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From the President's Desk



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I hope you will remember from last month the Grange rebranding ideas. While we WERE a farm-oriented group, we need to get away from that idea in selling our Order. Selling ourselves as the "Farm Group" sets us aside as something many don't feel they belong in or would want to join.

When people you talk to do know about the Grange, conversation always seems to come back to us being a bunch of farmers. Most of us aren't. Do talk about the good we do advocate for rural America and its many needs, but also stress that we are people coming together to strengthen our communities while supplying a place to belong and contribute. As we strengthen our towns, we develop leadership skills in our members.

In another presentation at National Leaders' Conference, National Lecturer Dr. Richard Stonebraker talked about Evolving with Purpose. He pointed out that from our beginning in 1867, we were formed as an organization that was meant to change in order to keep up with what problems the world presented to us. He used the metaphor of a tree with a solid trunk and flexible branches to describe

our solid core (roots and trunk) and the branches representing methods of doing things that evolve with changing needs of the community. It's OK to keep our identity, the history, and ritual but please separate the sacred traditions from routine habits. Limited ritual is better than doing it poorly and robotically. Another move is to create inclusiveness by using teams for Grange work in place of committees. Words do make a difference. Sociologically life has been described in terms of "spaces" with the First and Second Spaces being the home and work. Why not make your Grange the Third Space where people see relevance to their

lives and want to belong?

Amanda Brozana talked in another seminar about Strategic Doing. The idea of being strategic implies thinking ahead and anticipating outcomes based on your inputs to your Grange work. In other words, plan ahead thoughtfully. An aspect of this type of thinking involves Asset Mapping. This means analyzing the skillsets of your members so that you ask the right people with the right skills to do certain jobs. Some people are better at developing ideas for projects while other excel at making those ideas into reality.

Another good seminar on "The New Leadership Landscape" was presented by Jeff Sesol, author of the book by the same name and

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Registration is now open



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Session and hotel reservations are now open for the 142nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange to be held at the Holiday Inn, Norwich, October 15-17, 2026.

As mentioned in the previous issue, changes have been made to pricing and in procedure for this session. Please read through the registration form included on page three and be sure to fill out ALL information requested.

Unlike previous sessions, Breakfast is by reservation only. Your reservation is made by checking the sections of the registration form. I will only reserve enough meals for the number of people who specifically say they want it.

Session Registrations are due at the State Grange office by September 30, but please don't wait until the last minute.

The Call to the Session will be going out soon with the delegate registration. Please vote on your delegates and send in your delegate registration cards ASAP. This is critical to ensure your Grange is properly represented at the Zoom

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From the President's Desk

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presenter of the "Pull the Chute" podcast. This phrase refers to hitting the pause button in life, stepping back, and just listening without action. His message was that good leaders lead by not trying to be in supreme control but by empowering others by trusting them to make the right decisions. This used to be called delegation of authority, but now it has been expanded. By working with others, including our youth, you let people own what they are doing by being responsible for

the outcomes. Leadership requires us to put emotions aside and listen to others concerns. In this way, your Grange can develop and train your successors by consultation and mentoring.

In the Conference, the subject of Artificial Intelligence came up repeatedly. Like it or not, AI is here to stay. This is why it behooves us to know a bit about how it works and as a result of that, its pitfalls. AI develops answers to your requests by scouring the entire internet to develop an answer. There is no emotion or conscious thought going on in the other end, no matter how it might seem. The internet is loaded with untruths so the output of a request is merely to satisfy your request and may contain factual errors. The servers are programmed to satisfy you and keep you coming back for more.

Summer is here and that usually spells picnics and parades. Hopefully, your Grange has some plans for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of

our independence. Summer is also a good time to bring people into your Grange Halls for fairs and community service projects. Keep busy and don't forget to publicize what you do in the media.

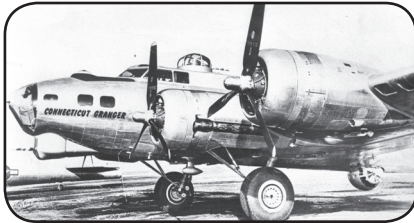
I hear of Granges gaining new members and hope to see this trend reverse our losses. There is a place for Grange in communities to bring people together and make a positive impact in residents' lives. Go out and talk up Grange!

State Grange Session will be here in three and a half months so work on those resolutions and get them to Pomona so they can go on to Session. This is your chance to make a difference by expressing your voice on matters that concern you most.

One final thought from the Speak like a Champ series: the phrase of the month is Decision Discipline. This refers to making choices grounded in strategy, based on your mission, and using available resources. Making good and realistic choices will serve to strengthen long-term effectiveness of your Grange in your community.

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State Session Registration

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meetings held prior to Session to consider the resolutions. Delegates must provide email addresses on the registration form so we can send the Zoom information for Session Committee meetings.

The cost of hotel rooms will remain unchanged this year. For Friday evening it will be \$109 plus taxes and fees and for Saturday evening it will be \$129.00 plus taxes and fees.

Again, these are incredibly reasonable prices. The standard rate for this hotel is well over \$220 per night, plus fees and taxes.

Hotel reservations can be made now by calling the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201. Please ask for the Connecticut State Grange block rate. As always, if you have difficulty, please email me at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org or call 860-307-1522. The deadline for room reservations is September 10.

The Sixth Degree will be conferred on Saturday morning, October 17, beginning at 10 A.M. Members who want to pre-register can use the forms that will be sent with the Call to Session. The application fee for the Degree is \$10. Members may also register for the Degree on the morning of the Degree or anytime during State Session.

The most important thing to remember is to do all of these things as EARLY as you can. Early registration will help us save time and money!



142nd Annual Convention Registration

Thursday, October 15 - Saturday, October 17, 2026

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 10

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

Name _____ Delegate? Yes _____ No _____

Grange _____ # _____

Email _____

REGISTRATION 1

Sessions:

Full Registration [3 Days] (\$50)	_____	\$ _____
Thurs./Fri. Only Registration (\$25)	_____	\$ _____
Friday Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Friday Lunch? _____ (FREE)	
Friday Night Banquet	Baked Stuffed Sole (\$35).	\$ _____
_____	Eggplant Parmesan (\$35).	\$ _____
_____	Chicken Piccata (\$35).	\$ _____
_____	Prime Rib of Beef (\$45).	\$ _____
Saturday Only Registration (\$25)	_____	\$ _____
Sat. Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Sat. Lunch? _____ (FREE)	

Name _____ Delegate? Yes _____ No _____

Grange _____ # _____

Email _____

REGISTRATION 2

Sessions:

Full Registration [3 Days] (\$50)	_____	\$ _____
Thurs./Fri. Only Registration (\$25)	_____	\$ _____
Friday Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Friday Lunch? _____ (FREE)	
Friday Night Banquet	Baked Stuffed Sole (\$35).	\$ _____
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_____	Chicken Piccata (\$35).	\$ _____
_____	Prime Rib of Beef (\$45).	\$ _____
Saturday Only Registration (\$25)	_____	\$ _____
Sat. Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Sat. Lunch? _____ (FREE)	

Name _____ Delegate? Yes _____ No _____

Grange _____ # _____

Email _____

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Sessions:

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Friday Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Friday Lunch? _____ (FREE)	
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Sat. Breakfast? _____ (FREE)	Sat. Lunch? _____ (FREE)	

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY

TOTAL ALL FEES \$

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 11, 2026

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

142nd Annual Session Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

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

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Introduction of National Representatives,
Walter Hartley, National Grange Executive
Committee and Sister Danielle
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credentials Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Robert Buck
Response of Overseer Theodore Powell III
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau
Report of Executive Committee/Board of Dir.
Report of Lecturer David Roberts
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:05 P.M. Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State
Grange Foundation, Inc.
Report of CSG Foundation Pres., Noel Miller
(Please remain seated for this brief meeting)
- 9:30 P.M. Time for Committee Meetings (if necessary)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

- 7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the
Conn. State Grange (Chelsearose Room)
(RESERVATION ONLY)
- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of the
Officers of the Connecticut State Grange
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
Report of *Connecticut Granger*
- 10:45 A.M. BREAK
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (Nutmeg Ballroom), Hosts: TBD
• Blessing by State 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
• Scholarship Awards
• Lecturer's Awards

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

- 7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the
Conn. State Grange (Chelsearose Room)
(RESERVATION ONLY)
- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Intro. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- 9:45 A.M. Break for Preparation of Sixth Degree
- 10:00 A.M. Conferral of the Sixth Degree, Ballroom**
Open to all Sixth Degree members, registration
not required to attend.
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting
Delegates to National Grange
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members
- 11:15 A.M. BREAK (or at conclusion of the Degree)
- 11:30 A.M. Budget Approval (tentative)
Committee Reports (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recog. Luncheon, Hosts: TBD
• Blessing by State Chaplain
• Junior Recognition
• Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
Community Service Report
Honor Grange Awards
Installation of Officers
- 3:00 P.M. Installation of the Officers of the Connecticut
State Grange
• Presentation of Past Voting Delegate Sash
• Announcement of Deputies, Directors
and Committees
• Closing Remarks
- 3:00 P.M. Closing in Form in the Fourth Degree

Degree candidates must be at the Holiday Inn by 9:30 A.M. with the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.

This Schedule is Tentative and subject to change.

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 uncover 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.



No answers were received for the June Window to the Past picture.

10 Vegetables That Regrow From Kitchen Scraps in Water

No Seeds – No Soil – Just the Part You'd Throw Away.



GREEN ONION
2 in



ROMAINE
2 in



LEEK
2 in



CELERY
2 in



BOK CHOY
2 in



LEMONGRASS
3 in



FENNEL
2 in



CABBAGE
1.5 in



CARROT TOP
1 in



BEET TOP
1 in

You are invited to

WOODSTOCK, CT

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

JOIN US FOR AN
"ALL THINGS
LOCAL"
CONVERSATION
AND FOOD

8-10 AM
SECOND SATURDAYS

at the **Senexet Grange**

This is a social event to connect residents
with information on local issues &
happenings.

Fond memories, but a bright future



**Jody & Jodi Ann
Cameron**
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As we all enter the next chapters of our lives, regardless of age, we typically reflect on the events and the people that have come into, and in many cases exited our lives.

We are approaching a next phase of our lives and we are going through stuff, oh what to keep and what to cull. One of the items we came across was the guest book from the reception Ekonk Community Grange and the then Quinebaug Pomona held for us when I was elected State Grange President. What a wonderful walk down memory lane. The names, the sentiments, the memories.

As we looked through the book we stopped and reflected on those that were there to wish us well and giggled a little about those that were there to be able to say I told you so when, in their opinion, we failed. Life is all about successes and failures, about highs and lows, about love and hate. It's ironic, I actually hate the word hate. I mean I hate squash, but I cannot say I actually hate a person, living or dead. We may not align socially, morally or intellectually, but I cannot say I hate someone because of their beliefs. I don't want to nor have to associate with them or be in their presence, but hate, that unrepairable and strong. But I digress, hatred is not what this article is about.

It is about those who come and go in our lives, those that have made an impact, both positive and negative and how those who have left us permanently, they are the ones that charted a course for or with us, they are the ones that helped make us who we are today, again, both positive and negative us. How those who are in our lives impact us personally, so do those in

our Grange, our members, impact our Grange.

If when one person exits our lives typically someone new enters, the suto replacement if you will. Imagine what your life would look like if when someone you knew, or loved passed away and no one came into your life. What would you do, how would you survive that lonely existence. We all have that friend of a friend or relative that's just not our cup of tea, but they are at various gatherings or family events. Do you choose not to go, or out of respect for the others do you attend and participate, doing your best to be your best while regardless of who else is there. This is called positive co-existence. Very well may be a real thing or a really cool term we just created.

Positive co-existence is not always easy, but out of true respect for the host or the event, and more importantly, respect for yourself, it is necessary. Again, if you avoided every event, every store, every whatever because you could run into someone who doesn't care for your or visa versa, how sad would that be? How lonely would that be?

Our Grange is no different, as we lose our members due to age (death) or just them or us not being the right fit, we MUST replace them with new members for if we do not, well I do

not need to tell you what that will look like now do I! When new people enter our Grange, they do something scary, They bring new energy and ideas. New life, new hope, new future. They must be embraced, they must be encouraged, they must be supported, just as you were.

If your Grange is relevant and visible embracing new ideas, new approaches should be simple. We're actually kind of jealous of a new(er) Grange because there is no there to say "we already tried that" or "we don't do that here" or even worse, "that's not the Grange way."

The Grange way! THE GRANGE WAY? What are you talking about? The Grange way is progressive. It is a forward motion. Hmmm, forward motion. Forward motion! Novel concept isn't it. Wait maybe not, isn't it written in one of our ceremonies "Natures motto is onward, she never goes backwards."

With that in mind, how will you look at your Grange's future now? Will you be content with the status quo? Will you settle for what we got is what we got? Or will you embrace the future. Even if it's grim, and give your all to ensure there is a Grange, your Grange, even when you only become a memory.

Again we ask, How will you Grange today?

Work Days at Big E Announced



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Family Activities Dir.
Vernon Grange No. 52
familyactivities@ctstategrange.org

We are planning 2 work days at the New England Grange Building. The first work day will be August 8th at 9:00 am. We need to sort out the inventory from last year. We also will begin marking all new donations as well, then will break for lunch. We can finish up any mark-

ing and sorting after lunch. The second work day is Labor Day, September 7th at 9:00 am. This will be putting together all of the items on the tables and getting them set up for the fair. Marking any additional items that may have been brought in.

Don't forget that Next Month is the Family Festival. If you have any items that are being donated to the Big E, I will be happy to take them up for you. Just drop them off with your contest entries.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The Power of Centralized Grange

By Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

What's one of the simplest ways to strengthen your Grange's presence in the community while ensuring smooth operations for years to come? Centralize your Grange communications.

When your Grange communicates through official channels — a dedicated phone number, mailing address, and email—rather than individual members' personal accounts, you're building a professional, unified presence that inspires confidence in the public, the media, and potential new members. You're also creating an organizational resilience that keeps your Grange running smoothly regardless of leadership changes.

Think about it: when someone calls your Grange number or sends an email, they're reaching out to an *institution* with history and purpose, not just an individual. That distinction matters. It builds credibility and trust.

There's another important reason to act now. Organizations that rely solely on individual members' personal contact information can face serious disruptions when those members step down, move away, or pass on. I've witnessed this firsthand with another organization where decades of records, access to accounts, and vital communications were lost when a long-serving president died unexpectedly and his family, understandably focused on their own grief, disposed of everything.

Your Grange deserves better. And the good news? Protecting your Grange's future is easier and more affordable than you think. Here's three simple solutions:

Phone: Google Voice (FREE)



Give your Grange its own phone number without the cost. Google Voice provides a FREE dedicated number that can forward calls intelligently to multiple members. For example, set it up so calls before 5 PM reach your Secretary, evening calls go to your Master, and weekend calls route to your Lecturer. Voicemails are saved online, can be emailed to officers, and are never lost. Text messages also come through the same account, so all communications stay in one place. When members call or text using the web interface or phone app, recipients see your Grange number on caller ID and message thread — not someone's personal cell. It's professional, flexible, and completely free. Learn more: www.google.com/voice

Mail: U.S. Post Office Box

A P.O. Box gives your Grange a permanent, professional mailing address. If your Hall doesn't have mail delivery, this is your answer. Benefits include keeping members' home addresses private, preventing important bills or correspondence from getting mixed in with personal mail, and allowing controlled access—you decide who has keys. Costs range from \$30 to \$300+ per month depending on box size and location (rural post offices typically

charge less than urban ones), making it an affordable option for any Grange.

Reserve online: www.usps.com/manage/po-boxes.htm

Email: Your FREE Grange Address

Here's something many Connecticut Granges don't realize: Every Community Grange in Connecticut already has a free, professional email address. All CT State Grange Officers, Committees, and Community Granges have been assigned addresses like yourgrange@ctstategrange.org. Currently, nearly 100% of State Officers and Committees are using theirs, and over half of the Community Granges have activated their accounts.

Why does this matter? When you reach out to town officials, media contacts, or community partners from yourgrange@ctstategrange.org instead of a personal email, you're representing the full weight and legitimacy of your organization. You're also ensuring continuity because when leadership changes, the email address stays the same and nothing is lost.

If you haven't activated your Grange email yet, contact Terri at information@ctstategrange.org for access instructions. The more Granges using these addresses, the stronger our collective communication network becomes.

Take the Next Step

The tools are here. The cost is minimal or free. The benefits such as professionalism, continuity, and organizational strength are substantial.

Take an hour at your next meeting to discuss which of these solutions your Grange can implement first. Start with one, then add the others as you're ready. You're not just updating your contact information; you're investing in your Grange's future.

Strong communications build strong Granges. Let's build together.



EASTERN CT POMONA #14

Corr: Carol Hnath

Sept. 12: Regular meeting at North Stonington Grange Hall, 7 p.m.

Our June 6 meeting was a busy one. Aili McKeen, State Gatekeeper, was present for inspection and we conferred the Fifth Degree on three candidates. Dan Posuniak was re-elected to serve a three year term on the Executive Committee. We also took action on eight resolutions which will be sent on to State Session.

Due to a lack of participation the Community Service project with Habitat for Humanity planned in April did not occur. The social activity scheduled for July will also not happen.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12 at North Stonington Grange Hall at 7 pm. The program is entitled "A Squirrely Program" so we will have to see what our Lecturer is planning for us!

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 22: Working on displays

Aug. 1: Locally Grown Day

Our members are always keeping busy with projects in and outside of the Grange hall. We held another successful Community Breakfast. to connect the residents with opportunities available to them in town. We did hold a successful meat ball and pasta dinner to support the purchase of protective vests for our

local fire department. It is great to be able to fund raise for other groups. We received 8 applications for the memorial scholarships we provide to Woodstock residents. These will be presented to the recipients at our August 5 meeting at 7PM. Their families are invited. Many of our members are working on local America 250 events. The Locally Grown Day will be well promoted by our members. We have contacted local farms and vendors to this very popular event.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski, Cherie Robinson

July 10: Mystery Ride

Aug. 7: Smokey Bear; Potluck Picnic

June saw us meeting back upstairs in our Grange Hall, we all enjoyed being in the Hall. Visitors Michelle DeDominicus and Helen Forrest from Hillstown Grange presented a fine program on the American Flag, a flag quiz and singing of patriotic songs.

A resolution on the highway speed of school buses was discussed and voted to pass onto Eastern CT Pomona. We send a card filled with well wishes to Mariellen Baxter as she recovers from surgery.

We enjoyed a very social hour with refreshments after the meeting.

Next month we will be on the road for a mystery ride...Where? Come along with us and find out!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Penny Harris

Here at the Killingly Grange, we might be in the "quiet corner" here in Connecticut, but we want you to know we are far from quiet. Join us and have some fun!

Did you ever wonder why the chicken crossed the road? It's because they want to get as far away as possible from the Killingly Grange who is having a chicken barbeque on Saturday June 14. Join us for a

delicious meal of chicken, potato salad, corn, roll and watermelon.

For all you music lovers out there! On April 25 Nick Anderson hosted The Gospel Friends Reunion along with Jonathan Chapman and Tim & Vickie St. Jean and mc Clyde Proch. Many folks joined us for a gospel sing along. The old schoolhouse vibe of the Grange Hall provides the perfect setting and acoustics for concerts. All the musicians are offered their talent for free. The program last year was a huge success we collected over \$700 and donations were made to the friends of Assisi (food pantry) and the Killingly Grange construction fund. Delicious food prepared by Grange members and beverages were provided for purchase prior to and throughout the show. The doors opened at 6pm and the concert started at 7pm. For more information, please contact Nick @ (860)-564-1018 or email: hawksnestfarmplainfield@gmail.com.

The Killingly Grange is the venue for a monthly Bluegrass concert on the 4th Saturday of the month October-April (excluding December.) The program is hosted by "Nick Anderson and Shady Creek." Nick also invites a different guest band each month, drawing bluegrass bands from CT, RI. and MA. The concerts have been running continuously since 2000 with the exception of the Covid year.

For more information you can check out Nick Anderson and the Shady Creek on Facebook.

All the little piggies headed home because Pat, our devoted secretary, is also a great cook, prepared a pork roast dinner on May, 15.

Recently several of our members celebrated Glenna Bruno 100th birthday with her loving family and many friends. She was presented with her 60th year seal by Noel Miller, State Grange Exec. Committee. Glenna thru the years has been a

blessing to those of us fortunate to know and love her.

We also received sad news one of our oldest members passed away Josephine Stenbeck. Josie was 101 years old and a 60-year member of our Grange. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her and loved her.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 14: The Dog Days of Summer

Aug. 28: Last Hurrah Before School

Robert Miner will again lead us through the next Grange year and most of our Officers remain in their positions; but happily we welcome two new Officers this year to complete our slate. Carl Johnston becomes our new Gatekeeper and Susan Grufstead will sit with the Graces as Flora. After Election of Officers at our first meeting in June Lecturer Sue instructed us in safety measures for exiting a car which has become submerged, essential information which we sincerely hope we never have to put into practice.

Our annul picnic was well attended. Delicious hamburgers and hot dogs cooked to perfection by our excellent chefs were augmented with macaroni, potato and three-bean salads and a plethora of delicious desserts provided by attendees. Dick and Carmella Tarryk provided a lovely background of tunes and Sue's games kept all occupied until the shadows lengthened into darkness.

Heads up, ladies! You are in charge of the August 14th program and the men provide refreshments. The tables are turned on the 28th with the men providing the program and the ladies the refreshments. And if these "dog days of summer" will just cool down a bit, next time we will tell you all about jammin' July.

Ekonk Community Junior Grange



Rebecca Gervais, Jr. Leader

In April, we celebrated Grange month by doing random acts of kindness/community service. Each child who participated will have a chance to win 1 of 4 \$10.00 gift cards to Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm. Special thanks to the Turkey Farm for donating the gift certificates!

In April we celebrated Earth Day by collecting trash on a walking path in Sterling.

Ekonk Junior Grange marched in Sterling's memorial day parade. We tossed baggies of candies. In each baggie, we included slips of paper about Ekonk Junior Grange, our meeting dates, and contact information.

To celebrate our country's 250th birthday, we put out donation buckets at area businesses. Our goal is to collect \$250.00. We will donate monies to a local veteran(s) group.

On June 14th, we will be having a pet food drive at Agway in Plainfield. Feel free to visit us. We meet the first Friday of every month, at 6 PM.



President, Second Degree

BEHOLD THESE INANIMATE KERNELS OF CORN! BUT THE GERM HAS LIFE - THE FUTURE PLANT IS THERE... THERE IS NO OBJECT IN WHICH, TO APPEARANCE, LIFE AND DEATH BORDER SO CLOSELY TOGETHER AS IN THE GRAINS OF SEED BURIED IN THE EARTH; BUT WHEN LIFE SEEMS EXTINCT, A FULLER AND RICHER EXISTENCE BEGINS ANEW.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: David Roberts

Mountain Laurel Pomona Grange No. 15 held one of its most successful and well-attended meetings in recent memory on May 9th at Whigville Grange in Whigville, Connecticut. President Dave Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM with 36 members present, representing Community Granges from across the Pomona jurisdiction. Members commented positively on the many recent improvements to the Whigville Grange Hall and praised the hospitality and refreshments provided by the host Grange. State Grange President Ted Powell and State Grange Gatekeeper Aili McKeen both addressed the attendees on behalf of Connecticut State Grange.

The Lecturer's Program was presented by James Mele, who stepped in while Lecturer Debbie Vail continues recuperating. Members appreciated the thoughtful and engaging program on the May holidays.

The meeting itself was highly productive and completed in just 90 minutes. Members unanimously approved three resolutions for consideration at the next Connecticut State Grange Convention. The 2026–2027 Pomona calendar was also reviewed and approved.

In recognition of Memorial Day and local veterans, following a presentation by American Legion Commander (Riverton Grange

member) Tim Sweeney, members raised \$100 to support the Riverton American Legion Post #159 Poppy Program.

A new Community Grange Incentive Program designed to encourage both communications outreach and membership growth among subordinate Granges was approved. Under the 2025-2026 program, a Community Grange within our Pomona may either:

- Spend up to \$200 on communications, publicity, or marketing efforts and receive reimbursement from Pomona, OR

meet or exceed the National Grange membership goal by adding three or more members during the current Grange Year.

- The Community Grange must submit their written funding request in person to Mountain Laurel Pomona at the upcoming August 22nd meeting.

- The initiative is expected to cost Pomona no more than \$1,800 annually and will be funded entirely through interest earned from Pomona investments.

The next meeting of Mountain Laurel Pomona Grange No. 15 will be held Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Riverton Grange #169, 17 Riverton Road, Riverton, Connecticut. Members and guests are welcome.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Patti Fippinger

We are looking forward to a great summer season here in Whigville.

After a very successful 2024-2025 fundraising campaign to install a new HV/AC system we are now embarking on our next Fundraising Campaign to tackle another major renovation: Replacing our building's roof.

We continue to sponsor our Family Game Nights. They have proven to be a popular event within our community. It is a joy to see young adults interacting with older members and enjoying a simple evening together. We always welcome new participation. If you

enjoy playing cards, Uno, board games or bingo, be sure to check us out. Snacks, ice cream and drinks are available for purchase. We'd love to welcome new Grangers from around the area.

Games nights are 6-9 pm on the following dates: Wednesday, July 8 and 22; Wednesday, August 12 and 26

Saturday, July 18 is the Whigville Music Fest from 2-8pm. Come celebrate summer vibes with us. This is our second year sponsoring a music event. Whigville Music Festival is a celebration of many genres of music. The day will feature multi band performances together with local crafters, food, and activities for the kids. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our annual Grange Fair will be held from 10:00 – 2:00 on Saturday, August 22. The fair will feature a way to "show off" your home-grown vegetables and flowers, jams, pickles, baked goods, crafts, paintings, etc. Adults as well as kids are encouraged to enter their creations. What a great way to share your talents!! Free parking and admission, entertainment, food, teacup auction, children's activities, and more. For more information please email Sue: slfk@msn.com.

As always, we continue to collect new and gently used clothing, towels and wash cloths for two local shelters.

The next scheduled meeting is at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

July 11: America 250 Dance, 6-9 PM, Grange Hall

July 14: Mac & Cheese, Ref. Ellen Pettit

July 28: National Hamburger Day, Ref. Patrick O'Brien

Aug. 4: Fair Set-Up, Ref. All Members

Aug. 8: Grange Fair & Flea Market

The big event this month is our "America's 250 Years of Freedom

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Dance” on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 6 to 9 PM at the Grange Hall, 100 Newfield Road, Winchester Center. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for children 12 and under. Price includes ice cream and punch. Call 203-465-2787 for tickets. Tickets will be available at the door while supplies last. We are thrilled to have Mad River Music performing and look forward to seeing you there while we celebrate 250 years of America!

Looking ahead, we will be holding our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market at the Grange Hall and on the Green on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 to 2 PM. Join us for all of the fruit, flower, vegetable and baking exhibits along with a book sale, flea market, food from Café 74 and much more! Admission and parking is free.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

July 9: Travel by John Brett Ref: Lynn Cline

Aug. 13: Organizing by Allie Hanlon Ref: Lynn Cline

Sept. 10: Autumn by Debra Tyler Ref: Debra Tyler

Oct. 8: Halloween Costume Party by Debbie Hanlon Ref: Debbie Hanlon

NOTE: Refreshments & Social Hour time at 7PM with Meeting at 7:30PM Unless otherwise noted.

At our June meeting we had four proposals for membership. Two of the proposed members were in attendance and participated in our meeting. The other two are our new next-door neighbors and it is tradition to ask them to join our Grange. Needless to say, all were voted in and will be obligated in the near future.

Our Plant and Rummage Sale was a success financially as we made over \$4400.00. We also educated customers about the Grange and about the history of our Grange Hall. We collected 58 G-Notes during the sale and voted to give them to the State Grange for their Convention. It was also decided that next year we will only be doing the Plant Sale.

Our Grange Farm School Committee had 13 participants at their Cultivating Questions presentation with Lynn Cline providing refreshments using local ingredients. The discussion part of the meeting included cultivating health in the soil, in food and in the community. Master Chris Hopkins welcomed all and spoke on Hope the 2nd degree “a liberal harvest”. Presentations were given on biodynamic preps, flail mower tilling, composting, cover crops and more.

The Lecturer’s Program at our June meeting had Carl Chaiet as our speaker. He and his wife Lynn Kearcher, who is a member of our Grange, wrote and illustrated a book that came out in hard cover in August 2007 called Man’s First Word. He explained how it came about to write and illustrate. The illustrations were drawn in ink, and he had many examples of the cover and pages. Everyone was given a beautiful illustration of their work.

Patrick O’Brien, State Deputy, Vice President of Mountain Laurel Pomona and President of Winchester Grange gave Greetings from our State President Robert Buck and thanked everyone for an enjoyable evening. He invited all to the Winchester Grange Dance on July 11th from 6 PM to 9 PM.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

July 12: Memorial Hall

Bethlehem Grange joined with the town of Bethlehem to celebrate America’s 250th Year Birthday. Our generous monetary contribution supported a day long program’s schedule of events on Saturday, July 4th, 2026, ending with a spectacular display of fireworks.

We stationed a decorated table in front of the schoolhouse adjacent to Memorial Hall from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Our Grange distributed imprinted pens, imprinted grippers, and balloons.

We sold a large number of Naugatuck Duck Race tickets for

their June festival, and therefore, we were awarded a good return from the sale. Our Grange also had 5 lucky prize winners!

Bethlehem Grangers are sadly offering our sincere condolences to our Chaplain Carol W. on the recent passing of her husband Ed Womelsdorf.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

Due to the July 4th holiday, there will be no Veteran of the Month ceremony during the month. The 51st Veteran of the Month ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 2, at 6:00 PM.

Friday, July 17 — 6:30 PM (Regular Monthly Meeting). Refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM, with the membership meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. Due to the ongoing renovation of the Hall kitchen, Riverton Grange’s monthly membership meeting will be held informally at the Riverton Grange Hall. Please note that due to construction, Wi-Fi service is currently unavailable. The Lecturer’s Program, America 250, will be presented by Dave Roberts. Refreshments will be hosted by Dawn Anstett.

Sunday, July 19 — 1:00 PM America 250 Series Launch — Event #3: “Yankee Doodle Craft Party”

Join us for our third session in this four-part series celebrating America 250. For this session, we will help attendees learn to make various crafts. Refreshments will be provided by Barkhamsted Forks Senior Center.

June 5 Meeting Recap. Twenty members (including two 1+ members) and guests gathered at Riverton Grange Hall for the regular monthly meeting. President Dave Roberts opened the meeting and welcomed State Grange Vice President Ted Powell and his wife, Stephanie.

During the business meeting, members voted unanimously to accept Vincent, Kimberly, and James Mele as regular members

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of Riverton Grange following their transfer from Whigville Grange.

Members also voted unanimously to allow The Barkhamsted Seniors, Inc. (dba Barkhamsted Forks Senior Center) to name the new kitchen in recognition of their contribution of more than one-third of the project's cost. Kitchen Renovation Committee Chair Judy Doyle reported that Riverton Grange is also being considered for its largest grant to date from the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation to support the renovation project.

Significant progress continues on the kitchen renovation. The old kitchen has been completely removed, wall studs have been installed, and electrical work is currently underway. Plumbing improvements will follow, along with the delivery and installation of key kitchen equipment.

America 250 Community Series Co-Chairs Dawn Anstett and Tim Sweeney shared an update on the ongoing series, which began on Memorial Day and will continue through late summer. The series will conclude in August with a catered dairy dinner—complete with a cow available for milking outside—and a special “Voices of Riverton Memories” program.

Lecturer James Mele introduced the evening's program, presented by Carol Innes in recognition of Dairy Month. Carol shared a history of Connecticut's dairy industry, offered several readings, and led a fun trivia game with prizes. Even President Dave Roberts was quick enough to answer one question first and take home a prize!

Prior to the meeting, members and guests enjoyed homemade refreshments provided by the Lazzaro family, which received many compliments.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

On June 1, Music Monday - Our monthly music series continued with our own Dave Galt, also fondly known as A Thing Called Dave.

Dave is a huge local favorite with fans across the area and is known for his incredible guitar skills, live-looping, and upbeat performances. He frequently performs covers and original music at venues, taprooms, and restaurants across the region, including regular gigs in Collinsville. Doors are always at 6:30, music at 7:00.

June 12th we held our monthly business meeting - planning for our 6/13 annual fair.

On June 13th - Saturday, from 10-3. Simsbury Grange's Agricultural Fair was held. You may have missed it but save the date for June 12th, 2027 because we'll be back! This year's fair was tremendous! We are a small fair but we had dozens of contest entries, children's activities, a crock pot kitchen, bake sale, open mic performers, our local library, a Master Gardener table, and SO much more including 2 special performances from the Sweet Adelines and our local Villari's

Martial Arts Center students. AND....the weather cooperated. Special thanks go out to our area performers and all of the Grangers who helped in SO many ways. Best fair ever!!

July 6th - Music Monday - Joshua Aciares! As a singer-songwriter, Aciares has developed a distinctive sound characterized by a sophisticated blend of acoustic, indie rock, experimental, and shoegaze influences. His compositions resonate with audiences on a deeply personal level, combining raw emotion with intricate melodic structures. Drawing inspiration from iconic artists such as Maynard James Keenan, Deftones, and Peter Dinklage, his music embodies a fusion of heartfelt lyricism and innovative artistry. Doors at 6:30, music at 7:00pm. You won't want to miss this one!!

July 9th - Monthly meeting - Debriefing our fair and voting for positions will highlight this meeting.

Beacon Valley Grange Awards



Beacon Valley Grange celebrated 137 years with an awards ceremony honoring Louise Sheedy with the Community Citizen Award. Certificates and seals were presented to Barbara Kirk for 70 years, Patricia Jacox for 60 years, Robert Brush, Terri Tully and Victor Godin received Golden Sheaf Certificates. Kimberly Tompkins and Ronald Gunther receive 45 year certificates. The presentations were made by State Grange Secretary Todd Gelineau. Left to right- Barbara Kirk (70) - Kimberly Tompkins (45) - Robert Brush (50) - Ronald Gunther (45). Terri Tully (50) and Victor Gordon (50) were presented their awards at a later date.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

With Pomona meeting only once each quarter there is not much to report but check us out next month and see the slate of officers who will lead our Pomona for the next two years.

It's time to print a new handbook. Please get your information to Joanne Cipriano by August 1st. Needed list of Officers, Committees, Programs, Members and the names of members who have passed since August 1, 2025. Ideally this is what we would like but will be happy to get whatever you would like to share.

Hope you are having an enjoyable summer.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Elizabeth Jensen

Redding Grange's first float appeared in the Redding Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23rd. There has not been a float entered into the parade in decades (most don't even remember there being floats at all.) Everyone was SO inspired by it, there are a few other organizations talking about building their own for next year. Redding Grange received kudos from the Grand Marshall for helping to revitalize the parade.

Linda Mitchell is the Granger who organized the kids and their costumes. She is pictured with blond hair behind the young George Washington in the group of kids. We

Memorial Day in Redding



Redding Grange participated for the first time in the Redding Memorial Day Parade on May 23. Linda Mitchell organized the float, kids and costumes for a display that received kudos from the Grand Marshall and

were so happy to have Redding's first selectwoman, Julia Pemberton with us for the event.

The building committee for the float were Ed and Cecilia Staunton, Mike and Linda Mitchell. Some of the lumber for the frame was donated by Harmony Grange. And some decorations were donated by Grange member Jane Merritt.

Granger Bill Hill pulled the float with his tractor. Grangers Victor De Masi and Jan Stranik marched behind the float with flags. Granger Roanna Metowski wore an eagle costume that she made.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

July 1: Omitted. Holiday Time

July 15: Picnic at the Millers and Program Planning

Our election of officers meeting on June 17th went smoothly and all our officers were re-elected to their current offices. Our Lecturer, Diane Calabro, is looking at a large variety

of topics for our programs with some suggestions from our members. Our fair premium books are out to the public for our August Fair on the 22nd and 23rd. The fair will be front and center through the summer months getting everything in place. We always have many members and others lending a hand in all areas of the fair. Our Family Activities chair, Jane Miller is encouraging our members to prepare exhibits for the State judging contest at the Celebrations annual event August 1st and August 2nd at Hillstown Grange.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Stephen Fengler

Wallingford Grange held a wonderful craft workshop for youth in late May. There, we introduced young makers to the art of weaving and making a "colonial" mug rug in a relaxed, supportive setting. Hopefully a few will be entered in our Sept. Grange Fair!

At the beginning of June, we hosted an event where people could meet Alpacas and learn more about Alpaca farming. Many thanks to Linda Hettrick from Quinnipiac Valley Alpaca Farms for her lecture on alpaca farming. The alpacas Awinita and Nina were a great hit as well!

Finally, in June, we had a very successful bird walk where we saw a Yellow Warbler, a Redstart, a Pileated Woodpecker, a Louisiana Water Thrush, a Peewee, an Oven Bird, a Worm Eating Warbler, a few American Robins and a couple Turkey Vultures. Join us next Spring if you missed this walk.

Some special events Wallingford Grange is looking forward to hosting this summer include a wine tour at Guveia Vineyard in Wallingford (July 22nd 6pm -8pm) and a Floral Arranging Class (August 12th 6pm-8pm). We will also be starting up our painted chair auction starting on July 26th (not July 1st) so please keep an eye out for the different chairs that one can bid on. Our grange fair is also occurring on Saturday, September 12th. One can find out more information about the fair and about how to submit entries into it on our Wallingford Grange webpage.

To stay informed about these different happenings and upcoming events at Wallingford Grange, please follow our "Wallingford Grange" Facebook page. Hope to see you at these events!

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Surprise! Surprise! The members of Beacon Valley were sure surprised that 48 came to help us celebrate our 137th anniversary. Not surprised that they came but the thermometer registered 93 degrees – a good night to stay home in the air conditioning.

We appreciate State Secretary Todd Gelineau coming and helping in presenting of certificates to our members – 70 years to Barbara

Kirk, 50 years to Robert Brush and 45 years to Kimberly Tompkins Barbara's niece and nephew and 45 years to Ronald Gunther.

Unable to attend were Patricia Bisson who resides in Flora, Victor Godin and Terri Tully.

He also presented a plaque to our Community Citizen Louise Sheedy. Mayor Pete Hess was present and presented a proclamation from Naugatuck to her also.

Other State Officers present were: Vice-President Ted Powell and wife Stephanie, Chaplain Charles Dimmick, Ceres Jane Miller and Ruel Miller a member of the Executive Committee.

In keeping with our year's theme, the alphabet, everything on the program, the Country Store and refreshments began with the letter C.

Our next meeting is July 10th and

will be our Officers Planning Night.

Our next tag sale is July 18th from 9 to 2 – Open Mic same date.

If you enjoyed the music at our anniversary come and enjoy it again on the 18th. Drop in any time from 2 to 5.

Crochet classes are held at the Grange Hall on Wednesdays - Contact Aila at 203-671-4089 for further information.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 10: 6:00 Picnic and Meeting

July 24: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Aug. 14: CWA

Aug. 28: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Join the Public Relations Team

The Connecticut Grange's story is one of community, tradition, and service. But a story untold is a story lost. That's where the CT State Grange Public Relations Committee comes in, and we're looking for volunteers to join our team.

For the past 16 years, our PR Co-Directors have been the voice and visual identity of the CT State Grange and our Community Granges across Connecticut. The Public Relations Committee is the bridge between who we are and how the world sees us. Right now, we have a unique opportunity to bring volunteers into this vital committee.

We're seeking volunteers ready to learn the ropes directly from experienced mentors. This is a succession opportunity where volunteers will work alongside current committee members who know our organization inside and out, learning not just the "how" but the "why" behind every decision.

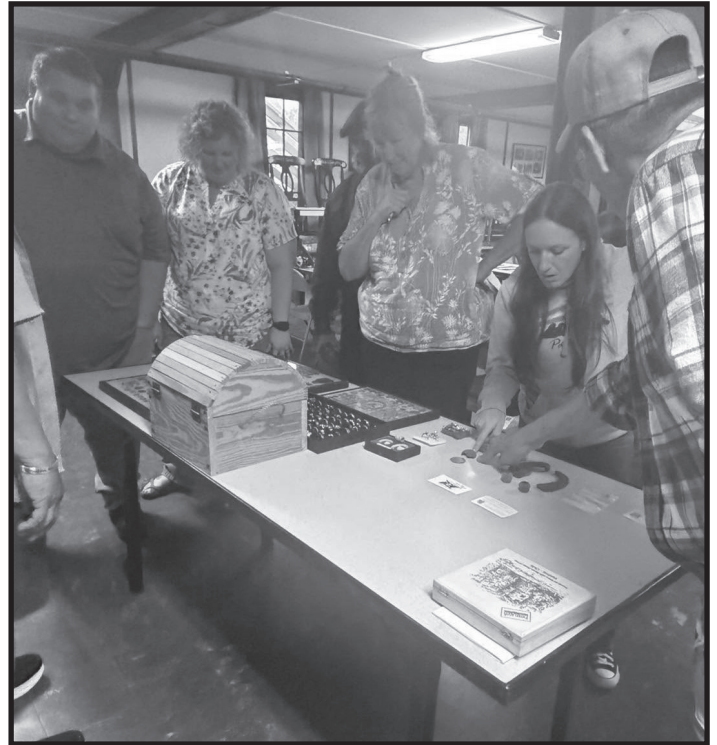
As our PR Committee member, you'll be the creative force behind everything that represents the Grange to the public. You'll design posters, flyers, and brochures for print and digital platforms. You'll create social media content across multiple platforms, manage our web presence, oversee email campaigns, and design signage for our events. Every piece you create will tell the Grange's story and strengthen our connection to the communities we serve.

Volunteers should have strong computer skills, excellent writing ability, proficiency with design tools like Adobe Creative Suite, Canva and the Microsoft Office Suite, knowledge of multiple social media platforms, and experience managing websites and email campaigns. Experience with AI tools is a bonus.

These are volunteer positions with something invaluable: direct mentorship and training. Volunteers will have the support needed to succeed and the opportunity to make a real, lasting impact on how Connecticut Granges are perceived and understood.

If you're creative, detail-oriented, and excited about using your skills to strengthen a historic organization, we want to hear from you. Contact Terri at information@ctstategrange.org. Let's talk about how you can help us tell our story.

Wallingford Metal Detecting



Wallingford Grange enjoyed a wonderful evening learning about metal detecting with Wayne Aguiar and members of the Nutmeg metal detecting group.

Vernon Grange
presents

SUNDAY ON THE FARM
FREE! RAIN or SHINE!

August 23, 2026 • 10 AM -2 PM
(Open House! Come and leave anytime!)

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274 West St., Vernon - less than a mile off of exit 66 on I-84

FREE and all welcome to come - especially Grangers, Friends and Family!

Featuring... Delicious food truck available to purchase luncheon fare, crafts, story times, backyard chicken raising lectures, scavenger hunt and more, and be sure to visit the farm stand for only CTGrown produce and products.

For more information, email info@strongfamilyfarm.org

COMMUNITY

Community Service Reports are due by SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

We ask all Granges to report even if they do not record hours for their members.

The Community Service Contest is divided into several categories:

- Granges with 50 or more members
- Granges with 49 or less members
- Junior Grange & Plus One
- Pomona Granges

Contact Ted Powell, Comm. Serv. Chairperson for more information.

GAME NIGHT!!

8TH JULY | 6:00PM -9:00PM

22ND JULY | 6:00PM -9:00PM

12TH AUGUST | 6:00PM -9:00PM

26TH AUGUST | 6:00PM -9:00PM

9TH SEPTEMBER | 6:00PM -9:00PM

23RD SEPTEMBER | 6:00PM -9:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

\$2 ADMISSION FEE | MAX \$10 PER FAMILY

FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE

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153 SOUTH MAIN ST BURLINGTON CT 06013



Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain
Cheshire Grange No. 23
Chaplain@ctstateGrange.org

Fellowship & Fraternity

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! *Psalm 133:1*

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. *1st Peter, 3:8*

In the second chapter of Genesis we are told that "it is not good for Man to be alone". This is an ancient truth that is reaffirmed in almost all cultures. While an occasional period of solitude may be helpful to many, man was made to be a social creature. Interaction with our fellow human beings has many benefits, some of them necessary for our development as fully rounded individuals.

Fellowship and Fraternity are basic characteristics of our Grange experiences. Our Grange ritual emphasizes that we are

like one great family, sharing brotherly and sisterly love in all that we do. When we join we pledge that we will not knowingly wrong or defraud any of our Grange brothers or sisters in word or deed, nor will we permit it to be done by another if it is in our power to prevent it.

We should not confine our efforts at fellowship and fraternity to the Grange. Remembering that we are all God's children, we have an obligation to recognize all of humanity as brothers and sisters. Of course, as with any large family, there are some relatives that we find more likeable and attractive than others. And there are some whose personalities or habits or other general characteristics make them hard to live with. But in a larger sense they are still "family" and must be recognized as such. We could do worse than follow



Northeast Chaplains Worship Service Event

Saturday, July 25, 2026
4:00 PM

Stockbridge Grange Hall
51 Church St., Stockbridge, MA

1:00 PM- Tour of Norman Rockwell Museum,
9 Glendale Rd., Stockbridge, MA

4:00 PM - Worship Service at Grange Hall

5:00 PM - Supper (by Stockbridge Grange)
\$25.00 for Tour & Supper

RSVP: State Chaplain, Charles Dimmick by July 10

Email: Chaplain@CTStateGrange.org

Phone: 860-919-2405

After RSVP, payment may be sent to Charles Dimmick at
60 Broadview Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410.
Checks should be made payable to the
Massachusetts State Grange.

the advice given by St. Paul and quoted above: "admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all".

In Memoriam

Josephine Stenbeck, G.S.
Killingly Grange #112

"Well done, good and faithful servants."