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A great Session



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The 128th annual Connecticut State Grange Session is behind us, the delegate body worked long hours and diligently completing all work with 45 minutes to spare; great job done by all.

There were a few key votes taken that will positively affect us as a Grange. First, the delegate body instructed me to set up a Fundraising Committee to develop ways of generating non-dues related income. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee please contact me. I will make an announcement of the full committee in January. We are planning on holding a raffle to be drawn

in late February early March. This will be our first major fundraiser.

Second, the Delegate body authorized the hiring of a "scout" to be contracted to go into selected area in the state and set the ground work for new Granges to be organized. It will be this persons "job" to work closely with myself and Jeff Barnes with the primary and only function of organizing new Granges. Once there is enough to organize the Grange the Grange Growth Team will step in close the deal. That means we more Grangers trained in the Grange Growth Process. Are you interested? I hope to have enough interest so we can have one Trained Grange Growth Team in

each Pomona.

Sister Jodi Ann and I will soon be on our way to

Boise, ID for the National Grange Session and look forward to the honor of

representing you. We hope everyone has a healthy and safe Thanksgiving.



The officers of the CT State Grange posed for a photo following the Sixth Degree on Friday evening. Pictured left to right (back row): Robert Buck, Gatekeeper; Noel Miller, Steward; Gordon Gibson, Exec. Comm.; M. Ross Stands, Exec. Comm.; Philip Berquist, Treasurer; George Russell, Assist. Steward; F. Philip Prelli, Exec. Comm.; A. Ruel Miller, Exec. Comm.; Robert Sendewicz, Exec. Comm.; Jeffrey Barnes, Oveseer. Front Row: Barbara Kulisch, Chaplain; Edith Schoell, Secretary; Deborah Barnes, Pomona; Carol Hnath, Flora; Jody A. Cameron, President; Kimberly Mele, Ceres; Marge Bernhardt, Lecturer and Cynthia Finch, Lady Assist. Steward.

The Grange's legislative year in review



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The Legislative Committee has been active this year in many aspects. Right after last session, the committee met to review the resolutions that were acted on during the state session and updated the State Grange Legislative Handbook. Copies of this handbook were distributed to members of the General Assembly as well to all of the Granges.

Last spring we held three resolution writing workshops across the state. The first was held at Litchfield Grange and had a good attendance. The next

two were at Echo Grange and Harmony Grange with less attendance but all who came appreciated the assistance. We placed a copy of the resolution writing template on our web site or you can obtain one from any Legislative Committee member.

I attended the annual meeting of the Working Land Alliance, which we are in partnership with and Gordon Gibson is a member of their board. The State Grange received an invitation to attend a press conference at the Capitol in Harford which Gordon and Charles attended. A group of legislators announced the creation of a new Select Committee on Agriculture. In March we assisted the Agricultural Committee with their booth for Agricultural Day at the State Capitol. We sent a letter of support for funding the Promote Risk

Management Assessment program run by the University of Connecticut's Co-Op extension services.

In January I attended the North East Regional Grange Leaders Conference that was held in Connecticut. The Agricultural and Legislative committees met together during the conference to discuss issues affecting their states. We decided to set up a North East Regional Facebook page for the Legislative and Agricultural Committees. With assistance of our Publicity Committee, we set up a page and invited all of the directors to join.

In May four of us traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. National Grange had set up a series of speakers on different bills that National Grange was monitoring. We were treated to a tour of the Capitol Building

then spent time on Capitol Hill meeting with our local Senators and Congressmen on these issues. We were pleased that we met personally with Representative Joe Courtney of the 2nd district. The biggest National issue that we have been monitoring is the 2012 Farm Bill. The previous Farm Bill has now expired with the 2012 bill still stalled in the House.

Gordon Gibson again was our presence at the Capitol in Hartford during the Legislative session. The Grange testified on two bills. One was RB84 – An Act Concerning Wood Burning Furnaces which would limit their use. The other one was HB5410 – An Act Transferring the Conservation Functions of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the

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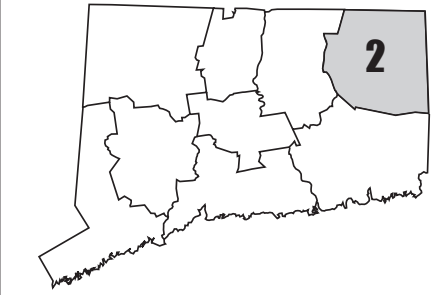


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MISSION STATEMENT

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

SENEXET GRANGE #40
Corr: Diane Miller
Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve
Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Pie Sale

We held a very successful Grange Fair on Sat. Sept. 29 with over 100 entries. We had a fundraising food booth at the Celebrating Ag Day Sept. 22 here at the Woodstock Fairgrounds.

The Blue Grass Music Night is scheduled for October 13. Always a good audience.

We will be hosting an outdoor scarecrow exhibit for children on our front lawn the month of October.

We are hosting the Windham County Farm Bureau Annual meeting in October.

Visit us anytime.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie Johnson
Nov. 14: Meeting
Dec. 12: Meeting
Summer’s gone. Fall is coming on.

Gardens done. Digging potatoes now.

Sure hate to see them go-nothing like going to your own garden and picking those veggies you grew yourself. Digging potatoes now. Farmers cutting cornfields. Pumpkins seem to be plentiful and good size.

Master went to State Session.

Weather is getting chilly-thought of coats and hats does nothing for winter

coming on.
Are your chimneys clean and ready? Wood pile stacked up? Had flu shots? Stay well.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89
Corr: Sue Gray
Nov. 4: Membership Incentive Luncheon 1pm
Nov. 5: “Roy Rogers+” mtg/prog 7:30pm
Nov. 17: Turkey supper 5pm-
Dec. 3: “Helen Walton” Meeting/Program, 7:30pm
Dec. 8: Annual Holiday Bazaar 10-2

This fall (as of this writing) our Grange has donated and delivered 159 pounds of watermelon, spaghetti squash and butternut squash to three different soup kitchens and we have quite a bit more to be delivered! Clifford Gervais has donated 18 large bouquets of his magnificent dahlias around town, bringing cheer to many with their beautiful colors, sizes and shapes! We donated a new diaper bag plus many, many baby items to a Sterling family who needed some extra help with their new infant. Thanks to Betsy Molodich & crew for the Subordinate and Junior exhibits they set up at Woodstock Fair, which added \$150.00 each to our Treasury! We continue collecting non-perishable food items at all suppers; there is a constant need, not

just at holiday time.
We held another highly successful “Meet The Candidate” Night with both State Senatorial Candidates from the 18th District in attendance. Andy Maynard (D) and Theresa Madonna (R) both spoke and then fielded questions (there were many) from the audience. The friendly evening ended with cider and donuts donated by the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm!

Link Cooper is repairing and improving our President’s podium. We voted to donate a new Bible to the Junior Grange.

If you would like a table at our annual Holiday Bazaar-call 860-564-2131.

Best wishes to all for a blessed Thanksgiving Day; hope your harvests in both garden and life remain full!

ECHO GRANGE #180
Corr: Gloria John

Oct. 9: Colors of Autumn
Oct. 23: Pumpkin Time
We held our Buffet Supper and we are happy to say it was a success. We are visiting our members who are in the nursing homes.
It will be nice if the weather cooperates this winter so we do not have to postpone our meetings. Our Tag Sale will be on Nov. 17, 2012. If you have anything to donate, we would appreciate it.

C.S.G. Legislative year in review

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Department of Agriculture. This was also proposed last year and died in committee. Both bills did not pass from the committees.

We also followed a few other bills which we felt were of interest to Grange members. One recommended the labeling of genetically engineered

foods. We also watched a bill which would require criminal history checks for youth camp employees and volunteers. It also would have required them to be mandated reporters for reporting suspected child abuse. This would affect Camp Berger. We already check histories of our camp employees but were not

sure about the impact of the mandated reporter section for all volunteers. This bill was watered down to only mandate the checking and reporting for only Camp Directors.
I would like to thank my committee for their support and commitment to legislative issues affecting rural Connecticut.

Gene Bromley “Granger of the Year”

Joanne Cipriano, Social Connection Dir.

Our big activities for the year are over as we do not like to plan Winter activities. We never know what the weatherman plan for us. If you attended the Cowboy and Indian Night you know the National Weather Service (Nancy Weissmuller) said it was going to be a bad Winter as the Indians led by their Chief Gene Bromley were collecting a lot of wood.

At the State Session, we were happy to present the “Granger of the Year” Award to Gene Bromley of North Stonington Grange. Those who know Gene know how much he does for Grange . Many of us just know him for his acting ability. If we were presenting the Academy Award, he probably would win that also. We received many applications and thank them most sincerely for the work they do for the Grange.

We have not planned our 2013 activities. If you have any ideas please share them with us. They will be appreciated. We are planning to have another state-wide tag sale. Start collecting.



Gene Bromley, of North Stonington Community Grange No. 138, receives the “Granger of the Year” Award from State Master Jody Cameron and Social Connection Director Joanne Cipriano at Celebration Banquet at State Session on Oct. 20.

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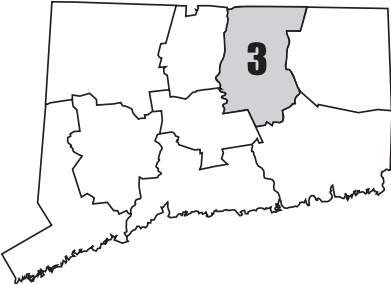
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✓ Enfield No. 151

MISSION STATEMENT

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

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26
Corr: Jean Accornero
Nov. 1: Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Gobble, Gobble, Ref. K. Ruff & Norma DePietro
Nov. 10: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7:00 P.M.
Dec. 6: Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Holiday Party, Potluck or Restaurant

GlastonburyGrange#26is busycollectingThanksgiving “non-perishable” food items for Thanksgiving baskets for the Glastonbury Social Service Department. Last year the town delivered 70 baskets to needy families. We are collecting these items at the October and November meetings.

We are also collecting bedding (towels, blankets, etc.) for animals to be delivered to the local veterinarian, Dr. Stephen Beckett. Much thanks to all the members who have

brought in the bedding and the non-perishable food items.

I must remind everyone that we need your support at our Monte-Carlo Whist Card Parties. November 10th at 7:00 P.M. is the date and time for the November card party. We look forward to seeing you there. We need your support.

December 6th is our Holiday Party. Contact the Master, Robert Nordstrom and wife Doris to let us know you are planning on attending. We will decide at our October meeting if it will be at a local restaurant or a potluck.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Leona Wilson
Nov. 6: Legislative
Nov. 20: Thanks

On September 17 our program was in charge of

the Agriculture Committee. It was a very good program including a quiz on Trees. For the October 2 program our members were asked to bring in a scary story. Two of our members dressed up as witches to add to the spookiness. We also had one decorated pumpkin brought in by Lois Ferrin.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan
Nov. 6: Presidents 1-5

Come and join us for our meeting in November. We will be talking about our presidents.

We will meet in St. Matthew’s Church hall. Our meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome.

VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong
Nov. 2: Good Citizen Award

Our October meeting went well with a discussion of the Halloween Storm on 2011 and what people would have done differently to be prepared. Many good suggestions.

The November meeting will be special with the Good Citizen Award being given to Bryan Flint. Bryan grew up in Vernon and even though he now lives in Ellington, he has given so much of himself to our community. He is a magician, portrays Uncle Sam on stilts during community parades, and gives endless hours to the Vernon Community Network and Vernon’s Maple Street School with it’s formation in making it a “Community School” with extensive after hours programs of all types for students and their families. We invite all to join us in honoring Bryan and also hearing about all his “magic”.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87
Corr: Michelle DeDominics

Fall is surely amongst us. The fields have been put to bed for the upcoming winter. Hillstown members have been busy making crafts for our Holiday Fair and for our town’s Holiday Fest. Our members have also been busy helping out at the Big E, attending State Session, and visiting our shut-ins. We are still actively working hard to raise funds to replace our hall’s roof, anyone interested in purchasing a custom-made Pandora bead- contact Michelle DeDominics at 860-568-2415. Special prayers for Rita Schaefer, an active member until recent

years. We wish everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski
Nov. 10: Vegetable Bingo – Bring a Prize
Dec. 8: Christmas Around the World; Cookie exchange, bring 2 dozen to share.

Congratulations to Brian and Elaine and for their hard work on putting together the Grange exhibit at the Four Town Fair. It earned Enfield a second place ribbon. By the time you read this the State Session will be over and a new Grange year begins. Our delegates will be reporting on resolutions passed or rejected and any new state projects that will be coming up. The Big E has gone down

in history for another year and we should be thinking about working on our items to make during the winter. The recipe book is moving right along, so keep them coming in. If anyone from another Grange would like to add their favorite recipe to our collection, we would be pleased to include their name.

Our October schedule was really knocked askew and we apologize if you came to visit and we weren’t there. Too many conflicting events messed up the calendar. From November onward we will be there unless there are winter storms, so please come to visit, we love company.

Wolf Den Grange



State Master Jody Cameron presents Minola T. Terwilleger with a certificate in recognition of 75 years continuous membership in Wolf Den Grange No. 61. Looking on is the new Quinebaug Pomona Deputy Patricia Valys. Below, Master John Carter displays his Log Cabin Quilt Square.



Square Dance in Sharon

Join Taghhannuck Grange#100 for Squares, Contras, Polkas and Waltzes. On Saturday, November 10th from 7pm-10pm the Taghhannuck Grange is holding a dance at the hall located at 4 Dunbar Road, Sharon, CT. This is between Sharon and Cornwall Bridge off Route #4 behind Ellsworth Hill Farm.

The caller is Dave Akin who has been a caller for 55 years. Square dancing is a “courtesy” recreation rather than one of competition so come and have fun no matter what level of dance you are at. Square Dances are a great place to meet people and make new friends.

The band Country Spice will play the tunes with original member Myrtle Hayden from Sharon. Myrtle who is a Grange member is the fiddler-violinist. Gary Tuthill, also from Sharon, is guitarist and plays Blue Grass. Daphne Naylor from Cornwall is bassist and much in demand in local orchestras. Country Spice is a regular at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival held every year in July.

The suggested donation is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under. Refreshments will be served at the break.

For directions or information call Barbara Prindle at (860) 364-5373.

Granger Shout Out



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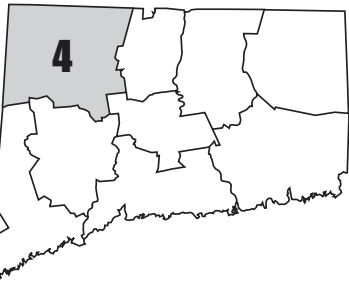
Email your “Shout Out” to Granger@CTStateGrange.org (use “Granger Shout Out” in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

To Mildred Bell, of Southington Grange for her 80 years of continuous Grange membership... and still going strong!

To all of the Granges and Grangers who attended and made the 128th Session of the CT State Grange such a great success!!

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Cawasa No. 34

Whigville No. 48

Eureka No. 62

✓ Winchester No. 74

✓ Taghhannuck No. 100

Litchfield No. 107

Beacon No. 118

✓ Riverton No. 169

Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MT. COUNTY POMONA #4
Corr: Todd Gelineau

Mountain County Pomona continues to work on plans for the resurrection of Litchfield Grange. In September, the State Master approached the Pomona to see if there was a desire to develop a plan within the Pomona to work on re-opening the Grange sooner than later. The Pomona Executive Committee met in October and plans are now being prepared for a membership drive and open house to get the community involved in a new Litchfield Grange. Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved. There will be opportunities, big and small, for all of our members to become involved. Also, if you have any ideas, please contact Pomona Master George Russell.

Mountain County makes its fall trek to Taghhannuck Grange in Sharon on November 12 for a program entitled “Messages.” It’s always a fun evening to visit Taghhannuck and we would love to have a full hall. The meeting begins at 7:30P.M.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: Todd Gelineau

Nov. 13: Daylight Saving Ends - Elections ARE OVER, Potluck Supper at 6 P.M., Food Collection now through Christmas

Nov. 27: Thank You World, Ref. by Men & Todd Gelineau

By this reading the Winchester Grange Cookie Walk & Holiday Bazaar should be over. We hope we didn’t have disruption due to the “Frankenstorm” that was predicted early the week of the Bazaar. It was exactly a year ago, that our Bazaar was canceled due to over two feet of snow and power outages throughout the area.

It was great to have past Lecturer Terri Fassio with us for our second October

meeting to present the Halloween program. Her jokes were as corny as ever but the program was very entertaining.

Congratulations to Winchester Grange for receiving First Place in the Deputies’ Ritual Challenge this year and for achieving Gold Honor Grange status for the year. Both awards were earned by a lot of hard work.

We congratulate Sister Kim Mele on being reelected Ceres of the State Grange and the many appointed pink sash officers in Winchester Grange who have been given another two years in their various positions with the reelection of their “boss” State Master Jody Cameron.

After our Nov. 3 Bazaar we look forward to our Nov. 13 meeting which will be preceded by a potluck supper. Please join us if you can!

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100
Corr: Barbara Prindle

Vegetables were grown by Taghhannuck Grange #100 as a community service project with the harvested produce or funds generated by them to be donated to a local food bank. The last day of harvest was Sept. 21st. Our garden enabled us to deliver to the food bank over a period of 4 weeks:

9.5 lbs. of sweet peppers; 2 lbs. hot peppers, 1 lb. basil, 11.5 lbs. green beans, 1 lb. tomatoes, 3 lbs. kale, 49 lbs. potatoes, 5 lbs. beets, 1.5 lbs. carrots, and zero (0) pounds of spaghetti squash (the seeds did not sprout!).

RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Shirley Moore

Nov. 2: Regular Meeting; Program: JEOPARDY (Quiz); Ref: Mary Lou & Peter Keefe

Nov. 16: Thanksgiving Potluck Supper 6:30 – Cindy & Mark Prelli/Thanksgiving Program

Our new year has begun slowly. Everyone seems to have something else to do on Friday nights. However, we still have our meetings and try to be inspired with those who are present. The first meeting in September was entitled GRANGE RITUAL. There were not many questions, but I am reading the book AMERICAN EPOCH, which had a chapter about the Granger movement and so I presented excerpts from that as well as excerpts from Solon Buck’s book “THE GRANGER MOVEMENT—A STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION AND ITS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MANIFESTATIONS” (1870-1880). When you have been in the Grange for over 60 years, it is interesting to read what people thought about this organization when it first began.

We have had health issues in our grange and wish Peter Keefe a full recovery from a quadruple by-pass, to Moe Gabelmann for being more careful after breaking his leg (now in a cast), to Virginia King who has had cataract surgery and to Betty Baldwin who has health issues. We hope to see all of them back at our meetings soon. Rujo & I are happy to announce that we are the very proud great-grandparents of the fourth D.C.Y. Rujo Moore born on Sept. 12.

In August, three of us cleaned out a storage room at our grange and found two records pertaining to the grange. Apparently, the State Grange had a weekly program when one of the granges did the broadcast, telling about their own grange as well as State and National. At our September 19 meeting, we listened to the broadcast for Riverton Grange with Riverton’s Master Charles Day, Sr., as narrator, music provided by a quartet and a reading presented by Ruth Deming, who was our pianist for a number of years. Also at this meeting, National Officer Phil Prelli presented Virginia Butler with her 75-year certificate as a grange member. Congratulations, Virginia! She had a few memories to share with us that night.

We welcome anyone to our meetings and pot-luck suppers and hope to see you soon.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

The Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Committee offered 7 Contests in 2012. We would like to thank all of the Granges for participating in the contests and increasing their public awareness over this past year. Let’s see these numbers increase for 2013!

Here’s the list of winners presented at the CT State Grange Session in October.

1.) “Spot On” - 60-Second Grange Video Commercial Contest - Granges were asked to submit a 60-second video promoting their Grange. Winner: Winchester Grange No. 74; 2.) “Spreading the Word” - CT State Grange Website Participation Contest - Recognizes Granges who submitted information to be published on the CT State Grange website. Participation Certificates - COMMUNITY GRANGES: Stafford Grange No. 1; Granby Grange No. 5; Redding Grange No. 15; Southington Grange No. 25; Glastonbury Grange No. 26; Wallingford Grange No. 33; Cawasa Grange No. 34; Senexet Grange No. 40; Whigville Grange No. 48; Eureka Grange No. 62; Harmony Grange No. 92; Beacon Valley Grange No. 103; Killingly Grange No. 112; Bethlehem Grange No. 121; Higganum Grange No. 124; Greenfield Hill Grange No. 134; N. Stonington Grange No. 138; Prospect Grange No. 144; Norfield Grange No. 146; Lyme Grange No. 147; Enfield Grange No. 151; Cannon Grange No. 152; Bridgewater Grange No. 153; Norwich Grange No. 172; Wolcott Grange No. 173; Oxford Grange No. 194; Simsbury Grange No. 197

Participation Certificates - POMONA GRANGES: Central Pomona No. 1; East Central Pomona No. 3; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; New London County Pomona No. 6; Excelsior Pomona No. 7

President’s Award Certificates: Cheshire Grange No. 23; Hillstown Grange No. 87; Taghhannuck Grange No. 100; Simsbury Grange No. 197

Special Recognition Certificates were awarded to Meriden Grange No. 29 and Winchester Grange No. 74. 3 .)

“Show Us Your Stuff” - Grange Marketing Contest - Granges were asked to create a booklet highlighting the ways they promote themselves to the public. Winner: Winchester Grange No. 74

4.) “Convey the Message” - Best Grange-written Press Release Contest - Entries were to be an ACTUAL press release written and used by each Grange. 2nd Place Winner: Winchester Grange No. 74; 1st Place Winner: Meriden Grange No. 29

5.) “Let’s Advertise” - Best Grange Event Poster - There were two categories for entries - Digital Design and Traditional Media. Digital Winner: 2nd Place: Meriden Grange No. 29; 1st Place: Winchester Grange No. 74. Traditional Winner: Lyme Grange No. 147

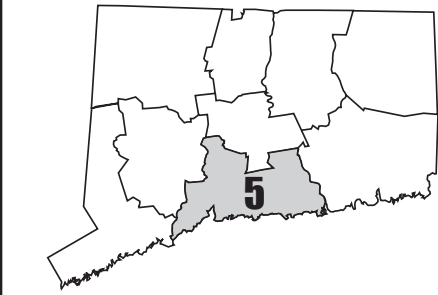
6.) “In the News” - Best Newspaper Article Contest - Granges were asked to submit clippings of newspaper articles written about their Granges. With all of the wonderful articles written by newspapers about Connecticut Granges, it is sad that we only had four entries in this category. 2nd Place Winner: Simsbury Grange No. 197; 1st Place Winner: Winchester Grange No. 74

7.) “Creating a Buzz” - Connecticut State Grange Social Media Participation Contest - This contest spotlights Granges efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook Recognition Certificates: Granby Grange #5, Southington Grange #25, Whigville Grange #48, Eureka Grange #62, Hillstown Grange #87, Ekonk Grange #89, Greenfield Hill Grange #134, Lyme Grange #147, Cannon Grange #152, Bridgewater Grange #153, Wolcott Grange #173, Mountain County Pomona Grange #4, Ekonk Community Junior Grange No. 101; 3rd Place Winner: Meriden Grange No. 29; 2nd Place Winner: (3-way Tie); Winchester Grange No. 74, Norfield Grange No. 146, Simsbury Grange No. 197; 1st Place Winner: Cheshire Grange No. 23

Twitter Recognition Certificates: Honorable Mention: Cheshire Grange No. 23; 3rd Place Winner: Meriden Grange No. 74; 2nd Place Winner: Cannon Grange 152; 1st Place Winner: Winchester Grange No. 74.

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!

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23
Corr: A. Ruel Miller
Nov. 7: I'd Be Delighted (Youth Program)
Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve - No meeting
Our annual Cheshire Grange Community Fair

was moved up to the end of August and was very successful. We will stay with this time frame with our future fairs.
Our officers were installed on September 5th by State Secretary Edith

JUNIOR GRANGE



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HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87
Corr: Michelle DeDominics
It's fun being a Junior Granger at Hillstown Jr. Grange. Our JG members have attended the Big E and marched in the parade! They also were able to attend State Session. Their craft items were on display. They also were gracious hosts at their annual Halloween Party- they are already planning and looking forward to what they can do next year! November is a time when they are thankful- They are thankful for those that serve our country, those that take part in the elections, those that made their way to America and they are very thankful that our nation did not elect the Turkey as our country's symbol so that they can enjoy it on Thanksgiving with a little gravy! LOL!

EKONK JR. GRANGE #101
Corr: Rebecca Gervais
Nov. 19: "Thanksgiving"- Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
We were Installed on September 14th by Sue Gray and our family members. It was a very special and meaningful ceremony. Thanks to sister Gray for her efforts, and to Marion Emmons who was the Installing Chaplain. Trevor Gervais went in for his second term as President, Carly Sebastion was installed as Vice President, Conner

Sebastion is now our Program Director, Jenna Wesa was installed as Chaplain, Jared Gervais is our Steward, Lillian Sharpe and Allyson DiNola were installed for their second terms as Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant, Maria Angelone was re-installed as Secretary, Emily Bonner is now our Treasurer, and Russell Sharpe is our Greeter. Congratulations officers! We also handed out awards that night, as well as numerous badges, and 2 Super JG pins. Active members Carly Sebastion and Emily Bonner each earned their Super JG pin!! Way to go girls!
We sent \$10.00 to the Kelley Farm, and to the National Junior Fund. We also purchased dictionaries, and look forward to presenting them.
At our October meeting, we learned about our host State, Idaho. 7 Juniors earned badges by bringing something to share about Idaho. It was a long program, but, it was FUN and we learned a lot about Idaho! Jenna and Ally shared facts, Lilly had a potato relay game, Corey had a game to identify birds of Idaho, Jon told us about the Shoshone (from Idaho), Jared had a word-search, and Russell had more jokes. GREAT JOB, kids!!
We were also happy to receive FOUR new members at our October meeting. Congratulations to all of our new members!
We have a lot going on in October. At our November meeting we will get our parts for the Christmas play. Now that it's fall, we've kicked it into high-gear. We will be busy! Feel free to stop on by and enjoy the fun!

Schoell and her team. The installation was preceeded with a pot luck supper. Our craft nights are up and running makling items for a local nursing home and for our shut in members at Christmas. We continue to send items to our troops and receive very gracious thank you notes from them. Plans are underway for future fund raisers and we have a fund raising dinner in early November for a local camping group.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35
Corr: A. Tolette
Nov. 6: Who or What's Next? Bring food for food closet.
Dec. 4: Remember Pearl Harbor. Bring food for food

closet.
It looks as if autumn is here. Some nice color is now beginning to show. Oh great! Leaves to rake. We had a great time at our October meeting. We had pumpkins to decorate, a bean bag game, appropriate readings, a quiz and spooky background noises.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162
Corr: Barbara Kulisch
Nov. 9: Harvest Is... Chaplain thru Flora bring numbers
Nov. 23: Omit- Happy Thanksgiving
Dec. 14: Christmas Program with a \$4 gift exchange
State Session being over, it is time to buckle down for

the new Grange year ahead. We are in the midst of finding a Community Service project, fully in our own town this year, in hopes to get us out in the town's eye. We are putting our info into the quarterly local events brochure for more coverage of just who we are! Several suggestions have been made and are being followed up on.
Wonder how many "Fall Visitors" we had at our Oct. 14 meeting! This always seems to be a fun night for all in attendance! The officers and members of Old Lyme Grange with you all a wonderful Thanksgiving season ahead!



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange #101 pose for a picture after being presented with their JG badges. This group earned an incredible 20 badges. Good job all!

Centerpiece & Table Favor Contest

147th National Grange Convention
Centerpiece and Table Favors
Contest Announcement

Who: Attention, All Northeast Region Grange Members!!!
What: Meal Functions Centerpiece and Table Favors Design Contest
When: Entries Will Be Judged at 2013 Northeast Leaders' Conference, January 8-10
Where: Maine (tba)
Rules and Considerations:
Centerpiece entries should be suitable for round table seating and shall be no taller than eight inches. Special consideration will be given to entries that conform to the convention theme "How Sweet It Is" and/or

coordinate with a specific centerpiece entry or may be submitted as a separate entry.

A list of materials used must accompany each entry along with a label that identifies the name, Grange, and state of its creator and should also include the category and meal function for which the entry is intended.

It's important to keep in mind that centerpieces may be awarded to "lucky" diners at the conclusion of the meal function. Therefore it is helpful if they can be easily dismantled and packed away in luggage, or the unnecessary parts thereof disposed.

Categories: A) Centerpieces
B) Table Favors

*Meal Functions: Freshmen

Delegates Breakfast, Distinguished Grange Awards meal, Host Region Dinner, Heroes of the Grange Luncheon, GROW Club and Youth Dinner, Past Delegates Luncheon, Salute to Ag Breakfast, Junior Breakfast, Luncheon with speaker, Committee Chair and Secretaries' Meal Celebration Banquet

*This list is subject to change.

the goal of the Northeast Connection to make this an environmentally-conscious convention. Use of recycled components (cans, glass, plastic, etc.) is encouraged, as long as these components are easily available in larger quantities for "mass production" of the selected winners in each category.
Table favors can be designed to



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

Dec. 10: Santa Claus is coming, Colchester Grange

Jack Lawson and his team installed Scott Bill Hirst and his slate of officers in an impressive candlelight ceremony on September 8 at North Stonington Grange Hall. We wish Scott and his officers a happy and productive two years.

At this writing our big Antiques Festival is in the final stages of planning. We hope for a big crowd at North Stonington Grange on October 13. Colchester Grange will be preparing and serving the lunch and several members are baking for the bake sale. We will have a museum upstairs and appraisers downstairs. There has been much local interest in this event. Let's hope we can raise lots of money to pay for the roof on our cabin at Camp Berger.

The old year is passing; it's slipping away,

And soon it will come to an end.

Please make a commitment for 2013

And come to Pomona, my friend.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Nov. 9: "Bits & Pieces"

Nov. 23: No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving

Our programs in September focused on history. On the 14th Meredith Brown told us about the Battle of Stonington, which took place during the War of 1812. On the 28th we learned about the ice industry in Stonington from Anne Connerton. Both programs were most interesting and informative.

We are looking forward to the holiday season. Please bring canned vegetables, stuffing mix, etc. to the

November meeting. We will present food baskets, complete with gift certificates for a turkey, to several needy families in town to help make their Thanksgiving a little happier.

Our little food booth served its last cheeseburger of the season on September 30. Many thanks to the members of the crew who have worked so diligently throughout the spring, summer and fall. We couldn't do it without you.

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do. And if Old Man Winter will just stay away a little longer, next time I'll tell you all about old October.

LYME GRANGE #147

Nov: Getting Ready for Turkey Day

Dec. 6: Got Your Shopping Done Yet?

Jan. 3: Mother Nature, How Much Snow Will We Get This Year?

We had a surprise visit from General Deputy Todd Gelineau at our October meeting. What a treat.

End of year donations were made at our October meeting. We split our collection into thirds - one third goes to Hillstown Junior Grange, one third goes to Warm the Children. It's a local charity where every penny is spent on the children. A designated shopper takes them to WalMart where they select clothing. The last third we keep for ourselves.

Our nickels for the needy jar is counted at the end of the year and that money will go to the Salvation Army and the soup kitchen.

We voted to do it all over again for the coming year.

Thank goodness it is cooler and the heavy rain predicted did not arrive.

Have a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

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



This Month's Picture

Fairqueens Photo -- From Alma Graham -- Roberta AmEnde is the fourth from the right. You see the 13 on her sash. That may be Judie Gifford Halbach on the far left. She would have been from Quinebaug. I would say that this is about 1970.



Junior Prince/Princess Pic -- From Janet Haller -- Debbie Behler from Wallingford Junior Grange, Dorothy Matson, Junior Superintendant and Ken Soden, Mad River Junior Grange. The photo is from either 1970 or 1971.



Over, under & around the sea



Pat Palmer
Family Activities/CWA Director
CWA@ctstategrange.org

as CT's contribution to keeping the quilt program alive. A record setting \$5,084.00 was donated to the Wounded Warrior Project as the result of her hard work.

Also, thank you to Alma for the beautiful bird and nest decorations at the

Thank You, State Session banquet.

Thank You Finally, thank you to all that donated to the hospitality room at State Session. Everything was delicious.

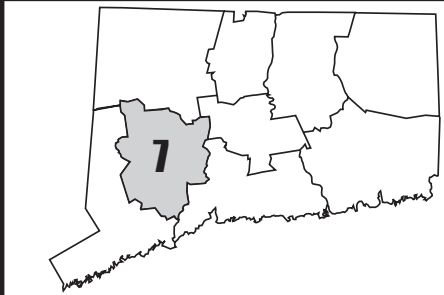
Alma Graham for the absolutely beautiful quilt that she made and donated to the Big E

Thank You Finally, thank you to all that donated to the hospitality room at State Session. Everything was delicious.

This year's theme will be "Over, Under and Around the Sea". This should make for a wide array of choices. Let your imaginations "Set Sail." Information packets were given to your Pomona CWA chairmen or Master at State Session. If you do not receive yours, let me know.

PLEASE NOTE: It has been brought to my attention that there is an error in the recipe for the baking contest - There should only be one 1/4 cup of sugar and not two. New recipes will be sent to the Pomona chairmen for distribution.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Congratulations to Eloise Osuch on having been elected Lady Assistant Steward of the Connecticut State Grange. Also, Congratulations to Excelsior Pomona on being named the top Pomona this year. The hard work and especially the willingness by all members to work together to make our Pomona one of the best. I really think our Pomona is very special. The members are always willing to go along and help me as Lecturer in our program adventures.

Our September meeting sent us into outer space on the USS Excelsior (sister the the Enterprise in Star Trek). All caught falling stars and pennies from heaven.

Our November meeting was called Name That Tune and fun was had by all. We had two teams competing against each other to see how many tunes they could identify. All received something for their participation.

Our January meeting is called “It’s a Nutty World”. This could be a real nutty program to be held at Oxford Grange.

Excelsior Pomona would like to wish all our grange members and friend a very Happy Holiday Season.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joane Cipriano

The theme of our November 9th meeting is “Mr. President”. Will we have a new President to celebrate with or will we be celebrating with our current President? We will know by our next meeting. Cindy and Ray Legg will be host for the evening.

On November 23rd we will be decorating the hall for the holiday. Remember many hands make light work. So don’t leave it for someone else – come and help us.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Albert Maddox

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:30 P.M., Country Store

The Woodbury FFA has been invited to join us and tell us about their activities.

Our exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair placed second and I would like to thank everyone who helped put it together. Also thanks to Fred and Helena Schwalm of Whigville Grange for being the judges.

Just to let you know so you can plan ahead, we have two meetings in December. December 10, 6:30 P.M. at the Painted Pony, bring a bag of canned goods for the food bank.

A formal meeting will be held on December 17 at 7:30 P.M. at Memorial Hall. Bring your favorite cookies for Christmas as refreshments.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Just arrived back from the annual State Grange Session. I am happy to report, Prospect Grange received the first place for our Community Service projects for the past year, thanks to all those grange members and friends of our grange that helped us in any way. We could not have accomplished this without your many hours of volunteer help and support. Thank you again. Keep up the good work and please let me know of any projects that you think our grange should do. We are always looking for in put and new ideas.

We also appreciate those organizations that we worked with to allow Prospect Grange help them with their projects.

We have a new project this coming year. Our new projects starting now is called “Operation Cold Weather”. We are in the process of collecting clean slightly used coats, jackets, sweat shirts, sweaters, scarves and gloves. These items will be donated to

those in need through the St Vincent DePaul Shelter in Waterbury. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Jean Meehan at 203-758-5653.

We are happy to see Carol Brooks and Elaine Graveline coming back to our meetings. Several of our members are away at college and others working nights and are unable to attend meetings. We are really thrilled they came to help us.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Pot Luck Supper beginning at 6 p.m. Christmas card exchange and a \$2.00 grab bag gift is on the agenda along with celebrating our 118th Anniversary. Please come help us celebrate. We meet the second Thursday of the month at the Prospect Senior Center on Center Street (behind the Prospect Police Dept.) in Prospect at 7:30 p.m.

Maybe Santa will come to visit. He was too busy to stay last year, but left gifts under the Senior Center’s Christmas tree for our two future members Ayden age 5 and Sherry age 8. They were thrilled Santa didn’t forget them.

Prospect Grange would like to wish ALL our friends and members a very Happy Holiday Season.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

We had great success with our third Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, September 8th. Despite the threatening heavy rain we had our hall filled to capacity. We made a near record amount of money. A Hootenanny followed the dinner. Jeff Case and friends are attracting a following. They do quite a variety of music and their female vocalist, Bobbie, does excellent covers of Patsy Cline.

Our annual picnic was combined with our regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21. It was held at our Master Nancy Mascio’s house. We had a great time and great food. After a short meeting we did a sing-along of all sorts of songs. Some we may sing at Grange meetings- others we probably need a lot more practice.

On Wednesday, September 19 we hosted the monthly meeting of the Excelsior Pomona at our Bridgewater Grange Hall. Two of our members were installed as officers. Nancy Mascio is Chaplain and Dean

Perry is on the Executive Committee.

We will continue with the Bridgewater Grange Roast Beef Dinners. The fourth one this year was on Saturday, October 12 at 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. The menu included roast beef (of course), green beans, mashed potatoes, Jell-O salads, salad, tea, coffee and various desserts. Looking forward to seeing you. The Grange Hall is located next to the Bridgewater Post Office off of the Bridgewater Green. Anyone wishing more information or wishing to help please contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2048 or Dean Perry at 860-355-4793.

We will also be opening the Hall for Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Congratulations!



My congratulations to all our winners at State Session. If your Lecturer took home an award your whole Grange is the real winner. Be sure and congratulate him or her. Their good programs are extremely important to a successful Grange.

Our Complete Program Contest this year featured a program entitled “When

He Was President”. The winning entry was on Dwight Eisenhower and The Interstate Highway System. All of us are affected by this on a regular basis. I don’t think there are too many people who get around without ending up on one of the Interstate Highways. The winners were:

- 1st - Susan Pianka, North Stonington Grange
- 2nd - Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme Grange
- 3rd - Robin Cousens, Ekonk Grange

Our Essay Contest featured an essay of 150 words or less entitled “How I Would Change Our Grange”. This contest proved very difficult to judge with a wide variety of items being mentioned. The winning entry follows:

“HOW I WOULD CHANGE OUR GRANGE”

I am not sure that I would change anything in our Grange. Think what a boring world it would be if everybody thought the same and were interested in doing the same things. Every organization needs people of different abilities and different talents. A difference in personalities is an important thing. There would be either all leaders or all followers. Variety is the spice of life. It is healthy for us to have a difference of opinion. When it comes down to ritualism I do wish more people would embrace it like I do, but is it really necessary for all to feel the way I do? The important thing for a Grange is to have different talents and interests and that they function in a good manner, having the ability to get things done in their community.

Winners in the Essay Contest were:

- 1st - Debbie Barnes, Stonington Grange
- 2nd - Sue Gray, Ekonk Grange
- 3rd - Eleanor Davis, Killingly Grange

Complete information on all the contests for 2013 are included in the Newsletter each Lecturer received the beginning of the month. While all this is fresh in your minds, may I suggest you ask her about the new contests and get a head start for next year. Remember your Lecturer can’t do it all alone. Please ask what you can do to help.

See you around the State.

Corr: Phil Rowland

Nov. 2: Butter, Yogurt & Cheese Making

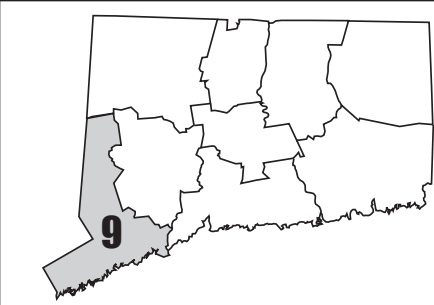
Nov. 16: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at 7 P.M.

At the November 2 meeting, it wouldn’t be surprising if members really make the products mentioned in the calendar above, considering past programs presented by Lecturer Jill Zitnay and her staff. A recent meeting program had members kneading bread dough, sticky fingers and all, crying for more flour. We took our sample home and made a fine pizza crust the following day. Interesting stuff!

And on Nov. 16th we will have a Thanksgiving feast- probably featuring a turkey baked by Loretta. Another event to look forward to.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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

Nov: No Meeting

Dec. 5: Christmas Party

Our Christmas meeting will be at Norfield Grange and start with a 6:00 supper.

The program is Christmas and we will have a country store and collect Toys for Tots.

One of the contests for the program will be the best dressed for the holiday male

and female. there will be much fun and games and I have it from good sources that a visit from Santa is very possible.

We schedule no meetings in January and February because of snow so you will hear from us again in March.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Nov. 12: Veterans Night

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving

Dec. 10: Christmas

We are rested after the work-packed State Session. It was very interesting though but now we are gearing up for all the holidays.

We start off honoring

Veterans both home and abroad. These are the very holidays that make service members miss home the most. We honor them and thank them for their service.

Next we celebrate Thanksgiving but we have no dinner planned for this meeting because we are still full from our Hobo Stew Dinner. We will give thanks for all our blessings because even in these hard times we are all blessed.

Then it's Christmas and we do have a potluck supper for this meeting and it starts at 6:30 P.M. We will also have a \$1 grab bag. For those of you who say you can't buy anything nice for a dollar

visit your local dollar store.

There will also be fun and games that night but do not forget what the real meaning of this holiday is. So enjoy them all but most of all remember your civic duty and get out and VOTE!

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Nov. 19: "Thanksgiving"- Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Our annual Agricultural Fair in September was fruitful in three ways. There was an increase in number of exhibits, garden produce and home crafted, that were submitted. We had some applications for membership filed. Finally

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Dr. Jonas Salk (developed first Polio Vaccine), Director of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, pointing out to Mrs. Alta Peck (Litchfield, CT), Chairman, Grange Home Economics (Committee on Women's Activities/CWA) Department, progress on construction of the Salk Institute, San Diego, Calif. Grange women raised over \$14,000 and a room in the Institute has been named the Grange Seminar Room.



National Grange Headquarters, Washington, D.C. (circa 1960s)



The Grange Helps- The 1964 March of Dimes child is greeted by National Grange Home Economics (CWA) Chairman Mrs. Alta Peck of Litchfield, Conn., at a regional March of Dimes meeting in New York City. Grange members led by Grange women, contribute large sums each year to philanthropic groups.



Embroider with a Purpose - National Grange Home Economics Chairman Alta Peck of Litchfield, Conn. (right), congratulates Mrs. G. Wallace Caulk, who accepted a \$100 award for a Grange woman in Delaware who won "best of show" in the Grange historical sampler contest in 1965.



Litchfield Grange Hall, Litchfield, CT



Past State Master Donald K. Peck

Do You Remember?

by Betty Jane Gardiner

Alta Peck served the National Grange as Director of the Women's Department from 1954 to 1973. She was appointed by Herschel Newsom when she and her husband, State Master Donald K. Peck were delegates from Connecticut to the National Session. At that time the director was appointed to serve while in the delegate body.

Alta was a brilliant lady with many ideas which brought changes to the department. Brother Newsom apparently decided to keep her on and the program grew under her long leadership. She started new contests and convinced big companies to come on board as sponsors contributing prizes larger in scope.

For example, did you know the sewing contest was started as a fun project where the men were invited to stitch an apron - and from that humble beginning the National Grange Sewing Contest sponsored by Simplicity Pattern Co. became a huge event for many years until the declining interest in home sewing took its toll.

Alta championed many causes. A trip to the American School for the Deaf in Hartford opened her eyes to the fine work accomplished there and she introduced projects which involved Granges in the school starting with the overhaul of the school auditorium. The cause of our hearing impaired friends became a larger project. The Grange Deaf Awareness program took hold- and in time became a strong standing committee on its own.

Alta was never happy with the department's name - HOME ECONOMICS! She felt strongly it denoted that the women of the Grange were "sisters of the skillet" - and she knew they were much more than that. Many times she proudly said women not only took part in the homemaking skills of the Grange, but led in legislative matters, service to the communities, debates, local affairs, programming and all other segments of the Order.

Her dream was to see the name of the department changed to a more prestigious one. She worked long and hard to bring about such a change. It didn't happen easily, but in time she won the battle and the Committee on Women's Activities (which started way back under the name "Women's Work Committee") was born. She could not understand how an organization which takes such pride in the fact they were first to give women an equal vote and place would have such resistance to change. Wonder how she would feel today to know that in some places the word "Women" is not even used in connection with the department.

Alta served the National Grange in her position longer than any other woman, but her untimely death ended her term and left the work to be carried on by others.

Looking back at the contributions Alta made to our Order we realize we could have mentioned far more than we have here, but time and space wouldn't permit it. Let's just say she gave her all for the Grange and we can be thankful that we knew her and admired her many fine qualities.

Do remember Alta Peck!

Continued from page 8... preliminary results showed the event to be a financial success. At our regular meeting, updating our by-laws and membership lists and records were discussed. We were pleased to have three prospective members in attendance.

Looking forward to November, we are planning to have some new members and the Lecturer is planning a program on Thanksgiving. All of our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities!

- NORFIELD GRANGE #146**
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox
Nov. 13: Open House/Farmer's Market Kick-Off, 6:30, Thanksgiving Celebration
Dec. 11: Deck the Hall and Holiday Cheer
Dec. 21: End of the World Party
Jan. 8: If We Are Still Here Party

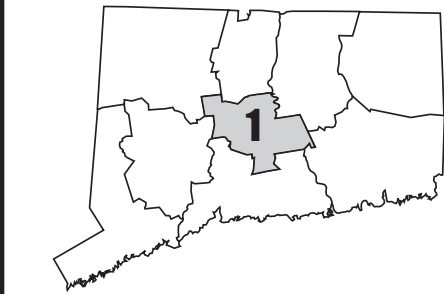
Although this past September 11 was a day of solemn remembrance, our newest slate of Norfield Grange officers was installed that night- a much happier occasion. Randy Miller will continue as President/Master, Kevin Parker will be Overseer, Sue Sulla

Lecturer, Betty Miller Chaplain, and Steve Parker Steward.
Two days later we put on a wonderfully successful Fair, and cleared \$2,111! We even had political candidates try a few swings of the hammer at our "Strong Person Hammer Game". Fair Grand Prize Winner was Frank Bolle, whose "Three Red Barns" watercolor won \$200.12 as Best of Show.

On Sunday, November 4 the Grange Hall and parking lot will be staffed by Grangers, who will man a water station for the inaugural Reservoir Run Half Marathon Road Race, organized by the Weston Kiwanis Club.

Finally, our Winter Farmers' Market reopens at the Grange Hall on November 10... for its third season! It will run weekly on Saturdays from 10 to 2 through May 4. Learn more from our website: www.wintermarket-CT.com. And enjoy the fresh seasonal produce of herbs, jams, jellies, honey, maple syrup, cheese and yogurt, eggs, beef and pork, poultry, seafood, baked goods, live plants, soap and body products, gift ideas, and more!

Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

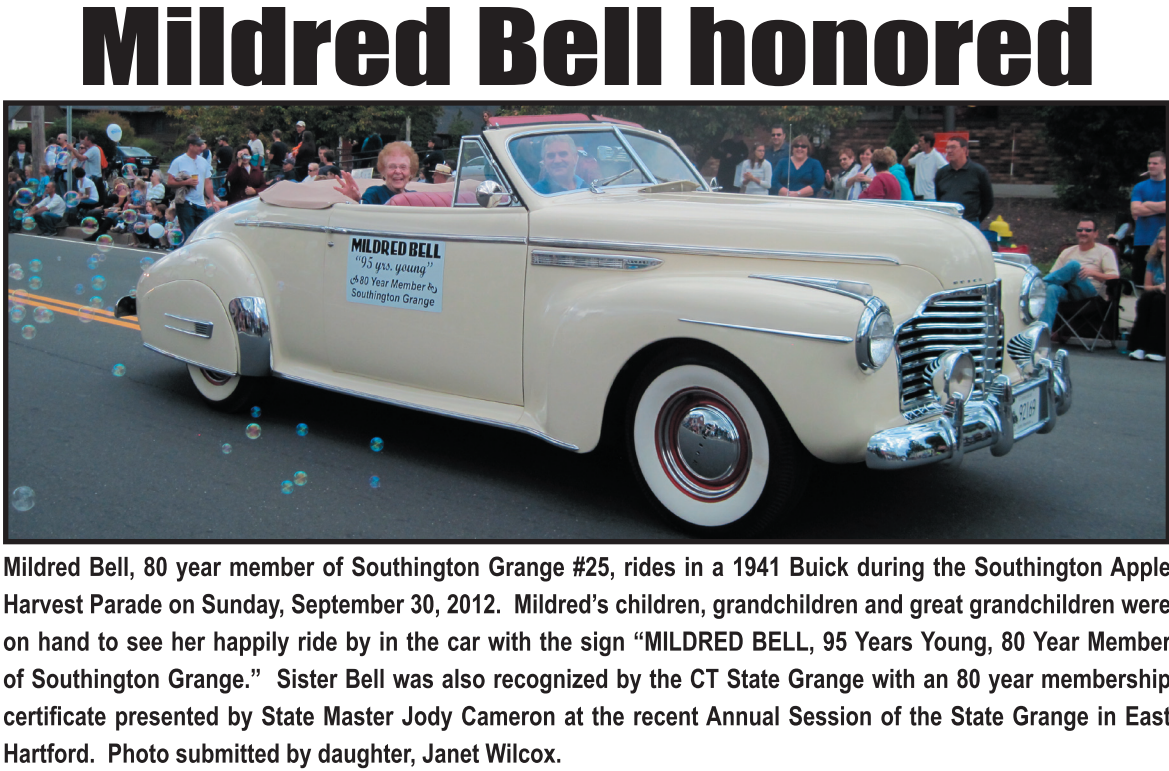
Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing it talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

- HEMLOCK GRANGE #182**
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
Nov. 9: Honor to Veterans, Veterans Program
Refreshments: Swansons will supply subs, Grange members sweet treats.
Nov. 23: Dr. Mormile speaker. Free massage. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

Agriculture...Today!

Ted Powell, State Agriculture Committee

Farming in Connecticut is certainly not dead as some may believe, it is only evolving. Farming changes with the times. We now have aqua farming using facilities that raise clams, fish and even lobster. In many towns throughout the state there are farmer's markets that feature locally grown products sold from the farm/producer to the consumer. Dairy Farms, like Mountain View Dairy, are getting larger and remain family owned. Did you know that Connecticut is home to the largest pheasant farm in New England? Large egg farms can be found in the towns of Franklin, Bozrah and other parts of eastern Connecticut. So, when you hear that farming is dead, tell them it's changing with the times and is a whole lot more than dairy farming!



DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd A. Gelineau,
General Deputy

First, I have to congratulate all nine of the members who received the Code Reading Award of Merit at State Session. It was by far the largest class of recipients in a long time. I cannot give enough thanks to Sister Mildred Bell for all of her time and dedication given to the Code Reading program, opening up her home to the classes and spending so much of her time working with each of the 13 members who attended the classes this year. Any members interested in receiving Code Reading instruction are encouraged to contact Sister Bell or myself for more information.

Congratulations also go to each of the Granges who received awards in the Second Annual Deputies' Ritual Challenge. Third place honors went to Cheshire Grange, second went to Harmony Grange

and first place went to Winchester Grange. While it was a bit awkward presenting the award to my own Grange, the officers and members of Winchester work hard each and every meeting to exemplify their Grange work to the very best of their abilities. Congratulations to all!

The 2013 program will take a different turn. If there's one thing most members should understand about myself and our State Master is that we're not prone to keeping things the same just for the sake of being "easier". In the case of the Ritual Challenge, we realized the program is slightly edged towards Community Granges that follow the traditional meeting format. In an effort to level the playing field for all Granges, the process will be different for the new year. Instead of a scoring system on the inspection reports, the deputies will be asked

to nominate a Grange from the group of Granges for which they are responsible. If you are inspected by the State Master, State Overseer or other officer that is not a Deputy, they will also make nominations to ensure that all Granges have the opportunity to be represented. First, second and third place winners will be selected from the nominees based on overall improvement during the year and/or outstanding achievement during the year.

Granges are also encouraged to contact me or the State Master if you need any assistance with Grange procedure. This includes the ritual as provided in the Manual and any of the Secretarial/Treasurer's work. We will make sure you receive help from a Deputy or from the appropriate State Officer. All you have to do is ask!



Five of Mildred Bell's Code Reading students pose for a picture after presenting her with a "thank you" bouquet. L to R- Martha Trask, Liz Ryducha, Andrea Barlow, Don Lanoue, and Carl Bernhardt (all of Cheshire Grange #23).

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

1	Pomona Grange Names	Adopted
2	Political Campaigns	Rejected
3	150th Anniversary of National Grange	Adopted
4	Increasing Druken Driving Penalties	Rejected*
5	Connecticut State Candy	Adopted
6	Secretary’s Charge in the 5th Degree	Rejected*
7	28th Amendment	Rejected*
8	Grange Reporting in Journal	Rejected
9	Permanent Daylight Saving Time	Rejected
10	Certifying Resolutions	Adopted
11	Death Penalty	Adopted
12	Cigarette Litter	Rejected
13	CT State Grange Executive Committee	Adopted
14	Risk Reduction Earned Credit	Adopted
15	Optional Procedure for Election of Officers	Adopted
16	Community Service Report	Rejected
17	Banning the Sale of CFL Light Bulbs in Conn.	Rejected
18	Sales Circulars	Rejected
19	Local Grange IRS Status	Rejected
20	Investing CT State Grange Funds	Rejected
21	Funding Agriscience High Schools	Adopted
22	Basic Agric. Education for Students	Adopted
23	Dental Care	Adopted
24	Emerald Ash Borer	Rejected*
25	State of CT Hiring Practice for Contractors	Rejected
26	Pomona Grange Boundaries	Removed
27	Secretary & Treasurer’s Offices Restriction	Rejected
28	Drug Testing in the Health Care Industry	Adopted
29	Smoking Near Public Buildings	Rejected
30	Connecticut State Grange Income	Adopted
31	Master’s Address	Adopted
32	Election Day Voter Registration	Adopted
33	Noise from Motorcycles	Rejected
34	State Grange Scout	Adopted
35	State Grange Community Action	Adopted
36	Secretary’s Charges in the Fifth Degree	Adopted
37	Political Campaigns	Adopted
38	Increasing Drunken Driving Penalties	Adopted
39	28th Amendment	Referred
40	Elimination of College Presidents	Adopted
41	Emerald Ash Borer	Adopted

*Resolution was rejected in favor of a committee-written substitute. ** 28th Amendment Resolution was referred to State Grange Legislative Committee for review and a report back to the 2013 State Grange Session.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Approved resolutions that have already been printed in the Granger prior to State Session are only listed with their resolves. All new resolutions and committee resolutions are printed in their entirety. A separate list is printed in this issue, including the fate of each resolution considered at State Session.

1) RE: POMONA GRANGE NAMES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pomona Granges not already having the word “County” in their name be encouraged to add “District” or “County”, where applicable, as not all Pomonas are within one county.

3) RE: 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange form a “Celebration Committee” to involve the members of Granges

in Connecticut with this anniversary.

5) RE: CONNECTICUT STATE CANDY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the lollipop be named the CONNECTICUT STATE CANDY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, if passed, be forwarded to the Connecticut State Legislature for their approval along with the enthusiastic support of the Grange members of Connecticut.

10) RE: CERTIFYING RESOLUTIONS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all resolutions passed in a Community (Subordinate) Grange or Pomona Grange bear the seal of that Grange along with the signature of the Secretary certifying that the resolution was adopted and is being presented at the

next level of the Grange with the support of the source Grange(s), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the seal and signature be affixed only to one “official” copy submitted to the Pomona or State Grange Secretary, not to all copies provided for delegates when resolutions arrive after the printing deadline.

11) RE: DEATH PENALTY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVEDthattheGrange support the repeal of the current “Life imprisonment without parole” and to reinstate the sentence of the Death for those heinous crimes previously covered under the old Death Penalty Statue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the measure the Grange support the streamlining of the process of carrying out the penalty.

13) RE: CT STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the second paragraph of Article IX Section 1 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws which refers to the Executive Committee be rewritten from “The Master and Secretary shall be ex-officio members with full power.” to read “The Master, Overseer, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members with full power.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any reference to the Board of Directors of the State Grange either in the By-Laws or Grange Policy shall be construed to mean the State Grange Executive Committee.

14) RE RISK REDUCTION EARNED CREDIT

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange takes a position asking for the repeal of this program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if repeal of this legislation does not pass that the Granges position is that the program should exclude not to not only those currently excluded but also any person convicted of a Class A Felony or any person who has a record of 3 or more felony convictions.

15) RE: OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange develop and promote an optional procedure for Election of Officers.

21)RE:FUNDINGAGRISCIENCE HIGH SCHOOLS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourages the General Assembly to acknowledge the success of the Agriscience School programs and adopt sufficient support at all levels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly be encouraged to restore to 95% the State reimbursement grants given to host school districts for construction, renovations, equipment, staffing and reduce the gap between what the State pays for technical schools and the Agriscience schools with a suggested target of 50% of the tuition paid by the sending towns, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the State of Connecticut assists in adequate teacher training and recruitment of new ag-science teachers so the optimum numbers of students can attend the Agriscience schools.

22) RE: BASIC AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the establishment of programs regarding the agricultural production of plant and animal foods to be aimed at the elementary and middle school grades, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these programs which might consist of classes and/or field trips could be incorporated into existing elementary and middle school curricula and would be separate from existing Agricultural Science programs.

23) RE: DENTAL CARE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVEDtheteethshould be declared a legitimate part of the body requiring the same comprehensive level of care and coverage as any other part of the body by health insurers, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all prosthetics, including dentures, implants, crowns, and bridge work be covered

at the same rate as all other medical procedures, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that dentists be treated as any other medical specialists by both the government and the insurance carriers, and reimbursed at comparable rates.

28.) RE: DRUG TESTING IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, people who are employed in the health care system have a responsibility to others; and

WHEREAS, individuals relying on the health care system have a right to expect proper care; and

WHEREAS, without testing there is no way of knowing if these individuals may be using illegal substances or misusing legal substances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut State Grange urge the passage of legislation requiring pre-employment screening for illegal drugs and misuse of legal drugs within the healthcare system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that people already employed in the healthcare system be tested within 6 months, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the employer continue with random drug testing.

30) RE: CONN. STATE GRANGE INCOME

WHEREAS: Income for the Conn. State Grange has declined over the years, and

WHEREAS: Much of the income for the Conn. State Grange comes from Subordinate Grange Members, and

WHEREAS: Subordinate Granges are also having difficulty with expenses, and

WHEREAS: State Grange expenses keep increasing each year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Conn. State Master appoint a Fundraising Committee to investigate and implement new ideas for fund raisers for the CT. State Grange.

31) RE: MASTER’S ADDRESS

WHEREAS: the Master’s Address details challenges, Grange building activities and successes during the past year, and

WHEREAS: a clear vision was presented for all aspects of the CT State Grange, and

WHEREAS: the Master of the Connecticut State Grange has shown a commitment to the growth of the Community Granges; and to the Officers, the members, and the delegate body of this 2012 State Session

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Master of the Connecticut State Grange be commended not only for this report but for his dedication and perseverance during his past year of Grange work, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that this report be accepted with thanks and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

32) RE: ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS the right to vote is guaranteed in the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS in Connecticut citizens must register at least seven days before the election, which is necessary to avoid Election Day confusion and to allow the Registrars of Voters to prepare an official list of eligible voters, and

WHEREAS history shows that there have been documented voter fraud in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS same-day voter registration and voting would open the door to even more abuse and make it more difficult to detect fraud as many voting sites do not have computer access available to validate the applicant, and

WHEREAS once a vote is cast there is no way to undo the vote that was cast if determined to be fraudulent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge Connecticut Legislators to reject any legislation that would allow Election Day voter registration in the State of Connecticut.

34) RE: STATE GRANGE SCOUT

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has committed resources and time into the reorganization of struggling Community Granges in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS the Reorganization Committee has returned Wolcott and Simsbury Granges back into our fold with their efforts, and

WHEREAS in the State Master’s address it was

stated that the next step is for a “scout” to evaluate communities to determine if it is feasible to bring or reorganize a Grange into that area, saving time and money, and

WHEREAS a “scout” can be hired for a six or eight week period of work at an estimated cost of \$2,500 to \$4,000 for a one time “scouting” position.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors be authorized to contract a “scout” to evaluate communities for a potential Grange growth program.

35) RE: STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY ACTION

WHEREAS our Community Granges are giving thousands of hours of local Community Service, and

WHEREAS all Granger’s recognize that we have many societal issues, such as bullying (both physical and through cyber sources), adolescent obesity, the homeless and hungry, single parenting, the elderly and more; and

WHEREAS all the aforementioned have a serious impact on the individual(s), organizations, and communities

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange assist in the implementation of programs that address societal issues in which it can make a positive impact, both on individuals, communities, and with local organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Grange utilize its Public Relations, Community Resources, and other sources to develop and implement programs that would address the community’s social needs.

36) RE: SECRETARY’S CHARGES IN THE 5TH DEGREE

WHEREAS in the Grange’s 4th Degree work, Patrons are charged by the Subordinate Grange Secretary to pay their dues promptly and in advance to assure that their Grange stays financially sound, and

WHEREAS during the 5th Degree work there is no charge noted in the Pomona Grange manual, and

WHEREAS each Pomona Grange Secretary presently does charge the new 5th Degree Patron with paying their dues somewhere, but

not consistently, during the 5th Degree work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request the Assembly of Demeter to make a change in the Pomona Grange Manual similar to the secretary’s charge in the subordinate manual concerning the payment of dues; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action therein.

37) RE: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS we have been listening to presidential candidates for months now, and

WHEREAS there are still months before the election will be held, and

WHEREAS people have become very tired of hearing all the campaign rhetoric and negative focuses about the other candidates that are campaigning, and

WHEREAS we feel that the money that is being spent in this process is outrageous while people are going hungry in this country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge the passage of legislation mandating that anyone interested in running for Federal political office be limited to a period of nine months for campaigning, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange urges the passage of legislation mandating that the National Elections Commissions set spending caps for each level of Federal political office, which include contributions from outside interests and other organizations.

38) RE: INCREASING DRUNKEN DRIVING PENALTIES

WHEREAS the current drunken driving laws in the State of Connecticut lack sufficient provisions to prevent drivers convicted of DUI from continuing to operate motor vehicles so as to continue to cause injury, suffering, and even death of innocent victims in a disturbing number of cases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange adopt an official policy regarding drunken driving laws, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the

Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee will lobby the General Assembly to change the current laws on drunken driving to include provisions such as:

1. Ignition interlock systems shall be required on vehicles accessible to convicted offenders for greater periods of time than currently specified in the laws, with safeguards to prevent tampering with said systems.

2. That the judicial system count offenses within the driver’s lifetime as in the State of Vermont.

3. After the second conviction, any additional conviction shall be cause for lifetime suspension of driving privileges.

4. Do away with the erasure from the records of first offenses, as well as dismissals and crimes not reaching conviction as in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5. Institute mandatory prison sentences after the second conviction.

6. Improve system of reciprocity between states for sharing information on these offenses.

39) RE: 28th AMENDMENT

This resolution was neither adopted, nor was it rejected. It was referred back to the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee for review and for a report to be made at the next annual session of the Connecticut State Grange in 2013.

40) RE: ELIMINATION OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

WHEREAS during the last 18 months a new state law dissolved the Connecticut community college system and the Connecticut State

University system (leaving the University of Connecticut as a stand-alone school) and merged them along with Charter Oak State College into the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system, and

WHEREAS in September, the presidents of Connecticut’s 12 Community Colleges were offered buyouts with a year’s severance in return for resignation or retirement, and

WHEREAS the College and University system has denied the buyouts or any attempts to eliminate these positions while several presidents have confirmed the buyout offers, and

WHEREAS these presidents are not under contract, rather they are appointed annually for a standard period of 12 months, and

WHEREAS there is great value in having a chief executive (College President) in place in each of Connecticut’s state-run colleges and universities to provide a public face for each institution, and

WHEREAS the college and university presidents provide leadership, guidance and continuity along with the ability to react effectively to the unique needs of each school rather than applying a “one size fits all” approach that would likely result from totally centralized management of the college and university system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange oppose any and all efforts to eliminate the position of President at each of the state’s Colleges and Universities.



A Hillstown Jr. Granger displays her poster entry with the theme "I Like the Junior Grange because..."



J. Allen Cameron installs his Dad as State Master.



Joe Ouimet, Master of Wolcott addresses the Banquet.



The 2012 CSG Scholarship recipients.



Phil Prelli calls the Past Deputies' Raffle on Sat. night.



Steve & Claire Logan of RI, Cathy & Dwight Baldwin of Iowa and Jodi Ann & Jody Cameron.



Camp Director Dorian Lockett with A. Ruel Miller, State Exec. Comm. & Camp Liaison.



Joanne Cipriano & Jody Cameron show off the check presented to the American Liver Assoc. for \$1,924.83.



Katie Molodich, Master of Ekonk Community Grange displays a 1st Place New Member Award.

Big E Quilt

\$5,084.00 was raised by the Quilt Raffle at the New England Grange Building during the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) in W. Springfield. The record amount will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Project. The quilt was made by Alma Graham, Legislative Director of the CT State Grange and member of Echo Grange. The winner of the quilt hails from Massachusetts (a rarity for someone outside of Connecticut to take home one of the beautiful Grange quilts!).

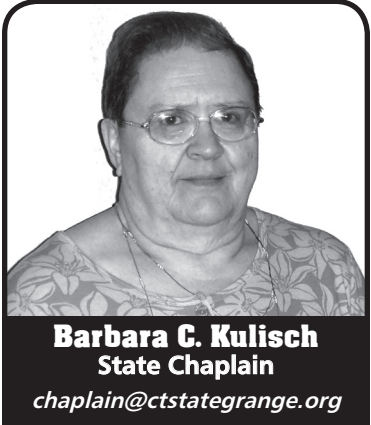
Alma Graham poses in the N.E. Grange Building with her quilt.

In Memoriam

- Sylvia Pokorny, G.S. Tolland Grange #51
- Penny Roden, G.S. Bethlehem Grange #121
- Louise Johnson, G.S. Bethlehem Grange #121
- Frank Bill, G.S. N. Stonington Comm. #138
- Irene Berg. Old Lyme Grange #162
- Dorothy Cappabianca, G.S. . . Riverton Grange #169

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



“As Harvestors and Gleaners, we learn to be joyous and thankful for the blessings that, in each Autumn, reward our efforts to increase the store of comfort and happiness vouchsafed to man.” (Master’s closing charge in the fourth degree.)

As we gather together with family and friends to ask the Lord’s blessing this Thanksgiving season, let us not forget our service men and women who fight daily to keep America free. Let us not forget those who are less fortunate than we ourselves. Let us continue to help out in our local Soup Kitchens in serving meals; or helping the Food Pantires with non-perishable food in your local Communities, not just at Holiday time, yet year round.

Help Me~Thanksgiving Day Prayer, By: Samuel F. Pugh. Oh God, When I have food, help me remember the hungry; When I have work, help me remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me remember those who suffer; Let me be concerned enough to help those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Season!

So. CT Past Masters

Our November meeting will be held on the 10th as the guests of Oxford Grange. Vice President Cindy Legg will present a program titled “Give Thanks”. At our meetings we always have much to be thankful for – a delicious pot luck supper served before our meeting at 6:30 – a short business meeting which starts after the dishes get done – an enjoyable program which is followed by a bountiful Country store. Everyone is welcome to come a visit us. We love company.

Camp Berger

Linda Coad, Camp Berger Trustees

The Camp Trustees have worked hard the last two years with the State Grange Directors, Rich the Camp Caretaker and Dorian the Camp Director. Many updates have been done and reported on to bring the Camp up to the point we are now. And of course it all comes with a price. As you all know the Pomona’s have been asked to handle the bill for roofing the buildings, we realize that this is a big undertaking but the camp is well worth the effort.

There are many more updates that need to be done. We need to repair or replace some of the building underpinings. The well head needs to be brought up from underground, instead of having to climb down the manhole. With this in mind, it is on the agenda to revisit the 5 year plan. This is a long range project as a project this size does not come together overnight.

Please support your camp in anyway you can.

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