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Fair Season is here



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With the dog days of summer upon us in August; the Granges are putting the last minute touches on their upcoming agricultural fairs. With most of the Grange fairs being canceled in 2020; this should be a good season to show off flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canning goods and more. You can look forward to good food and fellowship when you attend Grange fairs.

With the Connecticut State Grange Session in October, we should start filling out the Honor Community Grange Report. The Honor Grange program has three levels like last year: the BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD. The Honor Grange report should be sent to the State President by September 15, 2021. You can find the details of this program in the Blue Book. Because of the COVID-19: Zoom meetings will count as a minimum of one legal meeting per month. Grange representation with at least one Pomona meeting during the year. Zoom meetings will count, as the meetings of all three Pomonas were pretty much all on Zoom this past year.

Last year the Connecticut State Grange was honored to have the first place community service

at National Grange thanks to Cheshire Grange who received this honor.

Send your Community Service reports and address any questions about this program to State Grange Vice President Rob Buck. He would like to receive them by September 1 so that he can get them judged and send the winning book to National Grange.

Check out the Blue Book for other contests and awards that will

Influential Connecticut Grangers...

A. Ward Spaulding

Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

As we continue our project of shining light on the history of the Connecticut State Grange, we are finding countless examples of Grangers virtually hidden in plain sight. A. Ward Spaulding of Suffield Grange is one of those members who did remarkable things in his lifetime and his legacy continues to touch the lives of Connecticut residents.

Ward Spaulding was born in Suffield, CT on Christmas Day in 1890. He and his wife, Dorothy McNulty Spaulding were the parents of seven children (2 boys and 5 girls). His family grew to 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren (by 1968). He and his brother opened Spaulding Gardens which had "grown to about 5 acres of flowers under glass" with four retail outlets and a distribution network

be presented at the state session.

As I mentioned in last month's article, the Big E will return to full capacity. The fair will run from September 17 to October 3. The New England Grange Building Country Store will also be open. We will be looking for volunteers to staff the store for the 17 days of the fair. If you are available to work in the store you can contact Noel Miller or myself.

Let us all get out and support our Community and Grange fairs. Stay safe and healthy hope to see you all soon.



A. Ward Spaulding (center) receives his 60 year seal from State Secretary Ellsworth Covell (right) and State Master Kingsley Beecher at his home in July 1967.
Granger File Photo

through several neighboring states.

As if this was not enough to keep him busy, Ward Spaulding worked tirelessly for the benefit of education, agriculture and legislative action. He served in the General Assembly for three terms (1935, 1951 and 1953).

He was a member of the Board of Control of the Connecticut Experiment Station in New

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Official Call to State Session



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Notice is hereby given of the 135th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange to be held at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich, CT 06360 on October 21, 22, and 23, 2021.

137th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Welcome Home



The opening session on October 21 will commence at 7:00 P.M.
ALL GRANGES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DIGEST.

Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries will prepare two credential cards - one for the delegates to bring with them to State Session and the other to be mailed to the State Secretary in Winchester Center. These cards were mailed to all Granges in early July. Please contact the Secretary if your Grange has not received them.

Room reservations at the hotel must be made by the individual. Please do not call the Holiday Inn corporate number. Please make your reservation as soon as possible by calling the Holiday Inn Norwich directly at 860-889-5201. Tell the reservation desk that you are with the Connecticut State Grange. Our room rate is \$105.00 plus taxes/fees, per night. Our room block will close on September 21 after which time members will be charged the full rack room rate.

We are pleased to welcome Brother Steve Coye of New York as our National Representative. Brother Steve currently serves on the National Grange Exec. Comm.

All sessions, meals and the Degree will be held at the hotel.

Celebration Banquet: The Celebration Banquet will be held on Friday, October 22 beginning at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$30 (prior to September 30). Tickets purchased after September 30 will be \$40. Tickets may be

obtained by completing a Session Registration Form (printed in this issue and included in the packets sent to Granges).

Sixth Degree: The Sixth Degree will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 23, beginning at 3:00 P.M. Candidates for the Sixth Degree should be at the hotel by 2:30 P.M. Sixth Degree applications may be obtained during the Session or from the State Grange Office in advance. Cost is: \$10 per person.

Registration Fee: Entire Session is \$30.00 (including lunch both days). One day is \$15.00 (includes lunch for the day registered). Junior registration fee is \$10.00.

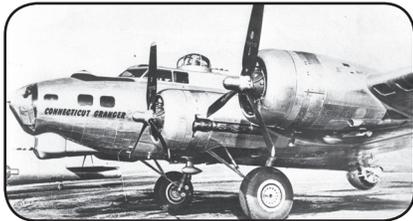
The Annual Session concludes the work of the Grange year. We hope your Grange will be represented to answer the roll call on Thursday evening, October 21, as we look forward to another year of good Grange work in Connecticut. After this difficult past year it will be wonderful to say "Welcome Home" to all of our friends and fellow Patrons.

Per order of the Board of Directors.

Fraternally,
Todd A. Gelineau
Secretary
Connecticut State Grange

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137th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange



All Grange members are welcome to attend State Session, not just officers and committee members! You are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the past year and set the ground work for an even greater new Grange year.

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities. The exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Saturday and the Lecturer's Program on Friday evening during the Banquet. 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 day's buffet luncheon. The Celebration Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Secretary if you have any questions.

**SESSION REG.
DUE OCT. 1ST**

Registration Form

**ROOM RES.
DUE SEPT. 21ST**

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Delegate? _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

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

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):

- 1) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 2) Shrimp Scampi
- 3) Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- 4) Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include Tossed Greens with Dressings, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, Vanilla Bean Crème Brulee, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 _____
Junior Registration: \$20.00	# of Junior Members _____	x \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Road, P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094

Questions: Please call the State Secretary at (860) 307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and mention the CT State Grange.

137th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
- Introduction of National Representative SteveCoye, National Grange Exec. Comm.
- Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Comm.
- Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
- Presentation of 4th 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 Master George Russell
- Report of Overseer Noel Miller
- Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
- Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
- Report of Executive Comm./Board of Directors
- Report of Lecturer
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 22, 2021

- 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 two members of the Executive Committee (and 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
- Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation
- Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
- Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain
- Family Activities Awards & Report
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representative

- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:15 P.M. BREAK
- 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
- Professional Agriculture Awards
- Scholarships
- Lecturer's Program
- Past Deputies' Raffle

Saturday, October 23, 2021

- 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 & 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 Representatives Visit
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
- Hosts: TBD
- Blessing by Chaplain
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
- Consideration of Annual Budget
- Installation of newly elected officers
- 3:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom
- (Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration not required to attend)
- Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Escorting of National Representatives
- Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates to Nat. Grange
- Conferral of the 6th Degree in full form
- Rose Drill
- Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
- Community Service Report
- Honor Grange Awards
- Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- March to the Table- Officers & Court

**Candidates for the Degree must be at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 P.M. They must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted to the Degree. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.*

THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Time to work on Public Relations entries

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director, CT State Grange

The Public Relations Committee totally revamped our contests for the 2020-2021 year. Now is the time to be planning your entries. The contest deadline is October 1, 2021. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1.) Create a Zoom Program

Plan a program for a Grange Meeting on Zoom that keeps your members interested and involved. Record the meeting that your program is presented in then

submit this recording for judging.

2.) Celebrate your Grange's Birthday

Whether you're celebrating seven years or 140+ years of your Grange's existence, each birthday is a milestone that should be acknowledged publicly. Whether your Grange has in-person, virtual, or hybrid celebrations, it means thinking outside of the box to show the impact your Grange has made over the years.

This is a great opportunity to highlight your Grange's

achievements, raise awareness of your Grange's mission, thank your members and community, and reveal exciting updates about your plans for the future.

Submit a detailed written plan on how you intend to celebrate and promote your Grange's birthday, or write a synopsis of a past celebration (must be held within the last year). Submissions must include a social media component.

3.) Grange Spotlight Contest

Write a press release spotlighting one project or program that your Grange is involved in or sponsors. This should include the following:

- Introduction describing the project or program
- Information on all groups/organizations involved
- The goal or outcome of the project/program
- Date achieved, or of anticipated achievement
- Paragraph explaining your Grange to non-members
- Information on how to join the Grange

Final press release should be no longer than 500 words. Submission may include one photo.

All of the complete details, rules, and information for the Public Relations Committee Contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org.

For questions, send a note to information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

Groton Parade



Members of Groton Community Grange line up for the Memorial Day Parade with their new Grange banner.



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A "Banner" Grange Month



Glastonbury Grange with their booth/banner at the local Farmer's Market.

It is with great pleasure that the Membership Committee has been receiving a lot of positive feedback from the kits sent out to Community Granges last month. A few of them have sent photos with the many ways they were able to utilize the new banner. We hope to continue to offer support in any way you may need it. Remember, we are available to send you more membership materials as you need them. Thank you to everyone who has been getting out and speaking about their Granges and talking about membership. Your Grange pride is contagious. Good job everybody!

A. Ward Spaulding

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Haven, which has been supported by the Connecticut State Grange for generations.

In 1930 plans were being made in the General Assembly to reorganize the state. Part of this plan was an effort to consolidate the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the State Department of Education under one head. Spaulding almost single-handedly prevented this plan from being adopted.

He was instrumental in the creation of Connecticut's vocational agriculture program. As a legislator he was an advocate for the expansion of the College of Agriculture at UConn, including the construction of greenhouses and other buildings on campus. He was recognized by the University of Conn. and the state VoAg Program for his assistance in the development of both programs.

In the 1930s, Gov. Wilbur Cross vetoed a race track gambling bill and Spaulding rounded up the necessary votes to ensure the veto would stand.

Under Gov. Raymond Baldwin he served on the state Commission on Prison Reform.

As a member of the legislature's Finance Committee in 1953, he was able to get a bond issue for a new science building at UConn.

In 1954 the Town of Suffield dedicated the A. Ward Spaulding Elementary School, in recognition of his service to the town as Chairman of the Board of Education for 20 years (and a member of the board for 25 years). According to his son Merwyn, "He felt that if he lived in this town, then he should do what he could to help it." Suffield's love of this man was so strong that in 1994 (40 years after the original dedication of the school and 21 years after his passing) the town rededicated the school in his name.

Ward Spaulding became a member of Suffield Grange in



Above, A. Ward Spaulding school as it appears today. Left, a car badge from the 1930 Get Connecticut Out of the Mud campaign.

1907 serving as its Master and Chairman of the Connecticut State Grange Executive and Legislative Committees for 18 years each.

In 1929 and 1930 he teamed up with Louis Tolles, then Master of the State Grange, to mobilize the "Get Connecticut Out of the Mud" campaign. A section of highway in Southington is named in honor of Tolles, but this program wouldn't have been successful without the efforts of Ward Spaulding.

Spaulding served as a director of the Connecticut's Patrons Mutual Insurance Company for 20 years and National Grange Mutual Insurance for 11 years becoming an honorary director of each upon retirement.

He served as vice president of the Connecticut Florists Association. He was member of the Connecticut Conference of Farm Organizations, Connecticut Highway Users Conference, and the state Chamber of Commerce.

In 1957, the Connecticut State Grange cited him for his "Contributions to Agriculture in the Field of Legislation."

Despite being so busy outside of his home, his family remembered



A *Hartford Courant* photo of Ward Spaulding at home in 1968.

him as a dedicated family man who made time to watch his kids sports activities and find ways for the family to have fun.

Ward Spaulding died on April 23, 1973 at Hartford Hospital at the age of 82. It was a life exceptionally well-lived and an inspiration for generations to follow.



GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

August 5th is our annual grange picnic at 6:00 p.m. Short business meeting followed by the cookout.

As I am typing this I am not sure what we will do. We are meeting at the Masonic Hall, but still no refreshments following the meeting.

Sept. 2nd is Installation of Officers. 7:30 p.m.

July 17th we put up a tent in front of the Masonic Hall and collect "backpacks" for the Glastonbury Social Service Department. We were there from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then again on July 24th we had a table at the Farmers Market from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on the Hubbard Green in town to collect more "backpacks". We had our new banner on display in front of the table and will also had some grange literature on the table.

We lost 6 members during this pandemic, so hopefully that has stopped. We need to gain some new members. Getting our name before the public in this fashion may help in this respect. It is a start.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Aug. 4: Awards Night

Aug. 14: Annual Grange Fair

Aug. 18: Bystander Awareness

We are having regular meetings in our hall. The program in June was on National Safety Month. We all know of incidences where we should have known what to do but

did not act in the right way. There are many risks that we take every day that we can recognize. There are outside risks as well as inside. We all need to take some time each day to review our safety risks.

We were delighted to welcome a new member who moved here from out of state where he was very active. On June 26 we hosted a barbecue fundraiser with an invited band performing outside..

On August 14 we will be holding out annual fair in conjunction with a town wide "Locally Grown Day". We will continue to work on our exhibit for the Woodstock Fair. The theme will be "What's in the Stone Building". We want to try to get the public to know what the Grange is and how they can participate..

The Boy Scouts held their Court of Honor and presented the Grange with a certificate and a hollyhock to plant outside our hall. We planted sunflowers outside our hall as this is the Family Activities theme this year. The crochet, knitting and quilting groups continue to meet. These are held both in the afternoon and in the evenings. Our reusable shopping bags are still being made in the hall.

The book club will be reading "The Hate You Give".

We hope that we can continue to hold events for the community in order to be able to gain some new members. We have a very nice hall that can be used for many functions. We thank all that are helping to promote the programs.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 13: Get in the Game

Sept. 3: Music to Our Ears

Busy July meeting, Two Resolutions were passed and the final decision on our Community Service project. We passed a resolution on Vaping and the use of flavored tobacco and another Resolution on the use of drones. For a Community service project this year we will put appropriate materials into

kits for Veterans to make into Parachord bracelets and also kits for the children of Veterans involved with the support services of the Chrysler Foundation. Our Lecturer has asked us to save and collect pieces of scrap book pages we may have, and as always white socks are needed.

There was a discussion on whether or not to hold our annual picnic. A lot of pros and cons regarding a safe and sanitary way to do it. We would very much like to hear from other Granges as to how they have handled the safe serving of food ---because a picnic isn't a picnic without a good variety of yummy food. Please call Cherie at 860-875-1518 or Nancy at 860-875 2412 with your suggestions.

Try to stay tick free, remember to check yourself over carefully every time you have been outside doing any kind of yard work, and don't forget to wear some mosquito repellent. We've come so far through this pandemic that we cannot let a little insect bite lead to something serious. Until next time remember that running around in circles does not make you a big wheel.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Penny Bennett

At our Annual Picnic, which was held at the Bennett household on July 12th, our State Steward Ray Harrington and his wife Betty Jane, visited with us and inquired about the colorful history of our hall. It was very nice to be reunited with long-term members, Millie Briggs and Ann Duval, both of whom haven't been to regular meetings for some time. They have faithfully helped prepare many dinners over the years. Millie is noted for her delicious apple pies, and Ann always made sandwiches for our Bluegrass Concerts.

Glenna Bruno will head up a Cold Deli Smorgasbord on August 14th. This dinner, served from 4:30-6:30 pm., will include deli meats, a pota-

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to salad, a macaroni salad, a garden salad, a gelatin salad (an orange, pineapple and carrot medley) and homemade apple crisp. The cost is only \$10.00 per dinner. On Saturday, September 25th, Pat Valys's Roast Pork Dinner will be held from 4:30-6:30pm. The menu includes roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, tossed salad and desert. The cost is \$12.00 per dinner. Our annual Grange Fair will take place sometime in September.

Our Big Pumpkin Cabaret will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It will feature the diverse and joyous musical repertoire of Peter Lange's band, The Usual Suspects; a selection of pumpkin and apple-based culinary delights, including pies and pumpkin squares, fritters, apple sauerkraut hot dogs, cider, cider donuts and candy apples; a theme basket raffle; a diverse Farmers' Market featuring pumpkins, mums, apples and other produce, maple syrup, jams, jellies, pickles, honey, soaps, lotions, remedies, seasonal items and primitives. We are looking for interested farmers, artisans, artists, and other vendors to take part in this event. The fee for an outside space is \$20.00 (\$15.00, if payment is made by September 1st). Community organizations are invited to set up informative exhibit booths free of charge. For more information, call John or Penny 860-412-9811. For the young at heart, there will be a scarecrow and sidewalk drawing contest (haybales provided; bring your own pumpkins and chalk: first prize: 6 free lunches; second prize: 5 free lunches; third prize: 4 free lunches; limit 1 prize per family).

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

We are sad to have to report the loss of another member of our

Golden Sheaf family. Alice Speck, a past Lecturer, has joined the Great Grange above. Alice and her husband Gene were instrumental in the formation of the North Stonington Agricultural Fair and tireless workers there throughout many years. They were also busy members of the pink sash family and helped with putting on the 7th Degree at National. Alice has

Preservation & modern farming



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One of the items that we closely monitor during the Legislative session is the status of the Community Investment Act (CIA) funds. Funding for the CIA is generated from a fee that is collected at the time land deeds are recorded in the towns. The funding is earmarked for four different programs. One is the funding for the Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Fund. The Department of Agriculture preserves working agricultural lands by purchasing the development rights to the agricultural properties. This is to ensure that the land remains in agricultural use.

In doing so, a permanent restriction is placed on the deed of those properties while the properties still remain in the individual private ownership. This restriction prohibits using the land for commercial non-agricultural uses. They cannot sell the gravel or removed the soil unless its for permitted uses on the farms, and must follow best land management practices.

We have an interesting issue in my area that made me think about the farmland preservation

left a wealth of notes and pictures about our Grange. She will be sadly missed.

Ladies have the first August program and the gents will be in charge for the second meeting. And if these scary storms that keep popping up will just go south or north, next time we'll tell you about jolly July.

restrictions. We have a farm in the area that years ago entered into the farmland preservation program. The farm has recently been sold to a person who operates commercial greenhouses in New York. He is proposing building up to six commercial greenhouses on the property for the purpose of raising and selling organic produce year-round. One of the products proposed is hemp for the use of making teas. His greenhouses feature a highly industrialized robotic operation within the greenhouses. Watering needs, soil, lighting and temperatures are closely computer monitored and adjusted as needed. His proposal also includes the building of driveways and buildings for packaging and shipping of the products.

The neighbors have been questioning, is this considered a commercial industry which would be prohibited by the land use guidelines or is it an agricultural use adhering to the guidelines. So far, I understand that the state and local zoning has approved the proposal.

Farming is rapidly becoming automated in many areas. J Allen Cameron gave a very interesting ZOOM presentation on the automatic robotic milking machines that are being used in commercial dairy farms. The Peterson Farms have a very interesting Facebook site that demonstrates modern farming in fun ways. Does our definition of agricultural uses need to be refined or updated?

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MT. LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Aug. 28: IN-PERSON MEETING at Winchester Grange, beginning at 4:00 P.M.

It's been a LOOONNNGG time but the long awaited first in-person meeting of Mountain Laurel Pomona will be held on Saturday, August 28 at 4:00 PM at Winchester Grange in Winchester Center.

There's a lot of catching up to do and many things to be decided. There's rumblings in the Pomona for the need of a degree day to get new members initiated in time for State Session in October. Peter Keefe was selected by Winchester Grange to coordinate with Riverton Grange on organizing the event. I know both Granges would love to have assistance from Granges and Grangers throughout the Pomona. Please let Peter know if you have candidates or would like to lend a hand. This should be of great help to our Granges as it makes degrees much easier than having to cobble together four teams in an individual Grange.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The Whigville Grange Fair will be held on Aug. 28th from 10am-2pm at Whigville Grange Hall, S. Main St Burlington, off of rte 69.

Featuring live music, home made pies and goodies, food, exhibits. No admission fee, no fee to enter contests in veggies, fruits, baking, hobbies, canning, childrens may



Riverton Grange No. 169 recently hosted their second annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

enter, too. To enter contact debbie at b_gary@sbcglobal.net or call 860-582-9863.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Aug. 10: Meeting

Aug. 14: Grange Fair & Comm. Tag Sale

Aug. 24: Picnic & Meeting, Membership Recognition

Winchester Continues to meet on a twice monthly basis and our numbers in attendance continue to grow with each meeting. We are so happy to see everyone together again.

Plans are going ahead for the 70th Annual Grange Fair and Community Tag Sale on August 14. COVID has forced us to do things a little differently this year but we know you will have a great time at our Fair on Sat., Aug. 14 from 9-2 at the Grange Hall and on the Green. Because the Annual Pet Parade in Winsted has been canceled, we have decided to try our own version at noon. Bring your pet, dress them up and don't forget to dress yourself up as well... or just bring your pet along and join the parade. The community is invited to set up tag sale tables at the fair ... for FREE. Just part of our support of the Winchester Community. Food, a book sale, chance table and baking, vegetable, fruit and flower exhibits

round out our offerings this year along with a special demonstration by the service dogs of ECAD in Winchester.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

We were excited to have had many visitors at our July meeting. State Grange Secretary Todd Gelineau was very helpful in answering many of our questions about the State Grange doings. Luna our membership mascot was happy to ...Continued next page

Taghannuck #100



The State Membership Committee's Luna and the CT Granger's Hank visit with Taghannuck's Barbara Prindle.

meet Hank the burrow our State mascot. Faith Quinlan helped fill in for our absent Chaplain and also had the Program on membership. There were many ideas for bringing in new members and retaining the present members. And also we had two youth members attend from Winchester Grange which always energizes all our members and get us thinking about how to approach young people to join our Grange.

Taghannuck voted on two candidates to become members with the obligation in the 4th degree and the hope that we will have a degree day some time in the near future that they can attend.

In August we will have our regular meeting on Thursday, August 12 at 7:30 (with social hour/ refreshments at 7:00pm). The Program is "Agricultural Fair".

We will have a special meeting on Thursday, August 26 at 6:00pm for a pot-luck "Picnic at the Prindle's". All are welcome including non-grangers. Just bring a side dish as hot dogs and hamburgers are provided. Email me at Taghannuckgrange@gmail.com and I will send you the address.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Sun., Aug. 8: Meeting, 2 PM

Sun., Sept. 19, Meeting, 2 PM

Note change in date for Sept. meeting. We honored Linda Coad for 65 years of continuous membership and Cindy Finch for 75 years of continuous membership. We also presented community service awards to the Bethlehem Fire Department and Ambulance Association.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

Sun., Aug. 8: Meeting, 2 PM

Sun., Sept. 19, Meeting, 2 PM

The rain stopped, the sun peaked through the clouds, and in a moving twilight ceremony held along the banks of the Farmington River in Barkhamsted, Riverton

Grange #169 hosted their second annual American Flag retirement ceremony chaired by Community Services Committee Chair Dave Roberts.

About two dozen local residents attended the solemn ceremony where over 300 used, torn and tattered American flags were respectfully retired in a blazing bonfire. The brief program began with American Legion National Executive Committee member Joe Jackson leading attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Winsted resident Lorraine Paul leading attendees in singing the National Anthem. Following a brief history, meaning and importance of the American flag as the symbol for our nation by Chair Roberts, honor guard veterans George Washington and Joe Jackson respectfully laid the initial flag into the bonfire to be retired. All attendees were then invited to join in the ceremony by retiring the 300+ flags collected over the past four months by the Riverton Grange, American Legion Post #159 and Riverton Volunteer Fire Department. After all the flags were completely consumed in the bonfire, Riverton American Legion Honor Guard Member, Pastor David McGee, closed the program with a rousing benediction. Chair Roberts thanked all attendees for their participation in this year's

See you Aug. 20-22



Dawn Percoski
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We will be announcing a full list of winners for all contests in a future Granger (It may not make the deadline for September's issue). I wanted to wish the very "Best of Luck" to all those who have entrees and many thanks for making this year's contests special. I know it's been a really trying year as we

Cawasa Crew



This "motley" crew of Cawasa Grange members gather for a picture with the new banner provided by the State Grange Membership Committee. It was the evening of their first in-person meeting since COVID began. ceremony, including Nate and Karen Roberg, members of the Barkhamsted and Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Clubs, Barkhamsted Senior Center members and Riverton Volunteer Fire Chief Norman Byrd.

come out on the other side of this pandemic. We still have to be careful as there are little ones who can not yet have the vaccine. So, bring a mask if you feel more comfortable wearing one in public, but if you are not yet vaccinated -- masks are a must. Come and join us at Hillstown Grange Hall during our End of Year Celebration the weekend of August 20 – 22.

If you have anything made for donation to the Big E, we will be happy to collect them at this event as well. It would save some of you an extra trip up this end of the state. So far, we have been told that the Big E will be opening. I hope to see some of you very soon!



GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

Our Agricultural Fair will be held on Saturday August 28, 2021. Hoping for a beautiful day in the weather department. We also hope many people will come out and support our Grange. It promises to be a fun day.

Drive-in Movie Nights are in the works. Now that the sun sets so late, we need to wait a few weeks to get an earlier start.

We plan on holding a Welcoming Ceremony at our September meeting. We have about new 8 members that will be take part.

We are planning to hold a SECOND ANNUAL Mum, Bulb and Pumpkin and Gourd Sale on September 25 from 10-3. Last year's event was a great success.



Steve & Jim Golias welcome Roy (State A.S.) and Betty Jane Harrington (State Youth Comm.) to a recent in-person meeting of Greenfield Hill Grange.

It's hard to believe we are already planning for Autumn.

Other events on the calendar include our our Halloween Dinner, our Thanksgiving Dinner meeting and our Christmas Dinner meeting.

We continue to collect for our Vets at the VA Veteran's hospital in West Haven. Mike from volunteer services at the VA, says besides individually wrapped snacks -- which are always welcome -- other items that are needed are books, puzzle books, shaving cream, razors, boxer underwear, and T-shirts. So please keep in mind when you are shopping. Thanks in advance for your generous donation to our vets!

The Greenfield Grange extends gratitude to Marty Podskoch. Marty is an author from East Hampton, CT and he has written 11 books. We thank Marty for his donation of copies of "Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut." The book features all 169 cities and towns in our state; and is a great travel tool! We able to sell the books for a profit for our Grange. Thank you Marty! Check out Marty's other works at his website: www.martinpodskoch.com.

Keep an eye out for any additional Autumn events. That's it for now. Happy trails! Stay safe

Higganum Grange



Higganum Grange at the Higganum Farmer's Market making use of the membership materials sent by the state membership committee. Left to right, Ross Hanson, Trevor Hanson, Secretary Gail Hanson, Caelum Pawlicki and President Howard Burr.

and God bless!

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Sept. 2: Meeting

Oct. 7: Meeting

Nov. 4: Meeting

On a hot and steaming, raining night in July we held our in-person meeting with nine present. Since we moved to downstairs it is much cooler.

We voted to contribute to several organizations. In July the Town of Lyme will hold a music festival on our grounds. Our ring is a perfect place as it's a perfect place for their event. It's good to have our land used. Since our Hamburg Fair has been canceled for the year, we are planning for a super fair in 2022.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 13: Seek the Cool Places

Aug. 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Sept. 10: Bring a Number

Sept. 24: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

Virtual
Social Hour



Thursday, August 26th
7:00 PM



Join us for a summertime fun and casual social gathering. Stop by and say Hello!

Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org or membership@ctstategrange.org for the Zoom Meeting Access Information




The Dog Days of Summer ...

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE
Family Activities Committee

Grange Contest Weekend



Friday - Saturday - Sunday
August 20-22, 2021

Hillstown Grange Hall
617 Hills Street, East Hartford

August 20: • Contest Entry Drop Off (Times to be announced)

August 21: • Contest Entry Drop Off (Prior to judging)
• Judging and Display/Exhibit Set-Up

August 22: • Pancake Breakfast by Hillstown Grange
Serving 8:30 - 11:30 AM
• Display/Exhibit Viewing
• Tea Cup Auction & Raffle
• Contest Entry Pick-Up
(First Place Winners go on to the Big E)



For more information: Dawn Percoski at cwa@ctstategrange.org

70th Annual • Free Admission • Free Parking • Rain or Shine



COMMUNITY TAG SALE
Spaces are FREE - no size limit! Outside the Hall and On the Green. First Come, First Served. No Food Vendors. To reserve your space: info@winchestergrange.org or (860) 307-1522

Used Book Sale • Contests & Exhibits
Raffle Drawing • and so much more!

WINCHESTER GRANGE FAIR & COMMUNITY TAG SALE

2021

SATURDAY
AUGUST 14
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Winchester Grange Hall
100 Newfield Road
Winchester Center, CT

Special Contest For Kids: Celebrate Winchester 250!

NEW FOR 2021!

For boys and girls 13 and under. The annual Winsted Pet Parade has been held for many years. Help us to honor this tradition with our Kids & Pets Costume Contest. Judging at Noon in front of the Hall. Complete Rules available on our Website and Facebook!

Prizes - 1st Place - \$25.00, 2nd Place - \$20.00, 3rd Place - \$15.00

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We Need Your Help!

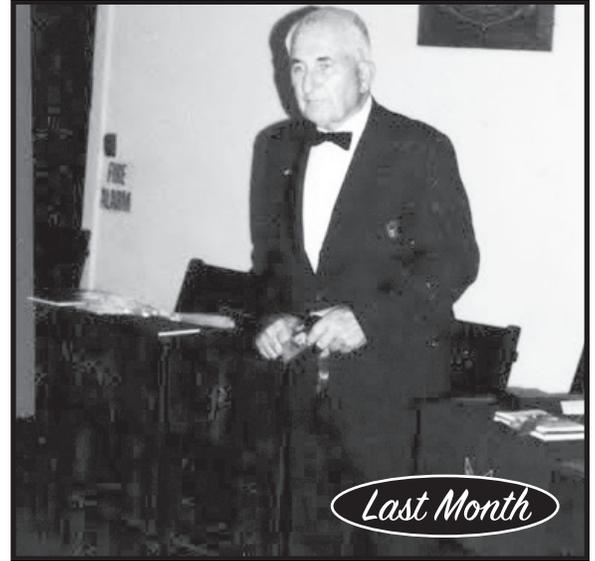
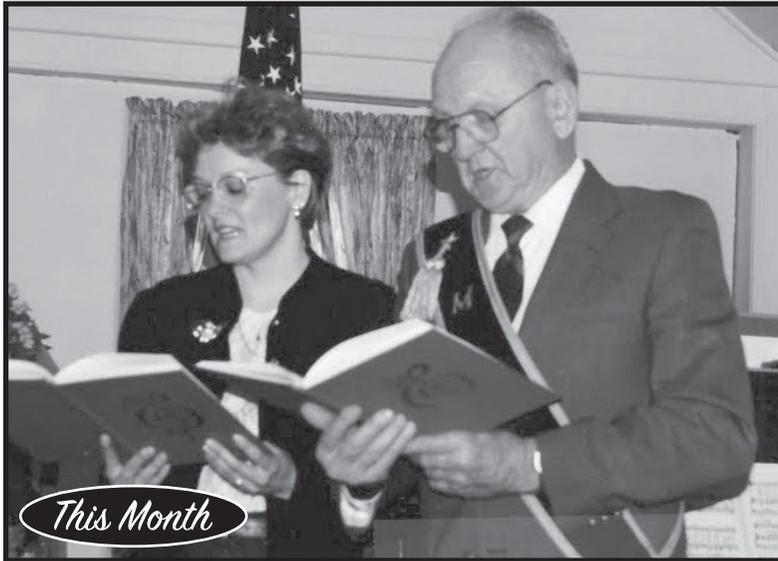
We are looking for people to lend a hand compiling information for the upcoming Connecticut State Grange History Book Project. If you have some time to give - please let us know!

- Data Entry into Excel Spreadsheets
- Online Research
- Photography
- Scanning of Photos & Documents
- Visiting Historical Societies
- Writing Articles and Biographies
- Attending Grange Fairs & Events
- Researching at Local Libraries
- Documenting CT Grange Memorabilia
- and so much more~

If you can help us or know someone who can lend a hand, please send a note to Terri at information@ctstategrange.org or Roy at asteward@ctstategrange.org. Thank you!

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.



June Picture: "Picture of ladies - Back row left is Geraldine C. MacLaurin" from Lin Erickson of Cawasa.



Spicy Watermelon Salad with Pineapple & Lime

Picnics are a summertime tradition! With Granges meeting in person again, perhaps this easy and refreshing recipe for Spicy Watermelon Salad With Pineapple and Lime from the New York Times cooking section might end up on your picnic list! **YIELD:** Makes 6 to 8 servings
INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime zest, plus 2 tablespoons juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 jalapeño, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 ¼ pounds fresh watermelon, chilled
- 1 ¼ pounds fresh pineapple, chilled
- 4 ounces feta, crumbled (about 2/3 cup)
- 1 packed cup small cilantro sprigs, or 1/3 packed cup torn fresh mint
- Tajín, for sprinkling (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

In a large bowl, stir together oil, vinegar, lime zest and juice, honey and jalapeño. Season generously with salt and pepper. Add the red onion and toss to coat. Let marinate, 10 minutes. While the onions marinate, chop the watermelon and the pineapple into 1-inch cubes, discarding any seeds. Add watermelon and pineapple to the vinaigrette and toss to coat; season to taste. Refrigerate until serving. When ready to serve, add feta and herbs to salad and toss to coat. Sprinkle with Tajin, if using, and serve immediately.

SOURCE: <https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1020374-spicy-watermelon-salad-with-pineapple-and-lime>

Hank's Travelog

Hello Grange friends!

It's great to be out and about again! I got to see my friends at Riverton Grange, and my friends at Tagh-hannuck Grange too! With all the Grange Fairs and activities coming up, it's going to be a busy summer ahead.

The CT State Grange Annual Session is coming soon, and I can't wait to see everyone at the hotel in Norwich. Don't forget to take a selfie with me if you see me around!

Want to follow my travels? Please visit my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button to keep in touch. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Resolutions for the 137th Annual Session

1) RE: LYME DISEASE

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a major health problem today and many insurance companies will not pay for office visits, treatment and advanced diagnosis, and

WHEREAS many people have been wrongly diagnosed when in fact it is Lyme, and

WHEREAS this problem also restricts patients who for financial reasons, can no longer get proper diagnosis and treatment due to their inability to pay privately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange encourage legislation requiring insurance companies to pay for Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment in such a manner equal to other diseases and treatments they currently cover.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

2) RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY

WHEREAS traffic safety is a concern of every driver on the road and when traffic is being directed by one or more persons it is difficult to see someone's hand out saying to proceed or stop, and

WHEREAS when a pole sign is used with stop on one side and slow on the other side it is much more visible and safer for drivers to follow instructions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange encourage legislation requiring pole signs saying stop and slow be used by all directing traffic, including police.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

3) RE: TAX ON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS there has been an influx of people moving into Connecticut from other states, and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some type of retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS these benefits are exempt from state income tax in the state they were earned, and

WHEREAS when these individuals move into the State of Connecticut, these retirement funds are taxed, putting that person in a higher tax bracket and, in many cases, they may have to pay more income tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange urge the

General Assembly to pass legislation changing state tax law to allow tax exemptions from other states to continue when moving into the State of Connecticut.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

4) RE: ZOOM MEETINGS

WHEREAS this pandemic showed that Zoom meetings can be very useful and has saved many Granges, and

WHEREAS Zoom meetings have allowed snowbirds and students to still attend meetings, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee uses Zoom to meet and save on traveling, and

WHEREAS the State Grange Convention was held on Zoom and was a success.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we continue to allow Zoom meetings to be used within the State of Connecticut.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182; Beacon Valley Grange No. 103

5) RE: ANNUAL WORD

WHEREAS the Annual Word has served the Grange well by now allowing people who could cause harm to the farmer, and

WHEREAS not collecting the Annual Word would eliminate the potential for the spread of germs, and

WHEREAS we know who are the Grangers in good standing, and

WHEREAS during the pandemic the Grange could still have meetings through Zoom.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the use of the Annual Word be discontinued at Grange meetings.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182; Beacon Valley Grange No. 103

6) RE: MILK MARKET PRICING SUBSIDY

WHEREAS the Federal Government is looking into the milk market pricing for the dairy payment schedule, and

WHEREAS the U.S. goal has been to provide good quality and inexpensive food for all Americans, and

WHEREAS past price support has never included the cost factor dairy farmers need to recoup this cost to

produce for them to stay in business, and

WHEREAS other industries have received cost of operations in the base of price support to recoup their operating expenses before the added support, and

WHEREAS larger farms tend to increase herd size to make up lost income where smaller farms are pushed out because dairy co-ops would rather support larger farms than smaller farms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to support the cost of production into the makeup of the new Milk Market Pricing Subsidy Plan so that our dairy farmers are all on an equal playing field and be able to make an honest living for quality milk products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Grange for adoption.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange No. 75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona No. 14

7) RE: CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

WHEREAS these past few years our National House and Senate have failed at working for "We the people," and

WHEREAS many members in the House and Senate spend more time blocking legislation and fundraising to put more money in their pockets and have used their offices to inside trade and gain outside money which we as Americans can't do because of laws on the books, and

WHEREAS they spend more time campaigning and fundraising at the taxpayer's expense.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grange support term limits for our House and Senate members in the Federal Government so that a member can serve only two terms as a member of either the House or Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the National Grange for action.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange No. 75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona No. 14

8) RE: BUILDING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS some of our Subordinate Grange Halls are in need of repair work, and

WHEREAS the Subordinate Grange is the foundation of the National, State and Pomona Granges, and

WHEREAS the Subordinate Grange can work with the State Grange to assist each other equally in their ways.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a committee be formed to assist each other in a voluntary way.

SOURCE: Hemlock Grange No. 182

9) RE: ANNUAL GRANGE REPORTS IN THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS all Granges, Subordinate, Pomona and Junior, prior to 1967 sent an annual Master's report to the Connecticut State Grange documenting their projects and activities of the year which was published in the Journal of Proceedings, and

WHEREAS in 1966-1967, there were 13 active Pomona Granges, 136 active Subordinate Granges, and 25 active Junior Granges, and

WHEREAS at the 1967 Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange Resolution #48 was presented and adopted to discontinue publishing these annual reports in the Journal of Proceedings due to the cost of printing, and

WHEREAS in discontinuing these annual reports, the historical documentation of the efforts of these Granges has been lost with the exception of Granges who submit information to the Connecticut Granger for publication, in which less than 30% of Granges send in monthly submissions, and

WHEREAS as of July 2021 there are currently 3 Pomona Granges, 36 Subordinate Granges and 2 Junior Granges, and

WHEREAS adding annual reports from these active Granges would only slightly add to the production and printing costs of the Journal of Proceedings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange ask each active Pomona Grange, Subordinate Grange and Junior Grange to submit Annual Master's Reports to the State Grange for printing in each year's Journal of Proceedings for the historical documentation of the

projects and activities of each Grange, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these reports begin with the printing of the 2021 Journal of Proceedings, which will be a record of the 137th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

10) RE: WELCOMING DIVERSE MEMBERS

WHEREAS the State and Local Granges are having difficulty attracting and retaining members, and

WHEREAS the National Grange Diversity Task Force found that members join and find that the organization is not relevant to them, and

WHEREAS the National Grange Diversity Task Force found that traditional Grange language and titled should be examined to determine if they may offend or repel potential

members and

WHEREAS retaining more members who feel welcome to share their diverse experiences and orientations can broaden the understanding of how best to pursue the core Grange missions of community-building and service, and

WHEREAS the National Grange Diversity Task Force has made good progress in highlighting barriers to an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere, and

WHEREAS the conversation about diversity and inclusion needs to be an ongoing one to stay relevant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the National Grange establish a standing committee on diversity, and

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

SOURCE: Taghannuck Grange No. 100

Help us name the new history book

Help! We have been stumped on what to name the new CT State Grange History Book, so we are asking our Grange members for a little help. To make it fun, we are going to hold a book naming contest! We want your creative and catchy suggestions and ideas! A good title is what draws readers in. It should be unique, descriptive, provide insight into the content, and be memorable.

The book, which will chronicle the history of the CT State Grange and its Granges, as well as contain historical highlights, officer and member spotlights, member memories, photos and more, will be released for the 140th Anniversary of the CT State Grange in 2025.

The Contest will open to Grange Members for submissions on September 1, 2021. The CT State Grange will accept submissions through February 1, 2022, and will announce the top 5 submissions as selected by the CT State Grange Executive Board on March 15, 2022. Public voting (via online form and paper/USPS mailed submissions only - no email submissions will be accepted) will begin on March 16, 2022 and run until May 1, 2022. The title with the most votes will win. The winner will be announced on June 24, 2022.

The winner will be acknowledged as such in the book. We will be honoring the winner at the 2025 CT State Grange Session by presenting them with one copy of the book, then the CT State Grange will provide one additional copy of the book to be donated to the library or historical association/museum of the winner's choice.

The entry names submitted may NOT be either "The Grange in Connecticut" or "The Connecticut Granges" as both of these names were used for previous historical Connecticut Grange publications.

Complete contest rules and information will be mailed into each Grange, as well as available on the CT State Grange Website after August 15, 2021.

Let's have some fun, and give this project a name! For more information, send an email to information@ctstategrange.org.

Selfishness and Misery



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

Cheshire Grange No. 23
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Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

Proverbs 21:13

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Proverbs 28:27

The Psychologist Randy J. Patterson wrote a book called *How to be Miserable*. He says, in part: Think about yourself...Talk about yourself...Use the personal pronoun "I" as often as possible in your conversations...Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others...Listen greedily to what people say about you...Insist on consideration and respect...Demand agreement with your own views on everything...Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them...Never forget a service you may have rendered ...Expect to be appreciated...Be suspicious...Be sensitive to slights...Be jealous and envious...Never forget a criticism...Trust nobody but yourself.

Not surprisingly, one of the best ways to be cheerful instead of miserable is to be the opposite of all these. Especially you should be a giving person. A 2008 study

by Harvard Business School professor Michael Norton and colleagues found that giving money to someone else lifted participants' happiness more than spending it on themselves. It is not only giving of money that raises happiness. Giving of your time and talent has the same effect. Giving, whether of time or treasure, also is good for your health, as many studies show. And giving is rewarding in many other ways. Those who give unselfishly to others will find that others are more likely to give in return, as well as being more likely to be cooperative and helpful when help is needed.

One of my good friends, now unfortunately deceased, was a very generous man, always giving to others and to the community in many ways. He was also a very happy person, perhaps because he saw the benefits to the community

Enter your garden pictures

Irene Percoski, Ag. Committee

How is that garden coming along? Are you still involving your children and/or grand children? Pictures now should include weeding and hoeing,

By the time this article is printed your pictures should be showing some of the harvest. What are you doing with the harvest? Donating or just planning a big feast?

Set your photos in order and get them to J.Allen by September 1st. They will all be on display at State session.

In Memoriam

Alice Speck

North Stonington

Community Grange #138

"Well done, good and faithful servants."

and to his friends of what he did. One of his favorite quotes was the line from Ecclesiastes "Cast your bread upon the waters, and it will return after many days". He never expected any immediate rewards for his good deeds, but faithfully believed that in the long run the good he did would return to him in some form.

Let us conclude with a quote from the prophet Isaiah: "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

