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Another net gain posted



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WOW, you did it again. We had a net gain of **26 NEW Grangers** for the quarter ending June 30th. Your efforts are really paying off. Your Granges are really being seen in your communities. Congratulations.

You do realize that growth comes with a price, right? That price is going to be new ideas, new energy, and new ways of doing things. Are you ready??? You better be. The Granges that are experiencing true growth are embracing these "new" ways. Our new Grangers are forcing us to be vibrant and relevant. They are expecting us to be the organization we were founded to be, an

organization that paves the path to a better tomorrow for its members and community.

These new Grangers are all very interested in the state of their community and many are actively involved in their communities at all levels, and are active in multiple organizations. If we do not embrace their ideas, mentor them in the standard procedures used in the Grange and why they are used it will be a challenge to keep them enthusiastic and involved.

Your deputy force is here to assist in any areas

needing attention. They are well versed in all aspects of Grange procedures and are always happy to help.

I realize there needs to be a paradigm shift in many of our Granges to bridge the gap between the enthusiasm of our new Grangers and the somewhat complacency of some of our existing members. Please, I beg you to embrace this new energy, encourage these new ideas, and together enjoy the fact that your efforts have enable the Connecticut State Grange to have a net gain of 26 in the quarter ending June 30th, 2012.

Join the Cowboys & Indians in Prospect

Joanne Cipriano

REMINDER: The date of our Competitive Night is Saturday, September 15. Place is the Prospect Senior Center. Time- 6 o'clock. Theme: Cowboys and Indians.

Dinner will be hot dogs and beans plus a dessert table. All for the low price of \$5.00. We will also have a Country Store to help defray the donation for use of the hall.

We have a little change to make. Because of a personal commitment Don Lanoue will not be able to be present. The new captain of the Cowboy Team is Todd Gelineau. We thank all these good sports for their help. As I write this we have teams from Fairfield County, Mountain County, New London County and Excelsior Pomona. I

National Grange joins Farm Bill coalition

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Grange joined forces with more than 40 other agricultural organizations as part of the Farm Bill Now coalition this week, and promised to rally with coalition members on Capital Hill next month.

The coalition's objective is to raise public awareness about the importance of passing the 2012 Farm Bill. Provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill are set to expire on Sept. 30.

The coalition brings together groups from all sectors of agriculture, including dairy, livestock, energy, commodity crops, specialty crops, farm cooperatives, financial groups, non--profits and more.

"I'm so glad that despite differing opinions and legislative priorities, all of these groups could join together to fight for our much--needed Farm Bill. Everyone in the agricultural community has been frustrated by the lack of action in Congress to get American agriculture the resources it needs to keep operating, and it's time we voice that frustration," National Grange President Ed

It's Fair time!



Earl Phillips (left) talks with fairgoers as Ramona Fassio (foreground) admires the rhubarb at the Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market on Aug. 11. More on the many fairs throughout the state inside.

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expect that I will hear from the other Pomonas shortly. I check the mailbox everyday.

Tickets can be purchased from the following in each Pomona: Cindy Charbonneau in Central; Jody Cameron in Quinebaug; Edith Schoell in East Central; Todd Gelineau in Mountain County; Janet Haller in New Haven County; Debbie Barnes in New London County ; Barbara Robert in Excelsior; Marge Sendewicz in Fairfield County.

Another REMINDER: Get your "Granger of the Year" applications in. Applications must be returned to Joanne Cipriano by September 15th. Award will be presented at State Session.

Luttrell said Thursday.

Farm Bill Now is set to hold two major events in coming weeks, including a rally on Capitol Hill at which several Grange representatives from all levels of the organization will be represented.

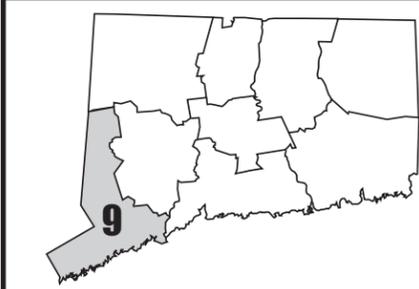
"This rally, and other advocacy events, are a key part of our organization's mission," National Grange Legislative Director Grace Boatright said Thursday. "It's important for our members' voices to be heard by their representatives, for those elected to see the faces of those effected by their decisions, or indecision."

The rally, set for the U.S. Capitol grounds on Wednesday, Sept. 12 will allow members of the coalition groups to encourage lawmakers to pass the Farm Bill before programs expire at the end of September.

Prior to this event, Farm Bill Now will be represented at the annual Farm Progress Show, the nation's largest outdoor farm show, in Boone, Iowa, on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Farmers and other agriculture activists will be there to

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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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Sept. 5: Ct. Cities and Curiosities

Oct. 3: Conferral of the Fifth Degree

Now that the summer is almost over and everyone has had a vacation, it's back to work for the Grange.

Our meeting will follow a 6:00 P.M. supper at Greenfield Hill Grange and the program will be Connecticut Cities and Curiosities. This should be interesting.

On October 3 we are scheduled to confer the Fifth Degree. If any Grange has candidates they wish to bring please contact our secretary. If we do not have candidates for the Degree we may not confer it.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Sept. 10: Honor Grange Report

Sept. 22: Harvest Fair

Sept. 24: Fairs around Ct.

We at Redding Grange had a great summer and are raring to get back to work. At our first meeting of Sept we will be working on our Honor Grange report and resolutions for the State Session.

Sept. 22 is our big event. Our Harvest Fair and Tag Sale. It will take place at our Grange Hall from 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. Its a great local fair to attend with a lot of fun and many surprises.

Who knows you may find an interesting surprise.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to September, when summer's oppressive heat parlays into autumn's brisk temperatures.

Now onto our Harmony Grange News –

Recently, we warmly welcomed Nina Telep into our fraternity; enjoyed 2 great picnics; held our Annual Agricultural Fair and celebrated our beloved jokester, Mary Mazur's 100th birthday. Special thanks to Gail Mas and Barbara Standley for all their hard work in preparing for our special events.

In July, our Master, George Ward underwent surgery in MT. Sinai Hospital. I am extremely pleased to report (as of this writing) he is progressing nicely in Apple Rehab, Shelton.

Last month Gail Mas underwent knee surgery, but hopefully by the time you read this, she will be fully recovered.

Please join Harmony Grange in wishing Bruce Jersey well; he is moving out of state to begin his life anew. Good luck Bruce, we will all miss you!

Sadly, after fighting a lengthy illness, longtime Harmony Granger, Gil Standley, passed away on

June 20th in his Trumbull home. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his entire family, especially his sister Barbara.

Wishing everyone a very pleasurable "Labor Day" filled with relaxation and inner "harmony".

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Sept. 15: Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 AM to 2 PM

Sept. 17: "Back to School" Meeting, 7 PM

At our July meeting, we outlined information for inclusion in the 2012-2013 Pomona program book. Also after consultation, we set Saturday, September 15 as the date of our annual fair.

Exhibits of fruits and vegetables, flowers, home baking, and canning, as well as crafts will be featured. A tag sale and light refreshments will round out the day.

Entries may be brought in from 7 to 9 P.M. on Friday (the 14th) and from 8 to 10 A.M. on the morning of the Fair. This will allow for careful arrangement of exhibits prior to judging.

The September program will feature a subject of interest by our Lecturer. All of our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Sept. 9: Annual Fair & Market, 9-3

Sept. 11: Installation of Officers

Oct. 9: Business Meeting

Remember the \$200 Bank Favor in the old Monopoly game? Well, we did it one better. The IRS has informed us that they miscalculated our taxes. They owe us \$1,000! We have put some of that money to good use by voting to fund two camperships this

summer.

There's other good news. Our Square Foot Garden is in full bloom and is absolutely beautiful. We've also put in a new split rail fence along the edge of the parking area with one removable segment for Fair parking. We rented a post hole digger, and with lots of help we not only put up a beautiful fence, but saved the septic system from being demolished.

Be sure to join us at our 2012 Agricultural Fair and Market on Sunday, September 9! The hours are from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., when it will conclude with an auctioning of all the spectacular fruits, vegetables, and flowers that were judged. Two days later we will gather for our first meeting of the new Grange season. Our new officers will be installed, and away we go again!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Sept 6: Fair wrap-up and Business meeting - 7 PM

Sept 20: Business meeting - 7 PM

Oct 4: Starting a new Grange Year with a good movie - 7 PM

Oct 18: Business meeting - 7 PM

Many thanks to all who helped and came to our 80th

Agricultural Fair on August 19th. It's an event that takes months of planning, and many hands to present and then put away. We're grateful and appreciative of the grange members and friends who pitch in to help. Congratulations are in order to all of our contestants who won ribbons for their entires in Baked Goods, Sewing, Vegetables, Flowers, Crafts, Photography, Rabbits and Birds, and Eggs. Proceeds from our rubber duck race, from the Fair, will be going towards the purchase of an automated electronic defibrillator (AED) for our Hall. One of our hall renters, YoungLife of Wilton and Weston, provided the help to run the Kids Games at the fair this year.

Our slate of officers from the past year will be our officers anew for the next Grange Year that commences on October 1st.

The October 4th meeting will be a relaxing time as we plan to watch a movie on our large TV monitor.

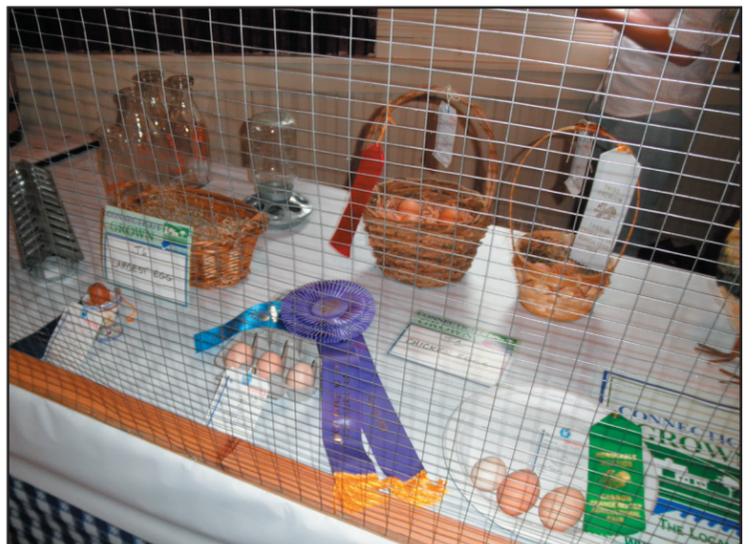
Please note our meeting schedule--all meetings commence at 7 PM and are followed by refreshments.

Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

Cannon Grange Fair



Above: Some of the many visitors enjoy the vendors wares during the 80th edition of the Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair. Below: Some of the many prize winning entries on display during the Cannon Grange Fair.



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Official Call to the State Session in October

Notice is hereby given of the 128th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, to be held at the Hartford Plaza Hotel, 100 East River Drive, E. Hartford, on October 18, 19 and 20. The opening session on October 18th will commence at 7 P.M. All Granges should be represented at the annual session, as prescribed in the Digest. Delegates will be reimbursed \$2 per session attended, and each officer not on an expense account, will receive \$2 per session attended. Mileage will be paid at 27 cents per mile, for one round trip per Grange.

Room reservations at the hotel must be made by the individual. Tell the reservation desk you are with the Grange when making your reservation. The room rate is \$79 plus tax. I would suggest making your reservations as soon as possible. Tel. 860-528-9703. (Online reservations use the code; CSG).

Subordinate and Pomona secretaries will prepare two credential cards enclosed with the Call sent to the Granges- one for your delegate and the other sent to the State Treasurer.

Special Business: Friday, October 19th at 9:15 A.M. will be the election of officers. Installation will take place at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

All sessions will be held at the hotel. Candidates for the 6th Degree should be at the hotel by 7:30 P.M. on Friday, October 19th. Sixth Degree applications may be obtained any time during the session or from the Central Office in advance. Cost is \$10.00. The Sixth Degree will be conferred at the hotel.

A Celebration Banquet will be held on Oct. 20th at 7 P.M. Tickets are \$30 and may be obtained from the Central Office. Your choice of meal is Chicken Français with white wine and lemon juice; New England Baked Scrod with bread crumb topping and lemon butter; or Roasted Pork Loin. Reservations must be made by October 5, 2012.

Registration Fee- Entire Session \$30. One day \$15. Junior registration fee \$10. The registration fee must be made no later than October 5. This covers your cost for lunch (Advance registration must be made to include lunch).

The annual session concludes the work of the Grange year. We hope your Grange will be represented to answer the roll call on Thursday evening, October 18th, as we look forward to another year of good Grange work in Connecticut.

Fraternally, Edith Schoell - State Secretary

Session Schedule

THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

Ballroom, Plaza Hotel, East Hartford, CT
 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
 Introduction of National Reps. Dwight & Kathy Baldwin
 Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
 Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
 Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
 Roll Call of Granges
 Report of Credentials Committee
 Session Committee Announcements
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
 8:00 P.M. Address of State Grange President Jody A. Cameron
 Report of Overseer, Lecturer, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee/Board of Directors
 9:00 P.M. Closing
 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012
 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
 Roll Call of Officers
 Minutes of Previous Day's Session
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of officers
 9:30 A.M. Reports: Leg., Agric., General & Pomona Deputies
 10:45 A.M. Break
 11:00 A.M. Reports: Camp Berger, Connecticut Granger, Conn. State Grange Foundation
 Business Session (Resolutions)
 12:00 P.M. Luncheon - Reports and Presentations of Family Activities, Membership, Public Relations & Agriculture Contest Awards
 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
 2:15 P.M. PowerPoint by Jody Cameron - "Future Goals and Objectives"
 2:45 P.M. Business Session
 3:15 P.M. Break
 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building Trustes
 Report of National Grange Session State Coordinator
 4:30 P.M. Closing
 8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral -
Candidates must be at the hotel by 7:30 P.M.

Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
 Escorting of National Representatives
 Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
 Conferral of the Sixth Degree, Rose Drill
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012
 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions by YOUTH
 Roll Call of Officers
 Minutes from Previous Day's Sessions
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate (Last Opportunity)
 Youth & Junior Tour
 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
 9:45 A.M. Business Session
 10:45 A.M. Break
 11:30 A.M. FFA Representative
 12:00 P.M. Youth and Junior Recognition Luncheon
 2:00 P.M. Installation of the Officers of the Conn. State Grange
 3:30 P.M. Business Session
 5:00 P.M. Closing
 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet
 - Professional Agriculture Awards, Scholarships, 2012 State Grange "Granger of the Year" Presentation, Lecturer's Program, Past Deputies Raffle

128th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

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

Grange Name & Number _____
 Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____
 Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____
 Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 18 - Sat., Oct. 20)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
 Junior Registration \$20.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of Jr. members _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

Meal Choice: _____ Roasted Pork Loin # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
 _____ Chicken Français # of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
 _____ New England Baked Scrod

Thurs., Oct. 18 & Fri., Oct. 19 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**
 Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
 # of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
 Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
 # of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday, Oct. 20 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**
 Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
 # of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
 Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
 # of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

REGISTRATION AND BANQUET CHOICE MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2012
Late Registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

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

2012 Connecticut State Grange Session Committee Assignments

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Excelsior Pomona No. 7
 Vice Chair/Sec: Jon Russell, Agriculture Director
 Meriden #29 Ashford #90 Greenfield Hill #133
 Tolland #51 Preston City #110 Riverton #169
 Wolf Den #61 Watertown #122 Echo #180
 Coventry #75 Higganum #124 Oxford #194

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: Fairfield County Pomona No. 9
 Vice Chair/Sec: Central Pomona No. 1
 Granby #5 Whigville #48 Killingly #112
 Tunxis #13 Hillstown Jr. #87 Lyme #147
 Wallingford #33 Pachaug #96 Hemlock #182
 North Haven #35 Beacon Valley #103

Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: East Central Pomona No. 3
 Vice Chair/Sec: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2
 Redding #15 N. Stonington Jr. #105 Old Lyme #162
 Lebanon #21 Prospect #144 Norwich #172
 Southington #25 Norfield #146 Wolcott #173
 Senexet #40 Cannon #152 Simsbury #197

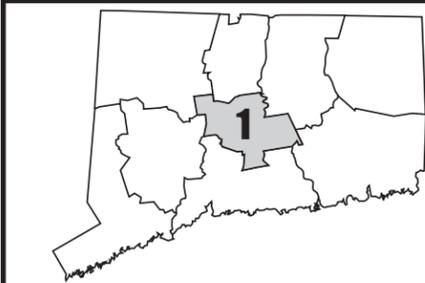
Legislative/Insurance

Chair: New Haven County Pomona No. 5
 Vice Chair/Sec: Alma Graham, Legislative Director
 Stafford #1 Winchester #74 Taghannuck #100
 Glastonbury #26 Colchester #78 Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101
 Manchester #31 Hillstown #87 Bethlehem #121
 Cawasa #34 Ekonk Community #89

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Mountain County Pomona No. 4
 Vice Chair/Sec: New London County Pomona No. 6
 Cheshire #23 Harmony #92 Enfield #151
 Brooklyn #43 Putnam #97 Bridgewater #153
 Vernon #52 Beacon #118 Stonington #168
 Eureka #62 N. Stonington #138 Cherry Brook #210

Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Dianne Clark

Sept. 13: Higganum Grange, 7:30 P.M.

Central Pomona No. 1 will meet on Sept. 13 (Thursday). Program is "Let's Celebrate Grandparents Day." Co-host is Southington. CWA table and baked goods will be featured.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Dianne Clark

Sept. 7: Set-Up Fair

Sept. 8: Grange Fair

Sept. 28: Fun & Games

Oct. 12: National take your Teddy Bear to Work Day

Oct. 26: Homemade Cookies Day

August 10 we had a picnic at Grange with hamburgers, hot dogs and saw a cute movie of foxes after. Sept. 7 we will set-up for our fair. On Sept. 8 we are having our Grange

Fair. Baked goods, arts & crafts, raffle tickets are sold, vegetables and fruits, and knitting and needlework, etc. photo contest, quilts. Bring in what you can. We are having dinner 5 to 6:30 then the auction and raffle ticket drawing.

On Sept. 28, the program is Fun & Games with Mary Anne Harrison. Oct. 12 is National Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day with Mary Anne.

Oct. 26 Homemade Cookies day, so let's cook up a storm so Grandma will be proud.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Barbara Smith

Higganum grange #124 has been busy with plans for the float that will be in the Haddam 350th Anniversary Parade and the Haddam

River Days booth that will be held on September 8th starting at noon. Members are needed to work on the float on August 25th at the parking lot in back of the Grange building. Also items are needed for the "opportunity basket" raffle basket and plant items for the booth. Children will be entering the squash contest and miscellaneous crafts as well. Plans are underway

for the October Scarecrow contest that will be held along the main roads in Higganum Center.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 14: Help your neighbor. Ruth Maio from the food bank will present a new program. Each member please bring items for the food bank. Refreshments: Something made with

pumpkin.

Sept. 28: Autumn Leaves. 6:30 Bean Hole Bean Supper. Swanson's provide beans, ham, cole slaw, rolls. Grange members provide scalloped potatoes, apple crisp. A presentation will be given to the third grade teachers of Gildersleeve School.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

Southington Grange Fair



Above left: Past Voting Delegate Marge Sendewicz passes the time with her needlework during the Southington Grange Fair in August while (right) the Pit Masters barbecue the chicken for the evening dinner following the Fair.

Volunteers needed for Big E

Volunteers are needed for the New England Grange Building at the Big E (Sept. 14-Sept. 30, 2012), West Springfield, MA.

Workers are needed as Cashiers in the Country Store along with people to provide general help and help with straightening tables. Workers are also needed to help with the raffle. Members are encouraged also to attend the Fair on Sunday, Sept. 23 for the Grange Day Parade when all Grange

members are encouraged to show their support of the organization by marching in the Big E parade.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the Connecticut Room. These volunteers (only) should contact the State Master for more information.

Volunteers for the other departments should contact Dawn Percoski, 384 North Maple St., Enfield, CT 06082.

Enter a float in the Big E Parade

Once again, the New England Grange Building is sponsoring a Float Contest at the Big E for Grange Day on Sept. 23. The rules for the contest are the following:

1. One float entry per state is to be a non-motorized entry. (people power only).

2. Entries may be any size suitable for maneuvering through the parade route at the Big E. The parade route is about one mile long and has an upgrade hill 3/4 of the way along. You have to get your float to and from the fair.

3. There is no theme for this year but the word GRANGE needs to be on the float using

four inch letters.

4. Entries must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m. Grange Day, Sunday Sept. 23. Floats will be on exhibit on the lawn of the Grange Building from 9:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at which time they will be moved into position at the start of the parade route.

5. The prize money will be awarded to the Youth and or Junior committee of the State Grange. 1st.--\$200.00, 2nd.--\$150.00, 3rd.--\$100.00. All other floats will receive \$50.00 for participating.

6. Floats will be judged by a panel of three designated by the Big E staff.

Camp Berger season a success

Linda Coad, Camp Trustees

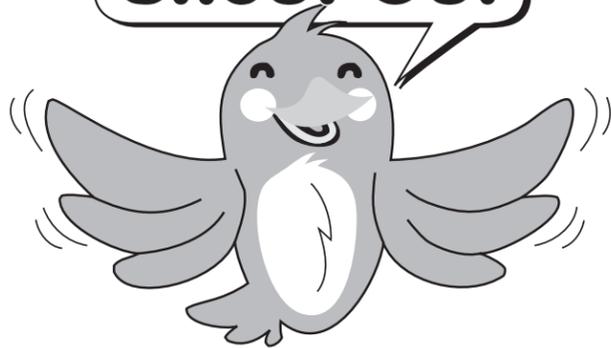
The 2012 camp season is past. We are looking forward to continuing the upward trend in attendance. Last year we were up to 273 camper weeks, and this year the count was 355. This was 5 less than 50% capacity.

The camp looks great! The new roofs, staining the buildings, and the clean up of the dumpster area has really enhanced the appearance.

However the upkeep of the camp is an ongoing project. The Pomona and Community Granges will need to be more involved this next year. More information will be coming on how you can help keep Camp Berger in a forward mode.

This is a beautiful area, stop in and see Rich, then check out your camp. This is a Grange project to be really proud of. I know I am.

Granger Shout Out



- 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:

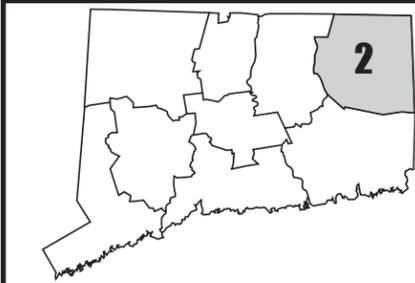
Email your "Shout Out" to Granger@CTStateGrange.org (use "Granger Shout Out" in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

To Marge and Carl Bernhardt for hosting the Southern Connecticut Past Master's picnic. We all had a good time.

Hooray for Milo Bradway. His homemade Maple Walnut ice cream was the hit of the Stafford picnic.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

Sept. 26: Installation of Officers

Summer is slipping by!

Katydids- The old folks had a saying that 6 weeks after you hear katydids that the first frost is in 6 weeks! Gardens are plentiful now- we have been canning, pickling and freezing. Hope fruit will be good. Tabs and Campbell's labels are coming in.

A bear recently seen in town- beware! And where are all the possums coming from?

Gas prices are still going up and up.

Ever go out at night and listen to night sounds and noises?

Local fairs coming up. Did you enter in the Big E?

Stay well.

EKONK GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Sept. 4: "Henry Ford" Mtg. & Prog. 7:30pm

Oct. 1: "Richard Stockton" Mtg. & Prog. 7:30pm

Oct. 13: Roast Beef Supper 5pm-

Oct. 26: Halloween Family Fun 6pm-

Our Grange voted to take over the Plainfield "Relay for Life" food booth for the future...a huge volunteer commitment-NOT a fundraiser! We will work throughout the year securing donations to prepare for June 2013-when we serve several hundred wonderful people who walk for cancer research!

We will hold our second annual benefit for the Home For Homeless Veterans in Jewett City, CT. This will be October 13th and will be a Roast Beef Supper.

We ended our 30th annual Fair with a successful Blueberry Supper! Thanks to all who helped!

We were glad to be able to assist Richmond Grange, RI, with their "Shaved Steak+" Booth at Washington County Fair. We sent crews that

worked the end shifts on Friday & Saturday of their August Fair. Special thanks to David and Susan Griffiths; Link and Jan Cooper; Betsy & Katie Molodich; June Bonner and Janet Hawkins for their participation in this! Several of our members & Juniors exhibit at this Fair and this year, Clifford Gervais, worked three full days volunteering where needed. This Fair is sponsored by Washington County Pomona Grange and is just a short distance from Ekonk!

Our Awards Luncheon was a huge success! Congratulations to all recipients and thanks to those who prepared the delicious meal! Coming the farthest was Edith Remington, who is also active in Punta Gorda Grange in Florida!

Edith walked down memory lane with her lifelong friend, Esther Jalkanen, and they each received a 75 year certificate, presented by Russell Gray, who they both watched grow up! Russell then drove to the Plainfield home of Doris Frink and there presented her with her 75 year certificate. These three ladies joined Ekonk together as young women and have maintained not only Grange membership, but their friendship as well! I wonder if this is a record: three 75 year certificates from members who joined the same Grange on the same day???

We had a Junior & Subordinate Grange Exhibit at Woodstock Fair.

J.Allen Cameron was presented a Past Master's jewel from his father. He was presented the pin that had belonged to Elmer Tanner. It was noted that Jody (Cameron) also has his Grandmother's Past Master's pin, but this would have been too feminine for J. Allen. Katie Molodich was Installed, escorted by her father, Mike. A large crowd watched

Installation, including many of Katie's family. Katie is a third generation Ekonk President! We look forward to another great year at Ekonk; visit us anytime!

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept. 11: Patriot's Day

Sept. 25: Awesome Autumn, Potluck Supper

We enjoyed our Ice Cream Social and Bingo game at our last meeting. We omitted our 2 meetings

in the summer. We are meeting downstairs for the rest of the year. That will help with our heating bills. Just another reminder, we will be having our Sept. 15 Ham and Bean Supper from 5 to 7 P.M.

Legislatively Speaking



Alma Graham
Legislative Director

Legislative@ctstategrange.org

The Farm Bill or officially "The Federal Agricultural Reform and Risk Management Act" is presently stalled in Congress. A House version was voted out of the House Agricultural Committee but it was not brought to the floor before the Legislators left for their August recess. Now it is not expected to be brought out until after the elections. Opinions are that the Democrats would like to pass it while they still control the Senate and that House Republicans want to hold off on this bill until after the election in hopes of taking back both the House and Senate.

Our National Grange Legislative Director, Grace Boatright, has been keeping us up to date on the Farm Bill with her blog. She states that despite the politics holding up the Farm Bill, the bill is more bipartisan than you would

think. Frank Lucas (R-OK) and Collin Peterson (D-MN), both ranking members of the House Ag Committee have a strong friendship.

The House version highlights are saving \$35 billion in mandatory finding, repealing or consolidating over 100 programs, cutting \$16 billion from SNAP, and saving \$6 billion by consolidating 23 programs into 13. The big problem is the Food Stamp or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which spends close to \$770 billion over the next 10 years. The House version cuts \$4 billion and the Senate version looks for cuts of \$16 billion.

The provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill will expire on September 30th. The House Republicans were looking for an extension to the bill but abandoned that when they could not come up with support. Instead a much narrower disaster relief program with a \$383 million price tag was proposed and would only apply to 2012. This was brought up to assist drought-stricken farmers and ranchers. This program would restore the insurance program, for livestock and feed programs and add some assistance for specialty crops.

In the meantime the USDA has stepped in and taken some actions to alleviate the agony felt by farmers. They have cut the interest rates on emergency loans for farmers. Secretary Vilsack has asked crop insurers to give the farmers additional time to pay their premiums and to not charge penalties. The USDA has released thousands of CRP acres in several states for emergency grazing and haying. The drought is causing the prices of hay and grain to rise significantly costing ranchers and farmers much more for feed.

With the elections right around the corner we should be asking our legislators why they left before taking up this important bill. This year, especially with the weather related issues affecting farmers and ranchers, these crop insurance and other programs are really needed. Also remember this bill does not only affect the agricultural community but most of the "Farm Bill" is nutritional subsidies. More than 84% of the farm bill funds goes to food and nutrition programs such as food stamps, school lunches, and WIC. With the high unemployment rate we have now, these programs are in great demand.

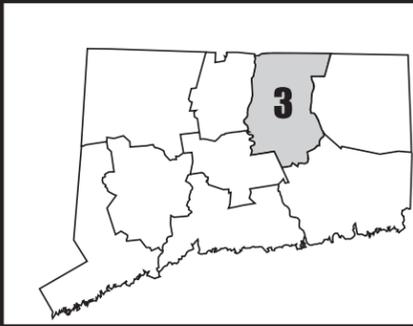
Molodich wins scholarship



The CT Agriculture Education Foundation awarded two \$1000 scholarships this year. All of the recipients are well-qualified applicants that are either college-bound and are pursuing a career in an agricultural-related field or are continuing their education in Educational leadership. The recipients of this year's scholarships are Katie Molodich and Abigail Smith. Scholarship Certificates were presented at the 2012 Golf Tournament at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield. Katie is a member (and the new Master) of Ekonk Community Grange.

2012 Scholarship Recipient Katie Molodich and CTAEF President Jason Hoagland

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Diane Small

Sept. 8: Installation Host Glastonbury and Vernon Granges

Summer time is over and back to work we go. Please mark your calendars for October 13th East Central Pomona Celebrates its 125th anniversary. join us in fun and fellowship at Good will Grange hall at 2:00. our committee is working hard to gather the history of our Pomona from the early years to the seperation and to the regrouping of our granges. Sad note our free elevator fell through it turned out that rust and mice did more damage than thought. never knew mice needed all that copper and insulation. Hope to see you all there.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Granby Grange is working hard on the annual Granby Grange Agricultural Fair on September 8, 2012 at the Grange Hall at 212 North Granby Rd. in Granby. Judging of exhibits will be held at noon. The fair will open at 3:00 P.M. There will be judging of Baking, Flowers, Vegetables, Quilts and more. There will be 4H and family booths, exhibits, plant sale/bake sale and a Chicken Barbecue from 4:30 to 7:00 (\$18 for adults and \$9 for kids under 12). A discount is offered to all who reserve their chicken dinners by Sept. 1 to help us avoid cooking losses. This event is proud to be part of the Granby Agricultural Commission's Open Farm Day.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Sept. 6: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers. You Are a Peach Ref. Ann Gilnack, Martha Zink

Oct. 4: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Apple Picking, Ref. Taffy Hyyppa, Mary, Teresa and Maratha Baribault

Oct. 6: Semi-Annual Food

Sale & Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Oct. 13: Monte-Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

As I am typing this it was a real hot and muggy day. The temperature was up to 95 degrees. Our thoughts are now turning to the Grange fall activities. Glastonbury's begin on September 6th with Installation of Officers. Jot the date down on your calendar and try to attend. State Grange Master/President will be installing the officers.

The Dictionaries were ordered in mid July and our Master, Robert Nordstrom and his wife, Doris, will be contacting Nayaug Elementary School around Sept. 15 to 20th to see when the teacher would like to have them presented to the 3rd grade class.

At our October 4th meeting we will be presenting a 25 year certificate to Sister Beverly Bell. The following members will also be presented their 55 and 65 year seals: Brother Robert Nordstrom 55 year seal; and 65 year seals to Brothers Mario Accornero, Willis Bailey, John Dufford, Henry Killam, Sister Doris Links and Brother Charles Tryon. I do hope they will all be able to be with us that evening.

We may also be preforming the Grange Obligation Ceremony to 3 prospective members. They were unable to be with us in the spring, so I do hope they will be able to come on October 4th.

October 6th is our SemiAnnual Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale. I urge all members to try to bake something for the sale. Also do try to contribute an item or two to the Boutique Sale. The Whist Card Parties begin on October 13th. Bring a friend or two with you. It is a fun evening and the more

the merrier.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are ready for fall activities. Hope to see you at a grange meeting.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Diane Small

Sept. 29: Tag Sale, 9 to 3

I haven't written anything for the past 2 months because of an email issue and also things have been hectic for me. This will be my last Granger report. By the time you receive this, I will be relocated to North Carolina. Leona Willson will be the new Grange correspondent. This will become a lengthy chat. I've retired from Stop & Stop and am looking forward to be able to stop and smell the roses.

At our July meeting certificates for 430 years of Grange service were awarded. Mary Ann Stone-25, Vera Boukus, Leona Wilson, Laurie McBrierty-40, Diane Small-55 and Edith Schoell, Shirley Doubleday-65 years. Sadly we are finding it more and more difficult to get members to work beside these long standing members and to someday take the reins and make the Grange strong and vibrant. I have some many great memories of many nice things that have happened in the Grange. The Grange is where I met Chet who would become my husband and have a family. Think back and remember all of the wonderful and sometimes interesting things that in just the last 50 years that have presented themselves. I think one the best memories were the visits with other Granges and the many, many friendships that were made.

Our Grange will be doing another TAG SALE on Saturday, September 29 from 9 to 3 (rain date, Sunday September 30) at Edith's house on Tolland Tpke--phone 860-528-8015 if interested in participating or any questions. Stop by, bring a friend and I am sure you will find a treasure.

Just a reminder the Big E is beginning in a couple of weeks. Betty Jane and her posse are looking for any homemade donations to sell. All proceeds help keep the New England Grange Building in good repair and order. As I've stated previously, when you make something special, make an extra or two. The fair goes

really do appreciate all of the hard work for your efforts. Folks like to purchase those homemade goodies. So many of you do great work and put your heart and sole into the process. It is an especially good feeling when someone tells you that their grandmother bought something for them when they were kids. All of you--keep up the good work....

Mother Nature sure has her way of shaking things up. Remember all the folks caught up in those horrific forest fires in the western part of our country, the drought that has wreaked havoc in the mid section of the country, please say a prayer for them.

It has been a pleasure to have been a part of the Grange family here in Connecticut. It will be an adventure to explore the Grange family in North Carolina. I am leaving with many fond memories. It has been a pleasure to have enjoyed your company and friendship. I am looking forward to this new chapter in my life. With love and affection, God Bless all of you.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Tolland Grange will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the Grange Hall on the Green in Tolland at 7:30 P.M. The Coliseum in Italy will be the topic of the program. Hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Sept. 7: Let's Start Again!

Vernon Grange has enjoyed meeting at 7 p.m. after socializing during a simple meal at 6 p.m.

We are pleased to have Glenn Conger with us at the last meeting after his little stay in the hospital. Keep on trucking, Glenn!!!

We are also happy that Linda Niederwerfer is at

home from rehab and has help around the house. We wish her continued progress in getting up and around.

Are people looking for a fun program? Try one on how to conquer mice poison ivy invasions! Everyone has a story and a cure!

Our next meeting will be on starting anew after the hot summer months!

Question for the CSG Ag. Dept. How do you know when a spaghetti squash is ready to pick? They are taking over our garden!!!!

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 6: Labor day

Sept. 20: Back to School

Summer is over and Coventry Grange has been hard at work with two tag sales trying to clean out the hall of years of stuff. Installation of officers will be in September or October pending scheduling. but we are still having the Coventry Agricultural Committee meeting and the 4-Hers too. September 29 is Coventry 300th Birthday and we will be there in the parade.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 8: Installation of Officers.

Oct. 13: Hobo Day, Come as you are.

Our picnic in July was a feast indeed. If anyone went home hungry it would be a big surprise. Our fund for Foster care is growing very well. Remember this month will be the last collection for that fund as it needs to be turned into State before session. Another reminder is that our dues go up in October, payable quarterly.

My squash plants never really got going very well, but cucumbers are certainly in abundance. I'm already making pickles with no end in sight. I hope everyone is enjoying this summer weather and relaxing somewhere cool.

Farm Bill coalition

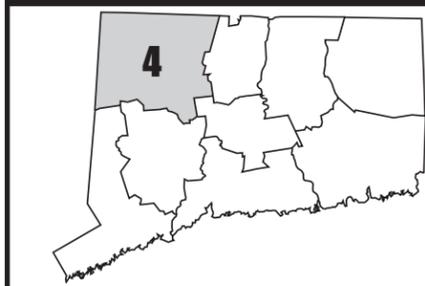
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discuss the Farm Bill Now effort and how others can get involved as well.

The group issued a statement on the importance of new farm legislation for America's farmers recently, in which it noted jobs as a key factor in the Farm Bill along with food, research and nutrition.

"Calling the farm bill the 'farm bill' suggests its impact is limited only to farms and to the rural areas to which they are so closely tied. It's really a jobs bill. A food bill. A conservation bill. A research bill. An energy bill. A trade bill. In other words, it's a bill that affects every American."

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 10: "New Beginning," Beacon Grange Hall

The summer vacation is over and Mountain County Pomona will meet for the first time this fall on Monday, September 10 at Beacon Grange Hall in the Northfield section of Litchfield, beginning at 7:30 P.M. The program is "New Beginning" and we're sure the Lecturer will have plenty examples of "new beginnings" for her program. As always, guests are warmly welcomed at Mt. County Pomona.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

It is a busy time at Whigville Grange. We will be baking pies to sell at Burlington's Tavern Day. Tavern Day is the Sunday after Labor Day, and is spread throughout Burlington Center. Our Fair is Sat., Sept. 15, 10-2. This year we will feature "Fortune's Gail", a very talented musician. New this year is a children's art contest. No pre-registration for the art contest, enter by 10 A.M. day of fair, ribbons will be awarded. Agricultural exhibits, bake sale, food and a teacup auction will all be happening. Entry deadline is Sept. 10. For applications call 860-582-9863 or email b_gary@sbcglobal.net. As always, Whigville Grange Fair has free admission and everyone is welcome!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 11: First & Second Degrees

Sept. 15: Indoor Tag Sale, 9-2

Sept. 18: Installation of Officers

Sept. 25: Third & Fourth Degrees, Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M.

Oct. 5: Super Prize Party, Doors open at 6, Drawing begins at 7

September will be extremely busy for Winchester Grange. Events kick-off on Sept. 11 with the conferral of the First and Second Degrees on at least two new members of Winchester Grange who were obligated earlier in the summer. Any Granges interested in having their candidates receive the Degrees at Winchester should contact the Master, Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326 to make the necessary arrangements. With meetings three weeks in a row, the second meeting will be on Sept. 18 for the Installation of Officers conducted by the Cameron/Barnes Installation Team. The Third and Fourth Degrees will be conferred on Sept. 25 with a potluck Harvest Supper beginning at 6:00 P.M. followed by the degrees at 7:30. Please join us.

Our annual fall Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9-2. It will be held indoors and we welcome any and all donations.

Our Fall Super Prize Party (a super sized Tea Cup Auction or Country Store) will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 5. The doors will open at 6 P.M. and the drawing of prizes and gifts will begin at 7. It's always a fun evening, so fill up the car and join us for all the fun.

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TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

We are entering a Grange exhibit in the Bethlehem Fair again this year and set-up is September 6th in the afternoon into the evening.

BEACON GRANGE #118

Corr: Christina Lataif

Beacon Grange held a picnic at the Northfield Dam on August 25. A potluck supper was held along with games and prizes for the kids. The weather was perfect and the day was enjoyed by all.

Winchester begins 125th year

The September 15th Tag Sale, October 5th Super Prize Party and the October 9th program titled "A Colorful Month" opens a new year of programs and activities at Winchester Grange. The Grange year runs from October 2012 through September 2013. Winchester Grange will also be commemorating its 125th Anniversary throughout 2013 with a series of special events.

Ramona Fassio, the Lecturer/Program Coordinator for Winchester Grange has a full year of programs planned, with Country Stores, Potluck Suppers and Neighbor's Nights sprinkled throughout the year among the Grange's popular events, like the Strawberry Festival and Grange Fair and Flea Market. Winchester Grange meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Grange Hall on the Green in Winchester Center.

Other upcoming Winchester Grange

events include a Community Halloween Party on October 23rd, and the popular Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk on November 3rd.

Formed January 2, 1888, the Grange is one of the largest Community Granges in Connecticut, and is extremely active in the Winchester Center community, holding numerous programs and events year-round.

Getting to Winchester Center: From Winsted, take Route 263 to the Winchester Center green. From Torrington, take Newfield Road (at the corner of Winsted Rd. and N. Main St.) to the Winchester Center green. The Grange Hall is located at 100 Newfield Road.

For more information on Winchester Grange and its activities, contact Winchester Grange President Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326, via e-mail at info@winchestergrange.org or visit our website at www.WinchesterGrange.org



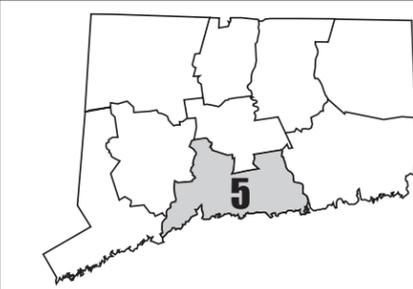
The skies were dark with a threat of rain all day but it held off until late in the day with only an occasional sprinkle falling on the 2012 Winchester Grange Fair and Flea Market. Not all fairs and events were as fortunate that day! Above left, Arline Cote watches over the Baking Department following the morning judging. Above right, fairgoers pore over the giant book sale in the lower level of the Grange Hall. Left, Grange members and friends enjoy outdoor dining from the Café 74 booth. Winchester Grange begins its 125th year of serving the community in 2012-2013.

Taghannuck enjoys picnic



Taghannuck enjoys an indoor picnic on August 9 since the weathermen were making big predictions for rain. Turned out to be a little thunder with no rain. Still everyone enjoyed themselves and, of course, the food!

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach
Sept. 13: Fair Work for our Fair on Sept. 15

Sept. 27: Installation of Officers

On July 12 we held our annual picnic, which was well attended. Vern was on the grill cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. We had a wonderful assortment of food and everyone's favorite goodies. The weather was the usual which we all have been dealing with the summer: sunny, sticky and hot. It will not be long before we will be longing for those warm summer days when fall and winter are here. It was great to see Lee Stevens

again. It has been a number of years since we have seen her.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette
Sept. 4: Let Autumn Begin
Oct. 2: Trick or Treat

Things are pretty quiet around here. This hot, humid weather has taken our get up and went with it. Hopefully by the time this is printed we will be back to what is considered normal. I heard katydids chirping on the last night of July. Folks used to say that meant 6 weeks to frost. Time will tell if that is so.

See you when it is cooler.

Remaining Grange Fairs

September 8
Granby Grange Agricultural Fair and Chicken Barbecue
 3 PM - 8 PM
 212 North Granby Road, Granby
www.GranbyGrange.org

September 8
Meriden Grange Fair and Family-Style Roast Pork Dinner
 9 AM - 7 PM
 540 Borad Street, Meriden; www.MeridenGrange.org

September 8
Hillstown Grange Harvest Fair
 9 AM - 2 PM
 617 Hills Street, East Hartford; www.HillstownGrange.org

September 8
Killingly Grange Fair
 801 Hartford Turnpike, Route 101, Killingly

September 8
Redding Grange Harvest Fair
 10 AM - 2 PM
 399 Newtown Turnpike, Redding

September 9
Norfield Grange Fair
 10 AM - 3 PM
 12 Goodhill Road, Weston; www.NorfieldGrange.com

September 15
Simsbury Grange Fair
 10 AM - 2 PM
 236 Farms Village Road (Rt. 309), West Simsbury
www.SimsburyGrange.org

September 15
Wallingford Grange Fair
 Time: TBA
 586 Center Street, Wallingford

September 15
Whigville Grange Fair
 10 AM - 2 PM
 South Main Street, Burlington

September 16
Eureka Grange Agricultural and Homemakers Fair
 10 AM - 3 PM
 Part of the New Hartford Day Celebration
 Brodie Park, West Hill Pond, New Hartford

Cheshire Grange Fair



Above left: Richard Bernhardt works in the Cheshire Grange Fair food booth while Barbara Foskett (right) admires some of the items on display inside the Grange Hall.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Don't forget the P.R. Contests

The Public Relations committee is offering a total of seven contests this year, all with a deadline of October 1st. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1) **"Spot On" - 60-Second Grange Video Commercial Contest:** Think of an idea for a commercial representing your Grange. Make us laugh. Make us cry. Make us say, "Wow! I want to join the Grange." Make it something you'd want to see on TV. You write it. You cast it. You direct and shoot it. You have total creative control. Entries must reflect either the theme "Community Grown" or "Create, Win, Grow."

2) **"Spreading the Word" - Connecticut State Grange Website Participation Contest:** Spread the Word about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by submitting content to the Connecticut State Grange website. Submissions can be articles, photos, calendar events and scrapbook items (such as newspaper clippings and historical data). Submission period runs from November 1, 2011 - October 1, 2012.

3) **"Show Us Your Stuff" - Grange Marketing Contest:** One of the best ways for the Grange to reach the community is to spread the Grange name. Show us a collection of the ways that your Grange promotes itself in the community through its marketing efforts. The possibilities are endless. To enter, submit a report of NO MORE than 12 pages containing a description and photos/scans on how your Grange promotes itself through marketing. Note that this contest is not a community service contest, although it incorporates community service fundamentals. Entries should concentrate on the promotional aspects of the projects your Grange participates in.

4) **"Convey the Message" - Best Grange-written Press Release Contest:** An engaging press release with an interesting 'hook' or angle is an excellent way to gain exposure for your Grange and can lead to publication in newspapers, magazines and on the internet. Show us how your Grange uses Press Releases to capture an audience. Entries must be an ACTUAL press release

written and used by your Grange, should be less than 500 words in length, and follow the proper style and format as described in the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Tool-Kit booklets.

5) **"Let's Advertise" - Best Grange Event Poster:** Set your imagination loose! Let your mind run wild, but be sure that your artwork relates to your Grange event. Submissions must be an ACTUAL poster designed, executed, and used by your Grange for an event. Posters should be a minimum of 8.5 x 11 in size (no limit on maximum size), and may be in either black and white, or color, and can be computer designed or hand-drawn.

6) **"In the News" - Best Newspaper Article Contest:** Research has revealed that the news media is responsible for influencing the thoughts and behavior of the general public. Here's an opportunity to show how the Media has helped promote your Grange through the written word. Entries must be an ACTUAL printed or published newspaper article written about your Grange.

7) **"Creating a Buzz" - Connecticut State Grange Social Media Participation Contest:** Create a Buzz about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by setting up a proper Facebook or Twitter Page and then managing its contents. This contest is open to all Community Granges, Pomona Granges and Junior Granges. Pages must be active at any point within the period of November 1, 2011 - October 1, 2012. Pages must be set-up according to the guidelines specified by the Connecticut State Grange, and be in compliance with the Terms of Service of Facebook and/or Twitter.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and are also available in the BlueBook. Entries should be mailed to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden CT 06451, or sent via e-mail to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

We hope that the variety of contests will appeal to Granges of all sizes - as the saying goes, there's something for everyone.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- ✓ N. Stonington No. 138
- ✓ Lyme No. 147
- ✓ Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172

MISSION STATEMENT

New London County Pomona did not adopt a Mission Statement at their School of Instruction, but plan to work on it in the future.

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 8: Installation of Officers. North Stonington Grange

Jack Lawson, past Rhode Island State Master, will install Scott Bill Hirst and his slate at North Stonington on September 8. Please come and show your Pomona Officers you support them. The installation is a lovely, impressive ceremony, and the refreshments are always great at Pomona meetings.

The season of fall is upon us

We embark on a brand new year.

Please come and support your Pomona

We meet only five times a year.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 14: The War of 1812
Sept. 28: The Stonington Ice Industry

This year's North Stonington Agricultural Fair had very good attendance and was an excellent Fair. Our new cattle barn and repaired sheep/goat shed were ready for the opening on Thursday thanks to the efforts of many workers. A big thank you goes out to Jim Holdridge and his crew for the electrical work on the barn.

Our one meeting in July is always held on the third Friday due to the big fair on the second Friday and the 4H Exposition on the fourth Friday. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who made our little food booth work smoothly during the three day Expo. Even though we had intermittent heavy showers on all three days we were a success and the 4H kids seemed to have a great time.

The program on July 20th was titled "Philly Firsts" and we learned about some firsts in the City of Philadelphia that amazed us.

On September 14 Meredith Brown will present a program on the Battle

of Stonington, which took place just down the road during the War of 1812. On the 28th Anne Connerton will tell us all about the Stonington ice industry. The program will be at 8:00 and will precede the meeting on this evening. Both of these programs sound very interesting. Please bring a friend so we will have a large crowd. We need to introduce more people in town to the Grange. And if these awful thunderstorms will just calm down a little, next time I'll tell you about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Sept. 4: School Days
Oct. 4: Here Comes Another Grange Year. Dues due- CT Granger payment due.
Nov. 1: Getting Ready for Turkey Day
Nov. 3: Our 3rd Annual Craft Show and Luncheon, 10-2

We had a well attended potluck picnic preceding our very "warm" meeting upstairs.

All our donations have been made. The Fence Committee brought the architect to present her thoughts on a new fence for our Fairgrounds. It's in keeping with our small town atmosphere. We emptied our hall in preparation for the fair as our meeting room is used for the handcraft and photography exhibits.

We will have a display of our proposed fence at the fair. We hope for cooler weather for our Fair.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes
 If you would like to have an immediate increase in attendance at your next Grange picnic and at the same time hold an unexpected membership drive, here's how to do it:

Have someone order a well-done hamburger.

This is what happened during the first few minutes of our annual July picnic when that well-done hamburger order was smoking up the

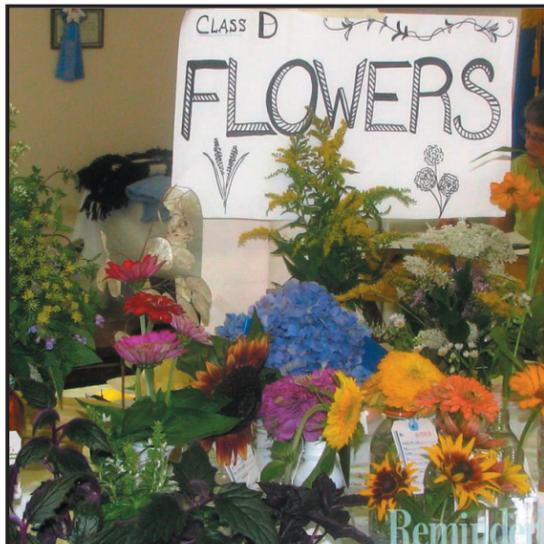
kitchen until it set off the smoke detector, which set off the fire alarm at the security system switchboard, which alerted the Wequetequock Fire Department, which brought six firemen to our Grange hall, looking for the fire. They found us happily enjoying a nice meal in the cool basement. So they got to forget about firefighting and learn about the Grange and

the good work we do when we're not setting off the fire alarm.

Later in the month we proved that although you can't take it with you, you can bring your friends, because 13 of us traveled to the Katherine Hepburn Theater in Old Saybrook to see the comedy play "You Can't Take it With You". There we joined two more

Stonington Grange members who were the Director and Stage Manager for the production. We had seats in the two front rows. A very special evening!

We are planning a movie night complete with pizza at the hall following our August business meeting. Installation of Officers will be on September 13.



The flower exhibit and bunnies on display at the 2012 Norwich Grange Fair.

Thank you for your help!



THANK YOU! I cannot begin to adequately express my thanks to all Connecticut Grangers for their help at the North East Grange Lecturers Conference. Twenty-five Connecticut Grangers travelled to Nashua, New Hampshire, for our 97th Annual Conference. Everyone took part in the program and did a splendid job doing so. Our program was on the "Moons". Jean Meehan decorated and donated costumes for our explorers; Sue Pianka and Edith Schoell filled in for

our State Pianist who was unable to attend; Nancy Weissmuller and Karen Macdonald wrote skits especially for this program; several brave souls took a trip to the moon and one even brought back the "man in the moon"; and, Connecticut Grangers organized the first Grange on the Moon. Everyone that attended was wonderful and I thank each and every one of you for helping.

THANK YOU! I also want to thank everyone who contributed to the gift I received at the banquet. I really enjoy being your Lecturer and I love you all. You are special.

NEXT YEAR... As a lot of you are aware next year the conference will be in Connecticut. I will need a lot of help. The Northeast State Lecturers are planning on making several changes to try and

increase attendance and thus meet our expenses. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. At this point I am looking for a place to hold the conference. It can be a college, prep or private school or any other place that meets our needs. If you know of a place please let me know so we can check it out. It will be a busy few months for me as I need a location in place by the next meeting of the Lecturers which is in early January.

LECTURERS... Your Honor Lecturer Report will be included with the next newsletter which is due out Sept. 1st. That report along with Auld Acquaintance, Complete Programs, and Essays are due October 1st. Please be on time as I have to get them to the judges in a timely manner.

SEE YOU AROUND THE STATE.



The Connecticut delegation to the Northeast Lecturer's Conference poses for a group photo.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our next meeting will be held at Bridgewater Grange on Wednesday, September 19th. Lecturer Jean Meehan will present a program titled U.S.S. Excelsior.

The handbooks for the new year are ready for distribution.

Our Chaplain, Mary Dubay, who suffered a stroke a few months back and now resides with family in Florida was here on a visit in July. Some of our members were happy to be able to visit with her during her stay. She is missed at our meetings.

We have a team for the Social Connection Pomona Competitive. Volunteering to represent Excelsior Pomona are: Rob Buck, Ron Fischer, Bryan Kaplan and Dorothy Fairchild. The rest of us Cowboys will be on hand to cheer for our team.

Our next big project will be our 38th Annual Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 3. Save the date we need your help.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

At our September 14 meeting we will enjoy a program titled "Shine on Harvest Moon" presented by our Lecturer Cindy Legg. As our summer meetings are a little laid back, we start off in earnest in September. The scouts will be meeting Wednesday nights and our Quilting Club on Wednesday afternoons.

By the time you read this all year end reports will have been made.

Sorry to hear that Charles Brush has been under the weather lately. We hope that by the time you read this he will be feeling much better.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Hi there, well I guess this is catch up time!

Jennifer Tinem won a week at Camp Berger for her picture of "What I Like Most

about Going to Camp". She is a fourth grade student in Bethlehem.

Two scholarships were presented at graduations. One from Washington Grange to Aydan Crumrine at Shepaug Valley High School. The other went to Miss Ouerrette of Nonnewaug High School from Bethlehem Grange's John S. Roden Memorial. She is the great granddaughter of our late Secretary of Bethlehem Grange Etta Tomlinson. Congratulations to both students.

We are working on our Grange exhibit for Bethlehem Fair entitled "Learn to Grow with the Grange."

We are saddened by the death of our Past Secretary Penny Roden on July 20. She is also Past Master of Weedsport Grange in Weedsport, NY. Our sympathies to her six children and 16 grandchildren. She was a 50 year member of the Grange.

Our Sept. meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. on the 24th at Theo's Pizza, dutch treat. Meeting to follow at Memorial Hall.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Maryalce Lee

Our Open House was held at the end of August, and although I was away for the occasion, Joe Ouimet, Fundraising Chairman, thanked everyone for a great job.

We continue to work on the outside of the building, weeding, spreading mulch, fixing loose boards and the like.

Inside, the floor downstairs is painted and the ceiling has its first coat of white paint. Come by and see us on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

Sept. 7: Open House

Sept. 21: Let's Cook

Though we respect and enjoy Grange meeting ritual, it's nice breaking with it occasionally as was done at

one meeting this summer. Lecturer Jill Zitnay hosted the meeting which was held around a campfire in her backyard grove. Business was transacted while everyone feasted on hot dogs smores and such. Jill's baby

goat seemed to enjoy sitting on Rob Buck's lap. It was an enjoyable evening meeting and our sincere thanks go to Jill.

Back at the hall, improvements continue courtesy of Eagle Scout

projects of Troop One members, the latest being refinishing of the interior stairways. Scout Troop One has been meeting at the Hall for some time with great benefit to the Grange.

Welcome new members!

The following are all of the new members reported for the June quarter of 2012. Some names have been reported in previous editions of the Connecticut Granger:

Asia Avery	Stafford #1	Zoel Ariel	Beacon #118
Linda Rose Schneider	Granby #5	Avery Zriel	Beacon #118
Joshua Paquin	Cheshire #23	Richard Tavalisky	Ekonk #89
Merrilee Bernhardt	Cheshire #23	Joyce Zavistoski	Ekonk #89
Ron Marzi	Southington #25	Noah Brown	N. Stonington #138
Sara Oakes	Southington #25	Jennifer Cullers	N. Stonington #138
William Shatas	Southington #25	Julia Cullers	N. Stonington #138
Rhonda Maddrah	Winchester #74	Brianna Purinton Landry	Lyme #147
John W. Maddrah, Jr.	Winchester #74	Roderick Anstett	Riverton #169
William LaTulipe, Sr.	Winchester #74	Terry Pennington	Wolcott #173
Jonathan Warner	Winchester #74	David Hubbs	Wolcott #173
Robert Linsky	Winchester #74	Lorraine Tirella	Oxford #194
James Steiner	Winchester #74	John Hampton	Simsbury #197
Carol Knutson	Taghannuck #100	Judy Schaefer	Simsbury #197
Ernest Knutson	Taghannuck #100	Susan Masino	Simsbury #197
Hector Ariel	Beacon #118	Linda Salamacha	Simsbury #197
Angela Cliff	Beacon #118	Nevin Christenson	Simsbury #197
Alec Berkemeier	Beacon #118	Barbara Friedland	Simsbury #197
Katryana Freberg	Beacon #118	David Galt	Simsbury #197

Northeast Youth Conf. Winners

The public speaking winners were

- 19 and under**
- 1 Davi Penny
 - 2 Erin Tully
 - 3 Jackie Turner
- 20-29**

1. Matt Horton
 2. Chris Szkutak
- 30 plus**

1. Kathy Yardley
 2. Julia Masti
- Best of Show: Kathy Yardley**

Sign A song

Novice: Emily Thomas

Hobbyist: Marie Hall

Group:

Beth Morrill and Cathy Yardley

Elevator

19 and under:

1. Jackie Turner

30 and over:

- 1 Meryl Havens
2. Marie Hall

Impromptu

19 and under

1. Chris Sebastian
(Ekonk Community Grange)

2. Glenn Gibson

3. Ryan Masti

30 plus: 1. Paula Turner

Farm Bill Speakers



Congressman Joe Courtney and State Rep. Mae Flexer pose with Jody Cameron after speaking at the Brooklyn Fair regarding Grange support of the 2012 Farm Bill.

Hamburg Fair



Ted Powell, member of Lyme Grange, presents an award to Allison Casey in recognition of her support of the Hamburg Fair, sponsored by the Grange.

Wolcott Fair



A little girl has fun sitting on a tractor in the Grange display at the Wolcott Fair in August.

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

It doesn't seem possible another Grange year

is about to close. State Session is almost here, and I trust your Grange will have Delegates attending. Information has been sent to all Granges, plus the information has been in the Connecticut Granger. This is election year and the Installation of Officers will be on Saturday afternoon.

The Sixth Degree will

be conferred on Friday evening. Applications are available- cost \$10. This is a good time to receive the Sixth Degree since National Grange will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire in 2013.

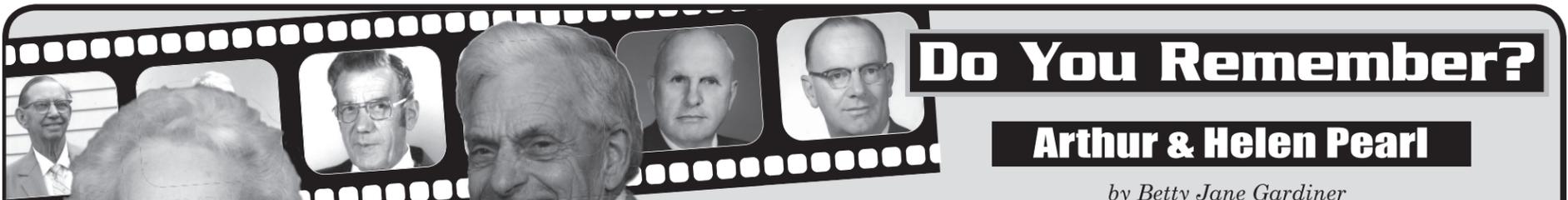
Has your Grange planned for an open meeting for its installation? Invite your friends and neighbors so they can learn about our organization.

So. CT Past Masters

After the summer vacation, we start off the new year with a meeting at Harmony Grange in Monroe. Vice President Cindy Legg will present a program titled "Back to School." It's been a long time since most of us attend school.

As with all our meetings, we start with a potluck supper at 6:30. The meeting starts when the dishes are done and then the program followed by a Country Store. Everyone is invited to join us.

In July we enjoyed our annual Picnic at the home of Carl and Marge Bernhardt. It's like being in your own home as they make everyone feel so comfortable. Thanks to both of you- we all had a good time.



Do You Remember?

Arthur & Helen Pearl

by Betty Jane Gardiner

We take great pride in saying we are a family organization and that seems to become more apparent as we compile the "Do You Remember?" feature. Arthur and Helen Deming Pearl (parents of our State Legislative Director Alma Graham) came from strong Grange family backgrounds and met through the Grange.

Arthur was Master of the Little River Grange as was his father and grandfather before him. He held many offices, but was remembered for the number of years he served as Gatekeeper (funny how many men like that outside job). Known for his carpentry skills he made ever so many items over the years. When his daughter was Junior Director and when Helen was on the State CWA he was helpful in every way- many a table was decorated with handmade items to go along with each even or theme.

In 1952 Arthur and a group from Quinebaug Pomona built their cabin at Camp Berger in one day. Who said it couldn't be done? Arthur worked at the Camp for years- and served on the Camp Berger Committee.

He made staff holders for Grange officers and for two installation teams. He and Helen were members of Austin Emmons' team.

We should remind you that Arthur and Austin Emmons and Bill Pearl were first cousins.

In addition to working hard for our Fraternity, he was involved with the American Legion, a founding member of the Hampton Ambulance Corp. and a 50 year member of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Dept.. He was active in the bowling league up until a few months before his death.

Helen, too, came from a Grange background- her Dad and grandfather were Past Masters.

She served in many offices over the years but is most remembered for her work with the Committee on Women's Activities at the Subordinate, Pomona and State levels. She was part of the group which was instrumental in helping at the American School for the Deaf building in fundraising for the renovation for their auditorium.

She was Pomona of Quinebaug Pomona and not only set up her court but made hundreds of cupcakes for the Fifth Degree. She served as State Pomona for four years.

Community involvement was the name of the game- president for years of the Ladies Aid Society, organizing the Congregational Church's annual Holiday Bazaar and the Hampton Antique Show, working with the Tuberculosis Association (now the American Lung Association), active in the Windham Community Hospital Auxiliary johnny's and bed pads, collecting doantions of clothing and furniture when the town was hit by storms, flooding, fires, etc.

All year long Helen's needles were flying and her sewing machine humming as she made stuffed toys, pot holders, aprons, Christmas ornaments and countless other items to be sold at the events or given away to those in need. When did she ever have time to sleep?

She chaired many dinners at the Grange - the most memorable was the chicken barbecue held on Memorial Day for over 40 years- Arthur was in charge of the "pit"- Helen in charge of the kitchen.

If there was a cause or a need they were there to answer the call- can you imagine the good "Community Service" work being done now in the Grange Grange Above?

Do remember the Pearls!



Helen & Arthur Pearl



Helen Pearl receives her Golden Sheaf from daughter Alma (Pearl) Graham in 1988.



(Left) Carrie Hosford and Alma Palmer (now Graham) sell stuffed animals and dolls at the Christmas Sale sponsored by the Laides Aid Society (1976).

END OF AN ERA—
Community leader Helen Pearl will be greatly missed

Her gentle smile and quiet presence at the annual Grange and Ladies Aid Church Bazaar made even the shyest visitors warm up on those cold November days.

Helen Deming Pearl, a quiet and effective leader in our Hampton community, died on May 4th at Douglas Manor in Windham Center. She was 78.

Growing up in rural Chaplin, Helen became involved with the Grange early on, and becoming in

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Volunteer of the year Hampton salutes Helen Pearl

for Women's Activities, which are distributed to hospitals and children's homes through out the state.

This past year she and a small committee made 116 Christmas stockings which she took to Pomona Grange meetings. There they were stuffed and delivered to places where there are disadvantaged persons, such as convalescent homes, children's homes, and soup kitchens. She has collected, through the Granges, dozens of toys for the Connell Children's Home, a home for unwanted children of all ages. She now acts as the state collection center for used hearing aid batteries. She sends them to a place where



(Right) Members of the Pearl family pose for a picture in Dec. of 1966 following a testimonial in honor of Delphina Deming for 26 years of service as Treasurer. Left of right: Lois Green, Helen Pearl, Alma Pearl, Delphina Deming, Arthur Pearl, Wesley Deming, Alice Smith and Evelyn Green.



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.



AUGUST PICTURE:

We believe this is from the Camp Berger Dedication in 1955. The consensus is that it is the Mountain County Choristers, not the State Choristers.

Dawn Anstett: My Aunt Phyllis (Bierce) is the second one in on the left in the first row.

Ben Barr: I think that may be Frank Prelli on the right with his head turned, and maybe King Beecher scratching his head?

Winchester Grange passed around the photo at their meeting last night - and this is who they were able to name -- First Row (l to r) -- Lillian Goodwin, Phyllis Bierce, Mary Bement, ?. Second Row (l to r) -- ?, Bertha Healey, Shirley Spencer, Lucilla Harrington. Third Row (l to r) -- ?, Fanny Fratini, ?, Frank Prelli (with his head turned). Fourth Row (l to r) -- ?, ?, Torchy Bement, Joe Bement (scratching his head), ?. Last Row (l to r) -- Frank Healey (peaking), ?, Bert Harrington, Irv Goodwin, ?

Dawn Anstett: It is Joe Ostapko the last person in the back row with glasses. and Ben is right on the two he recognized.

Winchester Grange No. 74: Both of King Beecher's daughters - Shirley Lemieux and Sandy Phillips, believe that the man scratching his head is not King in this photo.

Janet Haller:



Duane Wetmore on the left in the back with his head tilted. Phyllis Bierce is in the front row, second from the left. King Beecher is the man scratching his head.

JULY PICTURE:

I was surprised to see the guess that appeared in the August Issue of Ct. Granger. My thought when I saw the picture was that it was Jerome Deeds (on the right next to the window) (deceased) of Wemanesa Grange #170(closed). He was Master at one time. It seemed to be a classic photo of Jerry and his manner of dress. Since there are no sashes in view it would seem not to be a formal Grange function. That is what my wife and I think.

Andy Olson, Taghannuck #100

APRIL PICTURE:

From Janet Haller: Bernie Borgeson is from Hamden Grange.



In Memoriam

Livia Keith, G.S. Beacon Valley Grange No. 103
Edward W. Gray Riverton Grange No. 169
Paul Schwell Norwich Grange No. 172

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

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain
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Marvin Wilbur,
Past State Chaplain

It is harvest time. A time to enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields and orchards. Picking various fruit and vegetables makes us remember that Nature adheres to various laws. Spring always comes after winter, then summer, fall and winter again—there is

no confusion in the seasons.

If we do not surrender to evil good things will happen. It may not be for a long time, but we must not give up doing good. Our granges have done so much Community Service over the years that it amazes anyone who hears about it. People and organizations in all walks of life have been helped in their need by our Granges. I find it very difficult to comprehend all the good that we do. I am sure if the unreported things were reported, it would stagger our imagination.

How is your grange doing? Many of us are struggling to meet our obligations and have time, funds and energy to volunteer in our community. But you know what? We do it. For me, it makes me feel good when I can help someone, even if they don't know about it. That's what Subordinate Grange is all about—helping others in their time of need.

You never know how the person receiving the help feels. They may have been praying for days for someone to call or visit or help. Of course they would not admit to that. It is against human nature to admit we need help, but we do. Just a card letting a person know they are not forgotten can mean so much. I know. It is a terrible thing to be lonely and forgotten. Many of our grangers are forgotten though. I urge you to remember them. I urge you to visit them, send them cards, call them—anything so they know they are not forgotten. You never know the good it does.

Grangers are wonderful people. I have met so many I have lost count and I think about them in many ways. If we cannot let our members know we love them and need them and have not forgotten them just because they are housebound or have physical problems, what does that say for us.

Isn't it a great thing that God does not treat us the way we treat others?

CWA reminders



Pat Palmer
Family Activities/CWA Director
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This month will just be a few reminders for State Session. We will again be hosting the Hospitality Room at the Session and would appreciate any and all donations of snacks - crackers, cookies (homemade are the best), cheese, chips, pretzels, dips, etc. Then we have the request from National Grange for ornaments to be

put on the CT tree at the National Session and then they will be donated to various charities. Last, but not least, we are looking for the quilt squares which will again be sent to national for judging and the winners included in the quilt to honor the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange. The prize winning entries in the NE Needlework contest will be on display in the Hospitality Room and prize money will be awarded at the luncheon on Friday.