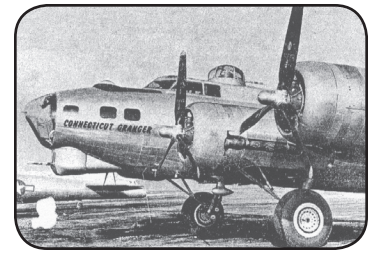




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New Pomonas unveiled



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for your Grange but YOU have to ask. We provide a great community presence but lack on the follow up to gain new members. Our survival demands a change in our tactics to gain new members.

Camp Maud Isbell Berger is open for another season. It got off to a rocky start but the Kimberly's have expanded the programs to provide the best Camp in the area for the money. This year many Granges donated camperships to the Camp and I thank all of you that donated this year to the Camp. It is a gem of which we all can be proud.

The New England Lecturer's Conference will be upon us at Castleton University in Vermont. Let's hope that we have clear weather and no hills to climb at the campus. I have always enjoyed the Lecturer's Conference as a way to meet new people and get new ideas for programs and having fun. Thank you, Marge Bernhardt for all the hard work that you do at these conferences. It is truly a labor of love.

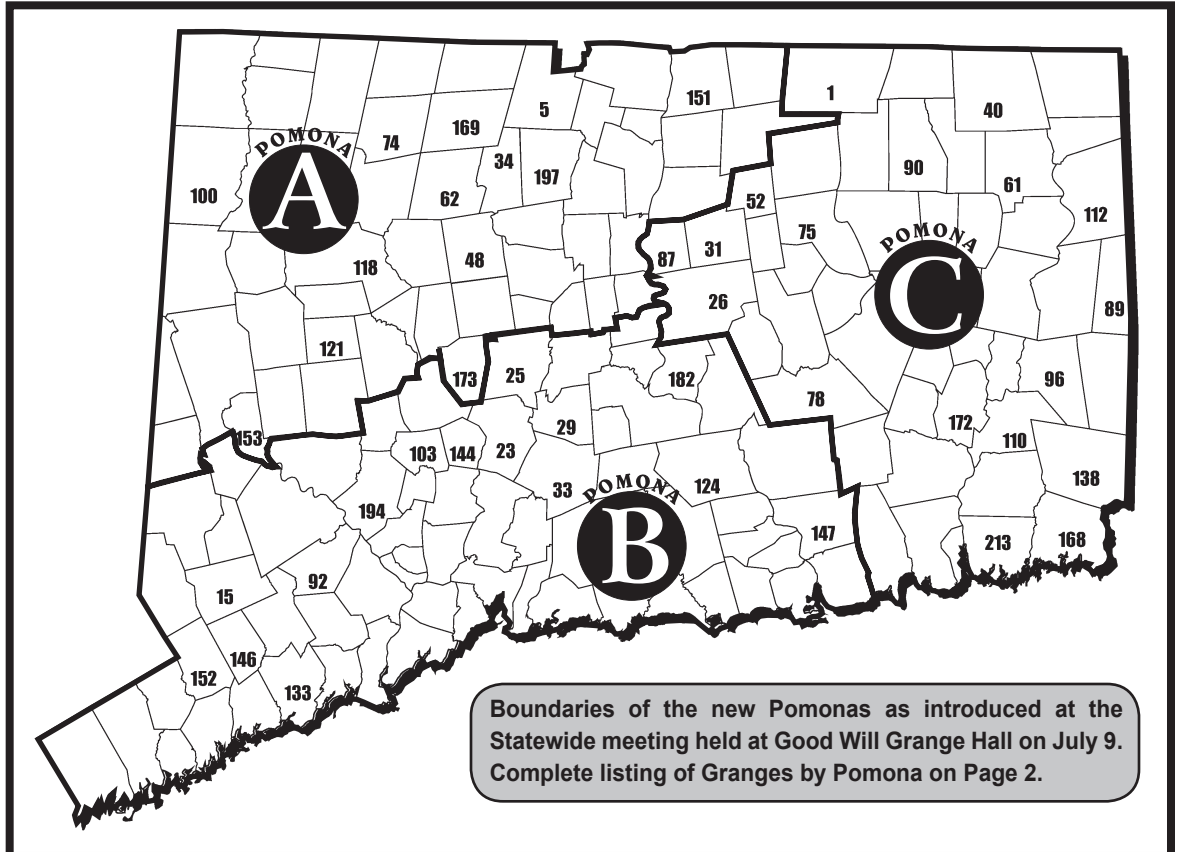
Just a reminder as State Session is just around the corner... Resolutions are the work of the day. Now is the time to start preparing resolutions for us to work on. This will be the last time that Pomona Masters will oversee Session Committees so please attend and be part of history.

The new t-shirts for the 2018 National Grange Convention are out so show your support by purchasing them. The more we sell now the less we have to pay later to National Grange. More items will be coming to help pay for this convention.

The Big E is just around the corner and I hope that you are busy knitting, crocheting, and sewing items for the sale room. The jams and jellies will be delivered on August 29th. These sales help keep the New England Grange Building the pride of the Big E. Come and visit and buy a bit of New England.

The 131st Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange gave the State Grange Executive Committee the task of creating new Pomona Granges in Connecticut. We have taken this work seriously and committed ourselves to the task of making a plan for strong Pomona Granges for the future. On July 9 we presented the plan for the new Pomona Granges to the membership of the Connecticut State Grange. New boundaries were drawn and we have presented three new Pomona Granges. These new Pomonas equally divide the state and provide the strongest leadership for the Pomona Granges to survive in the future. The next step is for the new Pomonas to meet with their mentors to create new by-laws and elect officers to begin the new Pomonas after November 1, 2017. It will take cooperation from everyone to assure that these Pomonas will succeed. For if everyone doesn't get onboard then this effort can fail and Pomona Granges will no longer be in Connecticut. It is up to us all to see that this new plan for Pomona Granges is successful. Join the winning team!

Summertime is quickly coming to an end. I see that our Community Granges are busy with Grange Fairs, Markets, Dinners, Tag Sales, Dances and Music Nights. This is the backbone of the Grange, promotion of agriculture, educating people, bringing people together, and feeding great food to the public. Use this time to promote our organization. Our membership committee can get you custom material



Statewide Meeting well attended

Todd Gelineau, State Secretary

Over 60 members packed the dining room at Good Will Grange Hall on Sunday, July 9th to hear the State Grange Executive Committee's plan for redistricting Pomonas.

Connecticut will now have three Pomonas rather than the seven currently in operation.

This statewide meeting was open to all members and was an opportunity to ask any and all questions. The final plan is the culmination of nine months of work by the Executive Committee to come up with a plan that would take into consideration factors that included travel times, clustering of active Granges and experienced leadership, among many others.

At the beginning, most members of the Executive Committee were not set on a specific plan. Initial proposals called for 1, 2, 3 and even 4 Pomonas. In the end, the three Pomona plan answered all concerns of the committee, and most importantly, gave the best opportunity for acceptance by the membership.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Committee were unsure of how the plan would be received, despite knowing that it was the best possible course to take. The

Executive Committee was applauded for its efforts and the plan.

What's Next?

The current Pomonas continue to wind down operations by closing out accounts, updating membership lists and taking inventory of regalia and belongings. They will continue to operate until October 31. All Pomonas are expected to select delegates to represent them at State Session and those delegates will serve on Session Committees as they have in the past.

For the new Pomonas, the process of creating new organizations begins. Each new Pomona has been assigned three members of the Executive Committee (list on page 2) to serve as mentors to help shepherd them through the process. The initial meeting for each new Pomona will be called/coordinated by the mentors to "get the ball rolling." Those meetings will be scheduled as soon as possible. All Granges should take part in this process which will include writing by-laws, selecting a meeting day/night, location(s) for meetings, etc.

There are several current Pomonas that do not have degrees scheduled prior to State Session. We do know that East Central Pomona is planning to confer the

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Fifth Degree on October 2 at Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury. The meeting will begin at 5:00 followed by a potluck supper at 6:00 and the Degree at 7:00. Pomonas with candidates are welcome to bring them to this conferral. Rather than printing contact information of others in this column, feel free to call the Central Office or email the State Secretary at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org to let East Central know you're coming.

An added bonus to joining Pomona prior to Oct. 31 is the ability to become a Charter Member of your new Pomona when it opens. All members currently on Pomona rolls automatically become Charter members of their new Pomonas. That's all you, as a member, have to do! All current Pomona members in the state will automatically transfer to the newly organized Pomonas. It couldn't be any easier.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to look at Pomona in a new light and create relevant organizations that truly fulfill its mission to "strengthen and aid the Subordinate Granges." (*National Grange Digest*)

POMONA MENTORS

Members of the State Grange Executive Committee will serve as Mentors or the new Pomonas. They are:

POMONA A

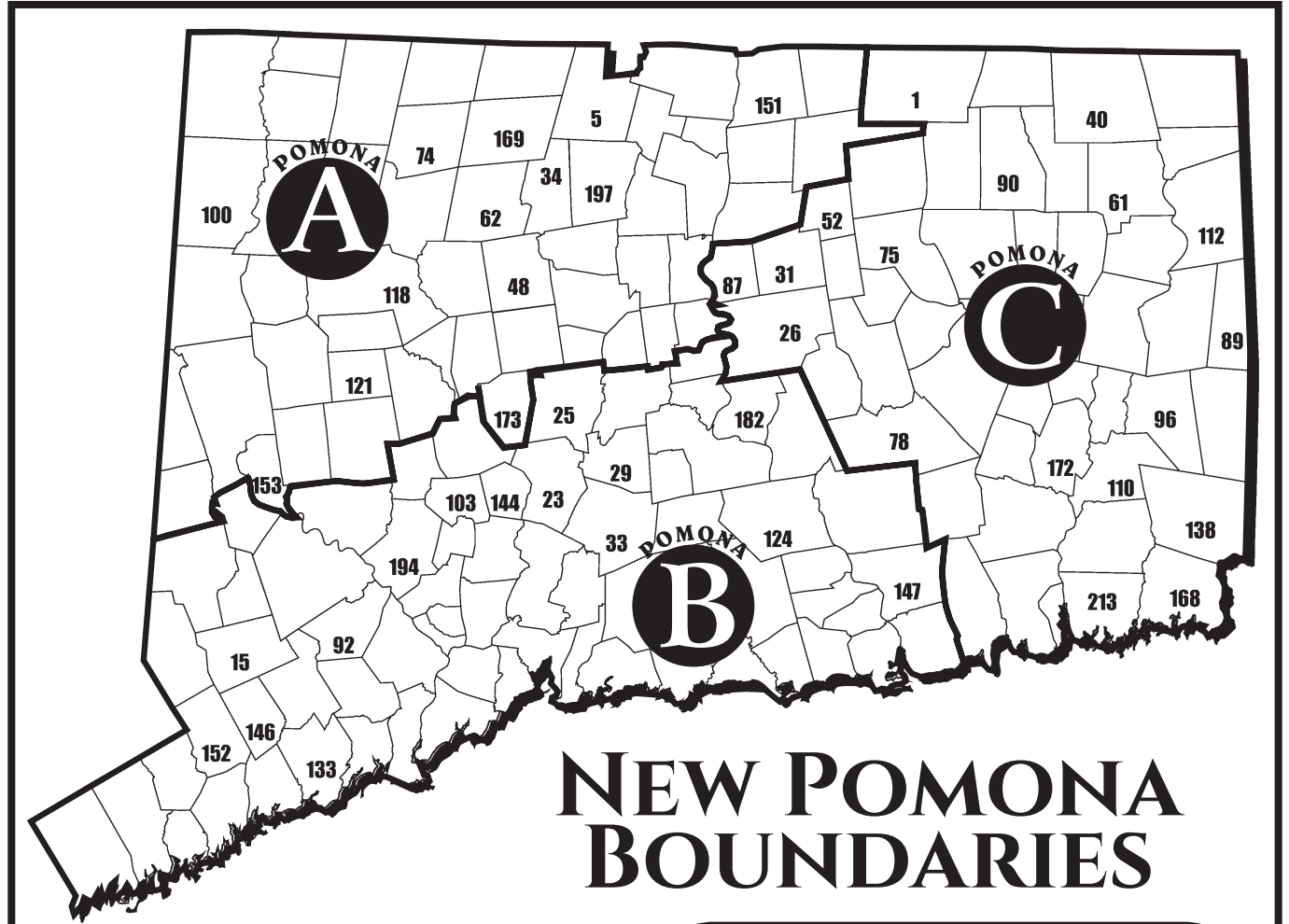
Ruel Miller
Jody Cameron
Gordon Gibson

POMONA B

Noel Miller
Jeff Barnes
Todd Gelineau

POMONA C

George Russell
Bob Sendewicz
Phil Prelli



NEW POMONA BOUNDARIES

Pomona A

Beacon #118
Granby #5
Cawasa #34
Whigville #48
Eureka #62
Winchester #74
Taghannuck #100
Bethlehem #121
Enfield #151
Bridgewater #153
Riverton #169
Wolcott #173
Simsbury #197

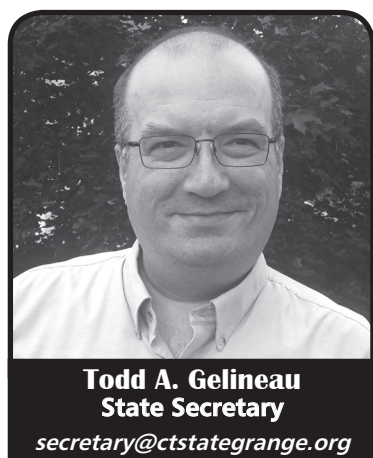
Pomona B

Higganum #124
Redding #15
Cheshire #23
Southington #25
Meriden #29
Wallingford #33
Harmony #92
Beacon Valley #103
Greenfield Hill #133
Prospect #144
Norfield #146
Lyme #147
Cannon #152
Hemlock #182
Oxford #194

Pomona C

Coventry #75	Preston City #110
Stafford #1	Killingly #112
Glastonbury #26	N. Stonington #138
Manchester #31	Stonington #168
Senexet #40	Norwich #172
Vernon #52	Groton Comm. #213
Colchester #78	
Hillstown #87	
Ekonk Comm. #89	
Ashford #90	
Pachaug #96	

State Secretary



Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary
secretary@ctstategrange.org

there are a couple of important things to

keep in mind as we move ever closer to October 31. The most important "need" we have is for an updated and accurate membership list (by Grange). To be able to transfer members into your new Pomonas, we need to know who the members are and we certainly don't want to miss anyone. Every member counts!

There are two things that don't have to be done by Secretaries. The 990N E-Postcard and the dissolution of your Pomona corporations will be handled by me. In March when we file your final postcards with the IRS, they will be notified of your closure. The dissolution of your corporations is done through the Secretary of the State's Office in Hartford. This is something that should be done once you have closed and the State Grange, as the successor organization, will have to do that on your behalf. More information on the "winding down" of your Pomonas will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

In this issue we have included important information about State Session. I can't emphasize enough how important

it is for you to get your reservations with the hotel done and to register for the Session and purchase your tickets for the Banquet on FRIDAY evening. Yes, the Banquet has been moved to Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the hotel (Holiday Inn Norwich). Due to difficulty in getting reservations on time, we have instituted a fee for late reservations, so up to September 15, tickets will cost \$30. After September 15, tickets will be \$40.

As of this writing, we have received no resolutions at the Central Office. It is early, but please be working on them and keep in mind they have to be in to the office by September for inclusion in the packets. Late resolutions must be accompanied by 125 copies.

Reminders have been sent for items we need returned to the office. Please go through the list and be sure to get your Directory information in along with your Dues Receipt orders.

Whew! This is supposed to be "summertime, when the living is easy"! Maybe we'll take a breath after State Session....

PLEASE! Do not send correspondence or any other mail to the Newfield Rd. address listed below. This is the address for Winchester Grange #74 and is only listed to satisfy USPS requirements. Please mail to the Editor's address listed below, right. *Thank You!*

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2017 Session Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice)

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Introduction of National Representatives
- Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
- Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
- Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
- Roll Call of Granges
- Report of Credential Committee
- Session Committee Announcements
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Noel T. Miller
- Report of Overseer
- Reports of Secretary
- Reports of Treasurer
- Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers

- Minutes of Previous Day's Session
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of One Member of the Exec. Comm. & any other vacancies
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
- Report of Agriculture Committee
- Report of General Deputy
- Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:30 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
- Report of Camp Berger
 - Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
 - Lyn & Chris Kimberly, Camp Directors
- Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
- Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
 - Family Activity Presentation & Awards
 - Membership Awards
 - Public Relations Awards
 - Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session

- 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM Report of NEGB Trustees
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
- Professional Agric. Awards
- Scholarships
- 2017 CSG Granger of the Yr.
- Lecturer's Program
- Past Deputies Raffle

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers
- Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- Junior and Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Rep.
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior
- Recog. Luncheon
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Junior Recognition
 - Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
- Install. of Officers
- 3:00 P.M. 6th Degree Conf., Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich
- (Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
- Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Escorting of National Reps.
- Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
- Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
- Rose Drill
- Recognition of G.S. Grangers
- Community Service
- Honor Grange Awards
- Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- March to the Table - Officers and Court

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn Norwich by 2:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Saturday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Join us for the 133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be present for roll call on Thursday evening and we encourage ALL members to be present for all or part of the session.



133rd 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. _____

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

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

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above): **BEFORE SEPT. 15, \$30 - \$40 AFTER**

- 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. 19 & FRIDAY, OCT. 20 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

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

TOTAL = _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

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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)

133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

October 19, 20 & 21, 2017 • Holiday Inn Norwich



**Reservations:
860-889-5201**

**Conn. State Grange Rate:
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Mohegan Sun Casino (3 miles away) and Foxwoods Resort Casino (8 miles away), two of the world's largest casinos are only minutes away. Dodd Stadium, host of the minor league Connecticut Tigers is within 5 miles away. Nearby cities include: New London (16 miles), Groton (18.5 miles), Mystic (25 miles), and Ledyard (8 miles).

The Holiday Inn Norwich is an easy ride from Bradley International Airport (45 miles), Providence (T.F. Green Airport – 45 miles), Groton-New London Airport (18 miles) and Train (10 miles).

MAKING RESERVATIONS:

Making reservations at the Holiday Inn Norwich is easy. Just call the hotel number **860-889-5201**. You may also call the Holiday Inn corporate reservation line but we recommend using the Connecticut number. When calling refer to the Connecticut State Grange Convention to be held on October 20, 21 and 22, 2016. This will ensure you will receive our group rate for the convention. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to be certain to receive the specific accommodations you desire (especially if handicapped or special locations are required).

Two Queen Beds

Twice as nice! That's how you'll find our newly renovated Double Queen, which features two queen-size beds with crisp white linens and your choice of firm and soft pillows along with all the great features and amenities offered in our standard guest rooms.

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From Providence, RI: Follow I-95 South to Exit 84 to Route 32 North then merge with I-395 North. Take Exit 11 at end of ramp take a left. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Boulevard.


Thank you for entering



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


Our CWA year is fast coming to an end. Reports are due September 1st for subordinate Granges and September 15th for Pomona Granges. As you fill out the report please add any suggestions for future projects that our committee should be considering. I would like to thank all who entered this year's contests. Your participation in the many needlework, craft and baking contests was indeed encouraging.

I am collecting items for the Big E which will be delivered on Labor Day, September 4th. Yes, the work at the Grange Building starts early. If you need to have items picked up or can drop them off, please don't wait until the last minute. Every item must be marked for sale which is time-consuming. If you have any questions, I am here to do my best to help with an answer.



Central Pomona No. 1

Southington #25
Meriden #29
Higganum #124
Hemlock #182




Since November 30, 1886

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Robert Charbonneau


We posted on our Meriden Grange Fair website info on our Sept. 9th Fair date, our Premium book (Download) and contests entry form. To reach our website, go to: <http://www.meridengrango.org/grangeagfair.asp>



East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1
Granby #5
Glastonbury #26
Manchester #31
Vernon #52
Coventry #75

Hillstown #87
Ashford #90
Enfield #151
Echo #180
Simsbury #197



Since September 7, 1887

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug: No Meeting

Sept. 9: Weeds (Note change due to Labor Day)

Our next meeting will be in September as we are on Summer leave. September 9th's hosts are the members of Lyme #147, Norwich #172 and Glastonbury #26. CWA table is in the charge of Stafford #1 and Coventry #75.

We will be conferring the Fifth Degree in October and invite any Fourth Degree members to join us. Meeting is at 5:00, Potluck at 6:00 and Fifth Degree 7 P.M. on October 7. Have a safe summer.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Aug. 3: Summer Picnic; Ref: Tom Breen, Kay Ruff

Sept. 7: Installation of Officers; Ref: Ann & Dan Posuniak

By this time all Glastonbury members have received a copy of our list of Officers for 2017 - 2018 year, and the committees, list of meetings and list of members. As you may all know East Central Pomona #3 will turn their Charter in by October and the State Grange will be organizing 3 new Pomona Granges in Connecticut. This was put together in place of the Pomona handbook for our Grange.

Hope everyone is enjoying our nice summer weather. If you would like to join

us for our Picnic meeting please do. The business meeting is at 6:00 p.m. and is a short meeting following by all bringing a dish to share and Brother Breen will be cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. Hope to see you there.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug. 17: Dog Days; Ref. Darby Pollansky

Everyone is enjoying the summer fun and work continues around the hall. Keep cool and check out the fairs.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 12: Dog Days of Summer – bring items for

animal shelter.

Sept. 9: Surprise

Congratulations to Dawn Percoski who worked very hard on several CWA projects this year and earned many ribbons. Three of her needlework entries will go to the Big E for judging. Good luck, Dawn. Don't forget to bring items for the animal shelter this month. Cleaning materials and trash bags are needed as well as food and blankets. We will resume our raffle at each meeting but are limiting the number of items for the table.

Our deepest sympathy to our newest member, Mary Ann Mayo, on the loss of her husband. I hope the friendship you find with us

in the Grange will bring a measure of solace.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept. 12: "A Harvesting We Will Go"

Sept. 26: Surprise! Our last meeting.

Our needlework winner was Alma Graham. She won first prize for her wall hanging.

At our last meeting we voted to turn in our Charter.

Our last meeting will be on Sept. 26, 2017. We only have seven members at each meeting and if someone is absent, we have to omit the meeting.

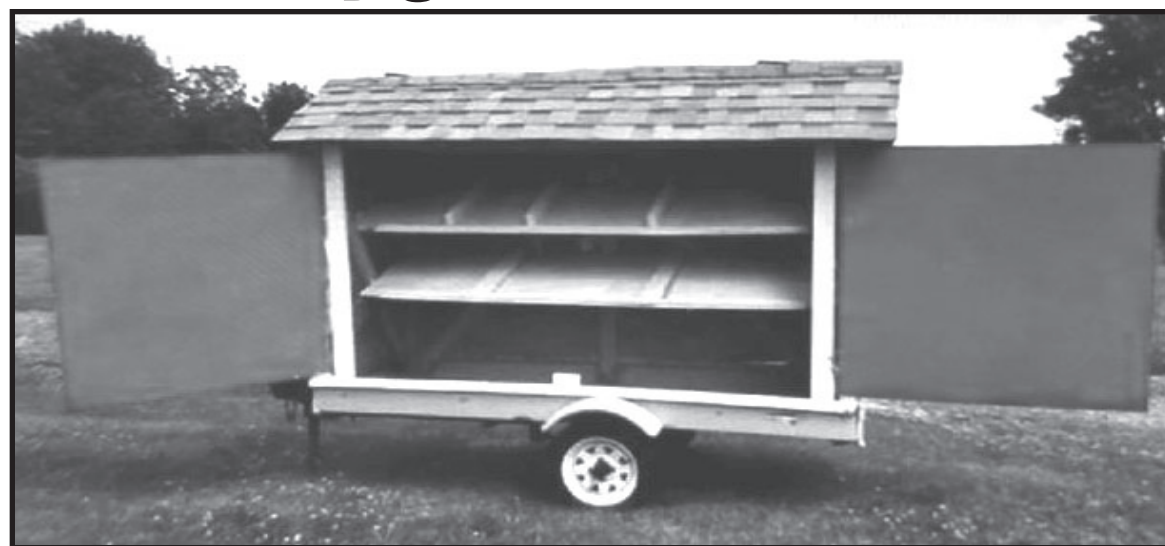
We are very sorry to see Echo Grange No. 180 go.

Promoting Enfield Grange



Enfield Grange's booth at the Enfield Farmers' Market. This is the second year Enfield has promoted their group by having a booth and selling items made by members.

Granby given a farm stand



Jean and Paul Sutton of Suffield made it possible for Granby Grange #5 to receive a (new to them) Farm Stand.

SIMSBURY GRANGE

AGRICULTURE FAIR



Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

September 16, 2017

- BAKE SALE and CRAFT FAIR
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- FLAMIG FARM HAYRIDES
- REFRESHMENTS
- CONTESTS - BAKED GOODS, PRODUCE, FLOWERS
- CASH PRIZES

Featuring Folk Musician Bill Benson



ENTRIES AND FAIR: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ADMISSION IS FREE!

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West Simsbury, CT 06092

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The Bob Charbonneau Show

Thursdays at 8:00 PM EST

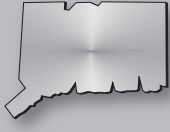
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Tuesdays at 10:00 PM EST

& Wednesdays at 2:00 PM EST




<http://www.GrangeRadio.org>



Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Sept. 11: Last Meeting of Mountain County at Winchester, Potluck at 6:00 P.M.

September 11 will mark the 505th meeting of Mountain County Pomona No. 4. While it will be the final time we meet as Mountain County, it also marks the beginning of a new chapter as we look forward to the formation of our new Pomona this fall. On July 9, the State Grange Executive Committee unveiled plans for the three new Pomonas in the state. The Mountain County family will remain intact in the new Pomona with the addition of Bridgewater Grange #153, Bethlehem Grange #121, Wolcott Grange #173 and Enfield Grange #151. It will be interesting to see how "Pomona A" comes together.

The September 11 meeting will be held at Winchester Grange and will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6:00 P.M. As always, guests are welcome to join us. We would love to see you there!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Aug. 8: Fair Set-Up

Aug. 12: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market (inc. a new Farmers' Market!)

Aug. 22: Awards Night, Picnic at 6:00 P.M.

It's hard to believe we are reporting on "late summer" events already but here we are! August 12 will be our annual Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market on the green and at the Grange Hall in Winchester Center. Our premium flyers are out and if you would like one, please let me know or go to our website at www.WinchesterGrange.org and download a copy. This year's fair will also include a Farmers' Market for the first time. Fill the car and head for the Winchester hills on Aug. 12.

Later in the month (Aug. 22) will be our annual Awards Night and Indoor Picnic at the Grange Hall. This is not a potluck. The meal will be provided by the Grange. Awards will be presented to members reaching milestones in their Grange journeys. You don't have to be a Winchester member to join in on the fun. Come on down!

66th Annual

WINCHESTER GRANGE FAIR AND FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 12, 2017
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Winchester Grange Hall
100 Newfield Road • Winchester Center**

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**Contests & Exhibits • Food from Café 74
Book Sale • Bake Sale • Kid's Games • Fun**
**** NEW - Farmers' Market ****

www.WinchesterGrange.org



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Your Event is Marketing Gold for your Grange

By Terri Fassio,

Public Relations Co-Director

Every organization - including your Grange - wants to stand out in the crowd. Hosting events, and then marketing those events to the community, is one way to help Granges do just that.

Most people attend community events for one of two main reasons: to network with like-minded people or to be entertained or educated. No matter what type of event your Grange is hosting, it's of critical importance that your event be relevant to your target audience and those in attendance.

Whether you are hosting a large event, like an Agricultural Fair or Festival, or a smaller event like a quilting workshop or a Zumba class, Grange event marketing needs to be an integral part of promoting your Grange. Events are memorable, make an impact, and offer a unique opportunity for the public to see your Grange up close and first hand. Events draw people into your hall, and showcase what your Grange is all about - as a local organization, as well as a national organization.

Here's a few suggestions to keep in mind when planning and marketing your Grange events.

1.) Set realistic attendance and outcome goals, and develop a plan of attack. Don't expect hundreds of people to walk through your doors when realistically that number may only be 50. Setting attainable goals will not only save your Grange money, but allow your members to easily work and manage the event without being disappointed.

2.) Incorporate a strong and creative theme. Incorporating a theme into your event will give your members a starting point when brainstorming ideas. It also sets a baseline for your marketing

strategies. Just don't go too far, as that can be seen as gimmicky, and can distract from your Grange's message. In those instances, people remember the gimmick instead of what you want them to remember - your Grange organization!

3.) Engage with your community. People seek personal connections. These connections can be a recipe for new members and build "brand loyalty" - or in this case - "Grange loyalty." Face to face interaction is one of the best ways to establish and build your Grange. People can sense enthusiasm, but on the other side of the coin, can also sense negativity. What your members are expressing to others about your Grange is important as it can attract interest, or send people running in the other direction. Give them your best Grange pitch, inquire about their needs. In other words, spark a conversation. When your members are promoting your Grange in a positive, yet realistic light while interacting and engaging with others, then your Grange reaps positive benefits.

4.) Be sure your event leaves a good impression. Details matter. Make sure your event is organized, and that your staff is clear on their positions and purpose. It is better to host a smaller event that is well organized than a larger event that leaves a bad impression. Remember - the public sees your Grange as one organization, not as each individual. It's all about quality over quantity.

Events - when successful - are a worthy investment and a critical part of marketing your Grange to the public. They offer a unique way to reach others about what your Grange has to offer. With a well-executed event, your Grange becomes memorable, and your event an experience worth remembering.

Riverton Grange Fair

3rd Saturday in August



Food Available
Agriculture, Photo
& Craft Exhibits



**New Haven County
Pomona No. 5**

Cheshire #23
Wallingford #35

Since December 4, 1888

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Sept. 11: (Monday)- Cheshire Grange Hall, "Surprise"
Oct. 16: Cheshire Grange, "Let's Reminisce..."

By the time you read this column, we have had our last Pomona Picnic. Can't believe our time together is growing shorter, yet we will be in the new Pomona together.

We did hold the Fifth Degree for inspection in May with no candidates. We will NOT confer the Fifth Degree in October this year.

Our October meeting will be "Let's Reminisce..." before we turn in our Charter for good.

On behalf of New Haven County Pomona, we thank Don Lanoue for all his years as our Master, our Mentor, our Friend! Thank you, Don for being such a dedicated Master!

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Aug. 9: (Second Wednesday)- All about Jimmy Buffet

Our efforts will be concentrated on our Cheshire Grange Fair on August 26 and 27. Prior to that, some of us will be attending the Northeast Grange Lecturer's Conference in Castleton, Vermont early in the first week of August, postponing our regular first meeting in August from the second to the ninth.

We will get the new Grange year underway with our installation of officers and a 6 P.M. potluck supper on September 6th.



One of the many Independence Day tray favors made by members of Cheshire Grange for the residents of Marbridge.

Past State Master Edgar L. Tucker



Edgar Leroy Tucker was born on March 3, 1885, in Lebanon, Connecticut, to Edgar J. Tucker and Louise (Manning) Tucker.

Hereceived his education in the local grammar and high schools and the University of Connecticut at Storrs, Connecticut.

On June 22, 1909, he married Cora Dimmock, of Gurleyville, in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut. She was the daughter of George R. Dimmock and Agnes M. (Cross) Dimmock and niece of Governor Wilbur Cross.

To them was born, Leroy Dimmock Tucker.

Brother Tucker was a man of high character and always put whatever interest he had above personal gain. The many phases of Agriculture received his

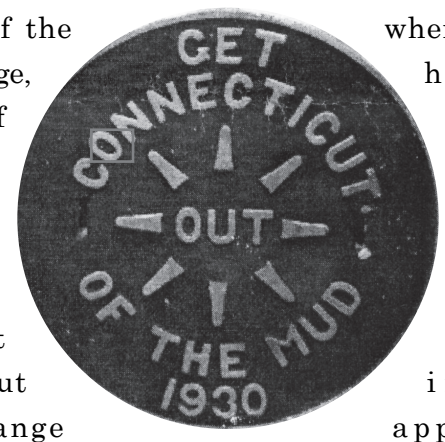
ardent attention and for years he was Overseer and Farm Manager of the Farms owned by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company. He served as Secretary of the Board of Education in the township of Trumbull, and as Grand Juror and Fire Warden for that district. He was a Republican in his political beliefs and a member of the Congregational Church. He was an active Mason and member of the Eastern Star.

He held many Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange offices, some of which include the following: Master of Trumbull Grange, Master of Fairfield County Pomona, Fairfield County Pomona Deputy, Assistant Steward of the State Grange, Steward of the State Grange, and 16th Master of the present Connecticut State Grange for 1938-39, and upon the Executive Committee of the State Grange when

his untimely death stopped his labors for the Grange he loved in 1943.

His wife, Cora Dimmock Tucker served as Chairman of the National Grange Home Economics Committee from 1939-1941.

He took a vital interest in the Rural Roads Association and "Get Connecticut Out of the Mud" movement and was instrumental largely for its success in that area. He was a Trustee of the New England Grange Building erected on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA, giving it his loyal support, and served as its first Treasurer, an office, he held at the time of his death. He took part in the cornerstone laying services which were held on that famous day in September 1938



when a tropical hurricane literally laid New England low. Whenever Grange interests appeared or

wherever Grange projects were carried out, Brother Tucker was to be found, for next to his love for his country and his church came the Grange.

He personally organized Norfield Jr. Grange #3 and the following Juniors were organized by others during his administration: Natchaug #13, E. Hartford #26, Hope #27, Cheshire #28, Branford #29, Wallingford #30, Prospect #31, Winchester #32, Killingly #33, Tolland #34, Hebron #35, and Rock Rimmon #36. The following Subordinate Granges were also organized during his administration: Redding #15, Whigville #48, Hamden #99, Somers #105, and Falls Village #204.

He died on April 2, 1943 and was laid to rest in the beautiful Lawn Cemetery in Huntington, Connecticut.

The Whigville Grange Fair



Want to Show Off Your Home Grown Veggies and Flowers? 

Do you like homemade jam, pickles? 

Homemade baked goods too!

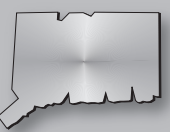
Anyone can enter. No entry fee Kids can enter too!

Enter or just come and see your neighbors .


Sat., August 26th 10AM -2PM

At Grange Hall, S. Main St Burlington (Whigville)

Free parking and admission, entertainment, food, teacup auction, (Craft vendors welcome Call or E-Mail) For more info contact Debbie@860-582 9863 or E-Mail at: b_gary@sbcglobal.net



New London County Pomona No. 6

Senexet #40	Killingly #112	
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138	
Colchester #78	Lyme #147	
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168	
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172	
Preston City #110	Groton #213	

Since January 10, 1890

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Sept. 14: Stonington Grange – “I Hear Music”

The final meeting of New London County Pomona #6 will be held as guests of Stonington Grange #168. We then plunge into the unknown future of Pomonas in Connecticut. We hear there will be three. By then we will know more of the particulars.

Come and hear the music and reflect upon the past.

And welcome in the future that is coming all too fast.

So please come out to Stonington. We'll really have a ball.

The summer will be over and we'll welcome in the fall.

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Aug. 3: Awards Night, 7 P.M.

At our June meeting we had a great picnic and then enjoyed playing paper bag Bingo. We are working hard to keep the hall looking good. We had a very successful tag sale in June as well. Many items that we no longer were using were sold or donated. We will be sending our Master to the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in Vermont. We had several entries in the CWA State contests. Congratulations to Marvin Wilbur for the beautiful crocheted doily. Our meadow muffin craft entry was well done as well thanks to Paul Horanzy.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

We look forward to hosting the National Grange Jr. Ambassador, Alexandria “Jomni” Tarbell, here at Ekonk August 16-19th! She will be chaperoned by Stephanie Inglis (East Pembroke Junior Grange, NY).

They will stay at the home of Russell and Sue Gray. Ekonk and Washington County Fair (Richmond, RI) are jointly covering

travel costs (420 miles each way). Washington County Fair has invited Jomni to spend Thursday, August 17th, as special guests of the Fair. She and he chaperone will get free food, rides, etc. as well as assist with judging special events! Friday, Jomni and members of Ekonk Junior will tour Newport (Jomni's choice of places to visit). Friday late afternoon/evening, there will be a family Grange picnic in the Gray family yard.

Four Ekonk Juniors have loved a week at Camp Berger (July) by this writing! Friends and camp-can it get any better than that! Kayla, Evelyn, Jenna and Toni all had fun at Camp Berger (and on the same week too!)

Lillian Sharpe, President-elect of Ekonk Junior, is running for Junior Ambassador and has MANY badges earned as she prepares herself for this new challenge--good luck Lillian! She and Jomni will have much to talk about!

We had many Ekonk Grangers graduate college/high school: congratulations to all! We had a cake at our June meeting in their honor! Several are going off to college, so we bid them farewell and Godspeed in their next step in life's journey!

We are ready for our Grange Fair August 12th. We will also again be helping Richmond Grange in their Shaved Steak booth (Wed. & Sat.) and running the Ekonk Booth at Brooklyn Fair. Jodi Ann Cameron had surgery in June and at this writing is still on crutches. She is the rock of the Brooklyn Fair Booth so we all hope she is healed by Fair time!

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Aug. 11: “Curiosity Killed the Cat”

Aug. 25: “And Satisfaction Brought Him Back”

Election of Officers returned Robert Miner to the Master's Chair. Charlie Pianka will take over for long-time Treasurer Fritz Rauch. Many thanks to Fritz for his years of faithful service to our Grange. Debbie Barnes will serve as our Ceres and Cheree Miner as our Flora. Other Officers remain the same.

Our picnic was enjoyed by a brave group who scorned dire warnings of thunderstorms for the evening. Delicious side dishes augmented the hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by our staff of chefs extraordinaire. Sue was under the weather but Charlie came prepared to lead the children's games. Unfortunately no little ones came to the picnic this year and the party broke up before those pesky mosquitoes began their yearly blood hunt.

We are pleased to announce that Sue Pianka placed third in the State Talent Contest and Jeff Barnes and Nancy Weissmuller placed first in the A-Number Contest.

Our August 11 program is in the charge of the men with the ladies providing the refreshments. August 25 turns the tables and the ladies provide the entertainment and the gentlemen regale uAs with their culinary skills. Please join us for two very pleasant evenings.

We would like to send a big thank you to Paul and Heather Ames for the beautiful flowers gracing the half barrels in front of our hall. They do this every year and it adds so much to the beauty of our grounds. And if those poor, old barrels will just hold together for one more season, next time I'll tell you all about joyous July.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Aug. 3: Picnic, 6:30 P.M. Getting ready for the Fair.

Sept. 7: Installation – Congrats to our new officers.

Finally the sun decided to come out. Enough rain or the strawberries will not ripen.

Congratulations to Kathy Tefft for accepting the position.

Our baking contest netted four entries. Had a tie for first. Congratulations

to Chloe Donihee who was chosen to attend a science affair at Princeton University. She is the eldest daughter of Kristen Donihee and is 8 years old.

We voted to send our Lecturer to Lecturer's Conference in August.

The Chaplain had a very impressive Memorial Service for our four departed members who passed this past year.

We voted to support the four charities of the State CWA.

It was good to see Kathy Tefft after her lengthy absence due to surgery and broken bones in her foot.

Enjoy the lovely summer weather. We hope.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Aug. 7: Summer Fun. Speaker.

Aug. 21: Golden Sheaf Night, 7 P.M.

Sept. 4: Labor Day. No meeting.

Sept. 18: Around the World

Our June meeting was election of officers. Most of our officers remained in their present offices, with a few new members, Sue Griffith, Nancy McComb and Kathie Londi who took the office of three years on the Executive Committee. Our Overseer, Linda Harkins won third place in the state cookie contest.

We held a ham and bean supper on the second Wednesday. We need more members participating in these dinners. Bring your friends next time. Coming up in August, a cold dinner.

Too hot to cook. That should be on Aug. 9. Our Silent Auction went well with many gift cards. Lovely made up baskets, thanks to many community generous businesses and Nancy Arenas hard work.

Our picnic on July 17 was held at Quaddick State Park. There is a covered area. Hopefully it wasn't needed!

We plan a speaker on gardens for our Aug. 7 meeting. Aug. 21 will be our Golden Sheaf Night at 7 P.M. We will be happy to see some “gold”- Golden Sheafers. Here at Killingly we have at least 5. Please do try to come.

On June 17 we held a ritual night with State Master Noel Miller and Sister Marcia. State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt was also with us. It was an “enlightening” program. We were missing some of our new members who were absent. Even our older members were enlightened and renewed with the ritual. Thank you Marge, Noel and Marcia. Guess what they went home with? Beans from our previous dinner - Ham & Beans.

We are all sad about the disbanding of Wolf Den Grange. At one time, years ago, Pomona #2 had at least 16 Granges. There are few younger people interested in this “Great Fraternity” and the older members “Golden Sheafers” are slowly fading away. God bless those still willing and able to participate.

EVERYBODY'S GOING THIS YEAR!


**FAIR GREENFIELD HILL
GRANGE No. 133**

Saturday August 19, 2017 10am-3pm

Special Events:
Judged Exhibits:
Vegetables-Flowers-
Fruits-Baked Goods-
Photography
Arts - Crafts -- and more
Games -- Raffle --
Vendors


Lectures on:
Raising Chickens
Antique Farm Tools
Fairfield Community Garden
Food & Refreshments

Grange Hall
1873 Hillside Road
Fairfield, CT



Excelsior Pomona No. 7

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



Since October 22, 1891

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Aug. 13: Pomona Picnic at the home of Al Maddox

Sept. 20: Last Pomona Meeting as Excelsior Pomona

Our meeting at Bridgewater Grange was our next to last meeting as Excelsior Pomona #7.

The program was all about baby pictures. We had 5 entries. Two were identified and the other 3 no one guessed who they were.

Al Maddox from Bethlehem Grange was the youngest baby. Tina Meehan from Prospect was the cutest baby. Barbara Robert from Bethlehem and Jean Meehan were tied for the oldest baby girl. Tom Honyotski from Beacon Valley was the oldest baby boy.

A thank you to Bridgewater Grange for their hospitality. Our next and last meeting will be Sept. 20 at Oxford Grange.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

The Bridgewater Grange held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday June 14th. The following week on Wednesday June 21st we hosted our last Excelsior Pomona meeting. Hopefully we continue our friendships and bonds that we have made with all the

Pomona members in the new Pomona arrangement taking place this fall.

On Saturday June 24th there was a memorial service for long time member Dorothy Gustafson. Dorothy died earlier this year at 101 years of age. She had been a member of the Grange for over 80 years. An active member up until the age of 97 she was invaluable in keeping the Bridgewater Grange going. We will miss her greatly. A luncheon was hosted by the Bridgewater Grange at Saint Marks Church following the graveside service.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Rob Buck

Aug. 4: Grange Summer picnic

Aug. 18: Rob's Program

Summer has slowed things down around our Grange. Ray is still working on the Graces Garden around the hall. New plants are going in, and something is always in bloom. We hope to have some dwarf fruit trees eventually. We are still awaiting construction to begin on the handicapped ramp. By the time this is in print, we will know of the new Pomona jurisdictions, and I would hope all keep an open mind for a productive future for Pomona.

In Memoriam

Lyall Shaw, G.S. Albert Bray, G.S.	Granby Grange #5 Coventry Grange #75
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Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

While you're lounging ...



Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I have always liked living in this part of the country because of the four seasons that we have.

on your computer or let me know and I will get one for you. From what I'm hearing moral overseas is at a low point. Let them know that Grange members care.

Finished writing the letters? Are you a typical Granger? We hear tell that all Grangers love to eat. Grange dinners, whether paid dinners to raise money or our friendly pot luck meals are always well attended. What is your favorite food? Pancakes, warm chocolate chip cookies, mashed potatoes and gravy or something else? Why not enter the Essay Contest and tell us all about it. The title should be "My Favorite Food". Entries should be 150 words or less and have to be to me by October 1st.

Lecturers – you should have received your packet with next years' materials by this time. If you haven't, please let me know and I will track it down for you. See you around the State.

Each one brings its' own type of beauty.


While you are lounging around enjoying that summer breeze why not think of others...

Why not write a letter to a soldier. Bring him a little information from home. Be cheerful. Tell him or her how grateful you are to them for defending our country. Tell them about your family. Let them know that people here in the States appreciate them. Need an address? You can find one

Pitcher receives key to town

Hazel Pitcher, a longtime town resident and member of Bridgewater Grange #153, was awarded the key to Bridgewater at the recent town barbecue for volunteers and town employees. "This symbolic gift recognizes her many years of serving Bridgewater in so many ways," according to the town website. After the award was given, Pitcher received a standing ovation from the some 130 residents at the barbecue.



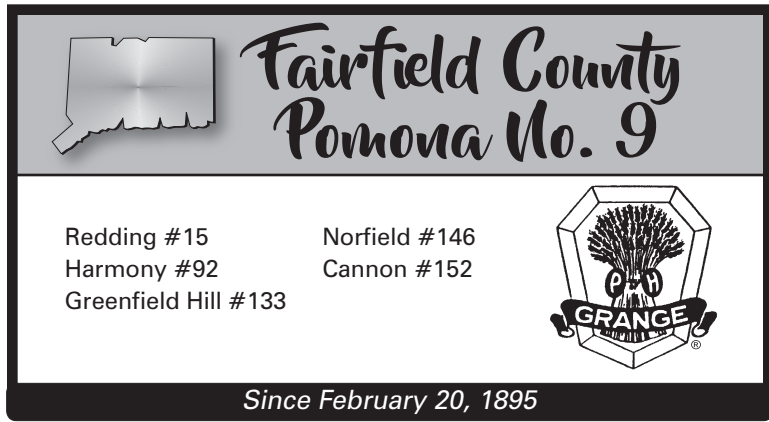


Deadline for the Next Issue is EXTENDED!

Articles will be accepted until Aug. 15 for the Sept. Issue

G Note Leader Board

Keep looking for those G-Notes and help us defray the cost of future National Grange conventions.



**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133

Since February 20, 1895

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Robert Sendewicz

Sept. 6: 6:00 P.M.

Greenfield Hill Grange with Potluck Supper. Hosts will be Greenfield Hill and Redding. 7:30 meeting with Country Store.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Aug. 28: Apple Time

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim Golias & Lori Golias Burany

Our June elections were held on the 19th. Karen Macdonald held the election that was overseen by Bob and Marge Sendewicz. A full slate and all positions were filled. Steve Golias is the new Master and Stephanie Thompson is our new Overseer.

An especially sweet thank you goes to Cindy Wakeman for running a successful strawberry bake sale.

Plans are in progress for our August 19 Agricultural Fair. Please mark the date and please attend.

Spaces are available for our Holiday Boutique. All things holiday – Thanksgiving to New Years. Vendors, Crafts, Food. November 18, 2017 from 10-3. For info, call Steve 203-367-4373.

Stay tuned for upcoming festivities.

Mr. Ward goes to Washington

by Aaron Berkowitz, *Shelton Herald*

One Shelton resident returned from the free “trip of a lifetime” designed for veterans and is now advising all other veterans to jump at the opportunity to experience it for themselves.

WWII veteran and Shelton resident George Ward, 90, said he was reading a newspaper several months ago when he came across an article that said there was a non-profit organization looking to fly out veterans to visit a variety of famous memorials for a weekend at no cost.

He called the number listed in the article and was ultimately sent an application in the mail that arrived several weeks later. After submitting his application, Ward was contacted by the organization, called “Honor Flight,” and was told that WWII veterans were “first preference.”

Ward was told that his service qualified him to be a part of the next trip to

D.C. along with 67 other veterans from all over the country in June.

Ward said enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1944 was a no brainer for him because if he waited to be drafted he wouldn’t have had the choice of becoming an airplane mechanic.

“If I had waited until October to be drafted I would’ve been in the Battle of the Bulge,” said Ward. “Plus, my father was in WWI so from the time we were young he told us, ‘You’re going to have to serve,’ so it wasn’t as big of a deal.”

Ward was called into service when he was 18 years old, in February of 1945, and was shipped over to Germany where he worked on B-17’s each day until December of that year.

“The war was still going on but the work wasn’t bad,” said Ward. “Each morning we would begin our days at 7 a.m. by pre-fighting the planes and then the mechanics were free until about 2 or 3 p.m. when the planes would return.”

When the pilots returned the planes, Ward said the mechanics’ job was to put oil and gas into each of them to prepare them for the following day of flying.

One of the stipulations that Honor Flight made clear was that each veteran must have someone to accompany them at all times.

Ward’s daughter Barbara jumped at the opportunity to support her dad and

also wheel him around. She flew out to D.C. from Maine, where she lives, to accompany her dad and help create memories he and she most likely would never forget.

“It was an overall wonderful experience,” said Ward.

While looking at one of the Vietnam memorials, Ward said he was shocked at the amount of soldiers whose names were listed.

“I didn’t even realize we had that many soldiers in Vietnam,” said Ward.

Aside from posing for tons of pictures in front of the WWII and Lincoln memorials, both Ward and his daughter had the chance to interact with nearly 70 other veterans and their families.

Despite the number of veterans in the same area, Ward said they didn’t spend any time talking to each other about their experiences or their service.

Nonetheless, Ward said an estimated 500 people surrounded the several buses carrying the veterans and their families once they arrived at one of the meeting sites in D.C.

Ward said he recommends all veterans look into the application process for this opportunity. The application can be found online at <https://www.honorflight.org/veteran-application/>.

The entire crew for the service is volunteer, including the pilot and flight staff.

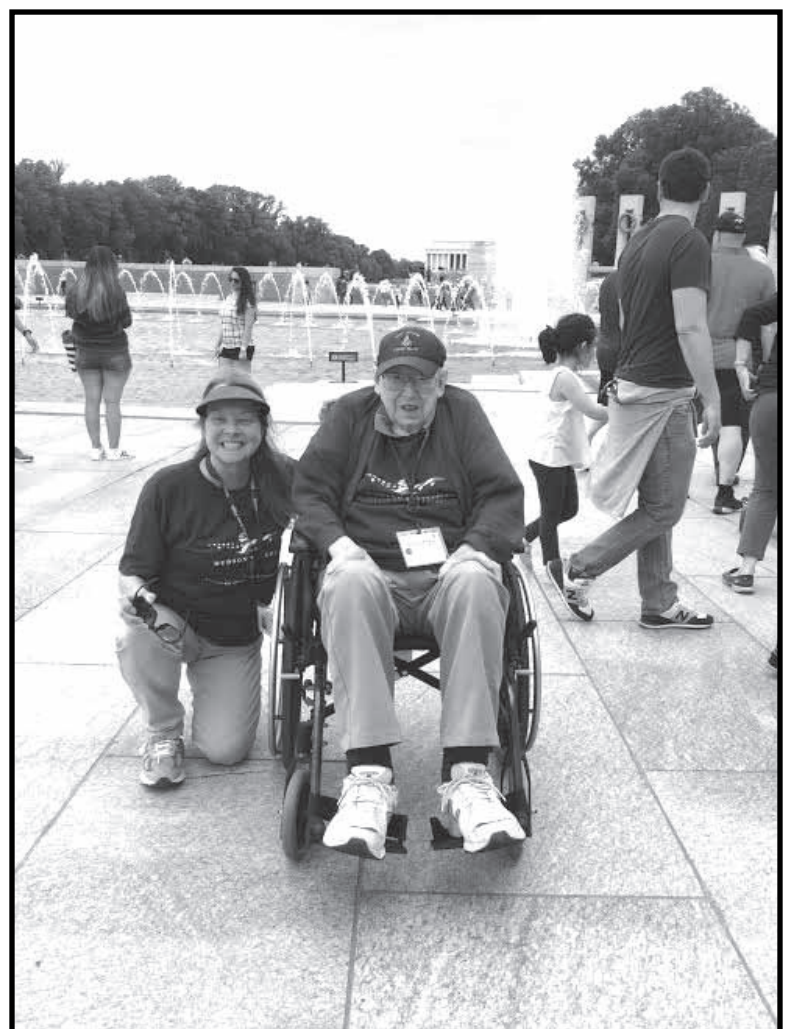


By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

During the month of July we went to the Cathedral of the Pines up in New Hampshire for NE Grange Sunday. It was a beautiful day, and the various Chaplains from the different states presented a lovely service. Did you know that Cathedral of the Pines overlooks Mt. Monadnock?

You never know where we will visit! Be sure to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the “Like” button.



George Ward, of Harmony Grange #92, poses for a photo with a staff member of Honor Flights in front of the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

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.



The July photo contained two of the same people as the June photo. These people are Theresa Caliendo from Southington Grange and her granddaughter.

We heard from Janet Haller regarding the July Window Photo — She believes that this photo was part of the dress/sewing contest in, she believes, 1977. While Janet does not know who the other two people in the photo are, she says that Theresa had two granddaughters, and that Theresa's granddaughter's name in the photo may be Cheryl.

We also heard from Bob and Cindy Charbonneau on the June (and possibly July) photo, confirming the information.

"Yes, it was Theresa Caliendo in the photo. However, I talked with the little girl in photo. Her name is April and this was around 1974 at the Sewing Contest Finals where her Grandmother won for the dress pictured on the girl. April believes she was five years old at the time. To explain further, April (Caliendo) Osser works at her father's restaurant, "Tom's Place" as morning cook and cashier. She recognized the photo I brought for Tom while I was waiting for him to arrive. Tom really enjoyed the picture. I gave him a print from the CT Granger."



There are so many delicious fruits and vegetables that are in season in the month of August. Here's a twist on the classic Three-Bean Salad that has a Lemon Dressing from Panning the Globe. This is easy - and perfect for the next Grange Picnic or Potluck!



Three-Bean Salad with Creamy Lemon Dressing

INGREDIENTS:

Dressing

- ½ cup plain greek yogurt - whole milk
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon finely minced garlic
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Salad

- 1 pound green beans, washed, root end trimmed
- 1 pound yellow beans, washed, root end trimmed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil (to sauté onions)
- 2 medium red onions, sliced in half through the root. Each half thinly sliced crosswise
- ¼ teaspoon salt (for the onions)
- 3 ripe plum tomatoes
- 1 15-ounce cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- ½ cup, packed basil leaves, washed, dried, finely chopped
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Dressing: In a small bowl whisk yogurt and olive oil until creamy. Add lemon juice, garlic and salt, and whisk until creamy and fully combined. Set dressing aside.

Salad: Fill a large pot halfway with water and 2 teaspoons of salt. Bring to a boil. Add beans and cook until crisp-tender, 4-5 minutes. Using tongs, transfer beans to a large bowl of ice-water to stop the cooking process. Drain and refill the bowl with cold water. Drain and set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a medium skillet. Add onions and cook, over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes, until soft. Sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt. Set aside to cool.

Slice tomatoes in half lengthwise. Pull out the seeds and watery pulp. Dice the flesh. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine green and yellow beans, onions, tomatoes, basil, and cannellini beans. Pour dressing on top and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

(Can be made a day ahead. Let salad warm at room temp for 15 minutes or so and toss, before serving)

Serves: 10-12

SOURCE:

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Community Service Grant Applications

George & Sharon Russell, Comm. Service Chairs

Summer is here and before you know it will be September 1st will be here and your community service reports will be due. Please try to get your reports sent in on time. Last year we had a few come in after they were judged. We still count them but unfortunately the judges didn't get a chance to see them. Please look over this year's community service report form. There have been several changes made that you will need to note.

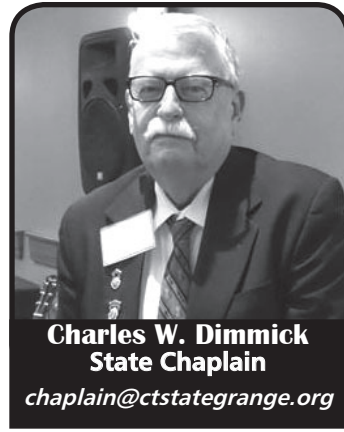
There is still grant money available to be given out to Grangers who have started new community service projects. So far this year; we have given out \$600 to four Grange that submitted their Grant applications. Sharon and I are looking forward to receiving this year's community service notebooks and applications.

This year we have introduced a new program to honor firefighters, EMTs, police officers and teachers. We are looking for nominations from your granges of deserving people in your community. You can find the applications on the National Grange website under community service. These applications are also due on September 1 and can be sent to George and Sharon Russell at 63 New St. in Canaan, Connecticut 06018. Applications will be judged on the state level and winners will be sent on to the Northeast and National Grange.

If you have any questions please contact George and Sharon Russell. The phone number is: 860(824)7056 or email overseer@ctstategrange.org

Thank you all for the work you do!

The Word is very near you



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While it is true that there are many things we do not know about God, and many that we may never know, nevertheless it is also true that if we open up our hearts to God we will find him already present in us, and ready and anxious to teach us his ways and lead us in the paths of righteousness "for His name's sake". Why

should God want to lead us "for his name's sake"? Because if we do what God wants us to do we are glorifying God by our actions.

There are many mentions in scripture of the relationship between God's Word and following God's path. One that especially comes to mind is verse 105 of Psalm 119 that says "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".

Moses told the assembled tribes of Israel:

"Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' 'Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it? No the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. (...) For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws."

A similar concept is carried by Jesus' statement that "The Kingdom of God is within you". It is foolish to look for God in other places; God dwells within our heart, the Grace of God is manifest in our inner being. We need look inwardly, not outwardly, if we truly seek God. And we will recognize the Kingdom of God within us and within our fellow beings by being filled with the Holy Spirit, and living in peacefulness and righteousness.

In conclusion, remember Paul's blessing at the end of his letter to the Romans:

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."




Granger Shout Out

Congratulations to Greenfield Hill Grange on their recent election of full slate of officers, many are new or recently new members!

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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