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**GRANGE PICNIC**

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## Do you need to be right... or right?



**Jody A. Cameron**  
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I received an anonymous letter recently. I usually don't give any credibility to anonymous letters. I believe that if you truly believe in what you are writing you will sign your letter thus giving credibility to the issue.

Well, this letter was pointing out what the writer believes to be grotesque rule breaking in the Northeast Needlework Judging at Let's Celebrate Day. I want to encourage everyone to enter every contest in the state but we have rules. It was the opinion of the judges that determined the results of this contest. That's how a fair and balanced system works. You enter your item for competition and it is judged against other items, sometimes on its own merit, and a winner is declared. I don't believe we should be living in a society where everyone is

a winner. If everyone gets a ribbon or trophy, no one tries to do their best. I have no idea what this entry is. I no who made it. I have no idea of its quality. So I do not want to imply that it was not of good quality because I don't know.

Now to the topic of the title. I have thought long and hard since receiving this letter. I thought it was time that I address the difference between right for the betterment of the event or our organization or being right because according to what our digest or bylaws state. When I hear that a Grange does not meet in the winter because of snow, I would be right to contact that Grange and tell them that they are violating the Digest. Or am I more right by saying that the best interest of our members is what is at hand?

When I hear about a Grange that regularly meets around a table in someone's house, I would be right to contact that Grange and tell them that they are in violation of the Digest for the digest states that every Grange must meet monthly in full form.

Or do I acknowledge that these members are meeting in a home because of the high cost of maintaining a Grange during the winter and that it's in the best

interest of that Grange financially to meet in someone's home.

When I receive communication that a Grange is more than two quarters in arrears for dues to the State and National Grange by the Digest I would be right to revoke that Grange's charter.

I Believe that it is better for our organization to work with that Grange and figure out how to get back on track. EVERYONE who volunteers even a minute of their time to our organization is valued. EVERYONE who invests their blood, sweat and tears in their Grange is valuable. EVERYONE who participates in a program or contest is valuable. When we don't allow ourselves to understand why and we quickly criticize anonymously it weakens our strength and ability to build a strong and relevant organization.

Brothers and sisters I would be dead right to uphold every clause of the Digest and our Bylaws. What kind of organization would we have though? I beg you to consider if you want to be right or if you want to be RIGHT when we approach these kinds of challenges.

## Litchfield Grange campaign underway

Todd Gelineau,  
Litchfield Grange Scout

In late winter, the State Master approached me about working on the effort to re-organize Litchfield Grange. It's an enormous task and an even greater responsibility to take the future of an organization formed in 1889 in your hands. After a great deal of consideration I accepted the challenge and the effort is now underway.

A detailed plan was created with a multi-

pronged approach used to get the word out to as many different sectors of the Litchfield community as possible. The first, and most important aspect of the plan is to be present at as many community events as possible during the month of July to give us the opportunity to talk to as many people as possible and spread the word.

We have several events planned in the coming weeks:

- July 12 – Litchfield

Farm-Fresh Market at the Center School (We have already attended one of ...Continued on page 2

## CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED GRANGE PICNIC

Hosted by the  
Connecticut &  
Rhode Island  
State Granges



**July 19, 2014 beginning at 10 A.M.**  
**North Stonington Community Grange Fairgrounds**  
**21 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT**

By Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

The Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges have announced they will be co-hosting an Old-Fashioned Grange Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

The picnic will be held at North Stonington Community Grange and Fairgrounds, 21 Wyassup Rd, North Stonington, Connecticut.

The day will begin at 10:00 AM, with lunch being served during the noon hour. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be furnished. Connecticut Grangers to bring sides and salads. Rhode Island Grangers to bring snacks and desserts. Featuring entertainment, old-fashioned picnic games, horseshoes, softball and more!

Fill your car for a fun day with Grange friends and neighbors from Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Members, Prospective Members and Friends of the Grange are welcome!

All who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to the following:

Edith Schoell, CT State Grange Secretary, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033. (Phone: 860-633-7550, E-mail: [Secretary@CTStateGrange.org](mailto:Secretary@CTStateGrange.org))

Steve Logan, RI State Grange President, 26 Taber Street, West Kingston, RI 02892. (Phone: 401-783-3551, E-mail: [SWLogan102@Cox.net](mailto:SWLogan102@Cox.net)).

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# August

Articles and photos due July 5 to be printed in the August issue.



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# Litchfield Grange



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these Markets on June 28).

• July 19 – CT NOFA Summer Event (Northeast Organic Farming Organization) at the Winvian Resort in Morris.

• Main Street Marketplace in Torrington

The first Farm-Fresh Market did not have a large attendance but we were able to talk to several people and a reporter from the Waterbury Republican-American came to write an article about our effort. The article was printed the following day on page 2 of the Litchfield County section with a teaser on the front page. Can't really ask for too much more!

In addition to the public events we will be visiting as many local businesses as possible with brochures and posters and will be contacting as many organizations and former Litchfield members as possible.

Litchfield Grange also has its own website with updated information. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well.

After the month-long publicity campaign we hope to have a good number of contacts to invite to an organizational meeting to be scheduled soon after.

The CT State Grange and the Executive Committee are committed to making every effort to save Litchfield Grange and to fight for the growth of our organization. It would be far too easy to accept the closure of Litchfield without a fight. It is our belief that Litchfield is much too important to the Connecticut State Grange and even Mountain County Pomona to let it slip away.

The new members of Litchfield Grange will have a unique opportunity – a blank slate. They will be afforded the opportunity to set the course for an essentially new organization. Unlike our newest Grange in Groton, they will not have to find a meeting place. Litchfield Grange Hall is a beautiful facility just waiting for its new members to come through its doors.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about our efforts to re-organize Litchfield Grange. I can be reached at GeneralDeputy@CTStateGrange.org or by phone at (860) 307-1522.

## Summer is here



**Edith Schoell**  
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

Summer is here and the time for vacations and planning for leisure activities. Secretaries – have you checked to make sure all your reports have been completed and ready to be sent in? I hope you will remind your members (Committees) to check the Blue Book for deadlines for contests.

The information for the Directory should be forwarded

to the Central Office no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline will be adhered to in order that the Directories may be printed and ready for distribution as soon after State Session as possible.

It is early but you might be thinking of attending State Session in October. The information should be ready next month. The dates are October 15-18<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Rocky Hill. It will be a busy session with election of officers, resolutions and installation.

The deadline for scholarships is fast approaching and applications are available online or may be obtained from the Central Office. I hope we have many applications.

Have a great summer.

# “Save the Grange” effort launched

John McKenna, Republican-American (6/28/14)

LITCHFIELD – The Connecticut State Grange isn't giving up on the idea that the dormant Litchfield Grange can again become a thriving community service organization.

State Grange officials are trying to stir up interest in reorganizing the Litchfield Grange, which closed three years ago after more than 100 years of advocacy for local farmers.

“Litchfield is still very agricultural-minded and has always been community-minded, which is what the Grange is about,” said Todd Gelineau.

The Connecticut State Grange general deputy, Gelineau was at the Litchfield Hills Farm-Fresh Market on Saturday as part of the campaign to revive the Litchfield Grange.

He was promoting the Litchfield Grange from a booth at the market, handing out brochures and talking with anyone who stopped by.

The goal, he said, is to create interest in the Litchfield Grange throughout the summer and then determine if it can be reopened.

The Litchfield Grange's charter was suspended by the state Grange because involvement had dwindled to only a handful of people. After the suspension, the state Grange assumed management responsibility for the Grange hall on Bantam Road.

Gelineau, a member of the Winchester Grange, said the state Grange believes it's worth taking a shot at reopening in Litchfield.

That would require interest in membership, and Gelineau on Saturday began a month-long promotional effort that also will take him to the Main Street Marketplace in Torrington and an event (CT



Booth at the Litchfield Hills Farm-Fresh Market

NOFA) in Morris.

“It's going to take several events to know if there's interest,” Gelineau said.

“I've heard a lot of support for reopening, but we'll have to wait and see if that translates into membership.”

The Litchfield Grange was established in 1889, 22 years after the National Grange was founded as a service-based organization with an interest in farming and rural issues.

Its main tasks were funding scholarships for college bound high school seniors, presenting citizenship awards and holding a fair and flea market.

Membership in the Grange is not limited to people engaged in agriculture, Gelineau said. “Anyone can join, men, women and children age 5 and older,” he said.

Those interested in becoming a member may contact Gelineau at 860-307-1522 or info@LitchfieldGrange.org.

Contact John McKenna at jmkenna33@optonline.net.

# Help NGPR get back on the air!



NGPR Unisex T-Shirt - Gildan Ultra Cotton, available in Texas Orange. \$20.00



NGPR Ladies T-Shirt - Gildan Ultra Cotton, available in Heather Blue. \$20.00

National Grange Public Radio has become an excellent resource for Grange members and non-Grange members alike. Since it's inception in November of last year, NGPR has been slowly but surely increasing not only the number of listeners, but the types of informational, educational and informative programming that it has to offer. However, earlier this month, the National Grange Public Radio station suffered a catastrophic setback. The home studio and equipment used to broadcast NGPR were damaged beyond repair by severe weather. Unfortunately most of this equipment will not be replaced by insurance and we need to buy new equipment it to get NGPR back up and running.

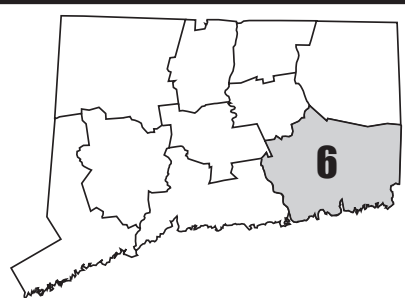
To raise money for the new equipment, the National Grange is selling T-Shirts emblazoned with the National Grange Public Radio logo. The shirts are being sold for twenty dollars and run from youth extra small all the way through to adult four extra large. To see what the shirt looks like and to place your order, follow this link <http://bit.ly/helpNGPR>. Remember this is a great cause and every little bit helps!

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## New London County Pomona No. 6



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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller  
**Aug:** Picnic

Jason Miner and Trad Dart received the Fifth Degree in May at North Stonington Grange. Lisa Herzig, a brand new Pomona member who joined at State Session last October did a superb job as Lady Assistant Steward for the evening. Her daughter, Ceildh Burdick was there to observe the degree as well. We also received several members through demits. New London County Pomona extends a warm welcome to you all. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

We will be planning our August picnic at the June meeting. Watch for the time, place and particulars in next month's column if you miss the meeting.

We welcome you all to Pomona!

It's nice to have you aboard.

We hope you will come to our picnic.

All the fun will be your reward.

### N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller  
**July 18:** "A Donnybrook Fair" CWA has the program

May was a busy month. At our first meeting Denise Hollis, from "MASH (Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality) gave an interesting talk on the good works of this very worthy organization. On May 28 we had our Memorial Program and then played "Hollywood Squares" with questions geared to Memorial Day. Our food booth crew worked a two day dog show. We hosted the NSEF road race and cooked all the food for over 300 participants. Our float carried the NSAF Queen and Princesses in the North Stonington Memorial Day Parade. Many thanks to Gloria and Richard White for the loan of their hay wagon and beautifully polished truck. We participated in the town-wide yard sale supporting the Wheeler Library and our hall was used for the Troop 71 Boy Scout pancake breakfast.

We hope you will all come to our annual North Stonington Agricultural Fair to be held on July 10-13. We are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Fair this year and it should be a very special event. There will be a new parking system. You will park, then pay at

the ticket booth. We hope this will expedite entry to the fair and eliminate much of the traffic back-up that has plagued us for years. And if the little wren who has built her nest in my hanging plant out front won't mind if I water the plant once in a while, next time I'll tell you about Jubilant June.

### LYME GRANGE #147

**Aug. 7:** Will it Rain or Shine?, Picnic at 6:30

**Aug. 15-17:** Hamburg Fair  
**Sept. 4:** Here we go again!

Our food and plant sale was held in May and it was

successful. How else can you earn more than \$950 in 4 hours with very little effort.

We voted to attempt to do the first and second degrees for our inspection next May. A lot of our members have never seen them. It will entail quite a few rehearsals.

Hamburg Fair is just around the corner. Everyone is gearing up for the three day event in August. Hopefully it will not be too hot.

We have three Junior members and two leaders so far. They will be obligated at our July meeting.

Our new members are

fitting right in- they have volunteered to work at the fair and Marilyn Stitham made a toy and an afghan for our CWA judging. Way to go!

Between us, 42 items have been donated for sale at the Grange Building at the Big E so far. More to come.

Mother Nature has been strutting her stuff. Amazing I saw seven lady slippers growing wild on the side of my road while walking the dog. Bushes and trees are all so beautiful this time of year.

## Cruise with Colchester Grange

Colchester Grange #78 will be offering two trips to help raise funds for their annual scholarship funds.

Get away from the cold and take a cruise leaving from New York to the sunny Caribbean:

January 12-21, 2015 - 10 days / 9 nights from \$929.00 per person plus tax. You will board the Norwegian Gem in New York and sail to San Juan, St Thomas, St Maarten, Tortola and back to New York. The price includes transportation to/from Colchester to New York. This will be a wonderful holiday gift to yourself!

Exploring Scotland and Ireland - Departing April 8-19, 2015 - The group will be traveling with Collette Vacations who was once again honored with a 2014 Editor's Pick Award for Best Tour Operator USA/Canada as part of the TravelAge West WAVE



Awards.

We invite people to join us as the group visits the following sights; Edinburgh \* Whisky Distillery \* Inverness \* Loch Ness \* Loch Lomond \* Glasgow \* Belfast \* Titanic Experience \* Giant's Causeway \* Derry \* Glenveagh National Park \* Ulster American Folk Park \* Dublin \* Irish Night.

The trip is for 12 Days and includes 15 meals and transportation. Book early and the cost is \$3,649 Double and savings of \$250.00.

Please contact Cathy at [crussi45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crussi45@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-887-9621 for more information or have printed information mailed to you if interested the several trips being offered.

## Vernon honors Community Citizen



Vernon Grange Awarded the Community Citizen Award to Jon Roe. Jon works hard under the radar in Vernon to collect and preserve the history of the Tankeroosen River Valley - a 13 mile stretch that runs along Route 30/184 from Tolland through Vernon where it joins the Hockanum River at the Manchester line. He is also instrumental in joining 12 non-profits together in Vernon to collaboratively work in "Making Vernon Special." (Nancy Strong, Master, awarding Jon Roe the Community Citizen Award and banner for the Vernon Volunteer Collaborative "Making Vernon Special" booth).

# Norwich Grange

# FAIR

{ Fair held since 1934 }

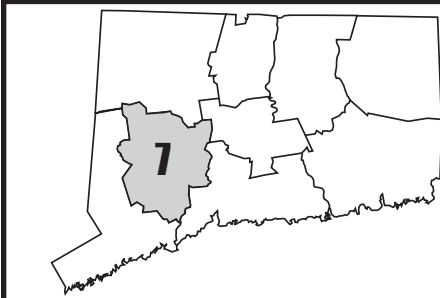
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**NORWICH GRANGE HALL**  
 174 West Town Street, Norwichtown. (Exit 82 off I-395)

## Attention Vendors

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## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ 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

Summer is here and many granges are planning picnics and other summer fun events. Excelsior Pomona will hold its Annual Picnic at the home of Al Maddox, Master of Bethlehem Grange on August 8, 2014 at noon. Each Grange is expected to participate and members have signed up for potluck dishes. Expect a fun day. We would like to thank Al in advance for his gracious invitation to hold the picnic at his home.

Our next regular meeting will be held September 19 at the Prospect Senior Center with the program "Who did it?" Come to find out who did it. We meet at 7:30 P.M.

### BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was just great. The attendance was good – I counted 71, the program entertaining and the refreshments delicious. Jody Cameron, State Master was present and presented seals to Bob Burns (70 Years) and William Brush (65 years). State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt assisted in the presentation to our "Citizens of the Year" the Elks Senior Home Work Project of Naugatuck. Other dignitaries present were: National Executive Committee Phil Prelli and

Maureen and Marge and Robert Sendewicz Past Voting Delegates. State Officers present were: Lady Assistant Steward Eloise Osuch, Gatekeeper Robert Buck, Executive Committee Ruel Miller, General Deputy Todd Gelineau, Deputy Carl Bernhardt, Youth Committee Jean Meehan, Legislative Committee Charles Dimmick, Agriculture Committee Maggie Buck and Social Connection Barbara Robert.

As Master I would like to thank all our members for anything they did to make the evening run smooth. Also Barbara Robert and Eloise Osuch for all their help.

Now that the fun times are over we are enjoying the summer months.

Our July meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Lecturer Cindy Legg will present her program titled "Jubilee July". Refreshments will be served by Mary Lou and Scott Raymond.

I would like to thank all the Grangers and Granges who were so thoughtful to send me and my sister Pat cards while both of us were having some health problems. They really helped.

### PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Our annual picnic was held on July 10 with fun and games enjoyed by all.

Our August 7 meeting will be a Game Night with Bingo. If you like bingo come join us for a different twist to Bingo games. We meet at 7:30 in the lower level of the Prospect Senior Center. Refreshments will be furnished by Tina Meehan and Mary Lou Raymond.

150 Fourth of July tray favors were made and given to the patients at the local convalescent home and 150 more for the Fourth of July celebration at the Senior Center.

We would like to welcome Ronald Wm. Phillips as a member of Prospect Grange. We are saddened with the loss of Ruby DeCosta as she passed onto the great grange above.

Plans are being made for the celebration of our 120

Anniversary in December.

### BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

**July 9:** Bridgewater Grange picnic followed by a meeting at Nancy Mascio's house in New Milford starting at 6:30 PM.

**July 18:** Special event at the Grange Hall opened to the public. A presentation of the dangers of pesticides and GMOs ( Genetically Modified Organisms )

The Bridgewater Grange joined in the Memorial Day parade in the town of Bridgewater. The parade started at 8 AM on Monday May 26. The parade route itself was short. Nine of our members marched along with state representative Arthur O'Neill. At the end of the parade we watched a nice memorial service on the Bridgewater Green which was right across from our hall.

On Wednesday June 11 at 7:30 PM we had our regular meeting. We had special guests, Geno Piacentini and Karen MacDonald of the Fairfield County Pomona. We had a spirited meeting and everyone agreed to commit to a presence in the Bridgewater Fair on August 17, 18 and 19. We also had a fine program talk by our new member Riva Martin. Riva, along with another new member Graham Baldwin, are running the Sullivan Farm in New Milford. Both are young and very serious about a career in farming. Riva displayed a good knowledge on the subject and a great ability to present it well. She talked about how cows are judged. We all learned a lot about cows. We also learned what a rigorous systematic training she took in order to be a good judge of cows.

## Bethlehem & Oxford continue partnership



Maggie and Rob Buck (far left) marked the fourth consecutive year of cooperation between Oxford and Bethlehem Granges with the Vo-Ag Program at Nonnewaug High School. For 2014, seed potatoes and bean seeds were donated to the program to enable them to raise vegetables to be donated to area food banks to help feed those in need.

## Fathers honored by Prospect Grange #144



Father's Day tray favors for the Paragon Health Center. Marco Gaspar handing the favors to the Recreation Director Jean.

Sound and Stage Committee presents

## CONCERT

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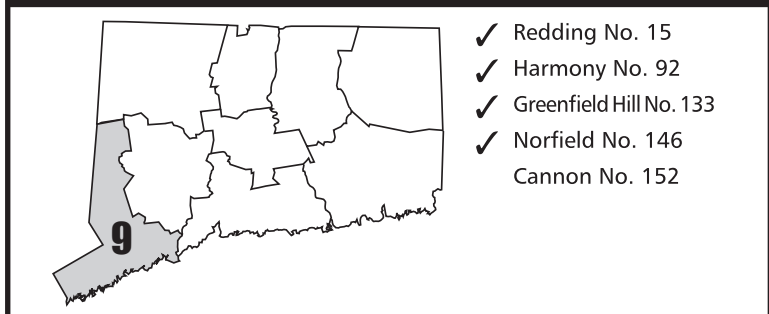
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## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ 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. 3:** Greenfield Hill Grange, 6:00 P.M. Supper

The State Master and General Deputy were in attendance at our June meeting. They spoke at length about the future of our and all Pomona Granges. They gave us much to think about.

The Community Granges in our Pomona will discuss this issue at the Grange meetings during the summer and will decide how to proceed at our September meeting, as we do not meet in July and August.

Until then we will have a relaxing vacation. See you in September and enjoy your summer vacation.

### REDDING GRANGE #15

*Corr: Marge Sendewicz*

**July 14:** Summer Picnic 6:30 P.M.

We will have our Grange picnic on July 14 at 6:30 P.M. We have the picnic outside and then move indoors for the meeting. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Please let us know in advance.

This is our only meeting in July and we will not meet again until August 25. We need the long rest.

Everyone enjoy this great time of the year with its warm weather and wonderful activities.

### HARMONY GRANGE #92

*Corr: George Ward*

**July 11:** Picnic at 6:30, Regular meeting at 7:30

The Round-a-Bout at the intersection of Routes 110 & 111 in Monroe will have a big effect on Harmony Grange. The most important fact is that direct entrance to Route 110 from Herd Avenue and direct entrance from Route 110 to Herd Avenue will not be possible. Harmony Grange's parking lot is off Herd Avenue. The Grange Hall will be reached by entering Moose Hill Road from Route 110 to Ruth Street to Herd Avenue.

From Route 111, Jeannette Street to Herd Avenue will be the route.

In a meeting, held on June 4th, 2014, the State Engineer presented a new design and the cul-de-sac will be moved from near the front entrance of the hall to near the rear of the hall where Herd Avenue will end. The part of Herd Avenue, adjacent to our parking lot, will be available to Harmony Grange for parking. We will have ample time to discuss the changes as the design of the project will take up to two years before actual construction will start.

Our May Tag Sale was a success. Attendance during the day was good and many items were purchased. A big thank-you to The Grange members who helped out before and during the event.

Harmony Grange's annual Agriculture Fair will be held August 23, 2014 at the Grange hall. We will have several special meetings to make arrangements and preparations. We intend to invite a group or several groups from the Agricultural School to participate in our Fair this year. There is a video on Dairy Farming in Connecticut I believe is available, and if attainable and with the with the proper equipment, we will show it in the building during the Fair.

The next big event after the Fair will be our 125th anniversary. This will be an open meeting and will be held on a Sunday in either September or October. We intend to have some information on farming and the historian from the town of Monroe as our guest speaker. There will be entertainment and refreshments. The Grange and farming have been very important to the people of Monroe.

### GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

*Corr: Dennis Rich*

**July 21:** "Picnic Time", 6 P.M., Picnic, 7:30 P.M. Meeting

**Aug. 18:** "Planning the Fair", 7 P.M., Meeting

**Aug. 23:** Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

At our regular May meeting, our Grange was inspected by Deputy Linea Erickson. The books were reviewed and the records of the Treasurer and Secretary. A special open committee meeting discussed bids from contractors regarding painting the exterior of the hall.

In addition to our Annual Agricultural Fair, we are planning a number of "Summer Songbirds" Coffee House concerts on a number of Friday evenings at 7 P.M. For more information email us at Greenfield133@gmail.com. for exact dates and cost.

As to our Annual Fair, we would ask that you contact Jim or Steve Golias at (203) 259-8023 or 367-4373 for an advance list of entry categories or cost for a vendor space and/or Fair booklet ad. All of our Grange friends are welcome at all of our meetings and activities.

### NORFIELD GRANGE #146

*Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox*

**July 8:** Stars & Stripes/4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, 7:30 P.M.

**Aug. 12:** Grange BBQ, 6:30 P.M., All are welcome!

**Sept. 7:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Grange Fair & Market, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

**Sept. 9:** Installation of Officers, 7:30 P.M.

The big news, of course, is that Norfield Grange's Lyn and Chris Kimberly have taken over the management of Camp Berger. Clean-up weekend was from May 30 through June 6. We also ran our 4<sup>th</sup> annual community-wide tag sale from May 30 through June 1, and on June 10. The weather cooperated, and there were many vendors!

Backing up a bit, Krystyna Celichoska, the mother of Granger Ewa Ojarovsky, ran some wonderful Easter Egg Psanky workshops. The egg hunt Golden Egg winner at the Winter Farmers' Market was Victor Gross. The Farmers' Market ended the season with "Celebrate Lunch @ the Market" with a wonderful meal plus music played by WHS student Jack Kerns of Acoustic Weston. It was very well attended.

# Greenfield Songbirds



On June 20, the Greenfield Hill Grange Songbirds Coffee House presented the Long Meadow Bluegrass Band featuring contemporary and traditional bluegrass and roots Americana music.

# Legislative Comm.



**Alma Graham**  
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Has your Grange started working on your resolutions yet for the next State Grange Session? Many Granges and Pomonas limit their meetings during the summer months. Remember that resolutions should be sent from your local Granges to the Pomonas before being sent to State. A plus of this

requirement allows resolutions to be considered by a larger audience and educate others as to what the resolution is about. Further the delegates will be prepared when those resolutions are presented at State Grange.

The resolution on GMO labeling will again be presented to the delegates at this upcoming session. The Agricultural Committee is studying this and will be reporting at the next session on their recommendations. Connecticut did pass a GMO labeling bill last year but it has many requirements before it will be activated such as needing other states to also approve this label requirement with at least one neighboring state. Charles Dimmock wrote a great article in the March Granger that explained what GMO's are.

This last years legislative session had quite a variety of topics that were discussed. Many of them will return with the next session. These include topics such as the states use of chemical treatments on roads and the effect that it has on roads and bridges across the state. Many towns are also concerned about the damage that it is having on their vehicles. There was a proposal to study the effects but it died in committee.

Gordon pointed out in his last article that a bill was passed concerning bicycle safety. We had a resolution we passed last year that placed the responsibility on bike riders where the bill that was passed placed it on the drivers. Do you believe that both riders and drivers should share the responsibilities?

Maybe your Grange members have an opinion on some of these issues. Don't think that all resolutions need to concern state wide or national issues. Is there a project or issue in your local community that you wish to bring forward for discussion? Have your Grange adopt a resolution that you can send on to your local officials. Do mention that you did support a local resolution when you are preparing your reports for State Grange.

There is an outline that you can follow on the State Grange website as to how to write a resolution. Look under the Download section and select Legislative under Select Category. Feel free to contact any member of the Legislative Committee for help as well.



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

## Family Activities

Thank you to all who entered the contests and to the winners. As usual the entries were done well and I know that some of them required a great deal of work. There was a lot of imagination put into

the craft contest entries and will be appreciated by our dignitaries at State Session and at the Big E Country Store. The winners are listed below:

### New England Needlework Contest - 2014

#### Class A – Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ramona Fassio – Winchester /Mt. Cty.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Linda Beers – Non-member Cheshire /New Haven  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Lois Evankow – Lyme/E. Central

#### Class B – Doilies

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Josephine Fazzino – Non-member Beacon Valley/Excelsior  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Nelson – Vernon/ E. Central  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Cindy Anderson – N. Stonington/New London Cty.

#### Class C - Embroidery

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Eloise Osuch – Bethlehem/Excelsior

#### Class D – 3-Piece Baby Set

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Joan Toomey – Colchester/New London Cty.

#### Class E – Plastic Canvas

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Joan Ziegler – Redding/Fairfield Cty.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Irene Percoski – Enfield / E. Central  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Moore – Riverton /Mountain Cty.

#### Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Priscilla Schmartz – Glastonbury/E. Central  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara Foskett – Cheshire / New Haven

#### Class G – Adult Garment

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Irene Percoski – Enfield/ E. Central  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Patricia Kuzmak – Non-member Cheshire /New Haven Cty.  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Joann Muscilla – Beacon Valley / Excelsior

#### Class H – Latch Hook

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dorothy Joselovitz – Redding /Fairfield Cty.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Loretta Rowland – Oxford / Fairfield Cty.  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Lois Evankow – Lyme / New London Cty.

#### Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Karen MacDonald – Redding /Fairfield Cty.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Toomey – Colchester /New London Cty.  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jim Tucker – Bethlehem /Excelsior Pomona

#### Class J – Stuffed Toy

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ruth Herbele – Manchester/ E. Central  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Maryalyce Lee – Cheshire /New Haven Cty.  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Cindy Anderson – No. Stonington /New London

#### Class K – Baby Afghans

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Maryalyce Lee – Cheshire / New Haven Cty.  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Josephine Fazzino – Non-member B. Valley/ Excelsior  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lois Evankow – Lyme Grange/East Central Pomona

#### Baking Contest - Adult

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Priscilla Schmartz – Glastonbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara Foskett – Cheshire  
3<sup>rd</sup>– Debbie Barnes – N. Stonington

#### Baking Contest – Junior

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Greta Wingate –Stonington  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jared Gervais – Ekonk Jr.

#### Decorate A Shoe - Group A – Baby/Childrens

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sue Addison – Winchester  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Cathy Russi – Colchester  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Angelina DeDominica – Hillstown

#### Decorate A Shoe - Group B – Adults

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Helen Forrest – Hillstown  
2<sup>nd</sup> – JoAnn Klingerman – Whigville  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbara Foskett – Cheshire

#### Craft Contest – Needlework

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Polly Leonard – Colchester  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lois Evankow – Lyme  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Joan Ziegler – Redding

#### Craft Contest – Other Media

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Debbie Brown – Whigville  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Watson/Chris Bourque/Cathy Russi – Colchester  
3<sup>rd</sup> – JoAnn Klingerman – Whigville



## Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

## Keys to Success

Terri Fassio, CSG Public Relations Co-Director

Why are some Granges more successful than others? What factors contribute most to their successes?

We find that three key ingredients are needed for a successful Grange -

- 1.) Dedicated People / Enthusiasm
- 2.) Time and Investment
- 3.) Solid Communications

**Dedicated People / Enthusiasm:** “You’ve got to have passion, and believe in what you’re doing.” Grange members are characterized by diverse backgrounds and experiences. Many have been or are members of other organizations as well as their Grange. Those members who dedicate efforts towards making their Grange successful easily reap the rewards, such as becoming a trusted leader or mentor to other members, meeting goals and project objectives, growing their Grange membership numbers, and even gaining financial rewards for the organization. This translates to being creative, taking risks and being willing and able to challenge others. When an individual member is successful, their enthusiasm for the organization soars, thus lighting the pathway for others to take a similar route to success. Combined personal successes equal a Grange that is growing!

**Time and Investment:** To make real and positive changes in a Grange takes

commitment from its membership. In many cases, this means more than just proclaiming support - it often means support through volunteerism and an investment of time. Granges rely on volunteers, and the time that each person can commit to the organization. It is important to find a good mix that fits your Grange - so that members do not become run down or burnt out. Delegating responsibilities is important, as is ensuring that every member is involved who wishes to contribute.

**Solid Communications:** Granges must continually work to communicate with the general public in a manner that brings them positive press, community involvement, and support for new programs as well as their overall mission, goals and objectives. When looking for a way to promote your Grange - start with you own membership. Internal Grange communications are just as important as external communications. Maximize the communications methods that are easily available to all Granges, such as hanging up posters, utilizing Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), having a Grange website, mailing postcards and letters, and even picking up the telephone.

## Social Connection

Joanne Cipriano, Social Comm. Director

Another fun night was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> when we celebrated the “Road to the 130<sup>th</sup>” The chefs really out did themselves. Chefs Jodi Ann and Jody served a St. Patricks corned beef and cabbage dinner to

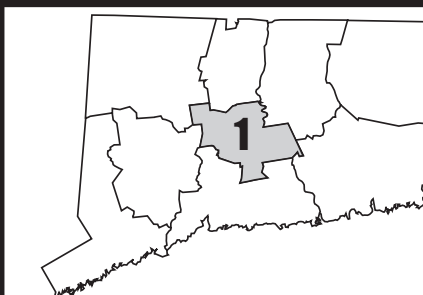
everyone whose birthdays fell in January, February and March. Marge and Bob Sendewicz served an Easter ham dinner to those born in April, May and June, Barbara and I celebrated The Fourth of July with a picnic dinner for those whose birthdays came in July, August and September and Liz Ryducha served a Ham dinner to those born in October, November and December. From the feedback I received everyone enjoyed the dinner they were served.

Barbara, Betty Jane and I would like to thank our chefs, Todd Gelineau for designing and printing the tickets, Pat Fischer for making the birthday cake, Bob Charbonneau for supplying the music, everyone who brought items for the Country Store, those who sold tickets, everyone who came early and helped with the set-up and those whose stayed behind and helped with the clean-up and everyone who came to support our committee.

Mark September 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our last event. This will be held at Cheshire Grange.

Enjoy your summer.

## 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

July 11: Picnic

July 25: Summer Fun

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

#### MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: M. Harrison

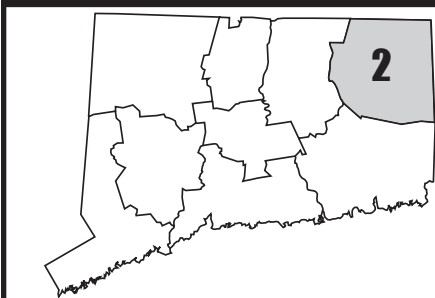
Greetings Fellow Grangers. We are busy in our gardens at this time of year. June will be our final dinner until our Fair in Sept. Happy Father's Day to all our Dads. We will be on our Summer schedule at Meriden Grange. Please join us at our picnic 7/11. Weather permitting it will be at our beautiful Hubbard Park located close to 691, just come on down. Aug. 8 will be movie night. Organic

popcorn will be on the menu~buttered or cheese. The organic kernals can be found at our local Country Store in Meriden. Do bring a comfortable chair so you can enjoy the movie.

We here at Meriden Grange are waiting to see if our own Granger, Cindy Hupper brings home another blue ribbon with her Wizard of Oz craft submission. Cindy has won ribbons in the past for her fabulous plastic canvas creations. We are also pleased to see our fellow Granger from Southington Grange, Mildred Bell looking in the pink at her recent visit.

Remember to wear your sunscreen and drink plenty of water in the upcoming hot weather.

## Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 16: Program by Junior Committee

Aug. 7: Scholarships and Golden Sheaf Night

We have been busy with a big rhubarb pie sale at the end of May.

Election of officers in May we elected Joan Perry as Master. We voted to donate \$350 to the Campership Fund at Camp Berger.

The Baking Contest was won by Diane Miller. We have been cleaning the closets and will have a good yard sale in June.

Our picnic is held annually at the June meeting.

Groups of AARP and the Senexet Dancers use our hall.

A community service volunteer cleaned our lawn.

Visit us anytime.

#### WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie M. Johnson

July 9: Neighbor's Night

July 23: Picnic – Eat Out  
Aug. 13: Show and Tell – Membership

Aug. 23: Potluck, 6 P.M.

Gardens are coming up. Strawberries are in and good size.

The rain sure has made the grass grow. Lawnmowers are really busy. Well, school is out- so be careful of more bikes and children on the roads. Motorcycles are also everywhere. Ticks are bad this year. Not only check children, but check pets too. Gas prices are still high, making vacations difficult, so its backyard picnics and games and pools.

#### EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

July 12: Blueberry Supper

We are so pleased to be increasing our membership at each of our last meetings-wow! We voted to participate in the Moosup V-J Day Parade

at the encouragement of Past Master, Robert A. Chamberland. VOLUNTEERS, yes I said, volunteers to put together a float (theme "Families") included Jamie Izzarelli (her first Grange meeting), Paulette Craig and Mike Molodich! It was suggested that we appoint a feasibility study regarding this, but these 3 folks stepped right up to the plate!

We voted a \$100.00 donation to the Brooklyn AG Days Rodeo event and our Grange will have a signboard for that event. We voted a \$100.00 donation to the Killingly High School Vo-AG (FFA) Scholarship Fund. Our biennial FFA Appreciation Supper was fantastic! Our Grange also voted to supply a \$350.00 Campership to Camp Berger for one of our Junior Grangers.

We will assist Sterling Family Day with their fundraising Chicken Barbecue at our hall on Sat., July 26th. In August we hope to have a Peach Shortcake Supper.

At our June meeting, election of officers was

held and Katie Molodich, who just ended her year as State FFA Vice President, was elected President again. Link Cooper, who has done an exemplary job as our leader this past year, was elected Vice President. We held our annual baking contest that evening and Rebecca Gervais and her son, Jared captured 1st prizes in Subordinate and Junior, respectively from among the many entries.

Our youth Drill Team is coming along extremely well and will perform at our Grange on July 7th. Link Cooper installed the air conditioner in the Grange kitchen, which is sure to be an asset with summer heat. July 15th, we voted to host a meal for the Brooklyn Large Animal clinic again. Things are booming on the hill!

#### KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Bernadette Schuster/ Glenna Bruno

July 21: Pincic—Potluck or....?

Aug. 4: Out to Supper – 6 P.M.

Sept. 15: Installations We held a Mother's day

breakfast which was well attended. Sadly we draped our charter for John Zadora, a long time member. Also on the sidelines with medical problems is Linda Harkins. Get well soon Linda.

Recently we received a letter from longtime member (50 yr.) Mikel Fiske, who resides in "Texas and is a retired Army major. We are arranging to have is 50 year certificate sent to him.

Our tea-less tea party was not as successful as I had hoped but we did ok.

What may have seemed like a troublesome accident at the Killingly Grange in December, 2012 has been cultivated and grown to an amazing opportunity for both the Grange and the Community in Northeast Connecticut. A truck veered off of the road, damaging the Grange building, and hitting the house next door so hard that the house was shifted from its foundation.

Long time neighbors, Richard and Annette Ouellette and their son Rick purchased the property of the damaged home and the house was demolished.

## Ekonk supports Relay for Life



Ekonk Community Grange was responsible for cooking meals at the Relay for Life in Plainfield in June and all of the profits went bck to the American Cancer Society. Thanks to all who helped and made the weekend a success.

## Strawberry Supper



275 hungry people paid to enjoy the 120th Strawberry Supper! Incredible lines! Thanks to all who assisted in any way! The menu consisted of ham, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and our famous strawberry shortcakes!

## The indoor growing movement

Maggie Buck, CSG Agric. Comm.

Hi Everyone,

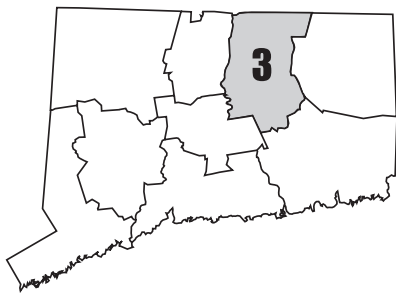
The gardens should be booming along by now. On each grangers to do list this month should be collection of food from your gardens for the food banks and soup kitchens. Lets give the grange a great showing of our ability to provide fresh vegetables for those in need. Second we should all be thinking about those people we can nominate for: Outstanding Professional Farmer and Outstanding Young Farmer year end awards.

As this years growing season is getting underway, I have been watching my son create some aquaponic beds that he is running off our pool that is filled with decayed leaves, algae, frogs and fish. The strawberries are off to a great start and have been maintenance free since they were planted. If it goes well, that area of

the farm will be covered by a greenhouse. We are also looking in to the possibility of adding an indoor fodder (green sprouts for animals) growing system in one of our barns. Across the country indoor growing of vegetables and flowers is booming. At the vo-ag schools teaching this type of growing is very common.

When I think about the movement of growing to the indoors I can see many of the same advantages other farmers see: the ability to have a longer growing season, less pest, less use of water and lastly control over the weather. Its the last benefit that has me concerned because I think it is becoming a bigger and bigger motivater of indoor growing. Is this the farmer's natural instinct to protect his crops kicking in? If it is, what about all the crops we cannot bring inside?

## East Central Pomona No. 3



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kay Ruff*

**July 10:** Meeting, 7:30. Happy Birthday USA. Ref. Kay Ruff, Priscilla Schmartz, Marycharles Howe.

**Aug. 7:** Meeting, 6 P.M. Annual Picnic

**Sept. 4:** Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Installation of Officers

Glastonbury had a good Election of Officers June 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all who accepted an office.

Sister Jean Accornero was voted Honorary Flora of Glastonbury Grange. We

all hope it won't be long and she will be home from the hospital.

We will be meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> because of the July 4 holiday. Some folks will be away for the long holiday.

Our annual picnic will be preceded by a short business meeting at 6 P.M. Our Chef Tom Breen will be doing the cooking of the hot dogs and hamburgers. All members will bring a covered dish to share.

Glastonbury Grange wishes all a nice summer. Enjoy the nice warm

weather.

### MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

*Corr: Leona Wilson*

**Jul. 2:** Independence

**Aug. 19:** Vacation

**Sept. 2:** Installation

It seems impossible that another grange year is coming to a close. With our election of new officers and installation in September, we will start a new year. We are hoping for an increase in members. On July 2 we will be learning about Independence and the Fourth of July. Every member is asked to bring something for the program. On Aug. 19 we will be discussing vacations and places people would like to visit. On September 2 our officers will be installed.

### TOLLAND GRANGE #51

*Corr: J. Jordan*

**July 1:** Who Are We?

Tolland Grange continues its program of "Who Are We?" We have learned many interesting bits and

pieces about each other and have enjoyed the individual presentations.

We meet at 7:30 P.M. in the Parker Recreation Center in Tolland. Join us if you can.

### VERNON GRANGE #52

*Corr: Nancy Strong*

**July 11:** Garden Pests

Vernon Grange had it's inspection of officers done at the last meeting along with awarding the Community Citizen Award to Jon Roe who talked about his research in the Tankeroosen River Valley with a focus on farming. Members were able to add to his research. New friends were made and old friends were found! Manchester and Tolland neighbored and helped. A good time was held by all and we all enjoyed strawberry shortcake after the meeting. Our next meeting will focus on those pesty garden predators!

## 2-4-5 Club ends 64 year run



*By Nancy Weissmuller*

Way back in 1950 six Granges, five of whom met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays (It seems the 6<sup>th</sup> member was a Grange that was located in a convenient, centrally located area) decided to form a "club" that met on a fifth Friday once a year so they could get together with Grangers with whom they could not neighbor. Thus began the 2-4-5 Club, though that was not officially the name for five years. After it received an official name, the club decided it needed an official banner. One of the ladies of the club made a triangular banner out of blue felt with the yellow numbers 2-4-5, placed down the center. It was hung on a rod and was presented each year to the Grange having the most members present. After ten years or so, the members voted to have one permanent officer, the Secretary. This person would keep the minutes and send out the notices of the meetings each year. Other officers were chosen from members attending, with the Master and Lecturer of the host Grange filling those chairs.

Although rules changed slightly through the years the meetings were mostly programs (with each attending Grange providing a number) and refreshments (with each Grange bringing enough food for their members). Counts in the old minutes books numbered in the 80s and 90s. Sometimes Granges would come in a bus. Programs were varied and hilarious. In one everyone in the hall put their shoes in a pile in the middle of the room and then tried to find them. (Can you imagine 180 shoes to go through?) Then there was the one where members were given a page of newspaper and told to tear out a cow (behind their backs). What a trip through time these minutes present.

Through the years Granges have closed and attendance has dwindled. This year the club lost one of the three remaining attending Granges and that dealt the final blow. At what would have been the 64<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on May 30, the club decided to dissolve. And thus ends another piece of Grange history.

# 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 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](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).

Answers for June Window Photo —

From Sue Schmidt - "The picture was the new Montville Grange organizational/installation meeting. L to R are my dad, John P. LeVangie, Special Deputy that helped form Montville Grange, State Master Al Beckwith, Montville Master Irving Holmes, and Richard Hermann, Master of NL Co. Pomona. I believe the year was 1963 or 4, but that can easily be obtained from State records. Thanks for a trip down memory lane. Sue LeVangie Schmidt"

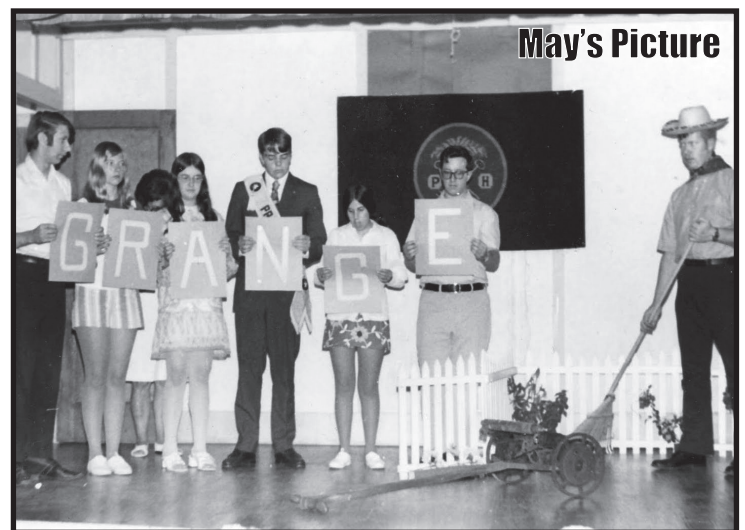
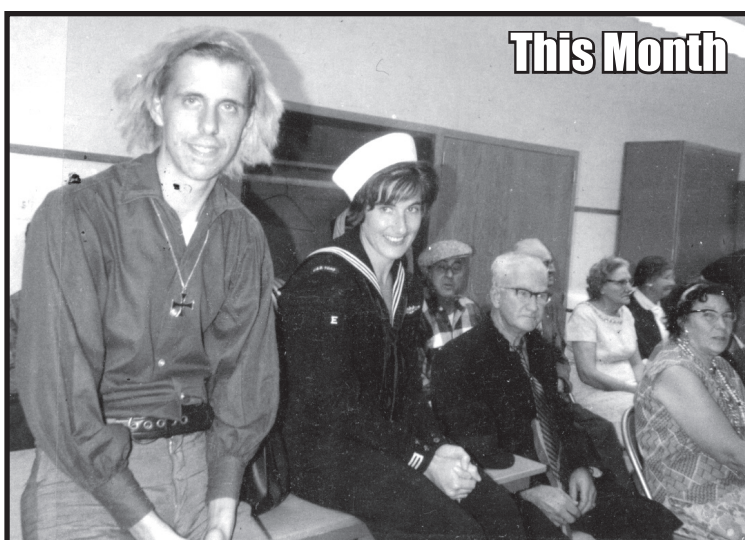
We also heard from Mary Medberry and Peter Sepowitz (former Montville Treasurer) with the same answers as Sue.

Then we heard from Adolph Halbach Jr - "Last month(May): The young man in the prince sash is Gordon Frasier.

This month (June): The man on the left is John LeVangie - (known for his Gladiolas) Then in the center Alfred Beckwith (State Master) ---

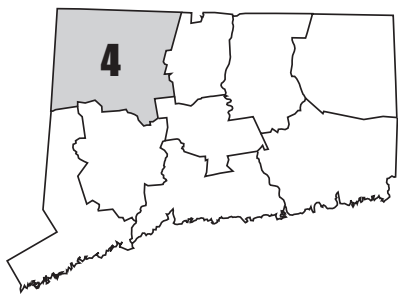
Adolph Halbach, Jr. PS: I'm 64 now and my memory of these faces could be completely wrong."

*Thank you to all who responded this month. If you think you know who might be in any of our pictures don't wait to see if someone else responds... do it today!*





# 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: T. Gelineau

**Sept. 8:** Harvest Time! Whigville Grange Hall

At our June meeting the tickets for the annual Gift Card Drawing were distributed to all of the officers and Granges in the Pomona. Many gift cards for good amounts of money were awarded to lucky ticket holders at the 2013 drawing—don't miss out this year! Tickets, as usual, are \$1 each and can be purchased throughout the summer from any Pomona officer. Granges that do not have Pomona officers

will also receive packets of tickets to sell. This is the only major fundraiser for Pomona during the year so please do all you can to sell those tickets! The drawing will be held at the September meeting of Pomona at Whigville Grange on Sept. 8.

Also at our June meeting the resolution concerning the elimination of Pomonas from the Order was considered and was voted down with only two votes in favor. It was the opinion of most that Pomonas should be left as they are.

### WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The June meeting of Whigville Grange was a busy one. Three members, Helena Schwalm, Kathy Mackiewicz, and Charlotte Crockett all received their golden sheaf certificates. We were inspected, and returned to our own hall after wintering at the Burlington Town Hall. Our entries for the state baking contest were judged and an a fun, interesting program was presented by Sister Helena.

We will be hosting a special program with the Burlington Historical society on June 18 at 7pm at the Grange. The title is "Growing Local Roots". Area experts will lead a discussion on agriculture in the area communities. This is a program of the CT Humanities Council. Plan on attending, no admission charge, refreshments will be served. If you are curious about what local is, and where to get it, this is for you. We may not all want to grow food, but we all want to eat!

The next meeting of

Whigville Grange #48 will be on Wed., July 16 at 7 P.M. We will meet at the Grange Hall, S. Main St., Burlington. This is one week later than our planned meeting date.

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

- July 8: Cow Appreciation Days
- July 22: Chocolate or Vanilla?/Country Store
- Aug. 9: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market
- Aug. 12: Dog Days
- Aug. 26: Annual Community Picnic & Awards Night, 6:00 P.M.

Thanks go to all of the members and friends who volunteered their time to make the annual Strawberry Festival such a great success. It was our best profit in many years with over 420 guests lining up for heaping servings of Strawberry Shortcake on Father's Day. We were also pleased to have the new Laurel Queen Sarah Martin and her mom with us for the entire afternoon

helping to serve.

Our long-awaited Clothing Donation Shed from the St. Pauly Organization should have been delivered to the Grange property by the time of this printing. It really is a very attractive building that has been painted to match the Grange Hall and Fire Department buildings. Donations of clothing and shoes can be dropped off anytime and the Grange will receive a donation from St. Pauly for each pound of clothing donated. The shed will be located just outside the Post Office entrance to the building.

Looking ahead- our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market is coming up fast on August 9. Exhibits for the judgings and vendors for the Flea Market are always welcome. Please contact us via our email: info@winchestergrange.org or by phone: 860-307-1522. We'll be happy to get you signed up!

## Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival



Laurel Queen Sarah Martin helps serve one of the more than 420 strawberry shortcakes during the Father's Day Strawberry Festival at Winchester Grange #74. Above, the line stretches from the Laurel Queen at the back of the dining room, down front walk and on down Newfield Road.

## Taghannuck Grange plant and tag sale



**August 16, 2014**  
*25th Anniversary*

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**Riverton Grange Fair**

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**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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**Food \* Exhibits \* Vendors \* Fun**

Special Contest in Honor of our 25th Riverton Grange Fair. We hope some of you will consider entering. Have fun with it!

### Container Garden

*"My Community: Celebrating Northwest Connecticut"*

In recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Riverton Grange Fair, we are inviting you to participate in this special contest and enter your own special miniature garden, representing what you like most about your community. This contest is open to everyone age over age 5, and will be judged in the following age categories:

Junior - ages 5-12; Youth - ages 13-18; Adult - 19+

### Contest Rules

Containers may be made out of any material as long as it meets, the size and waterproof restrictions. Use your imagination. Planters, plastic trays, even found objects make interesting vessels.

Your garden take up no more than 15" x 15" square area and be under 18" high. You must make your container waterproof, so that it does not leak on the table, it is displayed on. All containers must contain both plants and suitable materials to decorate and present your theme.

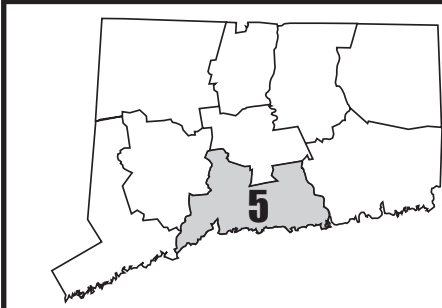
### Judging Criteria

Container design & layout 30 points; Plant selection & use 20 points; Decorative element selection and use 20 Points; Presentation of theme 30 points; Total 100 points

### Prizes Awarded for each Age Category

First \$5 & Ribbon; Second \$3 & Ribbon; Third \$1 & Ribbon

## New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35

### 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!

### NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

*Corr: Wesle Dymoke*

Aug. 18: Picnic at the Bernhardt's (424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire), 6 P.M., Potluck 6:30 (Pomona furnishes Dessert and Drinks).

On May 12 the Fifth Degree was held at Wallingford Grange Hall and On June 9 we held our regular meeting at Cheshire Grange Hall. The meeting featured the election of officers and the Gift Card Drawing.

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

July 2: No Meeting

July 16: Annual Picnic at the Bernhardt's, 6 P.M.

We had a successful barbecue and card party in late May and are planning our second annual Ham Dinner for late June. All of these aid our treasury nicely.

Our election of officers and potluck dinner were held on June 4 and our officer corps remained basically the same for the upcoming year. Plans continue for our 2014 fair set for Aug. 23 and 24.

At the time I am writing this, we are looking forward to some warm weather and hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

### WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

*Corr: Daniel M. Lauttenbach*

May 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting originally scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> was postponed to May 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was primarily a business meeting. We discussed our recent Pancake Breakfast that we had on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. We had served 34 paid customers and a family of 5 in need. We had a great day and had some fun. We discussed a list of things that I had noted that needed attention on the hall itself. These items were the side vestibule door, window sashes upstairs, the front gable window,

a broken window in the anteroom upstairs and some of the light bulbs needing replacement. Also the roof is leaking in the rear of the hall. We also need to remove the left over items from previous tag sales. Outside clean up: cut the lawn, cut down vines on the chain-link fence and remove the leaves and put flowers around the hall. We also discussed our fair ads that we have gotten so far and it appears we are doing well. Need to get boosters. Maybe do a silent auction, do face painting and get a fire truck in for a few hours.

May 22<sup>th</sup> – Fred Arrue of Wells Fargo was our guest speaker who talked about Identity Theft. Fred first talked about what is identity theft and how thieves are typically getting information about you. He also talked about ways to minimize your vulnerability to identity theft. Use on-line banking; this is because your mail in your mailbox can be stolen by thieves or get a post office box to prevent mail theft. If you bank on-line, be sure to keep your Window's and Virus-scanning programs updated. Be carefully of any personal information, such as mentioning your mother's maiden name, you put on social media sites such as Face-Book. Do not respond to any e-mails that are supposedly from your bank. Banks don't communicate with you by e-mail for account information, etc. This also goes for the IRS; the IRS uses the US mail. Make copies of the contents of your wallet; so if it gets stolen, you have information on hand to cancel credit cards or to get your driver's license. Don't put your Social Security card in your wallet. Get a copy of your free credit report to be sure that everything in it is correct at AnnualCreditReport.com. Other sites: FTC.gov and IdentityTheftAssistance.org.

July 10 – Annual Picnic at the Grange Hall at 6pm. Bring a covered dish. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Soda will be furnished. Please feel free to bring family or friends.

### NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

*Corr: A. Tolette*

July 1: Fourth Aid

Aug. 5: Arm Chair Traveler

Hopefully spring has arrived. The trees and blossoms are pretty and abundant. Pollen is more than plentiful.

At a recent meeting Emily Alexander was presented with her Golden Sheaf Certificate. How quickly that time has passed. She has held most of the elected offices during that time. (Mostly as our honored Lecturer). Keep up your good work. We need you. Past Master Ed Halkovetz has received a 70 year seal.



**Michelle DeDominicis**  
State Junior Grange Director  
[juniors@ctstategrange.org](mailto:juniors@ctstategrange.org)

### EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

*Corr: Rebecca Gervais*

We held our Fishing Derby, at the Quinebaug Trout Hatchery Pond, in Central Village. We enjoyed hot dogs cooked over an open fire, and potato salad, watermelon and chips. Everything seems to taste better outside! Brianna caught the longest trout, at 12 inches, and Jared caught the second longest one who stretched just over 11 inches. We even roasted Brianna's trout. She had never tried trout before, and as we had the supplies needed, it was cooked. (She wasn't impressed, but, she DID try it.) The Windham County Trailblazers joined us for a fun time.

At our June meeting, we voted to give each of Ekonk's Drill Team \$25.00, towards their expenses. All 8 members are, or were Ekonk Junior members! We will be rooting for Katie, Jaimie, Clifford, Trevor, Carly, Emily, Maria, and Lillian. They have a pretty young team! Katie is GOING to be 20, and she

## Alexander receives Golden Sheaf



Emily Alexander of North Haven Grange recently received her 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificate. Emily joined the Subordinate Grange right after graduating from the Junior Grange and has been a dedicated Granger ever since. She has held an office during all those years. She was our second lady Master and is currently our Honor Lecturer.

## Junior Grange

is the oldest! Lillian is the youngest at 9. GO TEAM!

We voted to have an activity table at the Sterling Public Library's "Kick-Off Summer Reading Celebration". This year's reading theme is: "Fizz, Boom, Read". We will have a free activity for children, and information about our Grange.

We elected officers at our June meeting. Congratulations to Alisa Bessette

as President, Evelyn Dexter Vice President, Natasha Ignacio Program Director, Allyson DiNola Steward, Abigail Dexter Assistant Steward, Brianna Gervais Lady Assistant Steward, Jenna Wesa Chaplain, Lillian Sharpe Secretary, and Kayla Bonin as Greeter. Yea! 2014-15 should prove to be an exciting year!

Enjoy your summer!



Jared, an Ekonk Junior Granger shows off his second place trout at the Junior Grange Fishing Derby held at the Quinebaug Trout Hatchery Pond in Central Village.



Greetings Grange Friends!

It is now June, where the days are longer and the weather is warmer.

At the end of May I had the opportunity to attend Beacon Valley Grange and help them celebrate their 125th Anniversary. 125 years is a LONG time - and a glorious milestone to achieve. Congratulations BVG!

I helped out at Fairfield County Pomona's School of Instruction. A great group of people!! I had my picture taken with CT State Grange Lady Assistant Steward Eloise Osuch. She's so much fun!

I had a blast at Let's Celebrate Day on Sunday, June 8th. I got to see some fine exhibits and contest entries, and even had a front row seat for the "A Number" and Talent Competitions. It was great to see so many Grange friends!

On Saturday, June 21st, I had a great day visiting with my friends from Ekonk Community Grange at Plainfield Relay For Life event. I met some new friends at the Relay For Life event too. I love meeting new people, and they just love ME!

I was honored to assist CT State Grange Chaplain Barbara Kulisch with her sermon at the NE Grange Sunday at the Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. Saw many Grange friends from all over the Northeast and got to take in the gorgeous scenic views too!

If you have a special event, please send me an invitation through my e-mail Hank theBurro@ctstategrange.org with the details, and hopefully I can attend!

Only 26 more Likes until I reach my 300th friend on Facebook. Will it be you? My 300th friend will receive an autographed photo of me! Please take a moment and visit my Facebook Page at [www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro](http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro). While you're there, be sure to click the "Like" button so that you can follow all of my adventures. Won't you share my page with your friends and help me reach my next goal?

**274 "Like" me already... you could be the 300th!**



**Maple Raisin Oatmeal Bars**

- Crust:**  
 1 cup King Arthur Flour unbleached all-purpose flour  
 1 cup quick-cooking oats  
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 6 tablespoons butter, melted  
 3 tablespoons orange juice cooking spray

- Filling:**  
 1-1/3 cups raisins  
 3/4 cup sour cream  
 2 tablespoons maple syrup  
 2 tablespoons brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons King Arthur Flour unbleached all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind  
 1 large egg white, beaten



1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. To prepare crust combine flour, oats, brown sugar, salt, baking soda and cinnamon in a medium bowl, stirring well and a whisk. Drizzle butter and orange juice over flour mixture, stirring until moistened. Mixture will be crumbly. Set aside 1/2 cup of this oat mixture. Spray 11x7 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Press remaining oat mixture into the bottom of the baking dish.
3. To prepare filling, combine raisings and remaining ingredients in a medium bowl, stirring well. Spread raising mixture over prepared crust. Sprinkle reserved oat mixture evenly over filling. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes or until edges are golden. Cool completely in pan.
4. Yield: 24 servings.
5. Submit: 6 square servings on a white paper plate. This recipe is the Junior Baking Contest recipe for the Assoc. of CT Fairs 2014 Season. More details on their website: [ctfairs.org](http://ctfairs.org).



**National Grange Health Insurance Enrollment Available**

Did you know that you can still enroll under the Affordable Care Act if you have a Qualifying Event? In most cases that will trigger a 60 day Special Enrollment Period when you can change your existing coverage or apply for a new plan.

**Have you experienced?**

- A permanent move to a new area that doesn't carry your plan?
- Permanently moving to a new location, that has a different coverage area.

**A change in your family**

- Marriage or divorce
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Death of a family member
- Changes in your household size
- Graduating college or losing coverage from your parent's health plan

**A change in disability status**

- Loss of eligibility
  - Medicaid
  - CHIP (Child Health Insurance Plan)

A change in your employment status- like a job change or job loss, that would result in an involuntary loss of your employer-sponsored plan

- Loss of existing health coverage because of
- Job change/Job Loss
  - Expiration of your COBRA benefits

If you fall under any of these categories, please visit the following website for a free quote of National Grange Health Insurance:

[http://nationalaffinity.net/quote/national\\_grange/](http://nationalaffinity.net/quote/national_grange/)



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## In Memoriam

John Zadora	Killingly #112
Marguerite Shay	Lyme #147
Evelyn W. Lathrop, G.S.	Norwich #172
Winifred P. Krohn	Norwich #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



*Taken from Guideposts*

When my brother-in law was a child, he always knew he was special. Every year on his birthday~ the one he shared with the USA~ the skies over the lake in the family's backyard would light up with explosions of fireworks, and the town would decorate itself and

hold a parade. His older brothers would play along as Justin eagerly anticipated "his" special celebration.

As Justin grew older, he realized that those fireworks weren't just for him. He could have let his newfound knowledge cloud his childhood memories, but instead he celebrated the optimism of his youth.

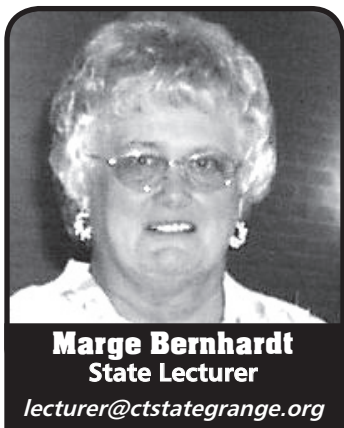
Justin's childlike outlook reminds me of the wonders God puts in the world. There are the rose bushes in my backyard that greet me at breakfast, the birds singing my way into work, and the amazing watermelon. True, God put those wonders on earth for everyone, but I believe He also thought specifically about me when He allowed the redbird to nest in the tree beside my kitchen window.

Just as aspects of faith can be circular and mind~boggling, I believe they can also be crystal~clear. Of course those fireworks celebrated our country, but they also celebrated Justin's existence. Take a minute today to look at the wonders and blessings that God has put in your path. It's okay to feel spoiled in God's great love!

*Lord, thank You for putting tiny pleasures like fireworks and fireflies as reminders of Your presence in our daily lives.*

Have a great summer.

## Lectuer's Department Contest Results



Congratulations and thank you for attending Let's Celebrate. The winners are...

**Talent Contest** – Fairfield County Pomona, Karen Macdonald

**"A Number" Contest** – New Haven County, Dan Lauttenbach & Barbara Kulisch

It was so nice to have entries both in the Adult and Youth for the Photo Contest. The Adult winners are as follows...

**America The Beautiful**  
1<sup>st</sup> Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Moore, Riverton

3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Sendewicz, Redding

**Animals**  
1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Moore, Riverton\*\*\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Michaud, Hillstown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lois Evankow, Lyme

**Grangers In Action**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lois Evankow, Lyme  
2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Bradley, Cheshire  
3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton

**Family Celebrations**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lois Evankow, Lyme  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Moore, Riverton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Bell-Isle, Riverton

**Historic Places or Events**  
1<sup>st</sup> Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Sendewicz, Redding  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Tucker, Bethlehem

**Youth Awards** (All are from Hillstown Jr. Grange)

**America The Beautiful**  
1. Angelina DeDominicis; 2. Kayla Michaud; 3. Victoria Tackett.

**Animals**  
1. Angelina DeDominicis; 2. Kayla Michaud; 3. Victoria Tackett.

**Grangers In Action**  
1. Kayla Michaud; 2. Victoria Tackett; 3. Angelina DeDominicis.

**Family Celebrations**  
1. Kayla Michaud; 2. Madison Tackett.

**Historic Places or Events**  
1. Victoria Tackett; 2. Kayla Michaud; 3. Angelina DeDominicis.

\*\*\***Our Best In Show** Entry which will go on to National Grange this fall is **Shirley Moore's** entry in the Animal Category.

Enjoy your summer. See you around the State.

## Grange Historian: Update on the brass bell

In the last issue I mentioned that a brass bell had been added to the archives. In searching through the 1957 records, it was a year when "gimmicks" were presented to a Grange whenever it visited another Grange. (I am not certain if this was a gravel or a banner.) A record was retained with the "gimmick" showing how times times a Grange captured it. My search found following a list of Honor Granges, "the Worthy Master announced that the "Grange of the year" was Hamden Grange No. 99 and presented them with a speaker's bell for their Grange Hall." Donald Peck was State Master at that time.

## Welcome New Members

John Yeski . . . . .	Winchester Grange #74
Andrea Truppa . . . . .	Ekonk Community #89
Christian Gagas . . . . .	Ekonk Community #89
Jamie Izzarelli . . . . .	Ekonk Community #89
Ronald Wm. Phillips . . . . .	Prospect Grange #144