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"It's harvest time on the farm and in our lives." These words come from our degree work and has true meaning to all of us. Whether we live on a farm, have gardens in the backyard, or have this feeling in our daily encounters. This is why I love the Grange. Every phrase or script of our ritual can relate to every person in this country. It is a simple language that anyone can understand, interpret and follow. Yet many Grangers never heard this phrase, we have welcomed them into our order, but have not given them the needed lessons to really understand what the Grange really is about. I challenge our Lecturers to include a Ritual Night to educate and remind members of what the Grange really means. Make it fun, have a scavenger hunt, team competition, word search, debate, or anything that gets members up and out of their chairs and reflect on their past experience with the Grange.

It's back to school for our little ones. Hooray... some parents are proclaiming. It's that time when Grange work begins. State Session is around the corner. Did you get your resolutions in on time. Have you filled out your Honor Grange report? Did you submit a name for outstanding farmer, nominate a Granger of the Year? Time is running out, the deadlines are near, jump to it before it's too

late.

This year at State Session it is an election year for the officers of the Connecticut State Grange. I hope that I have met the requirements for being your State Master, and hope members are willing to take offices in the State Grange officer corps if openings are there. It can be difficult work but also rewarding to you.

Many events have happened in the State of Connecticut this past year with the budget deficit, layoffs, reduction of State Aid to local towns. A new threat has cropped up for our agricultural lands, open spaces and forests. They are being gobbled up for Solar Farms. In the northeast, dairy farmers are losing land they have planted in corn for years to acres of solar panels harvesting the sun's rays. New projects being presented have vast old growth timber being clear cut to plant fields of solar panels. This is the new revenue recovery plan, as were cell towers a few years ago. I find our best resource is land that we can till for food production, but once they are developed then it is lost. I remember as a kid, the Connecticut River Valley in South Windsor, East Windsor, Enfield, Ellington, had topsoil two feet deep with lush soil for growing vegetables, tobacco, and corn. Then they built up the Route 5 section for car dealerships, warehouses and truck terminals. All that land is lost yet you still see little patches of farmland cultivated in those areas. If it continues, where will our dairy farmers get the land to raise the corn to feed the cows that make the milk that gives us the cheese and ice cream and milk to enjoy. We must look into this trend and come up with a plan or our farmers will be in trouble. Many solar farms can be

built in those paved areas that have been abandoned or vacant for years rather than destroy our natural resource. Think about it.

At State Session we will

Connecticut's environmental dilemma



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I ran across an interesting article in the *Hartford Courant* (reprinted below). It presents an interesting dilemma for the rural community. The Governor

have a resolution on the role of Pomona Granges in Connecticut. I hope every Grange has been talking about this so we can get a plan in place to

resolve what our Pomona Granges do. I hope there is plenty of thought and good conversation on the topic. Hope to see you all at State Grange Session.

has been encouraging Connecticut to become more environmentally friendly, pushing for more solar and natural gas development for clean and renewable sources to supply our energy needs.

While this is great for the environment there is now a growing concern about the impact of loss of valuable forest and farm lands. One project has been approved in the Eastern Connecticut town of Sprague in which 134 acres of forest land will be cleared to make way for

the solar energy field. That project will put up 97,000 solar panels to product around 20 megawatts of power. Hampton may have 35 acres of trees cleared for another solar farm. The siting council has approved another project in Pomfret which will be situated on more than 100 acres of farmland. Other solar or natural gas projects are slated for Bozrah, Griswold and Killingly.

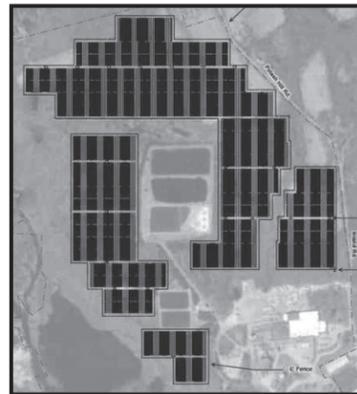
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Wind farms gobbling up land

Gregory B. Hladky,
Hartford Courant, 8/1/16

HARTFORD – As Connecticut continues to spend millions of taxpayer dollars to preserve its dwindling farmlands, the state is indirectly subsidizing major solar projects that are gobbling up prime agricultural acreage.

"It doesn't make sense to me," said Paul Miller, a Woodstock dairy farmer who recently lost access to about 100 acres of prime farmland in nearby Pomfret that is being leased or sold for a proposed solar project. The land in the Woods Hill project would be taken out of corn and hay production



A rendering of the Sprague solar farm and used to install nearly 70,000 solar panels for electricity generation.

"In my view, it's the greatest threat to agriculture and the land available for farming today," state Agricultural Commissioner Steven Reviczky said last week of Connecticut's solar-vs.-farmland controversy.

The issue is complicated not only by the competing goals of increasing renewable energy and preserving farmland, but also by concerns about the property rights of farmers. Some farmers see solar as a potentially key source of revenue that might allow them to continue raising crops on the rest of their land.

Concern about this policy conflict among state energy and agricultural officials, farmers and outside experts is rapidly increasing as the pace of solar development accelerates.

Reviczky said just five of the solar array projects now ... continued on page 7

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Resolutions to be considered at the 2016 State Session

The following resolutions are all that have been received in the Central Office up to the time of publication. We will continue to receive resolutions until September 15. After the deadline we will continue to receive them, however, we may ask that late resolutions come in to State Session with 125 copies (one for each delegate/officer) to be put in the packets. We hold off on printing the Session Booklet to ensure that it is as complete as possible but please send them in as soon as possible. If your Community Grange or Pomona will be considering resolutions (that you know of) and will be late in submitting them to the Central Office, please let the State Secretary know.

PLEASE REVIEW these resolutions and make sure resolutions your Grange may have adopted are included. If not, please contact your Grange's Secretary or contact the State Secretary.

One resolution regarding poultry caging has not been included in this issue as it has not been assigned by the State Master and thus is not officially part of the packet. That resolution and any others received prior to the October issue's deadline will be included in the next Granger.

2016-1) RE: FUTURE OF POMONA GRANGE IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS interest and involvement in the Pomona Grange in Connecticut has declined to the point where it has become very difficult to maintain eight active Pomona Granges in our State, and

WHEREAS in recent memory four Pomona Granges have turned in their charters, making it necessary to re-district the former members of these Granges into membership of active Pomona Granges, and

WHEREAS this re-districting is not always practical or beneficial, and at this point any further Pomona Grange closings would result in Pomona jurisdictions so large as to be impractical.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pomona Grange in Connecticut be deleted as a required level of membership to the Sixth Degree, and that the individual Pomona Granges in Connecticut cease to exist.

SOURCE: Senexet Grange #40
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

2016-2) RE: ECOLOGY

WHEREAS coal, oil and gas are not renewable sources of energy as new sources are always being searched and probed for, and

WHEREAS coal, oil and gas cause a high amount of carbon emissions, and

WHEREAS the expense of excavating and drilling for these resources rises every year, and

WHEREAS excavation and drilling leave scars and damage the earth, and WHEREAS the use of natural resources such as wind, solar and water are more in tune with ecology and conservation, and

WHEREAS wind, solar and water power are more economical to sustain, and

WHEREAS the Grange always promotes ecology and conservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange endorse and promote the use of wind, solar and water power, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange #151; East Central Pomona No. 3

REFERRED: Agriculture

2016-3) RE: USING CORRECT ENGLISH

WHEREAS the media does not use correct English language and sets a bad example for our children, and

WHEREAS impressionable children watch a lot of television, and

WHEREAS the English language is being used improperly. Examples are yer for your, cumf-tible for comfortable, fer for for, mizel for migh as well and so on.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange notify the Federal Communications Commission at 445 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, of our concern about the improper use of the English language in the media.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange #151

REFERRED: Good of the Order

2016-4) RE: WITCHCRAFT HANGINGS

WHEREAS we now recognize that the nine people hanged in Connecticut in the 1600s for witchcraft, were innocent, and WHEREAS the descendants

of these nine carry the burden of shame for a relative who was convicted and hanged for a crime.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our Governor to apologize to the descendants of the nine people who were unjustly convicted and hanged for witchcraft in the 1600s.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange #151

REFERRED: Good of the Order

2016-5) RE: TREATIES AND TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT MAY OVERRIDE NATIONAL SOVREIGNTY

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) allows for the establishment of a judicial body with powers that could super-cede those of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of our government, and

WHEREAS allowing this would over-ride our national sovereignty in favor of national interests of foreign nations to the benefit of their economic interests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange go on record in opposition to any treaties or trade agreements like the TPP that have the ability to over-ride our national sovereignty for the economic benefit of other nations over our own, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the next Annual Session of the National Grange for action thereon.

SOURCE: Oxford Grange #194, Excelsior Pomona #7

REFERRED: Legislative

2016-6) RE: ACCESS TO SLEEPING ROOMS AND PUBLIC ROOMS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMODATION

WHEREAS hotels and other places providing public sleeping accommodations are required to have rooms available for mobility impaired guests, and

WHEREAS many hotels have automatic closing

devices on guest room doors, and

WHEREAS some of the hotels have door closing devices that do not allow sufficient time for mobility impaired guests to enter their rooms with their luggage or other packages before the door closes, and

WHEREAS some older guests do not have the strength to hold the door to their hotel room open until they can bring all of their luggage and other parcels into their hotel room, and

WHEREAS some mobility impaired individuals have difficulty opening the door to public rest rooms at hotels and other places of public accommodations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request our legislators to introduce and pass legislation that would set reasonable minimum time standards for doors into hotel guest rooms and public restrooms before the automatic closing devices would be activated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request our legislators to introduce and pass legislation that would set reasonable maximum standards for the force necessary to open doors into hotel guest rooms and public restrooms.

SOURCE: Norwich Grange #172; East Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address

2016-7) RE: FULL DISCLOSURE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCING

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court declared corporate campaign funding protected speech according to the First Amendment, and

WHEREAS the multinational corporations are funding a great share of political party discourse during campaigns, and

WHEREAS there is real or perceived influence from these vast amounts of money pouring into the political campaigns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED a total disclosure of these moneys needs to be put in front of the voters as a major part of the campaign describing the sources and amounts of these funds by the candidates funded by these moneys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the itinerary and influences to be created by these funds, and the people involved in the decision to fund that particular campaign be thoroughly publicized where the voters can easily access them.

SOURCE: Hillstown Grange #87; East Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: Legislative

2016-8) RE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut is facing a big deficit in this year's budget, and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has Deputy Commissioners in every department, and

WHEREAS these Deputy Commissioners make over \$100,000 a year or more, and

WHEREAS these Deputy Commissioners are appointed by the Governor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to eliminate the position of Deputy Commissioner in every department.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

REFERRED: Legislative

2016-9) RE: POMONA JURISDICTION

WHEREAS Article XII, Section 1, Division 1 (Paragraph 2) of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws (2013 revision) reads: "There shall be no changes in lines of jurisdiction of Pomona Granges in the State of Connecticut unless - first, all Granges and Pomona Granges that may be affected shall be notified at least six months before the Annual State Session, of

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any contemplated changes, and second, any changes in the jurisdiction of Pomona Granges shall be approved by the delegate body in Annual Session before going into effect.”, and

WHEREAS with the changes that are occurring in our State's Pomonas, a more timely response can only benefit our Granges without having to wait up to a year for the State Grange to meet in annual session.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XII, Section 1, Division 1 (Paragraph 2) of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws now read: “The Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange shall establish and maintain the jurisdictional lines of Pomonas.”

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

2016-10) RE: CIGARETTE SMOKING IN VEHICLES

WHEREAS the public is highly educated about the potential dangers of cigarette smoking and second hand smoke, and

WHEREAS public establishments have taken measures to avoid these dangers by creating “no smoking” rules and abiding by them, and

WHEREAS smokers smoke cigarettes, cigars, etc. in vehicles, often with children in the same enclosed vehicles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ekonk Community Grange go on record as supporting legislation that would make it a fine to smoke in any vehicle where children under the age of 18 are passengers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange for their action.

SOURCE: Ekonk Community Grange #89 REFERRED: Legislative

2016-11) RE: SOLAR HEATING PANELS

WHEREAS the installation of solar heating panels is being promoted as a way to save the environment, and

WHEREAS new construction in our towns does not include such paneling, and

WHEREAS some aggressive solar companies are attempting to purchase open space and farmland for their product.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange be urged to seek ways to encourage builders to include solar panels on new buildings and renovated buildings.

SOURCE: Manchester Grange #31 REFERRED: Good of Order

2016 Session Committees

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: East Central Pomona #3

Vice Chair: Central #1

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| Manchester #31 | Litchfield #107 |
| Cawasa #34 | Taghannuck #100 |
| Whigville #48 | Lyme #147 |
| Colchester #78 | Oxford #194 |

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Vice Chair: Jody Cameron

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| Wallingford #33 | Killingly #112 |
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| Senexet #40 | Simsbury #197 |
| Groton Community #213 | Hillstown Jr. #87 |

Constitution and By-Laws

Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5

Vice Chair: Phil Prelli

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Vice Chair: Fairfield County Pomona #9

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| Ashford #90 | Norfield #146 |
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Legislative/Insurance

Chair: Mountain County #4

Vice Chair: Alma Graham, Legislative Director

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| Ekonk Community Jr. #101 | |

Connecticut's Environmental Dilemma

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between the need to meet clean energy goals and the goals of preserving valuable farm and forest lands. The Forest and Park Association is concerned over the loss of these core forest areas while other groups are concerned over the loss of farmlands. It is not that there is a drive to stop the development of renewable energy in the state. Some have expressed the opinion that some of these solar farms could be placed in areas that would not be as detrimental to our forestland and farmland such as closed dumps and old strip malls or old industrial developments.

What is ironic is that the State is indirectly subsidizing these renewable energy projects while it also spending millions on farmland and forest preservation. This issue deserves more thought and discussions between different agencies and interested parties.

Reserve your State Session rooms now!

If you are planning to stay at the hotel during State Session, please make your reservations with the Holiday Inn as soon as possible. We have plenty of rooms at this point BUT we always end up expanding our block as Session comes closer. This hotel is the closest to Mohegan Sun, so additional rooms may be difficult to find as Oct. 20-22 draws near. Those who require handicap accessible rooms or have other special needs should also reserve their rooms as soon as possible. As always, remember to mention the Connecticut State Grange when making your reservation to receive the group rate.



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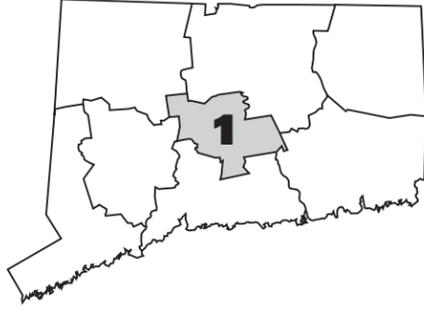


Snacks Anyone?



Donations of snacks are needed for the Hospitality Room at State Session. If you would like to donate, please bring them along with you to Session. Sister Irene Percoski, Family Activities Director, is coordinating the room. The committee will provide the coffee and beverages. If you have questions, please contact Irene at 860-749-0463.

Central Pomona No. 1



- Central #1
- Southington #25
- Meriden #29
- Higganum #124
- Hemlock #182



CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Robert Charbonneau
Sept. 15th: An “**Edible Landscape**” program is being presented by MG Trask Master Gardener, as the Lecturer Program for Central Pomona #1 at the Meriden Grange Hall 540 Broad St. Meriden CT 06450 on September 15, 2016. **The program will be held after a short**

business meeting.

The lecture covers function meeting form with a beautiful delicious landscape while increasing your food supply.

Learn how to create a natural sanctuary-including native plants, vegetables, flowers and fruit together with attracting butterflies and peaceful song birds.

Arrive early for a preview

featuring personalized consultation. Next, enjoy an interactive lecture covering: basic design elements, composite essentials and recommended edible options. Taste the possibilities, as the evening concludes with fresh garden samples, topped with handcrafted herbs infused vinegar and oil.

Sept. 23: Our next regular meeting is at 7:30 PM. Our Literary Program is entitled: “**Veggies Everywhere.**”

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 9: Omit
Sept. 23: Installation
 Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Meriden Sunflowers



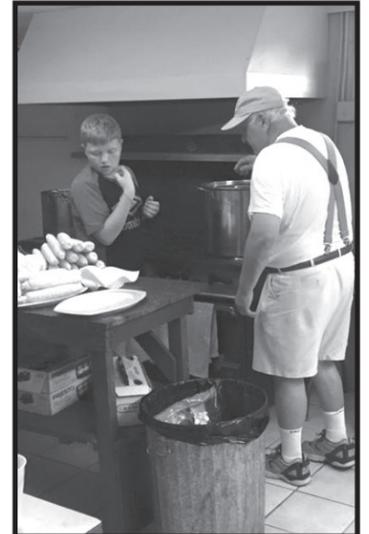
Meriden Grange Vice President, Michael, has been planting sunflowers and herbs at our Grange Hall this year. He also attempted the use of hay bales as planters this year. Michael will be hosting a herb table at our Fair on Sept 10th.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Robert Charbonneau

Sept. 10: 87th Annual Meriden Grange Fair. This is scheduled for Meriden Grange Hall from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM with premium entries accepted the night before from 5 to 9 PM. More information is located at our web page: www.meridengrange.org/grangefair.asp/ along with our Fair Premium Book.

Southington Grange Fair



Moe Robataille and helper in Southington Grange’s kitchen preparing corn-on-the-cob for their chicken barbecue at their Fair August 13th. *Photo by Robert Charbonneau*



132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. All members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the previous year and start a new Grange year inspired and energized.

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

REGISTRATION

Grange Name _____ No. _____

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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

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| Adult Registration - \$30.00 | # of Members _____ | x \$30.00 = _____ |
| Junior Registration - \$20.00 | # of Members _____ | x \$30.00 = _____ |

CELEBRATION BANQUET (Saturday Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person’s choice above):

- 1) Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish Aoli
- 2) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 3) Roasted Atlantic Salmon and Shallot Jus
- 4) Vegetarian Lasagna

All entrees include Freshly Tossed Caesar Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef’s selection of Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

THURSDAY, OCT. 20 & FRIDAY, OCT. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

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| Adult Registration - \$15.00 | # of Members _____ | x \$15.00 = _____ |
| Junior Registration - \$10.00 | # of Jr. Members _____ | x \$10.00 = _____ |

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

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| Adult Registration - \$15.00 | # of Members _____ | x \$15.00 = _____ |
| Junior Registration - \$10.00 | # of Jr. Members _____ | x \$10.00 = _____ |

TOTAL = _____

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Questions: Please call the Central Office at 860-633-7550 or the State Secretary’s Cell 860-307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201 (mention the Connecticut State Grange to receive our group rate)

Thank You from the Palmers

To our Grange family,
 Our sincere thank you for the cards, calls, attendance at the services and donations made in memory of Jim’s mom, Florence Palmer who passed away on July 20th at the age of 98 and 1/2.

All of these were greatly appreciated.

Jim and Pat Palmer



Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Quinebaug #2
- Senexet #40
- Wolf Den #61
- Ekonk Community #89
- Ashford #90
- Killingly #112
- Echo #180

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Sept. 21: Is it time to rest yet? Program

We held our annual Awards Night program on Thursday, Aug. 4 to present the scholarship awards. The John F. Duffy Scholarships were awarded to members Lela Millr who will be studying pre-med at UConn and Danielle Duquette who will be studying nursing at UConn.

The Helena B. Duffy Scholarships were awarded to Julia Luppi studying business management at UConn and Ling He who will be studying business at Georgia State.

Joan Perry attended the Lecturer's Conference and brought back excellent programs to share.

We will have an exhibit at the Woodstock Fair and a food booth as well.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

Sept. 14: Installation

On August 10, the regular business meeting was held. Roll call and information and then went to recess for a special event.

A past State Master was present – Jody Cameron

presented Wolf Den's Secretary, Elsie Johnson with her 75 year certificate with family and friends in attendance. Our Master, John Carter, explained what the function of the Grange is. Jody and John answered questions visitors asked about the Grange. Elsie thanked all that attended. John and Joan made cake and refreshments. Elsie is proud.

Get well Sybil.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Ekonk Community Grange will have a booth at the annual Sterling Family Day, which will be held at the Sterling Ball Field in Sterling Center on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 11 a.m. until dark, when Fireworks will light up the night skies! Mike Molodich is Chairman of this event and can be reached at 860-564-1117 if anyone has questions on this popular and free event in Sterling.

The public is invited to Ekonk Community Grange, 723 Ekonk Hill Road in Sterling, CT for a "Meet the Candidates" Night on Saturday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 p.m. Candidates for

State Legislature and State Senate, serving our district, have all been invited.

Our Representative candidates: Tracy Hansen, Democrat (Tracy was born and raised in Rhode Island) now from Voluntown and her Republican challenger, Kevin Sczuak from Griswold. Senate candidates for our district include Democrat, Timothy Bowles from Preston and his Republican challenger, Heather Somers from Groton. Each candidate will be introduced and given opportunity to give a brief synopsis of their platform. A question/answer session will follow and the evening will end with refreshments, courtesy of the popular Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm. Legislative Director, Russell M. Gray, will serve as Moderator for the evening. The media has been invited.

On October 8th, the Grange will serve a public all you can eat roast beef supper, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children ages 12 and under, \$6.00 and as always, preschoolers are admitted for free. The hall is handicapped accessible. Questions on this supper, call 860-564-2131.

The annual National Grange Distinguished Grange application has been completed and once again, Ekonk Community Grange has qualified. by this reading, the annual Community Service report has been completed and mailed in for judging.

The Grange has a new signboard on Rt. 49 in front of our building. This identifies our hall and is well constructed as well as eye catching. Thanks to Facility Chairman, Link Cooper, for its construction and installation.

Anyone with an interest in community service and socialization is invited to attend any of our monthly meetings and become a Granger. We meet every first Monday at 7:30 p.m.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Sept. 19: Regular Meeting

Oct. 3: Installation

Oct. 8: Apple Festival

Our cool cold "Summer Dinner" on July 13 went off well. It wasn't too hot but we had lots of cool drinks and good food. Our next mid-week dinner will probably be over (Aug. 10) by the time this paper is printed. It will be a turkey dinner with all the fixin's. We are hoping to have these dinners mid-week so as

not to coincide with other weekend events. Watch for announcements in the future. These are some of our planned fundraisers. Coming up in Sept. is our Annual Fair in September then the Apple Festival on Oct. 8. Hopefully the start of Farmer's Markets on Nov. 12th. More on that later.

We held our Summer Picnic at Quaddick Lake picnic area. Linda & Joe took care of grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers

and everyone helped with supplying salads and drinks. There were about 12 of us attending. It was a pleasant night. Many of us had not been to that lake in years.

Our Texas members, the Fiske's, attended our June meeting and were introduced to our members who did not know them. Our Flora, Josie Stenback has been hospitalized for Lyme Disease. She is recovering. Master Pat Valyse attended Lecturer's Conference.

Senexet Grange presents scholarships



Senexet Grange #40 awarded the scholarships to Left to right, Julia Luppi, and members Lela Miller and Danielle Duquette.

Ekonk Grange honors Barbara Stott for 70 years



Barbara Stott of Ekonk Comm. Grange #89 was presented her 70 Year Grange Seal by President Jody A. Cameron. During the visit Barbara fondly recalled serving dinners in the old hall having to lug everything up the back stairs and the infamous Square Dances that lasted until well after midnight. Barbara is the mother of Bonnie Deojay, past CT State Grange Youth Director & Flora and past President of Ekonk Community Grange and she is the Grandmother of Dawn Deojay past President of Ekonk Community Grange. Service to the Grange and Community have always been a priority to Barbara and her family.

Collection of earlier Meriden Grange Fair Books

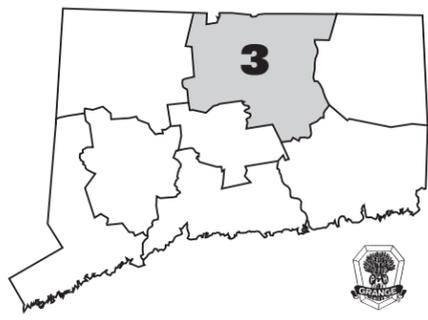
87th Annual Fair

Sponsored by
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September 10th, 2016- From 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
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East Central Pomona No. 3



- East Central #3
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- Glastonbury #26
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- Simsbury #197

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 10: Installation of Officers, 7:30 P.M. Host: Glastonbury

Back to work. Hope you all had a nice summer but it's time to dust off the sashes and rehearse your parts for the meeting. We are planning a fall clean-up day for the dining hall as it is getting a little gloomy. Hope all can attend when it is scheduled. See you in September.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Sept. 1: Installation of Officers, Ref. Potluck Dessert by all

Oct. 1: Bakeless/Foodless Sale

Oct. 6: Ghosts & Goblins, 7:30 P.M., Ref. Kay Ruff, Ann Posuniak

Oct. 8: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7 P.M.

Glastonbury Grange officers will be installed on Sept. 1 by Edith Schoell and her team. Dan Posuniak will be installed Master. All members are on the refreshment list. We will have "Potluck Desserts."

Oct. 1 is our Semi-Annual Bakeless/Foodless Sale. This is an important fundraiser for us. Our rent is our largest expense. We do need everyone's help with this sale. No donation is too small. Your donation can be sent to Secretary Kathryn Ruff, P.O. Box 192, Pomfret Center, CT 06259.

Oct. 6: Ghosts and Goblins. Sister Ann Gilnack will have an appropriate program for that title.

Oct. 8: Our monthly Monte Carlo Whist Card Parties will begin. We look forward to seeing folks attend. Bring a couple of friends with you. Everyone's participation is most welcome. It is a fun evening with delicious refreshments. Come one, come all. See you there.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

Sept. 6: Remember When
Sept. 20: Installation

On July 12 we went fishing in the dark with a program put on by Sister Paula. On August 16 we

will learn about "America the Beautiful." We also had a tag sale on Aug. 27. September 6 our program will be about "Remember When." Installation will be on Sept. 20. We will hold a pancake breakfast on Sept. 17 at the Zion Lutheran Church from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Hope to see you there.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 1: Meeting Cancelled

Sept. 15: School Days

Here we are getting ready for the fall harvest. Time will be here to rake leaves and get the hall ready for winter. The gypsy moths have raised heck with one of our maple trees. Let's hope it can survive the winter.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Our monthly pancake breakfasts will be starting up with the first Saturday in October. Doors open at 8:30 to 11:00. Same low prices - \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids under 12.

Breakfasts are served with sausage, juice and coffee/tea.

October's specialty pancake is apple pancakes with warmed walnut syrup! Yum! Come join us for breakfast.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 10: Show & Tell

Our Ethnic picnic was delicious. German, Italian, Asian and possibly South American? dishes were enjoyed by all. Plans were shifted to have our installation of Officers in August instead of September. There was too much conflict with the opening of the Big E, the Four Town Fair and Pomona installation all falling on the same weekend. We have started our Farmer's Market on the Enfield Green in sizzling 80 and 90 degree weather and are determined to hang in there. No profit without a little sweat. Come visit, we meet early and then have lunch, which is a good way to start a weekend.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Susan Masino

Our Agricultural Fair is September 17 from 10 to 3 P.M. The fair will feature live music from Bill Benson, a well-known local musician and 2013 recipient of the Northwest Connecticut Idol contest. We will have hayrides, children's games, vendors and... new this year - a lemonade garden! We have all the usual contents, and this year we added contests for jellies and jams and for pickled, fermented and canned items. A free welcome bag full of swag is waiting for the first 150 attendees. And anyone who completes an on-site guided scavenger hunt will be rewarded with a free game or hayride. Hope to see you at the Fair!

Our Grange initiated a "Read and Seed" Little Free Library in Hartford. Long story short is I was going to install one and have books and seeds and call it a "Read and Seed" at the Simsbury Grange and give out books and seeds. In parallel my colleague wanted to put a library near the house, and we combined forces to put one next to the community garden I am involved in at Trinity. It is a much more walkable neighborhood.

It has been super successful and I think this idea of a "Read and Seed" might be a project other Granges could mobilize. It is in keeping with the agricultural history of the Grange, some Granges already give out books

and dictionaries, and it is a general community service.

We also taped a new

program with Dominique Mueller on SCTV (Simsbury Community Television).

Simsbury Read & Seed



Check out the Simsbury Grange's display table at the Simsbury Bank! Pick up some information about our fair. Learn about the grange and our exciting events when you come to the bank. Thank you to Simsbury Bank for the display table!

Glastonbury awards



At the July meeting of Glastonbury Grange, Mario Accornero presented Reno Ferrando his 70 year seal and Kathryn Ruff her 60 year seal. Mario spoke about the years of activities of both members and the years of service to the Grange. Reno and Kay both responded and remarked as to how much they enjoyed their years in the Grange and their love for the Order.



We know where Granges are!

Robert Charbonneau, State Public Relations Co-Director

For those of you who are computer savvy and want to know where a local Grange is located, you only need to visit "m.ctstategrange.org" - the Connecticut State Grange Mobile Website. Our mobile website has been available since late 2010 and was designed for use on computers, smartphones and mobile devices. Once on the mobile site, by going to "Find A Grange." By going down to "List All Granges" there are three selection buttons. For example, by selecting "Granges By Name," will bring up a list of all the CT Granges. Selecting one of the listed Granges brings up an information page. The Grange information page shows basic information about that Grange and a selection button below for "Map & Directions." Selecting that button brings up Google Maps and the GPS location of that Grange or Grange Hall. From there you can plan your trip to that Grange.

Granger Shout Out

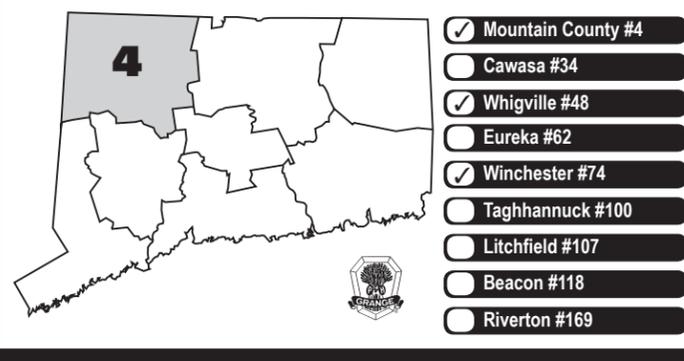


A huge Thank you shout out to my CWA Committee, State Master Noel Miller, Hillstown Grange members and friends who helped at the Harvest of Handicrafts - Irene Percoski

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Granger@CTStateGrange.org
They can also be mailed to
P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Sept. 12: Eureka Grange, 7:30 P.M.

The next meeting of Mountain County Pomona will be hosted by Eureka Grange in the Nepaug section of New Hartford. Please join us for the meeting which will feature our annual Gift Card Drawing. If you haven't purchased tickets, they are still available from any Pomona officer and also can be purchased on the night of the drawing. This is the only fundraiser for the Pomona each year. Please support it.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

The Burlington Land Trust will be hosting their annual race from Whigville Grange Hall in October. A bit more of a fall celebration is planned. More to follow.

After a weekend of working in the rain, Gary and two wonderful friends got the Grange well repaired! The incoming pipe was fixed, along with some leaks, etc.!!! Thank you guys! We are a go for the fair, Pomona meeting and the Road race, / fall festival.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Beacon's Christmas in July



Beacon Grange #118 in Northfield held a Christmas in July Craft Show on July 30.

Sept. 13: Regular Meeting, Ref. By Sue Addison

Sept. 20: Installation of Officers, Ref. By All

Winchester held its annual Fair and Flea Market on August 13 with a good turnout despite the wicked heat and humidity that day.

Plans are moving forward for our annual participation in Winchester Center Day on September 10. We will sell hot dogs and homemade apple crisp at the hall and the other organizations in Winchester Center will have a car show and various demonstrations during the day. It's a fun late summer day in the beautiful surroundings of Winchester Center. Come on up and see us!

We have canceled our degrees for September and the Sept. 13 will be a regular meeting with program. The Sept. 20 meeting will be the installation of officers by the Cameron/Barnes Installing team.

We remind members that the St. Pauly Clothing Shed is a permanent fixture at the hall (behind the Post Office) and your donations of used clothing, shoes and other textiles are welcome and raise much needed money for the Grange.

Wind farms gobbling up land

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under consideration in Connecticut would use up more than 680 acres of valuable and productive agricultural land. He said there may be as many as 100 such solar developments being planned.

Those projects are part of a surge in solar proposals that have come in response to the system the state set up to provide incentives for renewable energy. The program's goal is to reduce Connecticut's reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation by promoting sustainable, non-polluting energy sources like solar.

Under the program, state-approved projects can get long-term contracts to sell energy at above-market prices to utilities. That enables the developers to get financing for a solar project – effectively providing an indirect state subsidy.

While the state is encouraging solar energy, it also spent \$9.7 million in 2015-16 buying development rights to protect 1,631 acres of farmland. Reviczky fears that Connecticut's rapid push for more solar power will swallow up thousands of acres of productive farmland before the state can protect it.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's administration is now struggling to reconcile these two often conflicting state policies. "This is an issue we see becoming more critical for us to address every passing day," said Katie Dykes, head of the state's energy office.

Farmland a Cheaper Option

Reviczky said this trend of solar projects taking over important farmland isn't "just here in Connecticut." He said this type of "competition for the best of the best farmland" is happening all over the northeastern region.

State solar policy should discourage the development of key farmland and push to have these large solar arrays placed on brownfields, closed landfills and other industrialized areas, according to Reviczky. The difficulty is that those kinds of properties would cost more for solar companies to develop.

"The solar companies have figured out that large, open farmland is the easiest to convert," said Henry Talmage, executive director of the nonprofit Connecticut Farm Bureau. The least costly option for big solar arrays is to find generally flat, open land that doesn't need to be cleared of trees.

Talmage describes the problem as "a kind of collision of two good ideas and unintended consequences" and as "one of those things that's complicated." The farm bureau two years ago opposed one General Assembly bill designed to provide added protections for key farmlands because Talmage's group feared it threatened farmers' property rights.

The company behind the Pomfret project is RES Americas Inc. Company officials failed to respond to requests for comment.

Miller believes that state support for solar development is the reason the company behind the project can afford to pay such high land costs.

According to Miller, the property owner can lease that land to the solar developer for six or seven times the \$200 per acre per year that Miller can afford to pay. "I guess I don't blame him," Miller said.

"I can see these two things being at loggerheads," Rep. Lonnie Reed, D-Branford, said of the contradictory state policies on solar energy and preserving farmland. Reed, who is co-chair of the legislature's Energy and Technology Committee, thinks the legislature needs to weigh in: "I do think we need to look at this."

Farmers' Rights

Another complicating factor is that many Connecticut farmers don't want the state to place more restrictions on what they can do with their land. "It's not a simply answered question," said Catherine Osten, who is both first selectwoman of Sprague and a state senator representing 10 communities in eastern Connecticut.

Talmage said the farm bureau, which represents about 2,000 active Connecticut farmers, said his group is conflicted about exactly how to find a solution. "We're in a box," Talmage said, citing the dual desire to save farmland from development while preserving the rights of farmers to use their property as they see fit.

The Pomfret project brought this issue into sharp focus in the past few months. The Woods Hill plan has the backing of Pomfret officials, and the siting council found there would be no environmental problems from the proposed solar array.

Reviczky made an impassioned but unsuccessful protest to the Connecticut Siting Council in May, urging rejection of the Pomfret project. In a letter to the council, Reviczky said loss of that farmland "is largely incompatible with the goals of the State of Connecticut to keep agriculture viable and growing."

"The loss of 102 acres of highly productive farmland will have an adverse impact on one or more farms in the Woodstock-Pomfret area as they struggle to find similar quality and quantity of land to farm," Reviczky warned. He argued that state and federal law require that the potential loss of important agricultural property needs to be considered if a proposed facility is getting public support.

The siting council rejected Reviczky's protest, saying the commissioner "is under the erroneous impression that the project entails an expenditure of state funds, which requires agricultural evaluation."

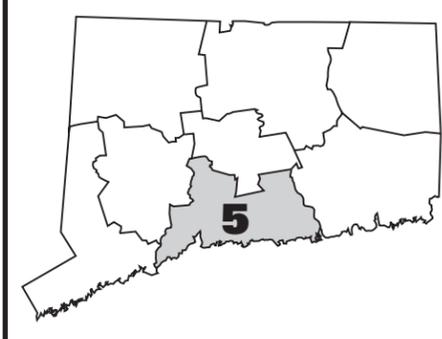
Another argument raised by Reviczky was that the solar project, with its thousands of support posts and miles of underground cables and service roads, was likely to have long-term "negative consequences for agricultural productivity on that property."

In a written response to the siting council, a lawyer for RES Americas said there is no evidence that solar arrays have long-term negative impacts on farmland.

Dykes also said that it's possible the land could be returned to agricultural uses in 20 or 30 years when the solar panels reach the end of their operational effectiveness. She said it's also possible those panels might simply be replaced when they start to lose their generating capacity.

"I don't think it's realistic to assume ... that the land would go back to agricultural production," Reviczky said.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- New Haven #5
- Cheshire #23
- Wallingford #33



NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Oct. 17: Regular Meeting – Fall is in the Air – Cheshire, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 4: (Sunday) 4:00 P.M. Open Meeting – Program: Christmas is Around the Corner. Bring a \$3.00 gift to exchange; potluck supper with dessert in charge of the CWA Committee.

By the time you read this article, we will have enjoyed our Pomona picnic at the home of Marge Bernhardt, and have been installed.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Sept. 7: Installation of Officers. Pot luck at 6:30
Sept. 21: Fall Social. Open Meeting

Our annual picnic was held on July 20th at Marge Bernhardt's home. We also drew up our programs for the coming year. Our craft nights continue when possible for the summer, making Christmas items for our shut in members and others. We had several entries in the State CWA judging at the end of July. We turned over many items to be sold at the NE Grange Building at the Big E.

Several of our members attended the NE Grange Lecturer's conference in Bridgewater, Mass on August 1-3. Our annual fair was held at the end of August and was successful. Thanks to the many folks who had a part in it. Our officers for the new year will be installed on September 7th by Jody Cameron and his team preceded by a pot luck supper.

Borelli receives 75 year certificate



Arline Tolette presents Ed Borelli with his 75 year certificate at the Aug. 10 meeting of Cheshire Grange. Ed originally joined Foxon Grange #84 in 1941. Four generations of the Borelli family were present.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel M. Lauttenbach

Sept. 15: Fair Work Night. Note this is a change from the Pomona handbook.

Sept. 17: Annual Wallingford Grange Fair. Contact Janet Haller @ (203) 314-6922 for a fair book.

Sept. 22: Installation of Officers. Ref. The Officers

Oct. 5: Come to Wallingford for some great Bluegrass Music with Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters. The band starts at 7 P.M. Telephone Jim or Lisa Lamoureux @ 203-238-1510 for tickets.

On July 14 we held our annual picnic. For the first time in recent memory we had to have our picnic indoors because of an impending thunderstorm. It rained and a few booms of thunder were heard for about a half an hour before it cleared out. There was plenty of food to go around, plus desserts! It was good to see a few of our members that we don't see too often. Afterwards we had a business meeting. We had election of officers and we had one additional office filled by Marcia Cutrole who will be taking over the Chaplain's position this coming year. We also went over next year's program calendar that soon should be out in the Pomona handbook.

Don't forget that our fair is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. We are at 586 Center Street in Wallingford. There will be a Chicken Barbecue from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. with continuous seating. Contact Janet Haller for a fair book and for entry forms.

Past Master Leonard H. Healey

Leonard Holmes Healey was born on October 9, 1864 in Des Moines, Iowa. His parents were John and Mary Healey.

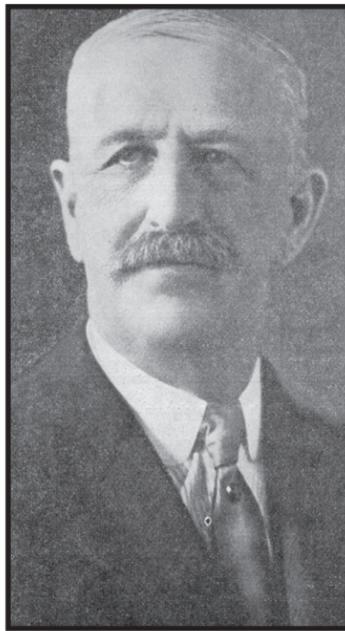
He received his education in the regular school and at the Academy in Woodstock.

On June 13, 1889, he married Carrie Blackmar of Woodstock, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Erastus Blackmar and Sarah Bigelow Blackmar. To them the following children were born: Maude, John, Leonard, Ewart, Merrill, Beatrice and Sarah Healey.

Brother Healey taught in the local schools for many years, as well as owned and managed his farm in North Woodstock, later adding a busy insurance business to his life. He led a busy public life, serving as Tax Collector in Woodstock for many terms, was the Moderator at every town meeting for many years, served as County Sheriff, became Secretary of Agriculture of the State of Connecticut and when this position was changed to Commissioner of Agriculture served as Deputy Commissioner of that Department over a great period of years.

By politics he was a Republican and by faith a Congregationalist. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and President of the Patrons Fire Insurance Company up to the time of his death. He was always interested in Agriculture and was a director of the Windham County Fair Association and was its Secretary for fifteen years.

Besides serving as Master of his Subordinate Grange he was very active in Quinebaug Pomona offices; he served as Deputy of Quinebaug Pomona from 1902-3; Lecturer of the CSG from 1904-



1907; seventh Master of the present Conn. State Grange and served in that position from 1908-1911; member of the State Grange Executive Committee from 1912-25; Priest Conductor of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange from 1908-1913; Assistant Steward of the National Grange from 1909-1911 and Overseer of the National Grange from 1911-1913.

The following Junior Granges were organized during his administration: North Stonington, Lyme, Manchester, and Canterbury

Juvenile.

He personally organized Echo Grange #180 and the following Subordinates were organized during his administration: Harwinton #45, Farmington #49, Pachaug #96, Willington #137, North Stonington #138, Westport #148, Wemanesa #170, Mystic #171, Norwich #172, Wolcott #173, Torrington #174, Lake Valley #175, Groton #176, Haddam Neck #177, Montville #178, Avon #179, and Meadow Brook #181.

He was a brilliant man and added much to the prestige of the State Grange. His wife, Sister Carrie Healey was of the homemaker type but was a willing and ever helpful wife. She was a teacher in the local schools for a number of years, one of the first Sisters in the State to hold the position of Master of her Subordinate Grange, which she ably filled.

On August 1, 1936, this busy well spent life came to an end and he was buried in Woodstock Hill Cemetery. The large group of Grangers that attended this funeral were mute testimony to the high regard and esteem which his fellow members felt for him.

Don't forget to enter contests



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

What a wonderful group of Grangers from Connecticut we had at the 101st Annual Northeast Lecturers' Conference. Everyone helped and because of this everything ran smoothly. I want to thank not only those that attended, but those who sent suggestions and loaned me items to use in the program. While we had only 18 registered, Massachusetts (where the conference was held) was the only one to have more than us.

I also want to thank everyone from Connecticut who donated to my gift. It was really appreciated. As I am always saying, Grangers are the best!

Next year the conference will be held in Vermont. Hope more of you can make it.

Before the next Granger comes out, entries in our Complete Program, Should Auld Acquaintance and Essay Contest are due. The topic of the Essay Contest is "My Favorite Spot In Connecticut". It should be 150 words or less. The topic of the Complete Program is "What's Cooking?" Forms for Honor Lecturer will be mailed with the next newsletter. All of these are due by October 1st.

I'm hoping to see a lot of you around the State.

Family Activities



Irene Percoski
CWA/Family Activ. Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

Harvest of Handicrafts is over. Some minor bumps were overcome and now it is time to evaluate and plan for next year. Entries, as usual, were outstanding. The talent, imagination and craftsmanship of the people in our Granges just gets better every year. My congratulations and profound thanks to everyone who entered.

Contest results on page 12...

New London County Pomona No. 6



- New London County #6
- Colchester #78
- Pachaug #96
- Preston City #110
- N. Stonington Comm. #138
- Lyme #147
- Stonington #168
- Norwich #172
- Groton Community #213

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 15: "Hats Off" – Groton Grange

Our September meeting will be held at Groton Grange. It will be good to see old friends after the summer hiatus. Groton will hold a short meeting prior to our meeting at 7:30 and we are hoping some of our new Granges will join us at this meeting.

We are pleased to announce that Joan Perry of Senexet Grange will be our new Assistant Lecturer. Joan is always lots of fun and we are happy to include her in our family of Officers.

The summer is nearly over! It seems it had just begun.

The weather was really oppressive. We know all that heat wasn't fun.

But now it is the time for the autumn and time to get back to Grange.

So trade in the boredom of summer and get lots of fun in exchange.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Cathy Russi

Colchester Grange #78 made a donation of tools to the Bacon Academy Garden Program (Academy Acers). The students will be able to utilize the 25 tools to help with the garden program they have started. The



Colchester Grange #78 made a donation of tools to the Bacon Academy garden program (Academy Acers). The students will be able to use the 25 tools to help with their program. Pictured left to right: Cathy Russi (#78), Jill Levasseur (Bacon Academy Advisor), Laura Sokollski (Bacon Academy Student) and Polly Leonard (#78).

group has sustainability on their minds. Students are encouraging families to grow their own food which is a huge step forward leading to a sustainable lifestyle. The group had a discussion regarding organic, chemical-free methods and how inherently more sustainable for human health, wildlife, the soil and the water supply than non-organic techniques.

The two groups held conversations regarding how reusing and recycling can be adopted in the grading process. Polly Leonard offered the history of farming and how the farmers have supplies of fresh produce to people for years.

The two groups hope to continue their connection being committed to an intergenerational approach to a sustainable lifestyle.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 9: Installation of Officers
Sept. 23: "Birds of a Feather Flock Together"

The program at our one meeting in July was presented by the WAC. We learned some handy food facts, took a test on food myths and learned about some old-time remedies we were glad had passed into

oblivion. Jason Miner have an interesting presentation about our first Grange fairs, starting in 1910. According to George Stone's Cracker Barrel Chronicles the middle day of our 1913 Fair had a crowd of 6,000. This year's North Stonington Agricultural Fair had a considerably larger crowd, of course, but we are glad our Fair tradition continues after all these years.

At our September 23 meeting we will welcome Genevieve Nuttall from Osprey Nation. She will present a program on osprey tracking. Not so many years ago we were afraid we would lose our osprey population due to overuse of pesticides; but now, thankfully, we are seeing them everywhere. This should be a very interesting program and we hope to see a good

crowd there. And if these "scattered showers" will just scatter themselves over this way a little more often next time we'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Oct. 6: Are you ready for State Session?

Nov. 3: Ag Program- The Frost is on the Pumpkin

Dec. 1: Potluck at 6:30. Certificate Night – Are you ready for Rudolph?

On a beautiful, low humidity evening, we held our August meeting. Our Overseer took over as our Master was on vacation.

Potluck Picnic proved the old saying, "The Lord will provide" Eleven people attended with baked ham, baked beans, mac & cheese, tossed salad, cole slaw, crackers & cheese, fruit jello, cookies, frozen

pie, and watermelon. No one knew what the other person was bringing.

We voted to let the church use our hall for their Rummage Sale on October 1 and after many, many notices, to suspend members who have not paid dues as of Sept. 1.

All hands on deck as we cleared our hall of regalia so the fair could use it for handicraft and photo exhibits. Someone not paying attention, crashed into our new fence. Luckily they have insurance and it will be repaired by fair time.

Our Lecturer returned from Lecturer's conference all fired up and ready for another year.

Several of our members are under the weather with various problems. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- Excelsior #7
- Beacon Valley #103
- Bethlehem #121
- Prospect #144
- Bridgewater #153
- Wolcott #173
- Oxford #194

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

The Bridgewater Grange will have a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday September 24th 2016. The place will be Saint Marks Church at the corner of Hat Shop Hill and Route 133 right across from the Bridgewater Green. The time will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The menu will be roast beef, corn, carrots, mashed potatoes, Jell-o salads and homemade desserts. Ice tea, coffee, lemonade and water will be the beverages. The price is \$15. Seniors over 62 will pay \$12. Kids 6 to 12 will pay \$8. Children under 6 are free.

For more information contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck

Sept. 2: Newsworthy-Each to bring a current news item of interest

Sept. 16: Autumn Leaves, or Comes

Since the beginning of July, new member Kim Dulka has organized and held a Pop-Up Market on Grange property each Saturday. A variety of vendors featuring farm produce and other wares has attended the event. The Grange has secured a

peddler's permit from town to be in compliance for this type of event.

The weekly Open Mic continues due to the efforts of Kim, husband Mike Matthews, and Dave Foster. The hot weather of late July and early August forced this event to go on sabbatical for a few weeks until the weather cools off as the Hall was too hot and uncomfortable. It should pick up again in later August and definitely by September. This continues to be popular with the regular performers and attendees.

Member Raye Hodgson

has started work on a project to make the Grange lawn into a garden representative of our three patron graces: Ceres, Pomona, and Flora. At the meeting August 5th, she gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining her vision to beautify the grounds. We expect the work to take some time to complete, but look forward to the results.

We are still in planning for the eventual handicapped ramp for the Grange Hall. We await a materials list from Selectman Jeff Haney who volunteered to build the ramp with donated labor. Once we have this, we can price out what our cost will be, then plan to raise this money in whatever way is most feasible. There may be some donations coming in to defray the total costs of the project.

These are exciting times for the Grange in Oxford. At our August 5th meeting, we approved ballots for seven new members. The momentum is building!

Wallingford Grange

Presents

An Evening of Bluegrass

with

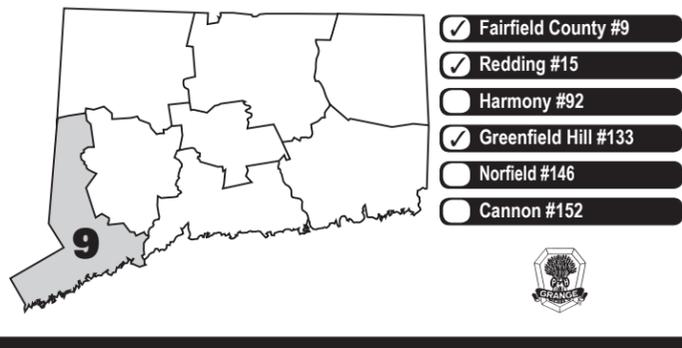
Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters

Saturday October 15, 2016
 at 7:00 P.M.

Wallingford Grange Hall
 586 East Center Street, Wallingford

Tickets \$12.00
 Call 203-238-1510

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: *Sendewicz*

Sept. 7: Supper at 6:00 P.M. Greenfield Hill & Redding Granges. 7:30 Meeting

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: *Sendewicz*

Sept. 12: School Days, 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 26: Award Night, 7:30 P.M.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: *Dennis Rich*

While Dennis is on the mend and rehabilitation from a fall, a broken rib, and a hernia operation -- this is submitted by Jim Golias and Lori Golias.

At our July 15th meeting a picnic was held. The August 27 fair was hashed out and to do list was made out. We will be meeting again on August 15 and we will finalize assignments. On September 7th we will host Pomona at 6 PM meeting will be at 7:30 PM.

Friday, August 19th we will host open mic night at 7 PM

Saturday, August 27th

Agricultural Fair

Friday, September 9th we will host open mic night at 7 PM

Saturday, September 24th will be pizza and movie night. Doors open at 5:30 -- dinner at 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 1st A Square dance will be held -- details will follow. This event has been in the works for a long time and it promises to be a lot of fun

Saturday, October 8 is cabaret night at 7:30

Saturday, October 14 is open mic night at 7 PM

Saturday, October 29th at 6 PM we will host a holiday Halloween party with a harvest fest meal and a movie

Many of the projects that were in the works or completed: Included are the Grange Hall painting; the new side porch and railing; and the interior of our outdoor kitchen.

We are all working hard to raise monies for our next project -- the new gutters and leaders. We hope to see you all at our August 27th fair.

P.S. Get well Dennis

What will the Grange be like in 2017?

In 1992 the State Grange writing contest had three categories and had to be less than 300 words. One category was "The Grange in 2017."

Here are the top three from back then.

Edith Schoell - Past State Lecturer

Third Place - "The Grange in 2017"

by **Jack B. Allen**

Obwebetuck Grange #206

This is your Hope channel of the Universal Legislative News, reporting from National Grange Headquarters, on the 150th anniversary of the Grange. In this year of 2017 the Youth Grange has taken on new meaning. Drugs, alcohol, and sleep-in partners have become "old stuff". A new outlook on "Good Old Values" of Great Grandfather's time has been found in the Grange.

More productive ways of farming are being encouraged and shared with small third world countries, because of Grange influence.

Grange Co-Ops are bringing surplus grain, milk, and other protein rich products to the outskirts of large cities where the poor can buy at less than the big market's prices.

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Grange missionaries have encouraged new Granges to spring up within the crowded cities. Spanish, black, and oriental neighborhoods share small gardens in backyards and empty lots. Violence is on the downgrade and God's miracles, shown in the growing of flowers and vegetables are building Faith.

Charity is not only shown here but International Granges have started in Europe, Asia, and Africa. It seems that Grange Fidelity is not to be restricted only to and within the USA boundaries.

Second Place - "The Grange in 2017"

by **Harriett Sanborn**

Hemlock Grange #182

There have been many changes in the Grange, but 2017 finds it still easily recognized. We now have fewer contests, most of our efforts are in helping people. The Legislative committee and the community service program have taken on a new importance. We are working toward a better government and a better world. Local issues are being tackled in the Subordinate Granges and the young people are really turning out for the meetings. They are so enthusiastic when working on a "cause." They are the scouts who are bringing in the community needs. The Pomonas are looking into better and fewer laws, and the State Grange is pushing to enact them.

The Grange in conjunction with other civic organizations has purchased a T.V. station. We have one good program a week, with different Granges participating each time. It seems to be great advertisement. More people are aware of the Grange, what it actually stands for, and they are joining in large numbers.

It is no longer a requirement for the Subordinate Granges to hold degrees. The obligation ceremony has been accepted and is conferred twice a year in each Grange. The four degrees are conferred once a year in each Pomona. All new members are asked to attend. The beauty of the degrees is thus

being preserved by a special degree team.

It is now easier for the Subordinate officers to present programs and meet requirements. The new resolution requiring the state and National officers to institute their new programs the year following their election was enthusiastically received by all.

This gives the Subordinate Granges the time they need to initiate them.

A door has been opened and a breath of fresh air has crept in. Some organizations did not make it - The Grange Did!

First Place - "The Grange in 2017"

by **Audrey D. Lundgren**

Higganum Grange #124

The President has recognized the value of the Grange by designating a National Grange Holiday on Dec. 4, Founders Day; and on Grange Week has invited National Master and all fifty State Masters and their wives to the White House for a State Dinner and tour, entertainment and T.V. coverage, of course. And since Grange is a family organization, the children will also be entertained.

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a commemorative stamp with Grange insignia to mark the 150th year of the founding.

The founder's farm has been declared a National Shrine and Park.

The new Russian Republic has expressed a desire to start Grange organizations in that country, as have several countries formerly part of the U.S.S.R. They feel that a family oriented organization that honors God would bring back moral background for the children growing up, and keep them from excesses of drinking and promiscuity, which has been a growing problem the world over.

Many southern states have Afro-American Masters; Hawaii has a State Master of Polynesian ancestry and Alaska an Eskimo. It is hoped soon to start Granges in U.S. territories.

Since the U.S. farmers are feeding our country and half the world besides, the National Grange has used its legislative influence to obtain better prices for farm produce and more protection for the small family farms.

At last the Grange has been recognized as a powerful force for good. And our own singer songwriter Charles W. Johnson, Jr. of Higganum Grange has written two new songs that are being sung all over the country, "People Need the Grange" and "Grange Makes the World Go 'Round." Of course, his "Hello, Stranger! I'm a Granger" is more popular than ever.

Plant Seeds for the Future

Consider leaving a planned gift for the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc.* The size of your gift does not matter. What matters is that we all participate and support the future of the Grange!

Please contact us if you need assistance.

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Roast Beef

at Bridgewater Grange

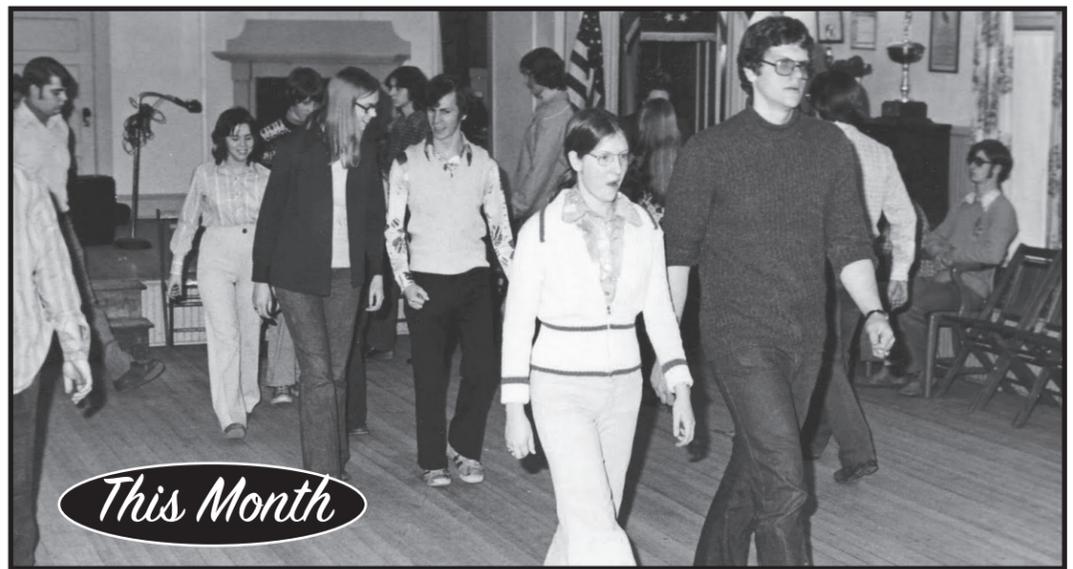
The Bridgewater Grange will have a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday September 24th 2016. The place will be Saint Marks Church at the corner of Hat Shop Hill and Route 133 right across from the Bridgewater Green. The time will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The menu will be roast beef, corn, carrots, mashed potatoes, Jell-o salads and homemade desserts. Ice tea, coffee, lemonade and water will be the beverages. The price is \$15. Seniors over 62 will pay \$12. Kids 6 to 12 will pay \$8. Children under 6 are free. For more information contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us 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.



There were no answers to last month's picture.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!
Wow - this summer is flying right by! Summer will soon be coming to an end, and fall will be here with its crisp weather and changing colors of the leaves.

I was able to go to the Harvest of Handicrafts at Hillstown Grange at the end of July. There were lots of great entries in the CWA contests - and I got to help judge the Blueberry Muffin contest. Yum! It was a great day to spend time with my Grange Friends!

Noel and I also went to Riverton Grange where the Piano from the New England Grange Building found a new home. Connecticut's State Grange Pianist Mary Lou Keefe got to give it a whirl.

I then attended the North East Lecturers' Conference in Bridgewater, MA. It was nice to meet lots of new friends.

Want to keep up on my travels? Be sure to follow me on Facebook. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Say Hello if you see me around the State!



Apple season is on the horizon, and this recipe from Betty Crocker for Apple Crisp is perfect to serve with a scoop of ice cream. This is easy to make, and perfect for Grange refreshments or dessert.

APPLE CRISP

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 medium tart cooking apples, sliced (4 cups)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Cream or Ice cream, if desired

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease bottom and sides of 8-inch square pan with shortening.

Spread apples in pan. In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients except cream until well mixed; sprinkle over apples.

Bake about 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown and apples are tender when pierced with a fork. Serve warm with cream.

NOTE: If you would like to try a blueberry crisp, simply use 4 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blueberries for the apples.

SOURCE: <http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/apple-crisp/3715a45c-3c00-430c-bbe2-9865f9013238>



Secretary Emeritus Edith Schoell, Mary Lou Raymond (Family Activities Comm.), State Master Noel Miller, Marge Sendewicz (Family Act. Comm.) and Family Activities Director Irene Percoski post for a picture at the recent Harvest of Handicrafts judging at Hillstown Grange.



Ruel and Jane Miller perform one of the famous "George and Harriett" skits at Northeast Lecturers' Conference.

Harvest of Handicraft Winners

2016 Connecticut State Grange Family Activities Winner's List

Class A – Afghans

1. Pat Margelony, Vernon #52
2. Diane Lieth, Colchester #78
3. Ramona Fasio, Winchester #74

Class B – Doilies

1. Carol Nelson, Vernon #52
2. Maryalyce Lee, Cheshire #23

Class C – Embroidery

1. Shirley Moore, Riverton #169
2. Edith Schoell, Manchester #31

Class D – Baby Set

1. Pat Margelony, Vernon #52
2. Maureen Taylor, Colchester #78
3. MaryalyceLee, Cheshire #23

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1. Joan Zeigler, Redding #15
2. Diane Godin, Beacon Valley #103
3. Elizabeth Ryducha, Cheshire #23

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

1. Mariellen Baxter, Vernon #52
2. Anne Cella, Cheshire #23

Class G – Adult Garment

1. Pat Margelony, Vernon #52
2. Shirley Moore, Riverton #169
3. Maryalyce Lee, Cheshire #23

Class H – Latch Hook

1. Dorothy Joselovitz, Redding #15

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1. Karen McDonald, Redding #15
2. Lois Evankow, Lyme #147
3. Alma Graham, Echo #180

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1. Maryalyce Lee, Cheshire #23
2. Irene Percoski, Enfield #151
3. Marcia Gaspar, Prospect #144

Class K – Baby Afghans

1. Lois Evankow, Lyme #147
2. Dot Mrowka, Colchester #78
3. Ramona Fasio, Winchester #74

Craft Contest – Needlework

1. Dawn Percoski, Enfield #151
2. Shirley Moore, Riverton #169
3. Lois Evankow, Lyme #147

Craft Contest – Other Media

1. Kathy Russi, Colchester #78
2. Doris Johnson, Cheshire #23
3. Janet Haller, Wallingford #33
4. Hon. Mention –Pat Valys Killingly #112

Baking Contest

1. Diane Miller, Senexet #40
2. Lois Evankow, Lyme #147
3. Lila Cleveland, Stonington #168

Decorate A Baseball Cap – Most Original

1. Laurie Michaud, Hillstown #87
2. Joanne Muscillo, Beacon Valley #103
3. Bonnie Trecarten, Colchester #78

Junior Craft Contest

1. Riley Brown, Whigville #48

Junior Decorate A Baseball Cap

1. Noella Burlette, Hillstown #87
2. Angelina Dedominicis -Hillstown #87

Thank you one and all for the wonderful response to our contests. The judges were very impressed with the quality of the workmanship that went into your entries. All first place winners will be forwarded on to the Judging at the Big E in September. I have no doubt more ribbons and prize money will be awarded to our entrants there.

Next Year's contests are being planned already so keep an eye on the Granger for some changes and I hope some surprises.

Irene Percoski, Director

In Memoriam

Mary Claire Avery

Stafford Grange #1

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

State Chaplain

The Unknown God

Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain



In ancient Athens there was a temple devoted to Agnostos Theos, the Unknown God. When the apostle Paul visited Athens he saw that temple and incorporated the name into a speech he gave to the Athenian elite [at their invitation] at the Areopagus [Mars Hill]. The speech is recorded as follows in the Acts of the Apostles:

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

I submit that, even though we in modern days might say that we know God, in many ways we do not really KNOW him; he remains unknown. Our capacity to know God is limited by the fact that God is so very, very big and we are so very, very small. Through meditation and prayer and through experience each of us may learn a little about God, but our experience is like that of the six blind men and the elephant: each was partly in the right but all were in the wrong.

However, there are many ways that may enable all of us to learn more about God than we presently know, so that little by little God becomes less unknown. Jesus gives us a few helpful hints. He said "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God". Jesus said to Philip "He who has seen me has seen the Father." And in the 29th chapter of Jeremiah we read: "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Junior Grange

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Wow - summer sure did go by quickly - School is already back in session and we are harvesting what is left of our gardens. A BIG Thank You!! to all those that participated in the Luncheon held on 7/31 during the CWA craft contests - we raised over \$300 towards the State Junior Granger Fund!

Notice to Juniors and Junior leaders - I am looking forward to your entries in the craft and photo contests at state session. Make sure to check out the rules in the blue book.

Plans are underway for an exciting adventure during state session. This adventure will be held Saturday during the conference from 9:00 to 11:30. Please let Michelle DeDominicis know if you have Juniors or Young at Hearts that would be interested in participating.

Also - this year - we will be holding the Junior Speech and Sign Language contests during state session as to changes in the National rules. If you have a Junior interested, they will need to be signed up by 9:00 am Saturday of state session - contest will be held after the Junior Luncheon. Contest rules can be found on the National website. All first place winners will then be able to participate in the National contests. (at contestants own expense)

G Note Leader Board



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| Ekonk Community Grange #89 | \$542.00 |
| Vernon Grange #52 | .325.00 |
| Cheshire Grange #23 | .315.00 |
| Winchester Grange #74 | 247.00 |
| Prospect Grange #144. | .175.00 |
| Beacon Valley #107 | .147.00 |
| Meriden Grange #29. | 72.00 |
| Anonymous Donation | 50.00 |
| Manchester #31 | 47.00 |
| North Stonington Community Grange #138 | 41.00 |
| Riverton Grange #169 | 35.00 |
| Coventry #75 | 30.00 |
| Oxford Grange #194 | 19.00 |
| Harmony Grange #92 | 13.00 |
| Miscellaneous Donation | 1.00 |
| | \$2,059.00 |

These totals represent all Granges who have turned in G Notes to the State Secretary as of August. We know there are many other Granges collecting notes and are saving them up to turn in at a later date. A check may be submitted in lieu of turning in the actual notes. Checks may be sent to the Central Office and made out to the Connecticut State Grange with a memo that says "G Notes". This program will continue until State Session when the last of the money may be turned in. *Thank you for your support of this program!*