for our Grange in the last year! Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to talk up the Grange.

Work on the latest phase of mechanical work at our hall has finally been completed. As our kitchen is below grade, the sinks require a pump to drain water to the septic. The previous system had a manually controlled pump that had to be switched on and off each time the sinks were used. Of course, this type of system is not acceptable to the Torr. Area Health, so we had a new automatic pump and tank installed to prevent back-flow into the sinks. Unfortunately, the first tank leaked and a new tank was ordered. The second tank also leaked requiring a third. Finally the third is working fine and the new system is up and running with a new designated handwashing sink and a new faucet for the existing sinks. We are now looking for a commercial grade refrigerator to replace one or both of the non-commercial models we currently have. Hopefully the Health Department will be satisfied with the improvements.

Looking ahead, we have our annual Spring Super Prize Party (Teacup Auction) at the Hall on May 4 with the doors opening at 6:00 P.M. and the drawing of prizes taking place beginning at 7:00 P.M. A card with 26 tickets is a dollar- a great value for even more valuable prizes!

Later in the month we

will hold our spring Tag Sale on May 26 with something for everyone. We always need donations of items for the sale and hope you will join us from 9-2 that day.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: *Shirley Moore*

May 4: Meeting – 3rd & 4th Degrees; Ref. Sharon & George Russell

May 18: Pot-luck Supper 6:30; Program: Cherry Brook Chimes & Bell Choir; Mary Lou Keefe, Director

Our March 2nd meeting was cancelled because of the prediction of very cold temperatures and ice. I hope that is the last cancellation for this year.

On March 16 we were delighted to have Matt and Theresa Freund discuss the attributes of planting flowers to best display them by color. After this introduction, we were all given a six-inch cow-pot (invented by the Friends) and potting soil to make our own mini-gardens from the different-colored pansies they had raised at their farm and market in Canaan. During the evening, Theresa also shared old pictures of members of Laurel Grange.

Recently, Maureen and Phil Prelli visited the Colebrook Consolidated School and the Barkhamsted Elementary School where they distributed dictionaries to all the third graders; 18 in Colebrook and 62 in Barkhamsted. These dictionaries include a nameplate with each child's name and the name of the grange as donor.

As shown above, on May 18 we will have a pot-luck supper at 6:30 and immediately after, we will be entertained by the Cherry Brook Chimes & Bell Choir. This group is from the First Congregational Church of Canton Center. Our own Mary Lou Keefe is director of this choir and also pianist at Riverton and the State Grange. If you can, please join us for good food and entertainment. Mary Lou is also CWA chairperson at our grange and would like all members and visitors to bring non-perishable food items to be distributed to the Soup Kitchen or Food Banks.

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and do enjoy the spring weather!

The time has come!



Joanne Cipriano
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The evening we have been waiting for has finally arrived. The Roast of Phil Prelli. Tickets are all sold out. Two months in advance. What a tribute to Phil.

The festivities start with a "Roast Pork Dinner" to be served promptly at 6 o'clock, followed by "Roast of Phil" and door prizes. We are not talking about whom all the roasters will be; but, they are coming from near and far.

As usual, we could use some volunteer help. Please give any member of the committee a call.

The statewide tag sale is over. We will report in the next Granger the profit.

Save the date of Saturday, September 15th for the date of our next activity.

So. CT Past Masters

The Past Masters will meet on May 12th at Wallingford Grange. Our meeting starts with a potluck supper at 6:30, followed by a short meeting when the dishes are done and then a program and Country Store.

Because some of the officers were not able to be present at the April meeting, Installation of Officers by Marge Bernhardt will be held at this meeting. New officers are: President Robert Sendewicz; Vice President Cindy Legg; Secretary Joanne Cipriano; Treasurer Carl Bernhardt; Chaplain George Ward and Executive Board Charles Dimmick.

Come and join us. We always have a good time.

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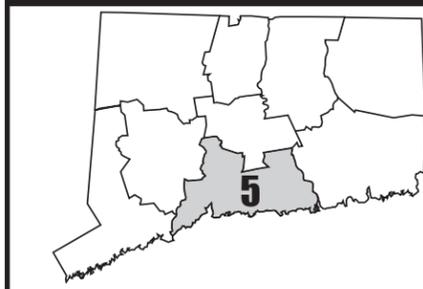
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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Don Lanoue

May 14: Conferral of the Fifth Degree

At the March meeting the Lecturer put on the State talent contest with Jane and Ruel Miller winning the talent and myself winning the Hallmark Moment. We look forward to participating at Grange Sunday.

In the near future we will be preparing ourselves for our inspection by Pomona Deputy East Jim Palmer.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

May 2: Awards Night-Tea Cup Auction

May 16: Away We Go

June 2: Pasta Supper, 6:00

We recently took in a new member and two affiliate members.

Our March 17th card party was a great success with good attendance that helped our treasury. We are planning another card party for June with a dinner beforehand. More to follow on that.

Our craft nights continue as well as plans for our late August annual community fair. Another fund raising dinner is on our calendar, one that we have been doing for this particular hiking club for many many years.

We are continually receiving thank you notes from our servicemen and women for the packages we send over to them. They are most appreciative and look forward to being remembered by the folks at home.

Cheshire grange will be having a pasta dinner, salad and dessert and card party with a teacup auction on June 2, 2012 at 44 Wallingford Road in Cheshire. The dinner will be served at 6:00 and the card party to start after the dinner. The cost will be \$6 to play cards or games \$8 for the pasta dinner and \$10 for both the dinner and card party.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

March 8: St. Patrick's Day. Joan was in charge of the program. We learned

about the fairies, selkies, merrowman and other critters of Irish folklore. We also learned about how the Irish celebrate Christmas. Some of the traditions have little religious significance but great social importance. A lighted candle on Christmas Eve has the symbolism of showing light to a stranger indicating the ancient custom of hospitality. Carl Bernhardt, our Pomona deputy and Marge, the state lecturer also attended.

March 22: Spring Planting has become an annual tradition here in Wallingford. This is where we get our hands to meet actual dirt during a meeting. Tonight the planting included heirloom vegetable garden choices of beans, carrots, cucumbers and tomatoes. The flower choice was Asylum.

Our meetings in May:

May 10: Ritual and Memorial Service Program
Potluck supper @ 6:15pm. This will also be our inspection night.

May 24: 27th Anniversary Celebration and Community Citizen Award. Ref: All Officers.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

May 1: May Flowers - Inspection

June 5: Election

This Grange has had a challenging winter. Nearly all of the officers have had

some kind of health problem. Hopefully we are all on the mend and the rest of 2012 will be kinder.

We have made our annual scholarship donations to Lyman Hall and North Haven High Schools.

Just got word that Betty Creamer has gone to the Grange above. She had been confined to her home but did a great job with the CWA program.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barb Kulisch

May 11: Memorial Day Presentation

May 25: Omit due to Memorial Day weekend

June 8: Inspection; Memorial Service

June 22: Who Leads us Forth for the next two years?

Lecturer's Exchange Program was finished up in March with Sue Pianka, Lecturer of North Stonington coming here on the 23rd of March and I went to North Stonington Community Grange on the same evening. We got to learn about Dwight D. Eisenhower and they got to talk about Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt!

We continue to be busy with community service projects and will serve a dinner at the Shoreline Soup Kitchen in July. We also did a "Bag It" collection in April to also help the Shoreline Pantries.

Hope our officers/ membership planning meeting held on the 13th of April came up with ways to get new members and also have included some speakers along the way at our Grange meetings! Spring surely has sprung and the flowers are gorgeous. Remember our doors are always open, so come on down!

State Lecturer

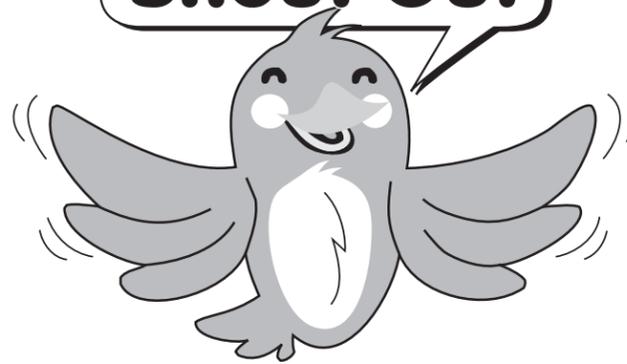
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with Edith at the State Office a few days in advance and I will go and pick them up.

If you haven't already marked your calendar for Sunday, June 10th, please do so now. Our Talent and "A Numbers" will be judged that afternoon as part of Grange Sunday and the photos will be on display. The Best of Show Photo will go on to National for Judging and our Talent Winner will be eligible to participate in the talent show at Lecturers' Conference. This is the day we Celebrate what the Grange has done. Bring your friends. Come to Church at 11:00 a.m. - enjoy a dinner put on by our Youth - view the CWA and photo contest entries and winners and then go upstairs and enjoy the talents of your fellow grangers. This would be a nice way to get a new member. Show them what the Grange is all about.

The weather is super nice. Travelling is pleasant and safe. Our Granges always welcome visitors. Why not take in a meeting in another Pomona and make some new friends. This is what the Grange is all about.

Granger Shout Out



Do you have someone you want to congratulate? Someone to thank? Has someone in your Grange gone above and beyond, deserving special recognition? Submit your "Granger Shout Out's" today!

THE RULES:

- All messages should be NO MORE than 140 characters (roughly 20 words)... the max. length of a Twitter Tweet.
- The editor reserves the right to edit all messages
- The editor also reserves the right not to publish any message deemed to be inappropriate.

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.

Thanks to Barbara Standley for making sure Harmony is always decorated for the holidays with table covers, flowers and decorations.

Submitted by Gail Mas

Nancy McBrien needs to be recognized for her hard work as Lecturer of Hemlock Grange No. 182.

Thank you and congrats to Barbara Friedland and all of Simsbury Grange. 8 new members and GROWING!

Submitted by Jody Cameron

Congrats to Rick & Elena Hermonot on the birth of their first grandchild, Jacob Alan, born April 19.

Submitted by Jody Cameron

Thanks to new member Judy Tsukroff (Granby Grange) for family fun Square Dance at our regular square dance night on April 27th.

Submitted by Robert Brockett

Inez Bramhall, thank you for 77 years of being an active Grange officer. You deserve a rest!

Submitted by Prospect Grange #144

Jean Accornero, of Glastonbury Grange #26, has served, very quietly, as CWA Director & Fundraising Chairman for 24 years.

Submitted by Kay Ruff

Through the continual dedication and leadership, thanks to our Master Ross Stands, Old Lyme Grange #162 is still here today!

Submitted by Barbara

Liz Ryducha of Cheshire Grange #23 is an example of a true Granger at work always pitching in to help when no one else is available!

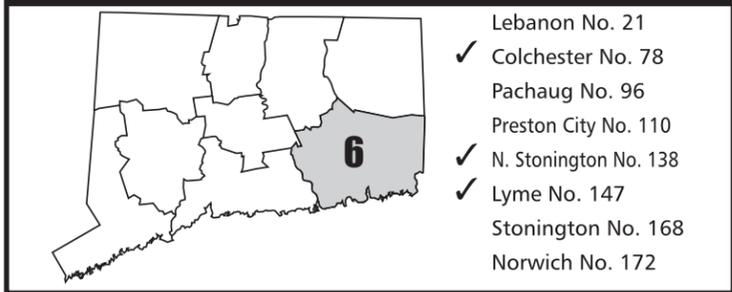
Submitted by Maryalyce Lee

What a GREAT start! Keep your "Granger Shout Outs" coming. Shout Outs for the next issue will be accepted until May 15!

Connecticut Granger Editor

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

New London County Pomona No. 6



NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
May 12: 5th Degree, North Stonington

June 7: Election of Officers Pachaug Grange

What a great evening at North Stonington on March 10th. We had a good crowd with 4 entries in the A-Number contest and 2 entries in the Talent; and they were all terrific! Our judges (2 State Masters and their First ladies) had a difficult time of it. Because we had 2 members present who had not yet taken their 5th Degree, the Grange had to be lowered to the 4th Degree after opening. Our Master proved himself equal to the task, with flawless ritual in both Degrees. The Talent winner was from Lyme Grange with Stonington running a close second. The A-Number winner was from North Stonington. Again Stonington was a very close second, and Norwich took third.

Downstairs everyone enjoyed refreshments and good fellowship in the hall decorated for St. Patrick's Day with fresh daffodils on each side table and a large bouquet of forsythia on the center table. Spring came really early in North Stonington this year.

Please come to Pachaug for election of officers on June 7th. We need to support our Pomona.

It's spring at last! The daffodils

Are blooming on the hill.

Please come and take the Fifth Degree.

We really hope you will.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

It's a little early to plant our gardens, but not to get ready. We may still get frost in our area of this beautiful country we live in. Soon Memorial Day will be here and our Grange is planning to enter our annual float in Colchester. We know for

sure we'll see our Master Jeff Watson cheering us as we pass by and Lois Evanko will be snapping our pictures, too. Watch for her entry in Grangers in Action. Our Treasurer, Kathy Russi is sporting a brand new knee replacement and all our prayers for her intentions were answered. She's home recovering. Sent get wells to her home address if you'd care to. She is doing well- sounds like our Cathy. She is another devoted, hard working Granger. We are blessed with many in Colchester Grange. To name only a few Marion Culhane, our Secretary, who really keeps us glued together. Sharon Moroch who is involved with fairs and Chris Bourque who is a new Granger. Keep your eyes on him- he's doing a fantastic job. And Carol his wife thank you for filling in for me at Harrington Court recently. And thanks to Eve O'Connell, Bonnie Trecarten, and our newest member Kathy Culhane. And thank you to Stanley Moroch for his historical expertise and keeper of important Grange history. And thank you to Polly Leonard and Diane Leith for always setting up our hall. And to Wayne Mohrlein for driving the tractor in the parade and his help in Community Service. Special thanks to our Master, Jeff, who runs an efficient meeting and to all who fill in seats at our meetings. I don't always say thanks to my Grange family for their support and guidance but please know I appreciate it. See you all soon. Come and visit.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

May 11: I'd like to visit National Grange Headquarters in Washington, D.C., Grange Heritage Night/Junior Grange Graduation

May 12: We host New London Cty. Pomona 5th

Degree at 7:30

May 25: I'd like to visit Arlington Cemetery-Memorial Program

At our March 9 meeting Lecturer Sue Pianka presented her State program on the Presidents. This year she chose Dwight D. Eisenhower and his involvement in the interstate highway system. We enjoyed a skit "Coast to Coast in a Buick," music, readings, a quiz on car ads and a game of "Walking Across America." On May 23 Barbara Kulisch, Lecturer of Old Lyme Grange and our Lecturer exchanged programs. Barbara's program on Teddy Roosevelt was a pleasant mixture of information, trivia, music, fun and games, with everyone participating in some way. We were pleased to have Arlie Chapman, Gatekeeper of NLCP and his brother, Richard, visit us that evening.

We hope to be welcoming some Junior Grangers into the Subordinate on May 11. Perhaps you know someone who would like to join the Grange?

Our Chaplain will present her Memorial Program on May 25th. And if the deer will just leave my very early hosta alone, next time we'll tell you all about awesome April.

LYME GRANGE #147

May 3: Chaplain & Graces do their thing.

May 19: Food & Plant Sale

June 7: June is bustin' out all over

July 5: Yankee Doodle Dandy

Eight of us from Lyme Grange went to New London County Pomona for the "A Number & Talent Run-Off. Our own Skip Beebe sang and played is guitar. March was extremely warm so all the spring bulbs and flowering trees are in full bloom. What a sight Mother Nature has provided for us. Things are sprouting up all over. In May the Chaplain does her Memorial Service and the Graces will entertain us with a lively program. On May 19 we will have our second annual food and plant sale. Everything is donated, so its all clear profit. Our property committee has been busy checking on a new fence for our fairgrounds.

There are grants available for non-profits. They just need to be researched and applied for. The bathroom committee has been busy as

well. Maybe one day soon we will have inside plumbing all year long and not have to use a porta potty outside. Happy spring!

Legislative Committee

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would be interested in hearing from you.

Another bill proposed was changes to liability for recreational use of land that is owned by municipalities. This would include political subdivisions of the state which I believe includes the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) along with water and sewer districts. If the land is unimproved, presently there is no liability, but if improvements are made, are they liable? The proposed bill would add boardwalks, public beaches, structures for spectator seating and paved walking trails to these exemptions. Boardwalks can apply to any wooden or wood like walkway. Public beaches can be found along the sound, lakes or rivers. Paved sidewalks could be bikeways and trails. This brings into question what if a municipality adds a boardwalk, beach, or a paved hiking/biking trail to a public area and then does not maintained it. Do they have an obligation to maintain their property improvements? If someone is injured because of lack of maintance, should the municipality be responsible? Would not having this exemption discourage municipalities from making improvements or open their land for recreational use? I am in no way suggesting one way or the other, just food for thought.

This year we saw a bill proposed requiring the labeling of genetically altered foods. This bill would require that any foods that have genetically engineered foods in them be labeled as such. Would food prices be affected if we require foods sold in Connecticut to be labeled as genetically altered foods while labeling was not required in nearby states? Would this impact some companies enough so they would stop marketing some products in Connecticut? Would it be better to suggest labeling if they do not have genetically engineered ingredients? Do we even care if they are labeled? Does this have to be addressed on a National basis? I know that this subject caught the attention of our State Master.

Consider events affecting your community or topics like supporting the fight against childhood obesity. Should we consider supporting the growth of the Farm to School Lunch program? Maybe we can work on increasing awareness on the benefits of healthy eating for our children. These are some ideas of what could be brought up for resolutions. Look around your community and become involved.

Resolution writing workshops scheduled

The Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee is hosting a series of three Resolution Writing Workshops this spring.

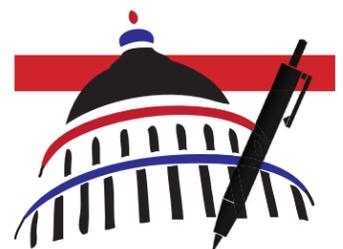
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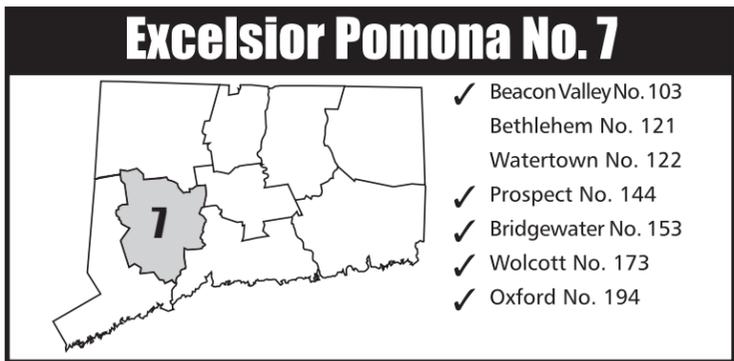
Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 PM at Litchfield Grange Hall, 453 Bantam Road, Litchfield.

Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 PM at Echo Grange Hall, 483 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center.

Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00 PM at Harmony Grange Hall, Junction of Routes 110 and 111, Monroe.

Please RSVP to Alma Graham so that the committee can plan for refreshments. Legislative@CTStateGrange.org or Tel. (860) 423-4332





EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Eloise Osuch

May 15: Rehearsal for Fifth Degree

May 16: Conferral of the Fifth Degree and Inspection

Excelsior Pomona #7 will hold a rehearsal for the Fifth Degree at Beacon Valley Grange Hall, May 15th at 7 P.M. All officers and members of the court are urged to attend. The judging of the CWA contests will also take place at this time.

May 16th will be conferral of the Fifth Degree and Inspection by Donald Lanoue, Pomona Deputy West, at Beacon Valley Grange at 7:30 P.M. We are hoping to have several candidates. Visiting Pomonas are always welcome.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

At our May 11 meeting we will be honoring all Mothers. That is the title of Lecturer Cindy Legg's program. Mary Pranulis will be the hostess for this meeting. We will also be finalizing plans for our 123rd anniversary to be held on May 25th

During our anniversary the following will receive membership awards: 50 years Lois Dick and Joan Reed, 55 years Linnea Behlman, Connie Brush and Thelma and Joseph Wojtczak, 60 years Patricia Bisson and 40 years Helen Wasilesky. This will be an open meeting with everyone invited to attend. Meeting starts at 7:30. We will also be honoring our Citizen of the Year.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange will celebrate Grange Month this year with our Citizen of the Year Awards Day and honoring special grange members for their membership achievements. Prospect Grange is planning a special meeting April 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Prospect Senior Center to

honor our citizen of the year Nancy Via. She is presently the head of the Prospect Historical Society and a volunteer on the Friends of the Prospect Library. She has spent many years volunteering her time in various ways. Though this presentation, we are hoping it will attract members of the Historic Society that will be interested in joining our grange.

We would like to invite anyone that is interested to come join us on this special day.

Congressman Rosa DeLaura, Senator Joan Hartley and Representative Vicki Nardello are invited to help honor this special person. Mayor Robert Chatfield will be on hand to help as well.

Members of Prospect Grange are also planning an Ice Cream Social this spring which will include seniors of our community. We are always trying to find ways to attract new members.

We are sad to lose Inez Bramhall as our vice president. She is now a resident of the Paradigm Healthcare Rehabilitation Center of Prospect. We really miss her and her wisdom and knowledge of the grange. Marcia Gaspar as agreed to take over as the vice president and Mary Lou Raymond has agreed to take the position of Assistant Steward. We are looking forward to the time two of our members will be home from college, so they can attend our meetings.

We thank Diane and Denise Barbieri from Watertown Grange for their help at our meetings.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

May 9: Regular Meeting, Wed. 7:30 at Bridgewater Grange Hall

May 12: Roast Beef Dinner, Sat., 5:30 at Bridgewater Grange Hall

June 9: Roast Beef Dinner, Sat., 5:30 at Bridgewater Grange Hall

Sept. 8: Roast Beef Dinner, Sat., 5:30 at Bridgewater Grange Hall

Oct. 13: Roast Beef Dinner, Sat., 5:30 at Bridgewater Grange Hall

On March 11 we had our meeting on Sunday 2 P.M. at Chestnut Grove, New Milford. Mary Roberts worked hard at getting the facility and providing refreshment. She did not realize that she was the guest of honor! A Golden Sheaf award was given to her for 50 plus years as a Grange member. Bob and Marge Sendewicz gave her the award. Nancy Mascio and Cynthia Finch talked about Mary and gave us some nice stories about her.

It was a mild winter and we managed to have our scheduled activities. We are looking forward to being even more active in the spring.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. from April to November at the Grange Hall off the Bridgewater Town Green. We meet the 1st Wed. in December there. The Hall is closed from the 2nd week of December until April. All our meetings are in members' homes during the winter. All are on the second Sunday in the afternoon.

Our biggest events and best attended are the Roast Beef Dinners. We have two in the Spring and two in the fall.

The Bridgewater Grange sponsored a potluck supper followed by a Community Service Award on April 27 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall. Debbie Kuchinski is received an award for her work with Bridgewater Seniors. There were several speakers during the award ceremony. Peter Orenski "The Flagmen" of New Milford will finish with a humorous talk. This event is open to Grange members, friends, family and to the general public.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Maryalyce Lee

May 21: School of Instruction, Deputy Don Lanoue

Wolcott Grange members have been busy preparing for the Installation of Officers by cleaning and evicting mice from our unused Grange Hall. The installation took

place on March 26th by the Installation Team headed by Edith Schoell. Very impressive! Hank Ouimet who, along with our State Master, Jody Cameron, worked to restore the Charter to Wolcott Grange was installed as Master.

Our meeting night is the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. and we had our first official meeting on our own on April 30. Mary Bathrick, our new Lecturer had prepared a fun program. Refreshments were served.

The May meeting is changed from May 28th to May 21st because of Memorial Day. Deputy Don Lanoue has agreed to conduct a School of Instruction. He will be going over the proper way to present the flag, open the Grange, etc. Anyone needing a refresher course who missed the School of Instruction in their area please come and join us. Refreshments will be served.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

May 4: Pack Rats

May 18: Inspection

May 31: Memorial Day

Food Sale

Our congratulations to newly reorganized Wolcott Grange on winning both the A Number and the Talent contest at Excelsior Pomona. Their victories were well deserved and we wish them well at State level competition.

Looking back at recent Oxford events brings to mind our planning meeting, which featured pizza aplenty for refreshment. Now this was not your ordinary pizza-joint product; it was instead deliciously custom made in the Grange kitchen. So actually we did more eatin' than plannin', but the job got done regardless. Thanks to the many who did the cooking especially instigators Jill and Jordan Zitnay

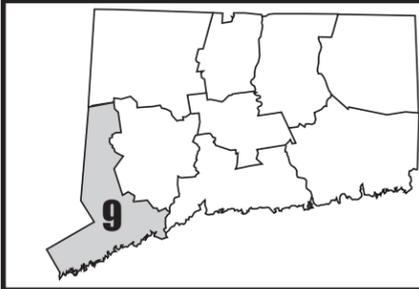
For our next adventure we will have a food booth at the Oxford Memorial Day Parade. Past efforts at these celebrations have been successful monetarily and in spreading good will. Good weather is required however- help from above is duly requested.

Come up and see us sometime!

Welcome new members

<p>Cheshire Grange #23 Maria Hauser Jonathan Hauser</p> <p>Southington #25 Alan Legat Sara Putala Adam Marzi Shirley Lupino Patty Boissonneault Nancy Savino Soboluesky</p> <p>Meriden #29 Richard Wojciechowski</p> <p>Eureka #62 Brandon Riley Justin Dupill Phyllis Marcantonio</p> <p>Winchester #74 James Steiner Robert Linsky Rhonda Maddrah John Maddrah</p> <p>Colchester #78 Karen Przekopski Butch Przekopski</p> <p>Ekonk #89 Mae Flexer</p> <p>Taghannuck #100 Katie Hanlon Mariah Eykelhoff</p>	<p>Beacon Valley #103 Joann Muscillo July Reynolds Bryan Kaplan</p> <p>Killingly #112 Arlene Joseph Sarah Joseph Steven Valys</p> <p>Greenfield Hill #133 James Cochran David Gormley Heather Soltesz</p> <p>Norfield #146 Britta Lerner Dan Lerner Cheyenne Scarpelli Kim Pitcher Maureen Faye Dudley Faye Tish Murray Jean Loeb Dawn Cooper Allen</p> <p>Cannon #152 David Anspach Michele Clark Harry Clark</p> <p>Stonington #168 Thomas Cleveland Lila Cleveland</p>
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Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Robert Sendewicz

May 12: Tag Sale

We were inspected on April 4 by the Pomona deputy West and conferred the Fifth Degree. We do not meet in May.

We will have a tag sale in May at Greenfield Hill Grange hall. There will also be baked goods and plants for sale. For those who wish to make a day of it there will be a snack bar.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

May 5: Spring Festival, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

May 14: Mothers Day and Memorial Service

May 28: No Meeting

On April 9 the officers, deputies and committee members of the Connecticut State Grange crowded into Redding Grange hall. The state officers, under the leadership of the State Master Jody Cameron and General Deputy Todd Gelineau conducted the meeting. State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt presented a great program

And Pat Palmer, CWA Director, with the help of the numerous Pink Sash wearers served a delicious assortment of refreshments. The evening was filled with joy and lots of fun. It was fantastic. Why did Redding Grange deserve this honor? Because we put a little extra effort into our flag presentation at inspection to win the Deputies ritual challenge.

I am sure that the more than fifty people that were there that night really had a good time. Although there will be a different prize for this year's ritual challenge, we are going to do our best at opening and closing the meeting to try and win again.

On May 5 we will hold our annual Spring Festival and Fair. Our program book has it listed as May 12 but that is the date of our Pomona tag sale. We will have our usual great items for sale along

with baked goods, plants, books and needlework. Come join us for a great day as spring is beautiful in Fairfield County.

We will be inspected by the Excelsior Pomona Deputy on May 14. We always enjoy a visit from Eloise Osuch.

We will not have a meeting on May 28 because of Memorial Day.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to May, the month associated with honoring our Moms and the start of the summer season.

Good news – First, during our February meeting, we “Welcomed” our newest member, Marilyn Volikas of Shelton. Welcome aboard Marilyn, you are our third new member this year! Yeah! Next, Val Barrachina is doing well after her recent eye surgery; Gil is back home recuperating from his health issues and our Master, George Ward is on the mend from his recent cardiac and breathing problems. We hope and pray they all continue on their paths to restored health.

Sad News – We were sorry to learn Dot Magyar recently fractured her arm. We hope she mends quickly and completely.

Come One/Come All - Our Tag Sale is scheduled for May 5th, from 10 – 2. Please join us and show your fraternal support. In the process you might find some great (bargain priced) “treasures”.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun Memorial Day Weekend and wishing all Moms (especially mine) a very joyous Mothers' Day filled with sunshine, love and “harmony”.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

May 21: “Agriculture Program”, Meeting 7 P.M.

A visit by State Master, Jody Cameron, at our March meeting was welcomed by

all of those in attendance. Brother Cameron answered many questions and made constructive suggestions. David Gormley became the newest member of our Grange by means of the Welcoming Ceremony. At the same meeting we scheduled a planning meeting for April 2nd, at which our Assistant Steward Erik Frisk filled us in on the community garden assigned to us by the Town of Fairfield. It will be a great opportunity for us!

In May our focus will be on agriculture and its aspects as affecting both growers and consumers. All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

May 5: Kentucky Derby Viewing Party, 5 P.M., Co-hosts, Weston Newcomers and Neighbors Club

May 8: Blooming of Spring, The Garden Talent Evening

June 12: Election of Officers, Initiation and Rewards

Be sure to join us for the Kentucky Derby Viewing Party on Saturday, May 5! We will be co-hosting with the Weston Newcomers and Neighbors Club. Bring your own cheer. Blare of Lenny's Coal-Fired Pizza will remain after the Farmers' Market to make gourmet pizzas like those in the pizzerias of old.

Cordon Bleu people, listen up: we have never, ever, tasted a corned beef and cabbage dinner better than the one presented by the mother-and-son team of Marie and Kevin Parker at our St. Patrick's meeting on March 13. And this correspondent has been downing corned beef and cabbage for 85 years. Thirty-five Grangers and friends who sat down to dinner are sure to agree! Dottie Joselovitz of Redding Grange came down to help.

The Westport Weston Health Department is allowing our very successful Farmers' Market to continue to June 9. And we are adding new vendors. On March 19 the Market had a photo op for families to pose with three young goats from Butterfield Farm Company in East Granby. The company makes products such as cheese, yogurt and goat's milk bath and body care items. Super PR Grangers Lyn and Chris

Kimberly recognized the publicity potential, and as a result stunning photographs were featured in The Westport News and The Weston Forum. Lyn says there have been 49 Norfield press releases published this year alone.

Planning meetings have already begun for our Agricultural Fair on September 9, and we are building some new games. And so it goes!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

May 3: Business Meeting, starting our 114th year

May 12: Scrabble Night - 6 PM to midnight

May 17: Contest Night

June 7: Business Meeting with Election of Officers

June 21: Let's watch a Movie

We kicked off Grange Month a bit early with our Silent Movie Night in late March. Many thanks to our John Mucci for arranging to show, and play the piano for, the double feature of Buster Keaton movies. We had a very appreciative audience who enjoyed the entertainment; both kids and adults alike! Julie and Roger Wanamaker did a great job with ticket sales, Peggy Garrity did a

great job with the cookies & sweets table, and Cathy and Don Offinger managed the refreshment counter of popcorn and beverages.

Our highlight event for Grange Month was the public forum on combatting Childhood Obesity presented by Norwalk Hospital. This was a wonderful learning experience for all participants to understand the triggers to obesity and how to craft a meaningful strategy to eat healthy and maintain a healthy weight.

We plan to commemorate completion of our 113th anniversary at our May 3rd meeting. Our Grange was founded on May 4, 1899 and we still meet in the very same Hall at the same address. The Baking Contest will be our featured even in mid-May. At our June 21st meeting we'll be watching a video of “The Help” based on the book of the same title. Following the movie we'll hold a discussion on the social impact of the story. Refreshments following the movie will feature chocolate silk cream pie.

Our meeting and event schedule are noted above. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

Membership



Joan Perry
Membership Director
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I hope that all the Tag Sales across the State were successful. It was wonderful to have everyone working together for the Liver Foundation. I also hope that everyone used the sales to promote membership by talking about all of the good things that Grangers do during the year. Make sure

that you include long time members of your grange in your programs. Without them, your Grange would not be here for you!! Remember, your older members have a wealth of knowledge and you can easily access that knowledge by simply asking. Hope everyone has a wonderful May. I can't believe that the lilacs came out in April this year. I guess that we are in for a few surprises this year. Take care.

Benefit Change

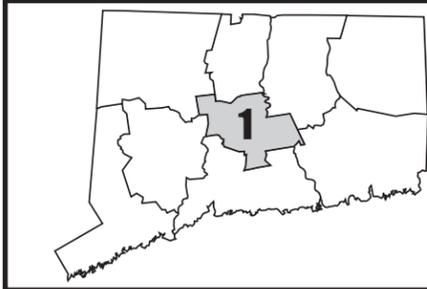
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Central Pomona No. 1



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

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Dianne Clark

June 14: Hemlock, 7:30 P.M., Thursday

How to Garden, June 14th at Central. Meet at Hemlock, 7:30 P.M., Thursday. We will learn how to garden! Co-host Meriden. CWA table, picnic goodies.

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Patty Boissonneault

Southington Grange continues to welcome new members. Our newest member is captain of the Knights of Columbus Relay for Life team in Southington. He has invited the Grange members to partner with their team at the Relay, Friday and Saturday, June 8th and 9th. Grange members will take shifts walking with the Knights team, as well as helping out at their booth. Members will also purchase luminaria to honor those affected by cancer.

The Grange has recently joined the Village of Plantsville network. This group ties together merchants and businesses in the Village of Plantsville, who host such events as a June strawberry festival on the ground of the Plantsville Congregational Church, Halloween Festival in the Village for children, and Christmas in the Village for families. The network of members stretches far beyond the location of the Grange Hall, but Grange members are excited about having a presence among Village businesses to give back to the community and promote itself.

Southington's biggest fundraiser, their Pasta Supper, will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Buffet menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, dessert and coffee. Tickets are \$7.00, by calling 860.276.3370. Proceeds to benefit the Grange scholarship fund.

Break out your sharpest chapeaux for all to see at the first Hats and High

Tea event, to be held at the Southington Grange #25 in Southington, Thursday, May 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Mothers, daughters, and grandmothers are encouraged to show and share a memory about their favorite hats, whether precious and vintage or outlandishly contemporary. Barnes Museum curator Marie Secondo will present some of the Barnes family's favorite, historical hats from a collection of over 200, dating from the 1850s to the 1960s. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and sweets, will be served. There is a charge to attend. Non-perishable food donations are gladly welcome. Mother's Day plants will be available for purchase. Reservations are required. Call (860) 276-3370 or (860) 793-2765. Grange is located at 137 Knowles Ave., corner of Summit St.

Plans are in the works for a bigger and more exciting Harvest Fair. Southington is in touch with new vendors who are anxious to promote their CT grown products. Fair date is Saturday, August 18th.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Dianne Clark

June 8: Election of Officers

June 22: Memorial Service and Flag Day

July 13: Picnic & Short Meeting

Aug. 10: Picnic & Short Meeting

June 8th we have Election of Officers and June 22 we are planning a Memorial Service helped by Chaplain Cindy Hupper, and Flag Day by Dianne Clark. June 9th we are having a dinner at 5:00 to 6:00, do come and join us.

July 13th we have a picnic at Hubbard Park unless it rains then at the Grange in Meriden, the same August 10th.

Sept. 7- Fair Set-Up.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #123

Corr: Barbara R. Smith

Higganum Grange was inspected at the April 13 meeting by the General

Deputy, Todd Gelineau. An informative talk was given concerning "Elder Care." Plans are underway for the fall vegetable and arts & crafts contest to be held in September so be sure to

plant some extra vegetables and get started on your arts & crafts.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

May 11: CWA

May 25: Omit (For Memorial Day)

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Centralizing Communications

Terri Fassio, P.R. Co-Director

Does your Grange have all of its communication ducks in a row, or are communications structured like a house of cards that can fall at any moment? This is a delicate subject, as most do not find issue with their practices until a situation arises and it is too late, and the damage is done.

If Granges want to present a unified, professional presence to the public, the best way to begin is to centralize their communications. This means, that all means of communication are from a Grange perspective, and not from an individual member perspective. There are three main areas -- mailing address, phone number and e-mail.

It is never the best practice to use a Grange member's home address, e-mail address and phone number for official Grange communications. What if something was to happen to said member? How would other members receive phone calls, e-mails, and the USPS mail, such as bills and important letters?

This very thing happened to another organization that I belong to outside of the Grange. The President of the group died unexpected (after being President of the group for nearly 20 years), and his family had no care or concern whatsoever about his philanthropical interests. So when his family cleaned out his home, they literally threw out everything having to do with the organization, despite the continued pleas of members from the group. It was a nightmare for this group to have to rebuild from the ground-floor up, losing decades worth of historical information, and also not being able to access bank accounts, write checks and pay bills, access safety deposit boxes and more. It has now been over 4 years since that President passed, and the group is still struggling to put the pieces back together. Do not let this happen to your Grange.

This leaves the question, "how does my Grange take the steps to centralize communications without breaking the bank?"

Following are just a few examples of the tools and resources available:

Phone: Google Voice

It is a good idea to have a unique phone number for your Grange instead of using a member's home or cell phone as the primary contact number. Google Voice is the answer - and it's FREE. Yes, Google Voice is a FREE phone service. You sign up for the service and select a phone number, then associate that number with other numbers, such as work, home, mobile, etc. In the case of the Grange, for example, you can associate the number with the Secretary's mobile phone, the Lecturer's work phone and the President's home phone. Then, you set-up rules for how you want to send and receive phone calls. (ie: Calls before 5 PM go to the Lecturer, calls after 5 PM go to the President, and calls on the weekend go to the Secretary.) They call this "intelligent

call forwarding." The service also has voice mail, and users can listen to and manage voice messages online, such as filing and archiving them. Voice mails and Text Messages can also be received as e-mails. Users can customize multiple greetings by caller and by group. Users can also dial out from any of their associated phones using a Web interface, and the call recipient sees the Google Voice phone number on their Caller-ID. For more information or to sign-up, visit <http://www.google.com/voice>

Mail: The US Post Office

As with phone numbers, Granges should have a centralized address for official Grange mail. If the Grange has a Hall, does the Hall have a mail receptacle? If not, a P.O. Box is the next best thing. Post Office Boxes keep members home addresses private and confidential, are efficient to separate personal mail from Grange mail avoiding mail loss, and are accessible and secure as the Grange can control who accesses the box. The cost for a P.O. Box varies by size and location, but 6-month fees start as low as \$14. You can even reserve your P.O. Box online by visiting <https://www.usps.com/manage/get-a-po-box.htm>

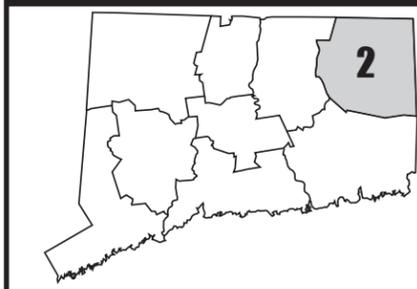
E-mail:

Grange-specific E-mail Addresses

All CT State Grange Officers, Committees, and Community Granges have been assigned a FREE e-mail address and mailbox (ie: yourgrange@ctstategrange.org). Instructions on how to access these accounts were given to all Granges in their Public Relations Packs. Currently, nearly 100% of Officers and Committees are accessing their Grange e-mail, and approximately 1/2 of the Granges in the state are using these e-mail address periodically, if not regularly. Using a Grange-specific e-mail address supports branding of the Grange in Connecticut while providing a professional "face" to the public, the media, and also to the State Officials and Representatives. When a Grange member sends out a "Grange" e-mail, it will be taken more seriously coming from yourgrange@CTStateGrange.org than it does from hotlips@yahoo.com (I know the yahoo e-mail is an extreme example, but we actually do have some folks who have similar style e-mail addresses and use it for official Grange business.) If you are not already using your Grange e-mail, please contact information@ctstategrange.org and we will send you access instructions. The more Granges that use their e-mail addresses, the more efficient we can communicate as a group. Plus, every e-mail sent and received saves printing and mailing a letter - thus saving at least 45¢ in postage alone.

One of the biggest advancements available to Granges is communications technology. Specifically, tools and resources available at low or no cost, to enable Granges to centralize communications, and thus better promote themselves as a unified group, and get their name out onto the tips of everyone's tongues.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- ✓ Senexet No. 40
- ✓ Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- ✓ Ashford No. 90
- ✓ Putnam No. 97
- ✓ Killingly No. 112
- ✓ Echo No. 180

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

May 16: Memorial Program - Baking Contest

May 12: Blue Grass Show 7 P.M., Pie Sale 9-Noon

We had our annual inspection and enjoyed visiting with Jim and Pat Palmer. We had a new member Steven Valys join that night with the Welcoming Ceremony. We had a report from Ag Day at the Capitol. The kitchen was approved by the health department.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau Young Farmers held a steak dinner at our hall to honor the Windham County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

We are getting things together for a big yard sale.

Visit us.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

May 9: Remember-Memorial & Deaf, Ref. All

Is this spring- what weather! Thinking about gardens, but awful wet. Got seeds planted in containers on windowsill, spring flowers in bloom. Yard sales being planned, gas prices are no help. Summer traveling will be a "want to go" problem. Soon it will be lawn mower time. Raking and all that. Time to get the bird houses up. A few days ago I saw a few honey bees on the crocus. I hope that is a good sign.

Take care- stay well.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

May 12: Roast Beef Supper 5pm- \$12.00

June 9: 118th Strawberry

Supper

We were so pleased to be able to donate \$180.00 to Evelyn LeSage, towards purchase of the special dog needed to help her 6 year old autistic son. We also were glad to help the Sterling United Protestant Church refurbish their Church after damage from flooding via three fundraisers! The Youth Drill Team is working hard to earn the monies necessary to attend the Northeast Drill Competition. They are collecting pennies, using the "Pave a Mile in Pennies" theme: did you know that it takes 84,480 pennies, laid end to end, to cover a mile- they plan to raise \$844.80 in pennies! They will also be selling the popular Yankee Candles. We voted to donate the Granges' monthly portion of our 50/50 to the Drill Team from April through July (small way to help, but every little bit helps)!

Congratulations to our President J. Allen Cameron, who has been appointed to the State FFA Board!

April 26th we held our FFA Appreciation Spaghetti Supper. We serve a free meal to Killingly High School FFA members and alumni and hold a fundraiser with all monies going into their Scholarship Fund. This year, we will have to Grangers graduate Killingly High (both FFA girls): Betsy Molodich (our Vice President) and Brandi Hawkins.

We were pleased to be able to bring Easter cheer to two Senior couples in Sterling

with boxes filled with non-perishable food items and including an Easter ham, potatoes and vegs.

We appreciate Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm donating a pie at each of our Grange suppers. Each person who brings non-perishable food items for the collection box, receives a ticket and at the end of the supper, a lucky winner receives a pie courtesy of the Turkey Farm! This works well, keeping our coffers full of items to donate as well as a little extra inspiration for the giver!

Thanks to Granger Frank Murray, for his generosity of beautiful (ladies) warm coats, jackets, suits etc. to the Sterling Library "Clothing for those in need" room. His late wife, Doris, would be most proud!

April 14th we hosted a Roast Beef Supper to benefit Sterling Family Day and May 12th, we hold one for our Grange.

The annual Earth Day poster contest for Sterling 3rd graders went over well, as usual!

We will be represented at the annual Sterling Memorial Day Parade by both Junior and Subordinate delegations.

Looking forward to June, mark your calendars for Sat., June 9th: our 118th Strawberry Supper, starting at 5pm. Spring has sprung on Ekonk Hill with beauty everywhere abounding. Plan to drive our way and stop and visit!

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

May 8: CWA

May 22: Memorial - Chaplain

Several of our members attended the memorial for David Hall on March 31st. Betty Lussier brought a dozen Easter baskets to "From the Heart". She also sent Easter cards to all our shut-ins. We are having our Ham and Bean Supper on May 19th from 5-7 P.M. and we will be serving homemade assorted pies. Our meetings now will be held the second and fourth Tuesday.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd Gelineau, General Deputy

Inspection season is well upon us and we sincerely thank all of the secretaries, treasurers and lecturers who work so hard to make sure their Granges are ready on the night of inspection. It brings us the greatest joy to find everything in perfect order and very little in the line of suggestions needed when we visit a particular Grange.

For those Granges who are awaiting the arrival of your Deputy, please remember to review the inspection report found in the center of the current Blue Book and fill in as much of the "Additional Information" material requested and make sure all of the Grange's records are available for the Deputy on the night of inspection. While we encourage Granges to keep records electronically, we require either a print-out of these records on the night of inspection or the ability to review the records on a laptop. It is not acceptable to say that they cannot be brought in because they are on a desktop model computer. The inability to bring in the records for inspection also indicates the same records are not readily available to your members.

There have been a few changes to the Deputy team in recent months that need to be explained. When Farmington Valley Pomona disbanded, Cherry Brook and Cawasa Granges joined Mountain County Pomona. The remaining Granges have moved over to East Central Pomona. Farmington Valley's Deputy, Lin Erickson has become a Deputy of Mountain County Pomona along with Peter Keefe. I've heard Irene Percoski referred to as the Deputy of North Central and Kay Ruff as Deputy of East Central. In fact, both deputies are deputies of East Central Pomona. While the revitalization of Litchfield Grange progresses, the State Master has appointed Earl Phillips, of Eureka Grange, as Special Deputy for Litchfield Grange, ensuring the hall is well-cared for and ready to go when the Grange is reopened with new members.

It pains me to have to write the following paragraph but there have been a couple of incidents that have prompted me to address the treatment of Deputies at Grange meetings. For 99% of our Granges, this is ABSOLUTELY not an issue. You are well prepared for the Deputy's visit and are welcoming and respectful. However, I do need to re-state the purpose of Deputies. Deputy is shorthand for Deputy State Master and each of the ten men and women who serve as your Deputies are the eyes and ears of the State Master and are his representative at your inspections. In fact, on inspection night, the Deputy outranks the State Master when he or she is making an official visit to your Grange (this is the only occasion when this occurs). In short, give the Deputy the same respect given to the State Master when he visits.

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

Spring is here! The March quarter showed several Granges taking in new members. Congratulations! Keep up the good work- we will have that gain in membership.

If you have young members in college, now is the time to be thinking about our scholarships. Applications may be obtained from the

Central Office. A student going into their second year may apply. It really isn't too early to be thinking of a scholarship. Two letters of recommendation are needed as well as marks from the college. Those who wait find that letters are not received or something is misplaced, and lose out.

In years past the spring is when large classes of members were received. Please check to see if you need Golden Sheaf Certificates or seals for your members.

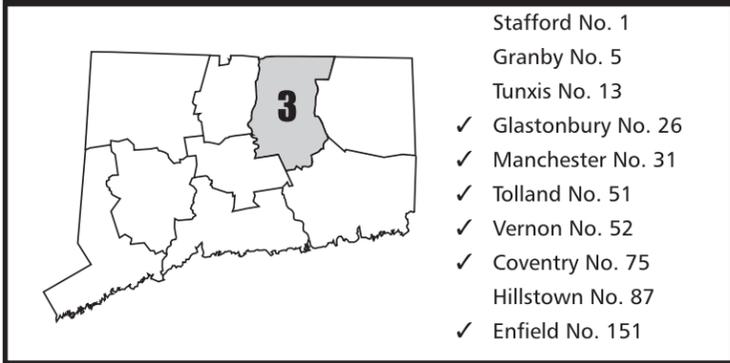
Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Wanted: Chicken Plucker



Do you have a chicken plucker? Do you know someone who has a chicken plucker they no longer need? Contact Patricia Valys at 860-774-0087.

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

E. CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

May 5: Hidden Talent; Host Manchester Grange

Talent and skit contest is here come one and all. We welcome new members of Granby, Tunxis and Simsbury to our Pomona.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Here it is the first week in April of 2012 and Granby Grange #5 continues onward, ever onward. We have been sponsoring community dances since July 2011 and the attendance has been erratic. The 23 March dance, with Ralph Sweet as caller was the most attended so far in 2012, but we had 2 sets on the floor where we had room for 8. Next dance is scheduled for 27 APR 2012 with a yet to be determined caller.

Our last Tag Sale in FEB/MAR raised several hundred dollars and cleared out a fair percentage of the old items left from prior tag sales, and all remaining items have been donated to the Salvation Army, Bug Brothers & Sisters, and Disabled American Veterans organizations.

Plans are progressing toward our annual Fall Fair with accompanying chicken barbecue dinner, future community dances, and other fund raising events to benefit our kitchen upgrade project plans. An arts and crafts fair, and a tag sale with all new items are among the activities we are looking into. Visit our website to keep up to date.

Our next meeting is Friday, 13 APR 2012 and will start an hour and a half early at 6:00 PM with a dinner in the basement dining area before convening the regular meeting in the upstairs assembly hall at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be catered by RoseAnna & Charle Smith (Overseer and Lecturer, respectively).

We have been diligently

working on the transition of Treasurer duties and the several banking and investment accounts from Frances Brockett to Carol Innes, and necessary completion of overdue annual reports. We also welcomed and inducted a new member at our March meeting.

We have yet to meet with our new Pomona since dissolution of the Farmington Valley Pomona transferred Granby Grange #5 to the East Central Pomona. As of our March meeting, we had not been informed of the degree passwords for this year, which could present problems when we do get to go to the next East Central Pomona gathering in Glastonbury.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

May 3: Meeting 7:30 A Tisket A tasket - Memorial Service; Refreshments: Martha & Mary Baribault, Amanda Kean

May 5: Semi-Annual Food and Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

June 7: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers; Refreshments: riscalia Schmartz, Doris Monaco and Jean Accornero

June 9: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7:00 p.m.

I am very happy to report that we have received some generous financial support for the fund we have established for the contributions to the Purple Hearts Home for the Marine Corporal, Manny Jimenez. We will be turning the funds over to the American Eagle Federal Credit Union in Glastonbury in May or we can wait until June and present it when they hold their Mission Completion Celebration in June. At this point I am not sure which we will do.

Jean is still collection non-perishable food items for the

local food bank. Bring them in to the meeting. She will be collecting until the July meeting.

I have been enjoying the nice early spring that we have been having. I sure hope we don't get a hard freeze that will damage all the nice fruit trees that have blossoms starting to come out. 70 degree weather in March is very unusual.

I hope you all have a nice Easter and then a very enjoyable SPRING. I certainly will enjoy them both.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Diane Small

Spring is trying very hard to push itself into summer. Weather is such an amazing phenomona. It changes continually, sometimes good and sometimes difficult. With the crazy fall we had, we certainly need rain. With all the snow we had last year, it is astounding how little snow we had this year. Nature is a true balancing act. Every so often, we get a wake up call to remind us to take nothing for granted.

May 15th shows us Memories. We all have lots of memories-good, bad, sweet, upsetting and so many other emotions. As I like to say, "tuck away all the good ones", they will take us far and put many things into prospective. They come under the category of 'remember when'.

Destinations is on tap for June 5. Can you think of someplace you would like to be? Get out a map, close your eyes and point. That could be a very interesting destination. Just think, when you get there, you'll come back with a tale of your adventure.

Wishing all Moms a very happy Mother's Day. Being a mom is a very important job. Remember when you were the daughter and mom always seemed to be right (she still is) and now you are the mom and amazed at how much knowledge you've accumulated.

Memorial Day is at the end of the month. Please fly your flag. Shake hands with a service person. Because of these brave and patriotic folks, we can live where we like, enjoy life, family and friends.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

May 1: Hoover Dam

Join us at our monthly meeting and learn a few things about the Hoover Dam. We will be meeting in our Hall on the Green starting at 7:30 P.M.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

May 4: CWA Night

NEW MEETING TIME! Vernon Grange voted at the last meeting to move our meeting time up to 7 P.M. and have something to eat before the meeting at 6. If you are planning to visit, call or email so that we can plan for you. Our May meeting will be CWA night. We are going to have our recipe bake-off at this meeting.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

May 3: Mother's Day, Ref.

American Farmland Trust:

Planning Your Land's Future and Introductory Workshop for Landowners

Do you own farm or forest land? Have you planned for its future? If you haven't, or if you have questions about it—whether or when to protect it, how to treat it in your estate planning, whether or how to rent it, how to manage it for farming or forestry—this workshop can help you understand your options and make informed choices. Please join us over a light, CT-grown supper, workshop speakers will discuss and answer questions about estate planning and land transfer, land protection options and techniques, land rental and leasing, and the management of production and financial management risk through crop insurance and other tools. The workshops are free, RSVPs requested, attendance is limited to 75 participants per session. Registration ends May 25th, 2012.

This program is a cooperative effort of American Farmland Trust, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, USDA Risk Management Agency as part of the Targeted States Crop Insurance Education and Information Program, Northeast Center for Risk Management Education, and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Additional sponsors include the University of Vermont Extension, Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Council, Housatonic Valley Association, Working Lands Alliance, Connecticut Land Conservation Council, Land for Good, CT State Grange, CT Farm Bureau, and the CT Forest and Park Association.

WORKSHOP #1:

May 31st, Lebanon Fire Safety Complex,
27 Goshen Hill Rd., Lebanon, CT, 6-8:30 P.M.

WORKSHOP #2:

June 1, Litchfield Extension Center,
843 University Drive, Torrington, CT, 6-8:30 P.M.

• Event Contact: American Farmland Trust, Register and RSVP at <http://farmland.org/programs/states/ct/farmland-workshops>, or call and leave a message at: 860-683-4230. After May 11th, contact Kip Kolesinskas, 860-878-0393, kkolesinskas@farmland.org.

Darby Pollansky

May 17: Memorial Day, Ref. Alice Williams

Coventry Grange is hoping to have a tag sale in May to clean out the hall for a good cleaning. Sister Claudia Miller will celebrate her 94th birthday on May 17th. Best wishes. Get those gardens planted.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

May 12: CWA Bake Off, Refreshments, Contest Entries

June 9: Election of Officers, Potluck

In May we will have our baking contest, so bring in your entries. I know they all will be very tasty. In June officers will be elected. Now is the time to think about taking on the challenge of a different office. Look at the room from another side. Let's have some fun.

Youth & Junior



Lisa Lamoureux
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EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

Greetings from Ekonk Junior!

We held our ping-pong and balloon fun in late March. We also had homemade pizza. We all brought toppings, and Jackie made all of the dough. It sure smelled good, and tasted even better. We fed 44 people! --and, had left-overs. The younger kids had a great time playing balloon games, and popping them! The older kids, and some adults, played pizza-

box-ping-pong (homemade paddles) and the "over-all-under 30 champ" was Andrew Molodich. Congratulations, Andrew!

On April 1st 23 of us went to a convalescent home in Uncasville. It is quite a hike, but worth it. Chris and Conner Sebastian each dressed up as the Easter Bunny! All of the kids passed out crafts and chocolates. Thank goodness we had someone from there who knew where to go and who could have what. The kids were a big hit, and we all felt better for having gone.

We only had 20 at our April meeting. We didn't expect a big crowd in April as we met on Good Friday at the Sharpe's home. The Subordinate Grange held their third chowder and clam-cakes supper, so we couldn't meet at the hall. Lucky

Lillian and Rusty Sharpe have enough room for us to have a meeting. Thanks, guys!! Carly Sebastian and Clifford Gervais both did a 10 minute program, they are 2 of our members who are working towards their Super JG pin. We voted to sponsor Brandi Hawkins when she walks in Relay for Life.

Jenna Wesa is waiting to join, and will become a member next month!

Coming up, we have our plant sale, the Sat. before Mother's Day, 9am-2pm. Money raised is donated to local children's charities. We voted to also have a

bake sale. Will report on our Coffeehouse next month. Hope you find time to visit our busy bunch.



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange recently visited the residents of the Uncasville Convalescent Home in time for the Easter holiday.

Youth needed for Degree conferrals at Kelley Farm

In July 2013, the National Grange in conjunction with the Minnesota Historical Society's Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm will be hosting an historical reenactment of the Grange degrees. As part of this project, the National Grange Youth Department will be responsible for providing the youth and young adults (14-35) to present the four degrees.

The regions will be responsible for each of the following degrees.

First Degree -- Northeastern Region; Team Captain: Art Merrill (NH); States: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT. **Second Degree** -- Midwest and Great Plains Regions; Team Captain: LeRoy Watson (WI); Midwest States: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, WI; Great Plains States: CO, KS, NE, OK, TX. **Third Degree** -- Eastern Region; Team Captain: Anna May Nauss (PA); States: OH, PA, SC, NC, TN, WV, MD, DE, FL, VA, NJ. **Fourth Degree** -- Northeastern Region; Team Captain: Celia Luttrell (OR); States: CA, ID, MT, OR, WA, AK, WY

Purpose: To assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to exemplify the 1873 Grange degrees in period dress.

- Youth with speaking parts will be responsible to memorize their parts.
- Youth may be asked to participate with non-speaking parts of other degrees.
- First degree team will be responsible for opening the Grange
- Fourth degree team will be responsible for closing the Grange
- There are 17 offices to be filled: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, G.K., Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and three executive committee positions. Musicians will also be needed.

• Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.

• The National Grange Youth Development Director will contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process. Team captains, National Youth Director, and National Master will select the officers for each team.

• The selection process will be based off letters of recommendation as well as the application. Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than July 1. Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a member of their local Grange - preferably master - state youth director, and state Master.

• Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each Applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for Youth officers.

• Degree Teams will practice at 2012 and/or 2013 regional youth conferences or other time as selected by the degree captains.

• Single youth applicants must not have become pregnant or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.

• The National Grange Youth Foundation is actively seeking grants to offset costs for the teams. Youth/Young Adults will be responsible for the balance of costs for participation.

• Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2012 to the National Grange Youth Development Director.

Download the application form by going to the following web address: www.grangeyouth.org/Programs/OHK_Farm_Experience.pdf.

Riverton Bell Choir Concert

On May 18th, the Riverton Grange, No.169, will once again be visited by the Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir under the direction of Mary Lou Keefe. The choir originates from the First Congregational Church of Canton Center and was begun in 1982 by the then director, Gail Petersen, with 11 members and three octaves of

bells donated by parishioners of the church. The choir now has 5 octaves of bells and three octaves of chimes.

Sister Keefe has been the Organist and Music Director at the church since 1989, is currently pianist for the Riverton Grange as well as the State Grange Pianist, and recently became the chair of

the Riverton CWA.

The evening will begin with a typically delicious pot luck supper, to be followed by a concert. Each attendee is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank. Mark your calendars for an evening of good food, fun and conversation with entertainment included.

National Grange G.O.A.L Seminar

The National Grange Leadership/Membership G.O.A.L. Seminar is for all local and state Grange leaders who would benefit from training in recruiting new Grange members to their Subordinate Granges. Although, Errol Briggs and the Vermont State Grange will be our host, Grangers from ALL northeast states are invited and encouraged to participate.

Vermont G.O.A.L. Seminar (Grange Outreach for Active Leadership) May 18-19, 2012

The Vermont G.O.A.L. Seminar will take place at Enterprise #16 Grange Hall, 173 York Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Friday, May 18

6:00-6:30 p.m. Welcome/Instructions/Introductions

6:30-8:00 Workshop ? Turn On The Light (Membership Trends and Perceptions)

8:00-9:00 Snack/ Team Building Activity

Saturday, May 19

Breakfast on own (included w/hotel room rate)

8:15-9:45 Workshop - It's All About Attitude

9:45-11:45 Workshop - Four Steps to Successful

Recruitment of New Members

Lunch

1:30-3:30 Activity - How well do you know the Grange

Snack Break

4:00-5:00 Wrap-up/Q&A

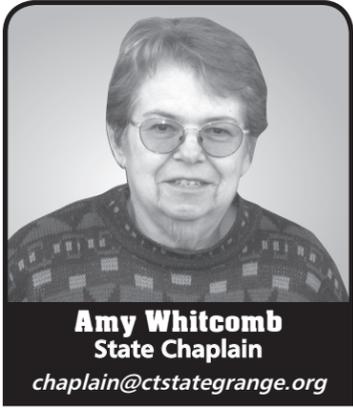
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To guarantee your spot, please complete your registration below and submit payment by Friday, May 11th. Here's the link to register: <http://fs8.formsite.com/JessieCope/GOALSeminar/index.html>

Special room rates are available at the Colonnade Inn, located less than one mile away at: 28 Back Center Rd., Lyndonville, VT 05851. Please contact the hotel directly at: 802-626-9316. Book under the name "National Grange" at the special room rates of \$60 + tax for one Queen Bed or \$70 + tax for two Double Beds through Friday, May 11th.

Registration fee of \$25.00 covers the cost of meeting materials and Saturday's Breakfast and Lunch.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain
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Marvin Wilbur,
Past State Chaplain

I have had a difficult time coming up with a topic for this month. I awoke the other night and the following passage came to mind:

"The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what

a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers,

this should not be." James 3:5-12

If you have not read the book of James, I suggest you do so. It is a short book, but full of instruction. First and Second Timothy are good books for instruction also.

I think we all know of the great trouble that we get into because of something we say or even did not say. For many of us, our tongue works much faster than our brains. If we would stop to think what we were saying, we would probably not say it. How many of us know of friends that stopped talking because of something that was said without thinking. How many people have left the Grange because of the same thing. I have no

numbers, I suspect there are many. People just do not stop coming to meetings or events for no reason.

How can we tame our tongue? I guess the answer is to think before we speak. Try to think how the person you are talking to will hear what you want to say. Be

careful is some more advice we can all use.

I know I have learned to try to think before I speak. Many times I fail and that is when I get into trouble. Of course, the best course is to ask our God to help us master our tongue.

In Memoriam

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| Gertrude Caron | Cawasa Grange #34 |
| Betty Creamer | North Haven #35 |
| Loretta Fedus | Colchester Grange #78 |
| Nelson C. Brown | Stonington Grange #168 |
| David D. Hall | Echo Grange #180 |
| Alice Gray | Oxford Grange #194 |

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



Do You Remember?

Kingsley Beecher

by Betty Jane Gardiner

There aren't many people in our fraternity who don't know the name Beecher, or know of the contributions made to the Order by members of the family. Kingsley Beecher is a prime example.

The Grange played an important part in the lives of Kingsley and his wife, Betty. He was active in every possible way in Winchester Grange and Mountain County Pomona being an outstanding Master of both Granges. The highest office he achieved in the Grange was that of Assistant Steward of the National Grange.

He grew up with not only a love of Grange, but with that of country fairs. When he became State Master, he presented numerous ideas for consideration of the Patrons. The National Grange celebrated a milestone anniversary (100 years) so he appointed a group of people to head the Connecticut celebration. Our state event met with so much success, he decided he didn't want to let the group go and called them to a special meeting with the idea of establishing a state fair. He appointed them as the charter board of directors of what was to become the Connecticut Agricultural Fair.

He was instrumental in starting the State Grange Credit Union which along with the fair became an important part of our history.

The Beecher Family Installation Team, started by King, placed into office the leaders of many, many Granges for more than thirty-five years with Brother Bud taking over as Installing Officer when King felt he had to "retire".

Kingsley was capable at doing programs with a great sense of humor when creating numbers such as the popular one where he taught everyone how to make a "King Sandwich." He was sensitive, yet really a big softy- the kind of a fellow who could cry at television commercials.

In addition, there were many outside interests including a stint in politics which resulted in his being Mayor of Winsted.

Kingsley was called King - and it can be said he wore his "crown" very well.

Do Remember King!



Kingsley Beecher



King & Betty



Part of the 1957 Beecher installing team, King, Olive Beecher (left) and Betty Jane Gardiner.



Ad for the first State Grange Fair



Mayor Beecher testifying at Governor Grasso's Budget Hearing at the Capitol in 1977



King at Connecticut's celebration of National Grange's 100th Anniversary.



Making a "King" Sandwich



National Grange partners with Yankee Candle

The National Grange is excited to announce a fundraising program, in conjunction with Yankee Candle, that can benefit the Grange at all levels. This program will allow Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges to sell specific Yankee Candle products, complete with the Grange logo and tagline, "American Values.

HometownRoots." printed on the label, for the same price as these items are sold in stores. Each Grange who sells these products will profit from the sale directly.

From each sale, a Subordinate, Pomona or State Grange will keep 25% or more of the total money earned, minus shipping cost. The program does not require any "start up capitol," and has a low minimum order number of only three candles.

Shipping cost are at a greatly reduced rate and all shipments will be made directly to the Grange, or designated fundraising chairperson, for distribution of product.

The National Grange

worked with Yankee Candle to choose three sizes of candles in several different available scents that reflect our image and values and have high selling potential. These available scents and sizes range from small votive candles to large jar candles and include popular Farmhouse Apple, Home Sweet Home and Kitchen Spice. Should these scents become unavailable, the

National Grange will update all potential sellers at the time they request order forms or for those Granges currently selling items, an email will be sent to the Subordinate, Pomona or State Grange's fundraiser chairperson to inform them of the change.

Any Grange can become involved. There is no limit to the number of candles a Grange may sell and no limit to the amount of times a Grange may run this fundraiser. There is no limit to the timeframe in which the fundraiser may be completed, however, Yankee Candle and the Grange recommend a short sale period. The National Grange

recommends no more than a month from the date of beginning to the end date of the fundraiser. This ensures that people who order items from a Grange receive their candles in a reasonable amount of time.

In order to take part in this fundraiser, your Grange must appoint a chairperson who can request



a Grange Yankee Candle Fundraiser Packet from Samantha Johnson at the National Grange. Requests can be made by email at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org or by phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 109.

The National Grange will send a fundraising kit to the chairperson who must review the documents, provide order forms to local sellers and review with them the guidelines for the sale. Upon completion of the fundraiser, local fundraising

chairs are responsible for collecting all the order forms and money from sellers, calculating shipping cost for the order and remitting the correct payment amount to the National Grange, then depositing the profit from the fundraiser in the appropriate Subordinate, Pomona or State Grange account.

Fundraising chairs are required to remit with payment of candles a copy of the Chairperson's Form and a copy of each seller's form. The National Grange will place the order with Yankee Candle and provide to the fundraising chair confirmation. The candles will arrive in 2 to 3 weeks from the date of order.

WHY THIS IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER

Not only are candles amazing sales products, they are small packages of goodwill. As we all know, one of our most powerful senses is that of smell. When people smell a good scent, they are likely to be happier and more at ease. Having a great-smelling candle in your home with the Grange

logo is more likely to make you associate the Grange with positive feelings and memories.

SOME ADDED TIPS

While the scents chosen for sale as part of this fundraiser are all popular and proven to sell, it is important to understand that often candles, and other scented products, sell themselves when people sniff them.

If you are considering the Grange Yankee Candle fundraiser for your Grange, especially if you are considering selling these at a table, stand or event, it is highly suggested that you order from the National Grange at least one candle of each scent as part of the "Candle Sampler Kit" available through Samantha Johnson, Director of the Programs, Benefits and Sales Department.

These candles may be sold by the Grange after the initial fundraiser is complete, recouping the cost of the kit and allowing the Grange to make a \$25 profit from the kit alone.

CSG upgrades email services

Terri Fassio, P.R. Co-Director

The CT State Grange E-mail service has recently undergone a major transformation. This upgrade introduces not only a new look, but new functionalities for users. All State Grange Officers and Committees, as well as all Community Granges, have each been assigned a unique e-mail address (i.e. you@ctstategrange.org).

The two-part upgrade, which was started in March and completed on April 22nd, includes:

- a new and improved look, with two color themes available
- a more user-friendly access toward touch devices like smart phones and tablets
- the ability to share contacts, calendars and files
- sync mail, contacts and calendar with smart phones and tablets
- store files in your webmail via the MyFiles file storage system and access them from your smart phone, tablet or computer
- filter junk mail and receive reports on items marked as junk
- set-up rules for message organization and management
- a new password recovery feature with security questions
- public folders that are shared across all @CTStateGrange.org e-mail accounts
- Secure Webmail and SSL access to accounts (using the same technology as online banking)

- enter and share projects and to-do lists through the new Tasks feature, and track their progress
- user statistics show mail volume sent and received
- Grange contact directory of all @CTStateGrange.org e-mail users, with end-user ability to update profile information
- Blacklists and Whitelists for e-mail filtering
- Add new contacts when sending a message

We are in the process of compiling a manual with screenshots so users can take advantage of all the new features. When completed, the manual will be e-mailed to all users in the system. To access your Grange Webmail e-mail, go to the following link using any web client (such as Internet Explorer, Safari, FireFox, Opera, etc.) <http://webmail.ctstategrange.org> (note that there is no www)

If you would rather use the SECURE webmail - use this address instead -- <http://webmail.ctstategrange.org/secure> (again, note that there is no www)

Log-in using your complete e-mail address (you@ctstategrange.org) and your password.

If you do not know your user name or password, or have any questions, please contact information@ctstategrange.org and we will assist you in accessing your account.

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.

No clues for this month's photo as it doesn't even have a year listed... No replies for April's photo. We did hear from Calvin Wilcox (Helen and Ira's son) on the November 2011 photo confirming the people in the photo.

