

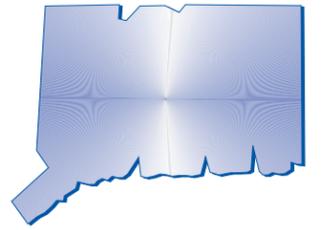


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First I want to thank all the Grangers who helped out at the Big E this year. Whether you greeted visitors in the Connecticut room, worked in the Country Store or came on Grange Day and marched with us in the Big E parade, you all proved that the Grange is alive and active in New England and hopefully impressed some non-members enough to join. Thank you, Betty Jane Gardiner and Doris Shaw for rounding up all the volunteers that worked day in and day out in the New England Grange Building. These two ladies have been doing this longer than I can remember and when they

are asked each year to do it again they reply, "I'd be delighted".

This brings us to the 124th State Session. One note of importance... We will be a little pressed for time this year. The Session will close at 3:00 PM. on Saturday the 18th and the installation of officers will be at 4:00 PM. That is right, the installation of officers. For those that may have forgotten this is an election year and I'm not referring to the U.S. president. That makes it more important that each Community Grange have delegates at the session to represent their Grange. The deliberations of this session will serve to guide the State Grange for the coming year. Pertinent information on the session is inside this issue.

There was much information in the September issue and more in this issue regarding the National Session. I cannot urge you enough to take the necessary degrees so that you can take the Seventh and last

Degree this year at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center in Hartford. The opportunity is there don't waste it. The National Session is a great place to meet Grangers from the other thirty-six states and you will make lifelong friendships. Participate in as many activities as possible, especially those that support the youth and the juniors. One highlight of the session will be the Night of Excellence on Friday night. This will take place at the Welte Auditorium at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. Please remember to register for the Convention. The application is included in this issue. A convention badge is required for admission to all events at National with the exception of the Seventh Degree at the Bushnell.

The rest of this year is going to be very busy for us Grange folks and you can make it a very rewarding one. Sister Marge and I look forward to meeting you all at our State Session.

National Representative to State Grange Session



Jimmy Gentry
National Grange Overseer

The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to announce Jimmy Gentry, Overseer of the National Grange, will serve as National Representative to the 124th Annual Session of the State Grange. The session will be held October 16-18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. The Session will kick-off with the annual Pre-Session Banquet on Wednesday evening, October 15.

Brother Gentry also serves as North Carolina State Grange President.

He was first elected to the National Grange Board of Directors in 2005, serving as Chairman. He was elected to the position of Overseer in 2007.

Gentry entered the office of State Grange President in 2003. He is a former vocational agriculture teacher and school administrator. He received a B.S. from North Carolina State University and an M.S. from North Carolina A&T State University in 1972 and 1980, respectively, and serves on the board of directors for the North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Foundation, and the North Carolina Agribusiness Council.

Gentry and his wife, Anita, reside in Statesville, NC, and have two daughters, Jennie Gentry of Raleigh, NC and Terri Wilson of Fair Hope, Alabama. The Gentry's are active members of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC. Jimmy serves as a member of the Worship Team, which provides music for the contemporary service.

Defending the Grange trademark



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Most every Grange member in Connecticut who has e-mail recently received a request from the National Grange Board of Directors to provide information on the use of the word Grange in connection with public suppers, food booths, bake sales and similar activities conducted by local

Granges. The National Grange requested this information for evidence to oppose an application by Tyson Foods to gain exclusive commercial use of the name "Grange and Grassland."

Many members have responded by the September deadline, but we do not yet know the eventual outcome of this application. It has, however, sparked many questions among our members concerning the use of the word "Grange." Several years ago the National Grange secured a trademark for the single word "Grange" and has since brought several actions to stop people

from using "Grange" in their trade or business name without specific permission from the National Grange. The purpose for this trademark was so that everyone, both members and non-members, would not be confused into thinking businesses with the word "Grange" in their name were connected with our fraternity.

Now Tyson Foods is claiming the term "Grange and Grassland" is different from using the single word "Grange." Courts have ruled that once a person or a business obtains a copyright or a patent on a name, they

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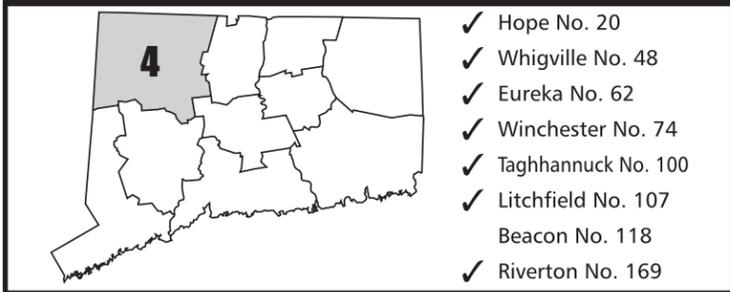


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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

As of this writing, we have heard that Sister Peggy Prelli has been in the hospital with pneumonia. We hope the delivery of this issue will find her home and on the road to recovery.

Mountain County Pomona held its September meeting at Litchfield Grange Hall with a good attendance. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13 at Winchester Grange Hall. As usual, the meeting features the conferral of the Fifth Degree. Interested

members have the ability to take the Fifth Degree on Monday and then receive the Sixth Degree the following Friday evening in Cromwell. We hope to have a large class of candidates for all three upcoming degrees (including the Seventh Degree to be held at the Bushnell in Hartford this November).

Rehearsal for the Fifth Degree is scheduled for Sunday, October 5 to avoid conflict with the Riverton Fair on the following weekend. The rehearsal will be at Winchester beginning at 7 P.M.

HOPE GRANGE #20

Corr: Wayne Vaughn

Hope Grange would like to announce the marriage of Nicholas Green and Renee Duquett. They will be joined together in matrimony on Sunday, October 5th. We wish

the both of you many long years of joy and happiness together, and remember, God hath not promised, stays always blue, flower strewn pathways, all our lives thru. God hath not promised, sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain, but God hath promised, strength for the day's rest for the labor, light for the way you come in as two, and walk away as one. Your lives together have just begun. You are joined together, as man and wife. This is a Holy bond, for the rest of your lives. Congratulations.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Walter Murray

The annual fair at Whigville Grange # 48 was held in September, and was a huge success. A combination of beautiful weather, exciting exhibits, live music and tasty food ensured that fun was had by all. The fair, held annually on the third Saturday following Labor Day, was enhanced by the volunteer efforts of the Burlington Boy Scouts and by an appearance by the Sweetheart Mountain Band. Dignitaries in attendance included State Deputy Earl Phillips, who assisted in the agricultural

judging, State Representative the honorable John Piscopo, and an exclusive appearance by "Snappy the Carrot", courtesy of the State Department of Agriculture.

Whigville Grange is saddened to report the

passing of our Master, Walter Krawiec. Brother Krawiec passed away on the morning of September 18, 2008. He will be greatly missed by his many Grange friends and family.

EUREKA GRANGE #62

Corr: Victor Salazar

Wow, summer went by fast and fall is already knocking on our doorstep. Fall is Eureka Grange's busiest time of year. By the time this is published we will have already had our Grange Fair at New Hartford Day which was Sunday September 21st. Hopefully the weather was good and the fair was a success. Eureka Grange visited with Winchester Grange on Tuesday September 16th for our installation of officers by the Cameron installing team. We would like to thank the team for installing our newly elected officers. We would also like to thank Winchester Grange for graciously allowing us to visit with them for installation. In the future, is our fall fundraiser. Our annual Pig Roast is on Saturday October 4th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Tickets are only \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 & under- a delicious Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at State Session, until then, enjoy the cool weather of fall.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Oct. 14: Harvest of Hobbies, Autumn Country Store, Ref. Sandy Phillips
Oct. 28: Boo!, Ref. Sara Bement

Nov. 11: Omitted for National Grange Convention

Winchester Grange is extremely thankful for the great support it receives from members

and non-members alike. Earlier this year, a former member donated all of the materials and labor required to repair our foundation and to reconstruct the columns on the front of our hall. This task alone would have required many fundraisers to fund. Then in September, Bud and Marion Beecher announced their donation of the two new chairlifts needed for our hall. Due to the way our hall is constructed, two separate lifts are required to get guests from the main landing to the dining room and the main landing to the meeting hall upstairs. One continuous lift track between the two levels would have been very costly and difficult to engineer. We truly cannot tell them enough how much we appreciate this generous donation to their beloved Winchester Grange.

Winchester Grange sponsored a special fundraiser for area Soup Kitchens on September 27. For the price of a non-perishable food item donation, visitors to the event to sample the products and services of area businesses as well as area crafters. More on this special event next month.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14 and all members are encouraged to bring examples of their favorite hobbies.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Myrtle Hayden

Oct. 11: Travelog

Oct. 25: Hobbies

Nov. 8: Harvest Dinner, 6:30

We are busy getting our Exhibit for Bethlehem Fair ready.

We have also voted to have only one meeting during the winter months. It will be the first Thursday meeting date, unless the weather is bad, then we will use the second meeting time. The high cost of fuel has required us to cut back. When the time changes, we will go back to our 7:30 time.

LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107

Corr: One Eyed Owl

Oct. 9: The Colors of Fall

Oct. 23: Visit Another Grange

Nov. 13: 119th Anniversary - 6:30

Potluck- CD on Kelley Farm

It has been some time since the One Eyed Owl put the old pen and ink to paper, so join me in a journey through an eventful summer.

Our Flea Market, now expanded to vendors outside as well as inside the hall, was, for us, a success. Many of those in attendance were asking the date for 2009. Sister Joanne outdid herself with the assistance of her daughter and Brother Ray Damiani and Sister Barbara Rivers. Well Done!

June opened with our annual Dairy Dinner, which was a bountiful buffet provided by all in attendance. Selectman Jack Healy joined the festivities and introduced First Selectman Leo Paul. Jack and Leo were joined by Roberta Healy in folding our new flag which had only recently flown over the Capitol. The flag, obtained through the office of Representative Murphy was presented to the Grange by 1st Selectman Paul and was accepted by Master R. Healy. Brother Kirby Weik has provided the Grange with a new flag pole for interior use.

Due to rain again, our annual picnic was remanded to be inside the Grange Hall. But the occasion was put to good use, as the whole Grange showed up and turned to the task of developing the program for 2008-2009. This will assist our Lecturer, Helena Schwalm in her year's work.

Brother John Magyar opened July with his usual entertaining and educational Agricultural evening. He be puzzled us with sheets of birds and flowers with such things as scarlet tanager and arbutus. The pictures were beautiful, and we look forward to new ones each year. To complete the evening, we were pleased to present a check for \$200 to Emily Phalen, a recent graduate from Wamogo in the agriculture program for her outstanding work. She will be pursuing her education in the field. Accompanied by her father, we were happy to wish her good luck.

Instead of our usual mystery ride, the Grange enjoyed a pizza party at the Damiani's farm with a tour of the new barn. We sat among the 500 or more bunnies and shared our evening with the entire family.

The barn dance seems
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Winchester Soup Kitchen Fundraiser



A vendor speaks with a Grange member at Winchester Grange's first fundraiser to benefit soup kitchens in Torrington and Winsted. Admission for the event, which featured crafters and service vendors, was a non-perishable food item.

Mountain County #4

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 so long ago. In retrospect, the Grange surely appreciated the great support for that event, and thus has given back to the area by staffing the Tourist Bureau each Friday morning. The white building on the Green supplies information not only on Litchfield, but all of Litchfield County. Stop by some day, and pick up some great ideas.

The annual Fair enjoyed great weather and some outstanding entrees. Canned goods were back on the menu this year. The vegetable tables, watched over by John Magyar, were among the best we have had. There was a bountiful display of beautiful flowers under the guidance of Bill Murphy. There were many displays on the craft table, but we need to work on stitchery. The state contests were well represented along with other baked goods. Our bake sale sold out early, and the hot dogs stand also sold out shortly after noon.

The stage at the Grange was beautifully decorated by Debbie Klingerman, daughter of Joanne Klingerman with a farm scene. The front of the Grange featured vintage cars from members of the Grange. All in all it was a very successful fair. We do a raffle each year, and we do need to thank Big Value Supermarket for allowing us to sell tickets in front of their store.

And so our month ended with a CWA program. We are busily working on getting together comfy covers and items to fill the Christmas stockings.

One last note, we were able to send our four campers to Camp Berger this year. We are extremely proud of those who help in the special events that provide the money for these scholarships.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Gail Prelli

Sept. 19: Shine on Harvest Moon, Shirley and Rujo Moore Refreshments

Oct. 3: America the Beautiful, Betty and Ed Baldwin Refreshments

Oct. 17: No meeting due to State Session

Riverton Grange a wonderful Grange Fair on Saturday, September 6th with a record number of exhibitors and entries. We are very happy to see the fair growing with more entries from non-members. This becomes a way for us to get our name out in the community more as well as a membership booster. The Grange Fair has also become a pleasant way for members to socialize in a relaxing manner in between accepting entries and clean up. Special thanks to Mark Prelli, fair President, Cindy Prelli, Secretary and Ellie Chase, Cindy's mother for of her clerical and organization skills accepting and preparing tickets for our exhibits. As always, the members of Riverton Grange come through helping to chair the various categories. This year's handiwork was impressive in both the number of pieces as well as the quality of the work.

We will have only one meeting in October since State Session falls on our second meeting night. We encourage our members to attend the conferral of the beautiful sixth degree on Friday, October 17th. The first meeting in October begins at 7:30 with the program "America the Beautiful". If you love to sing the patriotic songs, come to Riverton Grange. Our pianist, Sister MaryLou Keefe is terrific and we have a group of strong singers that enjoy singing. You can always count on music that is familiar and fun when visiting Riverton Grange.

Whigville Grange Fair



Another successful Whigville Grange Fair was held in September. Above-Winchester Grange member Jerry Lemieux (left) and Earl Phillips of Eureka served as vegetable judges. Below: Maryanne and Debbie judge the flower exhibits.



Litchfield presents award



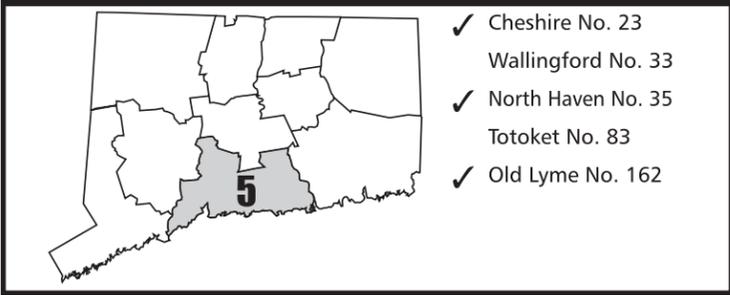
Litchfield Grange Master Richard Healy presents a stipend to Emily Phalen, an agriculture student at Wamogo High School as her father looks on.

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Southern Connecticut
 Past Masters
 We will hold our next meeting on October 11, 2008 at Prospect Grange at the Senior Center behind the Police Station with a Potluck Supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by our meeting run by President, Lou Godin and the program is entitled "Annual Fun Fair", in charge of Joanne Cipriano. This is a great evening for everyone to have some extra fun! Please remember the Country Store!
 Any questions, please contact our President, Lou Godin, at 1-203-879-9584.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- Totoket No. 83
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
Oct. 13: 5th Degree at Wallingford

Dec. 7 (Sunday): 4pm, Program: My Christmas Memories, \$3.00 gift to exchange. Pot luck dinner to follow program

The Pomona officers were installed by Jody Cameron and his team. The ceremony was performed by candlelight and was most impressive.

Don Lanoue and Marge Bernhardt were elected to be delegates to State Session.

We need candidates for the degree in October.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
Oct. 15: Omitted. State Session

Oct. 22: Welcome New Members

Nov. 5: It's Over!!

Nov. 19: 6pm, Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

In June, Elizabeth Ryducha and Tina Marshall were accepted as new members.

In September, our officers were installed by Edie Shoell and her team.

Huena Wetmore supplied the music which added greatly to the ceremony.

Edie Shoell presented Don Beard with his 75-year certificate. Master Ruel Miller noted that he had known him for 50 or so years.

Sadly, we had to drape the Charter for Florence Carman. report the passing of our Master, Walter Krawiec. Brother Krawiec passed away on the morning of September 18, 2008. He will be greatly missed by his many Grange friends and family.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette
Oct. 7: It's in the Bag

Summer is winding down fast. We have heard the katydids for several weeks. That used to mean frost was coming soon.

The dual installation of officers at Totoket will be over when you read this. Sister Shoell and her team do a great job for us.

North Haven Fair usually is on at the time of our September meeting so we will meet on the third Tuesday. The program, Apple Harvest, sounds

good.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

Oct. 10: Fall Neighbors Night

Oct. 24: Everyone Bring A Number

We had two first place winners in the State CWA Judging held in July as part of "Let's Celebrate". Needlework-3pc baby set-Marilyn Stitham & the Craft Contest-Any Media-Musical Poem Decouped on slate-Barbara C.Kulisch. We had other place winners as well that were listed in the last CWA column. Congratulations to all who entered!

Four of us journeyed to the 2-4-5 Club in North Stonington in August & a great evening was had by all.

As of this writing, our roof is completed, our gutters are up & we will have a fresh coat of paint by Oct. 27th! Now we must get started with the indoor painting of our basement.

We have been installed by Sis Edith Schoell & her team on Sept 12th & we are ready for a new grange year with M. Ross Stands as our Master. He along with our Lecturer will be our delegates at State Session in October.

We have at least 3 members taking the 7th degree in November at National & hope for more.

Our door is always open... come on down & see how great we look!

that YOU made possible. We will be singing your praises.

IMPORTANT- Let me give you the dates of the regional CWA conferences where the Pomona and Subordinate Chairpersons will receive their working instructions and packets for the 2009 year. We hope the Master, committee members, and anyone interested in our program will join us for the presentations. All meetings are at 1:00 P.M.

October 25- Norwich Grange

November 1- Redding Grange

November 8- Good Will Grange Hall

November 22- Cheshire Grange

I hope to see you on one of these Saturdays.

Grange Trademark

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must defend that name against use by others or they will lose their exclusive rights to the name. One of the most famous cases in the United States concerned the term "scotch tape." Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company was originally granted a copyright of this term for their brand of cellophane tape, but because they did not take action to stop other companies from using the term, the courts held that they had lost their rights and "scotch tape" became a common name that could be used by anyone. Ever since Xerox Corporation first marketed copiers in the 1960s, they have vigorously defended the use of the word "Xerox." People started calling any photocopy a "Xerox copy," but this term may be used only for photocopies which were made on a Xerox brand machine and the word "Xerox" must always be capitalized.

The National Grange has successfully prevented some businesses from using the word "Grange" but other cases will be more difficult. There is a village in northern New Hampshire named Grange and a town named "LaGrange" in Kentucky. There may be communities named Grange or Granger in other states. Businesses in these communities could very easily claim they are using "Grange" or "Granger" in their name to reflect their location.

The Hartford telephone directory lists one person whose last name is Grange and seven people whose last name is Granger. It would be very difficult to stop any of these people from using their own last name in the name of their business.

Most of the questions I have been asked concern the use of the word "Grange" by Subordinate and Pomona Granges. The National Grange is not restricting the use of the word "Grange" by any bona fide Grange unit. In fact, they encourage the use of the word "Grange" so people will know the Grange is active in their area. Tyson Foods is asking to copyright the term "Grange and Grassland." Even if they are successful, this should not prohibit Granges from using the word "Grange" in any of our advertising or promotional materials.

The National Grange has received several questions about State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges issuing press releases and other information to their local media regarding this topic. The National Grange does not want to create any ill will against Tyson Foods. They believe they can stop the use of our registered name "Grange" if they have enough data to show we are using our name throughout the land. They are therefore requesting that no press releases, boycotts or similar actions be taken against Tyson Foods.

The bottom line is that nothing has changed concerning the use of the word "Grange" and the National Grange wants to keep it that way.

We'll see you at Session!



Betty Jane Gardiner
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Our day of "celebration" is behind us and awards (checks and ribbons) have been given for the needlework, crafts, and baking contests. We thank you for the wonderful entries and extend congratulations.

First place winners in needlework went on to the Big E to compete in the New England finals. Our entries (along with the other

states) were on display in the New England Grange Building to be admired by the public.

The Grange Country Store was a great attraction! It came as no surprise when the good Patrons of Connecticut came through with hundreds of handmade items for the sales tables. Thank you, all! We also want to express our appreciation to each of you who came to the expo and worked in your Grange Building.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Connecticut State Grange Convention. Come see our arrangements of all contest winners, stop and say "hello" at our station, and on Friday night after lunch, listen to the annual report of all of our work- a report

New year... new publicity opportunities

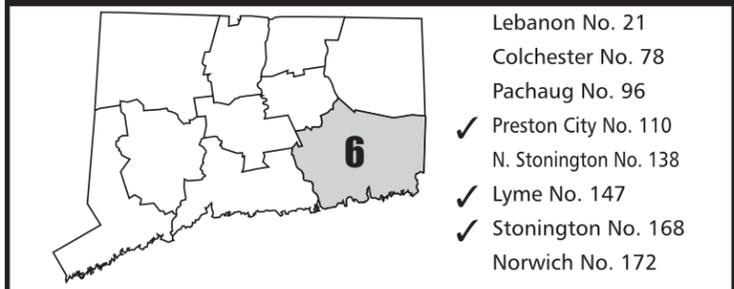
October 1st marks the start of a new Grange Year. We hope that you have all your plans for the coming year in place and you are preparing to lay-out your advertising campaign. It is important that newspaper articles or press releases be issued to all the local news media to inform the general public of your plans for the coming year.

As each activity approaches, you

should again send out press releases or announcements telling the general public of the planned activity. By keeping this information before the eyes of the public, your Grange will be better recognized by your neighbors and friends. Hopefully, this will result in an important goal of the State and National Granges of a net gain in membership.

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New London County Pomona No. 6



NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 11: Fifth Degree at North Stonington Grange

Hope we will have a huge class of candidates on the 11th at North Stonington. This is the year, with National Grange in Connecticut, to encourage new members so they can take all seven degrees in one year. The Fifth Degree is one of the most beautiful, and Donna Bartling, our Pomona, always has a lovely court. Please encourage all your members who have not taken the Fifth Degree to take it this year and take the Sixth in October to be ready for the Seventh in November.

It's the start of the new year, a wonderful year,

A year to look forward to,

The Lecturer's programs are ready to go

As are Dan and his retinue.

But it takes more than this a Pomona to make

We need all the members there.

So please check the handbook and save us the dates

Let's not have an empty chair!

PRESTON CITY GRANGE #110

Corr: Freda Burns

Oct. 14: Harvest Hoedown

On August 12- Robert Sendewicz was present at our meeting and presented a 75 year certificate to Mary Pearl.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Oct. 10: "Yankee Doodle

Dandy"- Legislative Program

Oct. 24; "Little Shop of Horrors"- Halloween Party at 7:30

Here it is the beginning of October, fall is upon us and dues are due. Notices will be mailed shortly (we hope); but why not come to a meeting and pay them. It saves postage both ways; you can see a good program, renew old acquaintances and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

Do you have children or grandchildren who would enjoy the Halloween party? The hall is spookily decorated, there are prizes for costumes and games, and there is a cup social downstairs during refreshments. Who could ask for more?

In August, we celebrated Part III of our 100th anniversary and learned about the 1940's. Many thanks to Lecturer Sue Pianka and Master Cindy Anderson for the hours and hours of research and planning that made this past year's programs truly memorable. The coming year's programs are all named for musicals and it looks like another great year. We really wish more of you would decide to forego the couch on Friday evenings. We are getting mighty thin of company at the old hall. Our new windows keep us much warmer, now. Won't you give us a try? We'd like to last another hundred years.

And if if those old hurricanes will just go out to sea where they belong, next time I'll tell you all about spectacular

September.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

Oct. 2: Illinois

Nov. 6: Texas

Happy New Grange Year! We're off and running into a new Grange year with great expectation. The new program theme will take us to at least twelve states, one of which will turn fifty next summer. (Party time!)

Our recent Hamburg Fair was a huge success with the second largest attendance on record. Breakfast cook Jim Pernal, was in heaven working the new grill in our kitchen and our sincere appreciation goes out to all the Grange volunteers.

We hope our members remembered to deposit October's ten dimes into their tiny Grange Christmas stockings. This "Dimes for Andrew" project finishes when all stockings come to our December meeting - surely an anticipated joy!

We've sent five resolutions for consideration at the upcoming State Grange Session and look forward to being represented.

October's tip: Borrow money from a pessimist- they don't expect it back.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

Stonington Grange is beginning its second hundred years of service. The program for our September meeting was "As American as Apple Pie," and I don't mean just the refreshments! Trivia abounded and we are all now a wealth of information!

The October meeting will feature installation of officers by John Lawson and team. It has been a tradition for many, many years for the Lawsons to do Stonington's installation.

Hope to see many of you at State Session.

Norwich celebrates 100th Anniversary



Donna Bartling, Master of Norwich Grange #172, receives the 100th Anniversary Plaque from State Master Robert Sendewicz at their Sept. 10 celebration.

by John Penney & Greg Smith, Norwich Bulletin, 9/11/08

A visitor to a Grange meeting a century ago may have encountered a group of farmers engaged in political talk focused on the problems of rural life — mixed with dinner and dancing.

The Norwich Grange, No. 172, celebrated its 100th anniversary Wednesday with about 50 people, many from Granges across the state. And while the urgency of the grange's founding political mission has tapered off, its 75 members still consider community service a cornerstone activity, through scholarships, donations and charitable contributions.

"We don't have many farmers now," Norwich Grange President Donna Bartling said. "We do what we can in the community — anything that comes along that we feel is a good cause."

The group formed in 1908 inside a former schoolhouse on Bean Hill. By joining a Grange, a farmer could socialize with like-minded peers, while also becoming part of a larger voice in local and state politics. Granges also were one of the few organizations to admit women as equal members — decades before the women's suffrage movement was accepted nationally.

The Grange movement started nationally shortly after the Civil War, when local farmers banded together to voice concerns about high borrowing rates laid out by banks, increased delivery prices fostered by the railroad and a general feeling of isolation.

Member Frank Kohanski noted Wednesday how lobbying efforts of the Grange organizations were far-reaching. In 1930, the Grange helped usher in a yearly \$3 million state appropriation for road improvements with a "Get Connecticut out of the mud" campaign.

"They were instrumental in getting a lot of things done, like rural mail delivery and electrification," Kohanski said.

Wednesday's anniversary was marked by reminiscing and entertainment, notably the autoharp played by North Stonington Grange member Nancy Weissmuller.

"A hundred years of continuous service is a special achievement by any organization," state Grange President Robert Sendewicz said.

State Rep. Melissa Olson, D-Norwich, and Mayor Ben Lathrop made proclamations in honor of the celebration. Gov. M. Jodi Rell declared Wednesday Norwich Grange Day in the state.

Haitian Health Foundation President Jeremiah Lowney spoke about the importance of agriculture to the famine stricken third-world country. The local Grange supports the Haitian Health Foundation financially.

Mary Pearl reaches 75 yrs.



State Master Sendewicz presents a 75 year membership certificate to Past Voting Delegate Mary Pearl at a recent meeting of Preston City Grange No. 110.

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Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our program for October 10th titled "Salt" and Gloria Meholik will be serving refreshments following the meeting. October 24th we will have an Activity Night. We look forward to this as we had not had one since the beginning of the summer.

A reminder to our members that the National Grange is being held in Connecticut and that the Seventh Degree will be conferred on November 15th at the Bushnell in Hartford. If you haven't taken the Seventh Degree, why not do it now. We have 5 of our members already planning to do so.

November 1st we will host the Excelsior Pomona's Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Bazaar. It will be held at Beacon Valley Grange Hall. Bazaar opens at 2:00 P.M. Dinner served from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. Price for adults \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children. Table rentals are available for everyone. Contact Master Joanne for tickets or to volunteer to help.

We assist the residents at Marathon Healthcare in Prospect with bingo once a month. We can always use volunteers.

Mark your calendar for May 29, 2009 and plan to attend our 120th Anniversary celebration. Plans are progressing.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

Oct. 27: Happy Halloween, Ref. Rob Buck, Skip Maddox, 7 P.M.

Nov. 24: Annual Turkey Dinner & Awards Night, Country Store, 7 P.M.

It has just recently been brought to our attention that Sarah M. Jones, a long time member passed away over a year ago. She was to receive her 75 year certificate this Fall.

The September Newsletter came today without the Bethlehem report. I guess it was sent out too early. In June it was reported that a

scholarship of \$1000, set up by Washington Grange, was given this year to Karl Quist who graduated from Shepaug.

Anyway we have been busy. The Bethlehem Fair booth was set up yesterday as the fair runs Sept. 6, 7 & 8. So at this time we have no idea of who took home the Coveted Blue Ribbon. Thank you to all who volunteered to help.

Our September meeting was a Pot Luck Supper with an efficient Installation.

Several members will be attending State Session in October and have volunteered to help on the National Session. The next few months will be very busy and if you would like to have a part, please come and join in. This is your Grange. participation has it's own award.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

Oct. 3: Cats Rule

Oct. 17: Omitted

In October we celebrate Columbus Day, and at the end of the month we have Halloween, a fun time for kids and grown-ups alike.

Our first meeting in October is called "Cats Rule" and members are asked to bring in a cat item.

Our second meeting is omitted because of the Annual Grange Session to be held October 16-18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

Barbara Robert and Mary Dubay were elected delegates to the Annual Grange Session.

Our CWA Chairman Malinda Mable will send 25 filled Christmas stockings for ages 6-12 for Foster Children, and also a Christmas Dinner Bag for a needy family for Covenant to Care, Inc. to be given at Grange Session.

Our annual picnic was held at the home of Sharon and Fred Fairchild and we wish to thank them for their hospitality. Always

a nice time.

Come and join us when you can, we love company.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Cindy Legg

Oct. 6: "Birthdays" Refreshments - Master

Oct. 20: "Halloween" (Costume Party), Refreshments Overseer, Country Store

Our first meeting in October will be the 6th and we will celebrate "Birthdays." Refreshments will be provided by our Worthy Master. Our second meeting, October 20th will celebrate Halloween by having our annual Costume Party. This is always a fun night. Everyone wears a costume. (If we don't, we have to answer to Pearl.) we will have a country store, and our refreshments will be provided by our Overseer.

October will be a busy month for us as several of us will be attending the State Session and 2 of our members will hopefully be taking the Sixth Degree. In November we are looking forward to the National Convention coming. It should be something to see.

Remember, we meet on the first and third Mondays of the month in our hall near the center of Wolcott. So come by and see us anytime. Have a wonderful Autumn season and enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

Oct. 3: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 17: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Late October Saturday-Red Cross Blood Drive, Date to be announced

The most memorable recent event was the Grange picnic, which despite a last-minute change of location was surprisingly well attended. Questionable weather forced a switch from the planned Buck Farm location back to the Grange Hall, where a fine feast was enjoyed by all. The main course (hot dogs) was augmented by lots of side dishes, fruits and desserts.

Fall activities will begin with the Red Cross Blood Drive, for which the precise date has yet to be determined.

Call to State Session

To all Patrons,

Notice is hereby given of the 124th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT on October 16, 17 and 18, 2008. The morning session on October 16th will open at 9:00 A.M.

The Pre-Session Banquet will be held Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 P.M. at the hotel. Tickets will be \$29.00 inclusive. The entrée will be Italian Herb Chicken. All Deputies, committee members and state officers will have tickets for sale. You may also purchase them through the Central Office. Reservations must be made in advance and by October 5th.

ALL GRANGES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL SESSION, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE DIGEST. Delegates will be reimbursed \$2.00 per session for each session attended, and each officer not on an expense account will also be reimbursed \$2.00 per session attended.

Mileage will be paid at 27 cents per mile, for one round trip per Grange.

Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries will prepare two Credential Cards.

Special Business: Thursday, October 16 at 2 P.M. will be Election of Officers. Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, October 18 at 4:00 P.M.

All sessions will be held at the hotel. Candidates for the Sixth Degree should be at the Crowne Plaza by 7:45 P.M. on Friday, October 17th. Sixth Degree applications may be obtained anytime during the session or from the Central Office in advance. Cost is \$5.00.

The annual session concludes the work of the Grange year. We hope your Grange will be represented to answer the call on Thursday morning, October 16th, as we look forward to another year of good Grange work in Connecticut.

Per order of the Board of Directors.

Fraternally,

Edith Schoell, State Secretary

Central Office on the Move



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

The leaves have been changing for several weeks but as I write this the days are warmer than normal.

Changes are being made at the Central Office. The Central Office has been moving items into Good Will Grange Hall and with a little luck will be settled in within the next month. If you are unable to reach me at the office (860) 633-

7550, call me at home (860) 528-8015.

State Session is around the corner and if you are planning on attending the Pre-Session Banquet, I hope you have made your reservations with me. No ticket, no eat. The girls have been practicing for the Rose Drill and will do their "thing" on Friday evening, October 17th. Sixth Degree tickets are available that evening or can be obtained at the office. Hope to see all of you there!

OUR NEW ADDRESS:

Connecticut State Grange
P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Phone Number is the same: 860-633-7550

Meeting of the Masters



State Master Sendewicz poses for a photo with New York State Master Oliver Orton at the September meeting of Dutchess County Pomona.

National Convention Special



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Welcome to the “Northeast Connection” and Connecticut

Todd Gelineau, Publicity Chair
Northeast Region Hosting Committee

After years of planning and fundraising, the 142nd Annual Convention of the National Grange is now upon us. Connecticut originally invited and planned to host this convention on its own. Later on the National Grange decided to regionalize the conventions, making it possible for smaller states to again host a National Convention.

Prior to the Regional format (and after) the members and Granges of Connecticut raised a great deal of money by selling jams, jellies, t-shirts, truck banks and anything else that would add to the fund. Individual Granges and Grange organizations made donations to the fund. Patrons Group Insurance made a multi-year financial commitment.

We thank EVERYONE who contributed in any way towards making this convention possible.

We especially thank the support of the State Granges and members of each of the seven members of the Northeast Region who have contributed money, time, talent and volunteers to make this truly the “Northeast Connection.”

Special thanks should also be extended to Margaret Maxwell, Convention Coordinator of the National Grange. She has gone above and beyond to address our many questions and needs throughout this last year leading up to the convention. Thank you, Margaret, for all that you have done and will do during the Convention.

This Special Section of the *Connecticut Granger* is made possible through the support and fundraising of Connecticut's

Junior Granges and its immediate past Director, Joanne Cipriano.

In this issue, we have included all of the important information you will need to enjoy all that the 142nd National Grange Convention has to offer. If you haven't sent in your registration yet, please do so. The deadline is October 10th. A convention badge is required to attend all events at the Convention with the exception of the Seventh Degree in Hartford. Room reservations should also be made soon and directly through the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The contact information is included on the registration form in this issue.

If you haven't received the Sixth or Seventh Degrees, please consider taking the degrees at National. The beautiful Sixth Degree will be conferred on Saturday, November 15 at the Crowne Plaza. The Seventh Degree will be presented at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center in Hartford at 1:00 P.M. on the same day. It's a rare opportunity to receive both degrees on the same day so close to home.

A complete convention schedule is printed on pages 2 and 3 of this special section. Please be aware that this schedule is subject to change as some events were being finalized as this issue went to press.

For more information about the 142nd National Grange Convention, please visit our website: www.nationalgrange2008.com or the website of the National Grange: www.nationalgrange.org. For specific questions about the convention, please contact Margaret Maxwell at the National Grange- 1-888-4-GRANGE or by email at mmaxwell@nationalgrange.org.



The Hartford skyline reflected in the waters of the Connecticut River.



The Mark Twain House, Hartford



Yale University, New Haven

Looking back to National Grange 1972



The Connecticut State Youth Grange (C.S.Y.G.) participates in a Youth Program at the Hartford Hilton in 1972.



Woodrow and Marge Tucker enjoy dinner conversation.



Black Rock Light, Bridgeport

142nd National Grange Convention Schedule

(Schedule subject to change without prior notice)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7 A.M. Pre-Convention Tour for Delegates (by invitation)
Tour of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
Lunch at Ekonk Grange #89
(Provided by Quinebaug Pomona #2)
Tour of Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm
- 3-5 P.M. Registration (Lobby)
- 6-7 P.M. Host Region Welcome Reception (by invitation) (Presidential Suite)
- 7-9 P.M. Host Region Welcome Dinner (by invitation) (Grand Ballroom)
Guest Speaker: John Anderson, Retired Director of Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
- 9:30-11 P.M. National Officers Rehearsal & Committee Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:30- 5:30 Registration (Lobby)
- 8:30 A.M. Opening of the 142nd Annual Session of the National Grange (Grand Ballroom) (Seventh Degree members wishing to witness the opening should be in the Ballroom by 8:15)
- 8:45 A.M. Admission of Fourth Degree Members
Roll Call of Officers, Intro. of Staff
Roll Call of States
Partial Credentials Report
Adoption of Order of Business
- 9:00 A.M. Address of National Master Ed Luttrell (Session at ease)
- Reconvene Session in the Fourth Degree
National Master's Internal Report
Director's Reports
Committee Reports and Action
Announcements
Veteran's Day Salute
- 9-11 A.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)
- 12:00 P.M. Session Closes
- 12:15 P.M. Luncheon (Tickets \$23.00)- Nutmeg Room
Speaker: Woodrow Tucker, High Priest Emeritus
Topic: Importance of Grange Ritualistic Work
Menu: Garden Salad, London Broil, Carrot Cake)
- 1-5 P.M. Committee Meetings
- 2 -4 P.M. Hospitality Room Open
- 8-10 P.M. (Presidential Suite)
- 9-11 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:00 A.M. Salute to Agriculture Breakfast (Nutmeg Room) Tickets: \$20.00
Menu: Classic Plated Breakfast
- 9:30 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Registration (Lobby)
- 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Idea Fair & Showcase of Excellence - Set-up (South/West Assembly/Cheshire Room)
- 9:30-11:00 A.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)



10:30 A.M. Session Opens in Fourth Degree
Committee Reports and Action

12:00 P.M. Session Recesses

12:15 P.M. Luncheon (Tickets \$23.00)
Topic: Blooper Reel
Menu: Fruit Cup, Pommeray Chicken, Brownie Bash (Nutmeg Room)

2-4 P.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

2:30 P.M. Session Reconvenes
Committee Reports & Actions

4:30 P.M. Session Recesses

4:30-5:30 P.M. Idea Fair & Showcase of Excellence
Preview for Delegates, National Officers & Guests (South/West Assembly/Cheshire Room)

6:30 P.M. Youth-Orientation/Guidelines /Expectations (Coach 2)

7:30 P.M. Session Reconvenes (Postcards)
Youth- visit National Grange Session
Speaker- Ken Richters (as Mark Twain)
Recognition of Cindy Greer

8-10 P.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

8:30 P.M. Youth Officers Practice (Coach 2)

9:30 P.M. Session Closes

9:30 P.M. Youth- Get Acquainted Party (Nutmeg Room)
Chips, Dip, Sodas

10-11 P.M. Committee Meetings

11:30 P.M. Youth Vespers (Coach 2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning 7th Degree Set-Up at Bushnell Center

7:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. Registration (Lobby)

8:30 A.M. Session Opens in the Fourth Degree
Committee Reports & Action
Election of Officers

10:30 A.M. Speaker: Paul Johnson
Topic: Mediation

9:00 A.M. General Tour (Tickets \$25.00)
All Welcome
9:00 A.M.- Depart Hotel
9:30 A.M. - Arrive N.E. Air Museum
9:30-11:30 A.M.- Tour Museum
11:30 A.M.- to Lyman Orchards for a tour and lunch provided

4:00 P.M. - Arrive at Hotel

9:00 A.M. Youth Tour
9:00 A.M.- Depart Hotel
9:30 A.M. - Arrive N.E. Air Museum
9:30-11:30 A.M.- Tour Museum
11:30 A.M.- to American School for the Deaf in West Hartford
Noon- Lunch at the School
PM- Community Service at the School
4:00 P.M. - Arrive at Hotel

9-11 A.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

9- 5 P.M. Idea Fair & Showcase of Excellence (South/West Assembly/Cheshire Room)

10:00 A.M. Junior Grange Registration (Middlesex Room)

10-11:30 A.M. Junior Grange Activities (Middlesex Room)

12:00 P.M. Session Recesses

12:30-1:30 P.M. Past Delegate Luncheon (Tickets \$23.00) (By Invitation)
Menu: Garden Salad, New England Baked Scrod, Peach Melba

2:00 P.M. Session Reconvenes in the Fourth Degree
Committee Reports & Action

2-4 P.M. Junior Grange Activities (Middlesex Room)

2-4 P.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

3:30 P.M. Past Delegate Recognition
Memorial Service- National Chaplain

4:00 P.M. Session Closes

4-5 P.M. Youth Workshop (Coach 2)
Speaker: Paul Johnson
Topic: Mediation

5:00 P.M. Youth Officer Practice

6:00 P.M. Youth (& Junior) - Pizza Party (Coach2/Middlesex)
Party & Slide Show (Tickets \$12.00)

6:45-9:00 P.M. Junior Pajama Party (Middlesex Room)

7-8 P.M. Assembly of Demeter (Grand Ballroom)

8:00 P.M. Youth Directors Conference (Coach 2)

8-10 P.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

9:30-11:00 P.M. Youth-Costume Party and Dance (Nutmeg Room)
DJ and Dance Floor

11:00 P.M. Youth Vespers

11:15 P.M. Youth Officers Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Registration (Lobby)

7:30 A.M. Youth Officers Practice & Pictures

8:30 A.M. Session Opens/Youth Opening
Junior Grangers will present a short program
Committee Reports & Action

9-11 A.M. Hospitality Room Open (Presidential Suite)

- 9-5 P.M. Idea Fair & Showcase of Excellence
(West/South Assembly/Cheshire Room)
- 9:15-10:00 A.M. Junior Grange Membership
Workshop
(Adults) (Middlesex Room)
Speaker: Rusty Hunt
- 10-12 P.M. Youth Workshop (Coach 2)
Speaker: Rusty Hunt
- 10-10:45 A.M. State Junior Director's/Committee
Workshop (Adults) (Salon A)
- 10-11 A.M. Communications Workshop
(Crown 1&2)
Presenter: Jennifer Dugent
Topic: Spreading the Seeds (Word)
- 10:45-11:30 A.M. Combined Juniors &
Directors Workshop
Crafts, Projects, Games and Activities
(Salon A)
- 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Women's/Family Activities
Workshop
All Welcome (Crown 1 & 2)
Presenter: Betty Jane Gardiner
- 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Legislative Workshop
All Welcome (Crown 3)
Presenter: Gordon Gibson
- 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. 7th Degree Walk-Through
(Bushnell Center) (for members of cast)
- 12:00 P.M. Session Recesses
- 12:15 P.M. GROW Club Luncheon
Tickets: \$21.00 (Nutmeg Room)
Menu: *Caesar Salad, Italian Herb
Chicken, Boston Cream Pie*
- 1:30-3:30 P.M. Rusty Hunt Workshop
(Youth Must Attend) (Crown 1, 2 & 3)
- 1:00-4:00 P.M. Junior Tour (Tickets \$8.00)
Connecticut Children's Museum
(W. Hartford)
- 2-4 P.M. Hospitality Room Open
(Presidential Suite)
- 2:00 P.M. Session Reconvenes/Installation
- 5:00 P.M. Session Closes
- 4:30 P.M. 120th Birthday of Junior Grange
(Ballroom)
- 5:00 P.M. Youth A.O.L.E. Dinner (By Invitation)
Menu: *Garden Salad, London Broil,
Apple Pie*
- 6:00 P.M. Horizon Leadership Ambassador
Pictures
- 7:00 P.M. Evening of Excellence
Welte Auditorium
Central Connecticut State University in
New Britain
- 10:30 P.M. Youth Program Hosted by the
Northeast Region
(Nutmeg Room)
- 11:30 P.M. Vespers (Nutmeg Room)
- 8:30-9:30 A.M. Dogs for the Deaf Demonstration
Presenter: Robin Dixon
All Welcome (Avon Room)
- 9-11 A.M. Hospitality Room Open
(Presidential Suite)
- 9:30-10:30 A.M. Youth Workshop (Coach 2)
Presenter: Carl Meiss
Topic: Membership
- 9:30-11:00 A.M. Junior Grange Activities
Special Workshop (Middlesex Room)
- 10:00 A.M. Sixth Degree Conferral by the Officers
& Members of the CT State Grange
(Grand Ballroom)
- 11:00 A.M. Youth Knowledge Bowl (Coach 2)
- 11:30 A.M. Junior Grange Degree
(Middlesex Room)
- 1:00 P.M. Seventh Degree Conferral
Bushnell Center
- 1:45-4:00 P.M. Junior Grange Activities
(Middlesex Room)
- 2:30 P.M. Junior Grange Auction with JG Dollars
(Middlesex Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Grange Celebration Banquet
(Grand Ballroom)
Entertainment: KJ
Tickets: \$32.00 Adult; \$17.00 Children
(2-12yrs)
Menu: *Fruit Cup, Italian Style Romaine
Hearts, Prime Rib of Beef, White
Chocolate Mousse Torte*
- Following Banquet - Grange Dance
- 12:00 A.M. Vespers

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 A.M. 7th Degree final preparations (Bushnell)

8:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. Registration (Lobby)

8:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. Idea Fair & Showcase
of Excellence
(West/South Assembly/Cheshire Room)

8:00 A.M. Junior Breakfast & Super JG Awards
Ceremony (Nutmeg Room)
Tickets: \$15.00 Adults; \$8.00 Children
(2-12 yrs)
Menu: *OJ, Scrambled Eggs, Crisp
Bacon, Home Fried Potatoes*

Evening of Excellence



Friday, November 14, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

Welte Auditorium

on the Campus of Central Connecticut State University
1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06050

From the North (Massachusetts): Take 91 South to 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.

From the East (Hartford): Take 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in cases of inclement weather.

From the West (Danbury/Waterbury): Take 84 East to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.

Convention Badge required for admission.

Shuttles from the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell will be available.

Seventh Degree



Saturday, November 15, 2008 - 1:00 P.M.

Bushnell Performing Arts Center

166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

From I-91 North and Southbound

Take Capitol Area Exit 29A. Go straight to the rotary. Go halfway around rotary, and bear right onto Elm Street. Take first left onto West Street. Take right onto Capitol Avenue. The Bushnell is one block on the right.

From I-84 Eastbound

Take Capitol Avenue/Asylum Street Exit 48B. Bear right for Capitol Avenue. At light, turn left onto Capitol Avenue. The Bushnell is one block down on the left.

From I-84 Westbound

Take exit 50, Main Street. At 2nd traffic light, make left onto Main Street. At 10th traffic light, make right onto Capitol Avenue. The Bushnell is three blocks down on the right.

Seventh Degree Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Grange Name: _____
 Grange #: _____ Grange State: _____
 Phone Number: (____) _____

(Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned to applicant)

The Seventh Degree Conferral will be on Saturday, November 15 at 1:00 P.M. in the Bushnell Performing Arts Center, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106

Fee: \$20.00 Per Applicant

Make checks payable to: National Grange

Send to: Bruce Croucher, Priest Annalist, 2514 County Rd. 25, Clifton Springs, NY 14432
 MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 5. Confirmation letters will be sent upon receipt.

Convention Sales Items

You can order your Convention T-Shirts and Pins by filling in the appropriate lines on the Registration Form below or by visiting the Grange Store at the Convention!

\$15.00



\$5.00

HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!



National Convention Registration

Please note: Convention Registration is \$25 per person. You must register for Convention for admittance to all meetings and activities, including the Evening of Excellence and the 7th Degree Conferral. Hotel reservations must be made by each individual directly through the Crowne Plaza Cromwell, 100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416 • 860-308-4589 or 860-635-2000

PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name _____
 first convention ___ past delegate ___ youth ___ junior** ___
 Additional Name _____
 first convention ___ past delegate ___ youth ___ junior** ___
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 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____
 Grange Name & No. _____ State Grange: _____

FUNCTIONS & EVENTS***

Date	Time	Function	Cost	Quantity	Total
n/a	n/a	Convention Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
11/11	12:15 P.M.	Luncheon with Speaker	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/12	8:00 A.M.	Salute to Ag. Breakfast	\$20.00	_____	_____
11/12	12:15 P.M.	Luncheon	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/13	9:00 A.M.	Tour (includes buffet lunch)	\$25.00	_____	_____
11/13	12:30 P.M.	Past Delegates Luncheon	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/13	6:00 P.M.	Youth Pizza Party (All Welcome)	\$12.00	_____	_____
11/13	1:00 P.M.	Junior Tour	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
11/14	12:15 P.M.	Grow Club Luncheon	\$21.00	_____	_____
11/15	8:00 A.M.	Junior Breakfast & Super JG Awards	\$15.00 Adult	_____	_____
		Recognition	\$ 8.00 Child	_____	_____
11/15	7:00 P.M.	Celebration Banquet	\$32.00 Adult	_____	_____
			\$17.00 Child	_____	_____
TOTAL – Functions & Events					\$ _____

CONVENTION SALES ITEMS

	Size	Quantity	Total
Convention T-Shirt (S-XXL)	_____	_____	_____
Convention Pin	_____	_____	_____

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I have included the check number _____ in the amount of \$ _____ as payment for my National Grange Convention Registration.

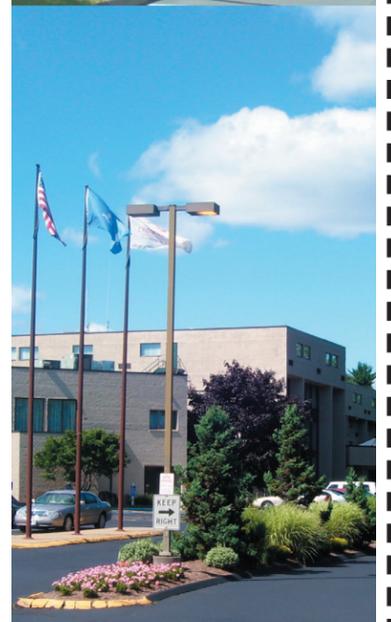
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Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____
 Name as it appears on card _____ Signature _____

** First Name, Last Name, Grange Name & Number and State will be printed on name badges. If multiple people are registering on the same form, please make sure all the information corresponds to each person correctly. *** Meal tickets will not be mailed and will be available for pick-up at convention office. **** Make checks payable to the National Grange.

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX CONVENTION REGISTRATION TO NATIONAL GRANGE BY: OCTOBER 10, 2008.

The National Grange, Att: Convention Registration, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 • Fax: 202-347-1091





The Northeast Connection

Your hosts for the 142nd National Grange Convention
November 11-15, 2008

For only the second National Grange Convention, a region of State Granges is hosting the 2008 National Grange Convention. The six New England States and the State of New York welcome you to the Constitution State for a week of fun, fellowship and work for the good of the Order.



Connecticut

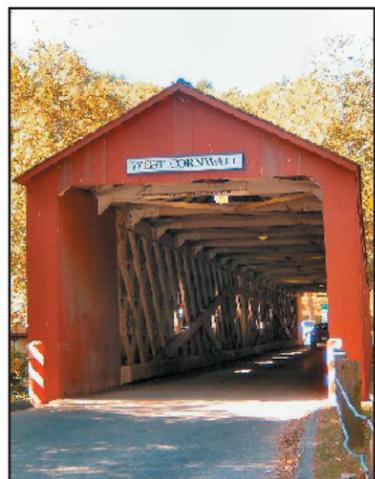
Connecticut is located in the New England region. Portions of southwestern Connecticut are also considered part of the New York metropolitan area. Connecticut is the 29th most populous state with 3.4 million residents and ranked 48th in size by area, making it the 4th most densely populated state in the Union. It is nicknamed the Constitution State.

Facts & Trivia:

- The first telephone book ever issued was published in New Haven in 1878.
- The Hartford Courant is America's oldest continuously published newspaper.
- Connecticut is home to the first hamburger (1895), Polaroid camera (1934), helicopter (1939) and color television (1948).
- West Hartford is the birthplace of Noah Webster, author of the first dictionary.
- PEZ® Candy is made in the city of Orange.

Some Famous Nutmeggers:

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| • Ethan Allan | • John Brown | • J.P. Morgan |
| • Benedict Arnold | • Samuel Colt | • Rosa Ponselle |
| • P.T. Barnum | • Charles Goodyear | • Harriet Beecher Stowe |
| • Henry Ward Beecher | • Katharine Hepburn | • Noah Webster |



Cornwall Bridge



Colt Firearms Dome, Hartford



Massachusetts

Massachusetts is in the New England region. Most of its population of 6.4 million live in the Boston Metropolitan area. The eastern half of the state is mostly urban and suburban. The west is primarily rural, also with most of its population in urban enclaves. Massachusetts is the most populous of the six New England states and ranks third overall in overall population density.

Facts & Trivia:

- Boston built the first subway system in the United States in 1897.
- There is a house in Rockport built entirely of newspaper.
- The Fig Newton was named after Newton, Massachusetts.
- The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in Plymouth in 1621
- The signs along the Mass. Pike reading "x-miles to Boston" refer to the distance from that point to the gold dome of the Statehouse.

Some Famous Bay Staters:

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| • John/John Q. Adams | • Emily Dickinson | • Dr. Seuss |
| • F. Lee Bailey | • John F. Kennedy | • Henry David Thoreau |
| • Bette Davis | • Samuel Morse | • Eli Whitney |
| • Cecil B. DeMille | • Edgar Allan Poe | • Jo Dee Messina |



Cape Cod



Statehouse, Boston



New York

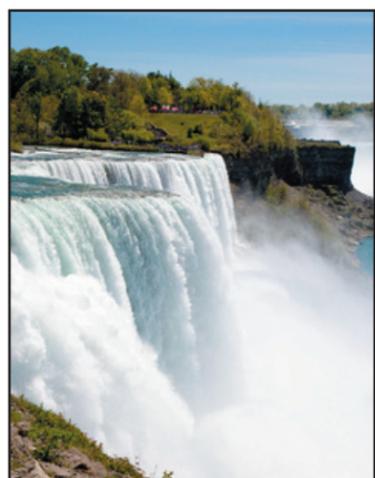
New York is in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions. With 62 counties, it is the country's most populous state. It is bordered by VT, MA, CT, NJ, and PA, and shares a water border with RI. New York City is both the largest city in the state and the U.S. It is known as a gateway for immigration to the U.S. and its status as a financial, cultural, transportation, and manufacturing center.

Facts & Trivia:

- Chittenago is the home of L. Frank Baum, author of the "Wizard of Oz."
- The first capital of the U.S. was New York City.
- The Genessee River is one of the few rivers in the world to flow south to north.
- The oldest cattle ranch in the U.S. was started at Montauk, Long Island in 1747.
- New York was the first state to require license plates on cars.
- The Catskills are home to the legend of Rip Van Winkle.

Some Famous New Yorkers:

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| • Ethan Allan | • John Brown | • J.P. Morgan |
| • Benedict Arnold | • Samuel Colt | • Rosa Ponselle |
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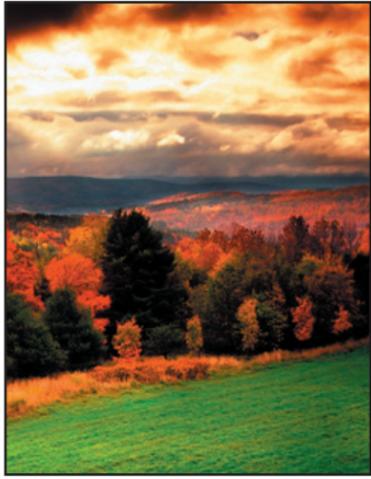
Niagara Falls



Manhattan (NYC) at Night



Vermont



Famous Vermont foliage



State Capitol, Montpelier

Vermont is in the New England region. The state ranks 45th by total area, and 43rd by land area and has a population of 608,827, making it the second least populous state in the Union, second only to Wyoming. Vermont is noted for the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain. The Native American inhabitants of the area now known as the Abenaki. The first settlement was in 1724 near Brattleboro.

Facts & Trivia:

- Montpelier is the smallest state capital and the only without a McDonald's.
- Vermont's largest employer isn't Ben & Jerry's, it's IBM.
- Ben & Jerry's gives their ice cream waste to local farmers who use it to feed their hogs. The hogs seem to like all flavors except Mint Oreo.
- Rudyard Kipling, living in Vermont in the 1890's invented snow golf.
- The statue atop the Capitol's gold dome represents the goddess Ceres.

Some Famous Vermonters:

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| • Chester Alan Arthur | • George Dewey | • Moses Pendleton |
| • Orson Bean (actor) | • Stephen A. Douglas | • Patty Sheehan (golfer) |
| • Calvin Coolidge | • William Morris Hunt | • Rudy Vallee |
| • John Deere | • Elisha Graves Otis | • Brigham Young |



Maine



Statehouse, Augusta



Fishing Village

Maine is located in the New England region. The territory that is now Maine was at one time a part of Massachusetts. Congress established Maine as the 23rd state under the Missouri Compromise of 1820. It is known for its scenery- its jagged, mostly rocky shoreline, its low, rolling mountains and its heavily forested interior- as well as for its seafood, especially lobster and clams.

Facts & Trivia:

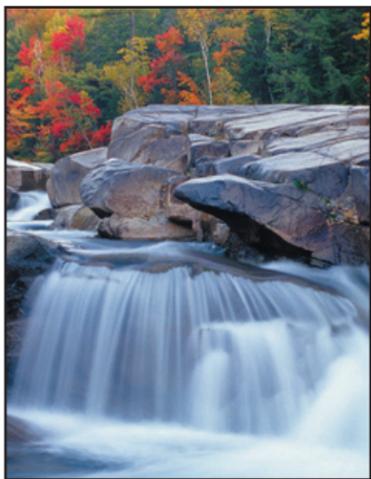
- Aroostook County at 6,453 sq. miles is larger than Conn. and Rhode Island.
- 90% of the nation's lobster supply is caught off the coast of Maine.
- 99% of all of the country's blueberries come from Maine.
- York was America's first chartered city (1641).
- Author Stephen King lives in Bangor.
- Freeport is the home to the L.L. Bean Company.

Some Famous Mainers:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Dorothea Dix | • Linda Lavin (actress) | • Marsen Hartley |
| • John Ford | • Melville Fuller | • Dustin Farnum |
| • Henry W. Longfellow | • Margaret Chase Smith | • Cyrus Curtis |
| • Stephen King | • John Hay Whitney | • Edna St. Vincent Millay |



New Hampshire



The Gorge



Mount Washington

New Hampshire is located in the New England region. It is named after the southern English county of Hampshire. The state ranks 44th in land area, 46th in total population. It became the first post-colonial sovereign nation in the Americas when it broke off from Great Britain in January 1776. New Hampshire is the only state without a general sales tax nor a personal income tax.

Facts & Trivia:

- The first potato planted in the U.S. was at Londonderry Common Field, 1719.
- The first legal state lottery in the 20th century was established in 1963.
- Levi Hutchins of Concord invented the first alarm clock in 1787.
- New Hampshire State House is the oldest state capitol in which the legislature still meets in its original chambers.
- "Mary Had a Little Lamb" author Sarah Josepha Hale is from Newport.

Some Famous New Hampshirites:

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| • Daniel Chester French | • Alan B. Shepard, Jr. | • John Stark |
| • Robert Frost | • Franklin Pierce | • John Sununu |
| • Augustus Saint Gaudens | • Daniel Webster | • Christa McAuliffe |
| • J.D. Salinger | • David Souter | • Mary Baker Eddy |



Rhode Island



Providence at Night



Castle Hill Light, Newport

Officially named the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Rhode Island is a state in the New England region. It is the smallest state by area, and the 8th smallest by population. Its official name is the longest official name of any U.S. state. Rhode Island was the first of the original 13 colonies to declare independence.

Facts & Trivia:

- Rhode Island shares a water border with New York.
- the first circus in the U.S. was in Newport in 1774.
- George M. Cohan was born in Providence in 1878.
- The era known as the Industrial Revolution started in Rhode Island.
- The RI Red Monument in Adamsville pays homage to the poultry breed.
- Rhode Island is home to the Tennis Hall of Fame.

Some Famous Rhode Islanders:

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| • Harry Anderson | • Van Johnson | • Eddie Dowling |
| • George M. Cohan | • Matthew Perry | • Bobby Hackett |
| • Nelson Eddy | • Gilbert Stewart | • Galway Kinnell |
| • David Hartman | • Peter Farrelly | • Irving R. Levine |

The 68th National Grange Convention November 14-21, 1934

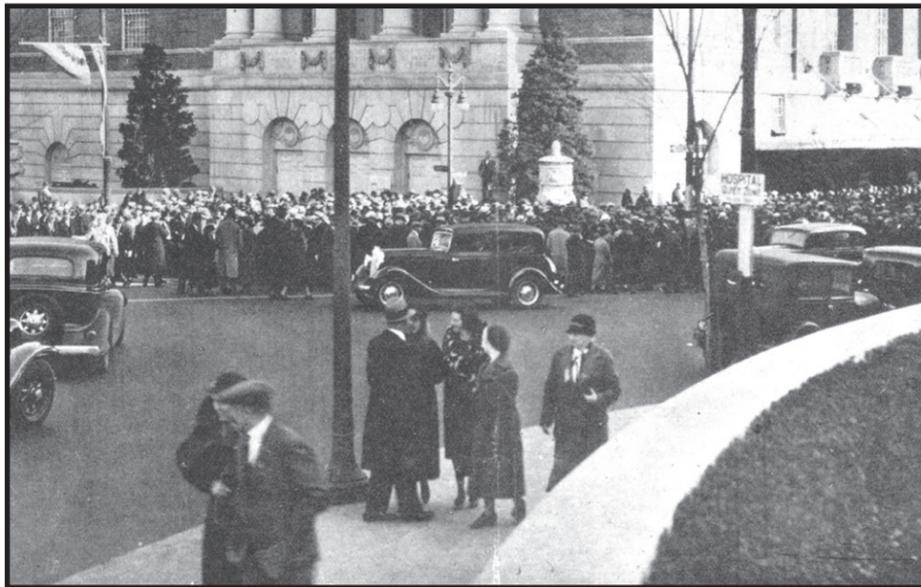
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A VIEW OF THE THRONGS waiting in front of Bushnell Memorial for the 11 o'clock class of the Seventh Degree, given Friday, November 16.



ON THEIR WAY TO BUSHNELL MEMORIAL HALL to receive the Seventh Degree after registering at the State Capitol, Saturday morning, Nov. 17



VIEW OF THE FRONT OF BUSHNELL HALL while the 11 o'clock class, the largest of the day, waited for admittance.



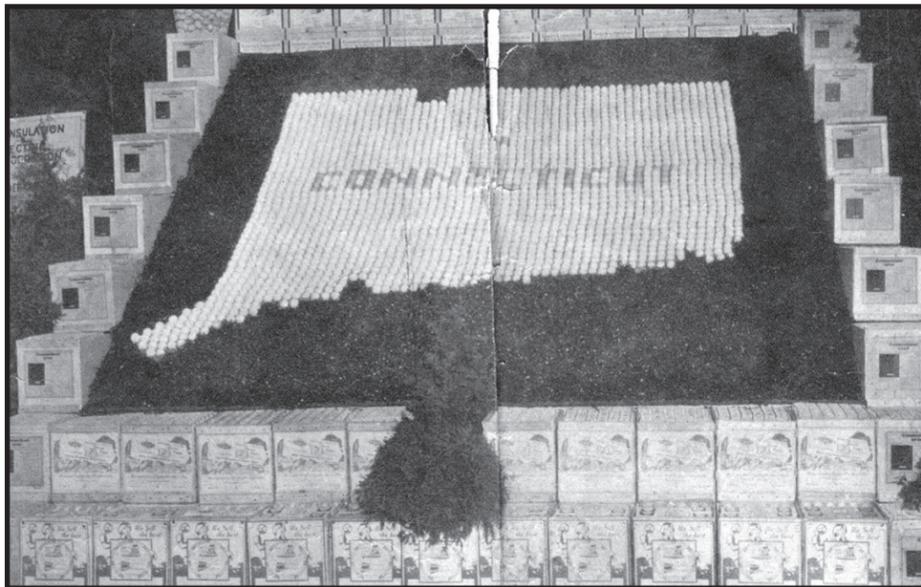
GRANGERS FROM FALL RIVER, MASS., as they arrived Saturday, November 17, to take part in the national program.



AERIAL VIEW OF THE CENTER OF ACTIVITIES- At center, is Bushnell Memorial Hall where 13,000 Grangers received the 7th Degree in the largest fraternal initiation ever held in this country.



GOING TO CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - Officials and delegates arriving at Central Baptist Church to attend services.

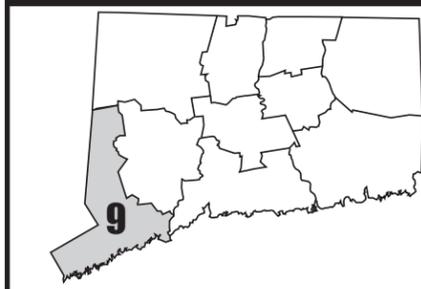


THE ATTRACTIVE EGG DISPLAY in the Connecticut Agricultural Exhibit at the exhibition in the State Armory.



DELEGATES FROM KEENE, N.H., arriving at Bushnell Memorial Hall, November 17, to receive the Seventh Degree.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- ✓ Harmony No. 92
- Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD CTY. POMONA #9

Corr: Karen Madonald

With all the busyness of life, sometimes I do wonder, why do I stay a member of the Grange? My answer would be on many levels, opportunities for learning and growth, projects and contests, we all love the fellowship and food,,but...mostly I would have to reflect on the unique people of the Grange. For instance, who could be more inspiring

to me than Sue Sulla, a dedicated doer who shares her talents and ideas with a smile...I just received a pack of recipes from Eileen Dougherty because I had admired her recipe at our summer picnic in Redding..examples would go on and on of generous spirits and hearts. We have just lost Arlene and Art Scanlon; what welcoming and helpful people they were when Geno and I were new to the Grange. To me, the

Grange is about giving and growth, thank you to all for your inspiration and encouragement offered!

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Oct. 13: Columbus Day

Oct. 27: Halloween Party

This month we have a meeting before and after the State Session. That makes very busy. We will try not to let the State Session interfere with our meetings though.

Our first meeting will celebrate the holidays of October. The discovery of America, by Columbus, most importantly. In his century it was a wondrous event. Today we discover planets and star systems.

On the 27th, we start with our famous hobo stew supper at 6:30 PM. This is a favorite of many of

our visitors. If you decide to visit come hungry. Of course our program will deal with Halloween. We will be costumed and hope you will be also. There will be games and scary stories which means fun for all. Hope to see many of you that evening.

Bob and I hope to meet with many of you at the State Session.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Oct. 14: Columbus Day

Nov. 4: Neighbor's Night, Veteran's Day. Country Store

Please note that our November meeting will be a week earlier than usual. This is because of the timing of the National Grange Annual Convention.

It was just like "The

Good Old Days": our annual picnic in August was held out of doors on the side lawn. It was a lovely evening, not a bug around and the perfect setting for that wonderful combination of good food and good friends. After dinner we held a short meeting, at which Clark Hanford was awarded his 50 year certificate. We also learned the good news that Ray Rumer from Redding Grange has become an affiliate member.

Here's a little more housework to report: ceiling fans have been installed, as well as emergency lighting. And last but not least, that indispensable stairway to the balcony now sports a new coat of paint.

124th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

PRE-SESSION BANQUET

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

7:00 P.M., Grand Ballroom,

Crowne Plaza, Cromwell

Tickets available from Pink Sash wearers or from the State Secretary- (860) 633-7550. \$29.00 per person, Entrée: Italian Herb Chicken

Awards, Scholarships

Thursday, October 16, 2008

MORNING SESSION - 9 A.M.

Opening in form in the 6th Degree- 9 A.M.

Introduction of National Rep. Jimmy Gentry,

Overseer of the National Grange

Roll Call of Officers, Committees, Deputies and Granges

Session Committee Assignments

Address of State Master

Officer/Committee Reports as time permits

AFTERNOON SESSION- 1:45 P.M.

Introduction of Business to be referred without debate

Introduction of Past Voting Delegates

2:00- Special Order of Business - Election of the Officers of the Conn. State Grange (full election)

Reports as time permits

Recess- 4:45 P.M.

Youth Hospitality Room open for all- Kent Room

EVENING SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Youth Report & Presentations

State Lecturer's Program

Report of Foster Children

"Should Auld Acquaintance" Project

Lecturer's Awards

Honor Grange Awards

Community Service Awards

Code Reading Awards

Agricultural Contest Awards

Past Deputies' Raffle

Friday, October 17, 2008

INSURANCE BREAKFAST - 7:00 A.M.

MORNING SESSION - 9:30 A.M.

Opening in form in the 4th Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions

Introduction of Business to be referred without debate

Memorial Service & Report by State Chaplain Amy Whitcomb

Officer/Committee Reports as time permits

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:45 P.M.

Last opportunity for Introduction of Business

2:00 P.M.- Report of CWA

Recess at 4:00 P.M. for 6th Degree rehearsal (NEW TIME)

EVENING SESSION - 7:45 P.M.

Opening in form in the 6th Degree

Escorting of National Overseer

Jimmy Gentry and Sister Gentry

Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates

Conferral of Sixth Degree in full form

Rose Drill

Recognition of Golden Sheaf members

March to the Table- Officers & Court

Youth Activity following Session

Saturday, October 18, 2008

MORNING SESSION - 9:00 A.M.

Opening in form in the 4th Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Reading Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions

Session Committee reports and action

Recess at 12:15 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:15 P.M.

Junior Grange Program & Report

Reconvene in Fourth Degree

Remaining Session Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Announcements

Closing in form in the 4th Degree - 3 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

3:45 P.M.- Officers-Elect to gather in Lobby prior to ceremony

4:00 P.M.- Installation of the Officers of the Connecticut State Grange

124th Annual Session is Concluded

Session Committees

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: East Central Pomona #3

Vice Chair/Sec: Fairfield County Pomona #9

Meriden #29

Coventry #75

Preston City #110

Cherry Brook #210

Wolf Den #61

Taghannuck #100

Bridgewater #153

Redding #15

Putnam #97

Old Lyme #162

Pachaug #96

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5

Vice Chair/Sec: Farmington Valley Pomona #11

Tolland #51

Whiggville #48

Trumbull #134

Ekonk Junior #101

Ekonk #89

North Haven #35

Watertown #122

Litchfield #107

Colchester #78

Tunxis #13

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: Central Pomona #1

Vice Chair/Sec: Gordon Gibson, Legis. Dir.

Higganum #124

Riverton #169

N. Stonington #138

Cawasa #34

Killingly #112

Cheshire #23

Wolcott #173

Hillstown Jr. #87

Hillstown #87

Cannon #152

Vernon #52

Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: North Central Pomona #13

Vice Chair/Sec: Joanne Cipriano, Memb. Dir.

Southington #25

Beacon Valley #103

Lyme #147

Greenfield Hill #133

Senexet #40

Eureka #62

Bethlehem #121

N. Stonington Jr. #105

Glastonbury #26

Wallingford #33

Stafford #1

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Mountain County Pomona #4

Vice Chair/Sec: New London Cty. Pomona #6

Hemlock #182

Winchester #74

Oxford #194

Simsbury #197

Ashford #90

Totoket #83

Norfield #146

Lebanon #21

Marlborough #205

Stonington #205

Enfield #151

Grange Activity

Chair: Quinebaug Pomona #2

Vice Chair/Sec: Excelsior Pomona #7

Westfield #50

Brooklyn #43

Prospect #144

West Suffield #199

Echo #180

Beacon #118

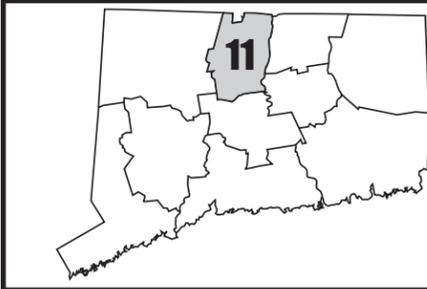
Harmony #92

Manchester #31

Norwich #172

Granby #5

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- ✓ Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- ✓ Cherry Brook No. 210

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

NOTE: Unless we have candidates, our October 6 meeting will be omitted so we may prepare for State Session.

Fall is falling and we enjoy this most colorful of seasons. New England attracts many tourists to enjoy the beauty all around.

The Big E ends the last of September while the late fairs of the season take us into October!

Now it's time to get back into the routine of activities. We ask our members to offer ideas and suggestions for the good of Pomona and look forward to putting them into play. Come to Pomona and help us to grow.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

Oct. 2: Installation

Oct. 16: Omitted for CT State Grange Session

Oct. 24: Bloodmobile, S. Congregational Church, sponsored by Granby Grange

Oct. 25: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

Month of August Granby Grange exhibit at Center Library.

Bob and Fran Brockett and Lyall and Vivian

Shaw participated in the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in Maine. In our August program, Charlie and Karen had a skit "Four Worms." Joe told a skit about "Forrest Gump" and Virginia did a monologue "How to Bathe a Cat."

We drape the charter in loving memory of Golden Sheaf member Grace Ayer. She was ill and unable to attend the ceremony for her 70 year seal in June. Grace always made pies for our barbecue, and cookies for Bloodmobile.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Our September meeting was held at a later date- Sept. 18 at 1 P.M. on Lyn's front porch. Our October meeting is an open meeting with the Community Citizen Award and anniversary certificates. Now it's down to business. Grange business that is. See you next month!

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Oct. 8: The New Year Ahead

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 31: Card Parties

At our last writing we were busy arranging the final details for our

Grange Fair and hoping for a successful event. Our hopes were realized and we thank everyone who took part in any way.

Evelyn Reuter displayed many of her beautiful quilts. They are outstanding!

Jane Wendell arranged examples of her prize-winning entries from the various fairs over the years and received many compliments to her crochet work.

Ted Sarnecki (who signs all of his marvelous woodcarvings "Grandpa S.") had a great display of his work.

The Sarnecki granddaughter and daughter-in-law conducted games and did face painting for the kids. Their grandson, Corey, and his friend Brandon, who play for our Christmas program, brought their instruments and were very popular wandering musicians.

Arrangements put up by each of the seven farms in our area were outstanding.

Our bake sale with Wanda Kansas in charge **SOLD OUT!**

Good friends from Cawasa, Lin and Maggie manned the snack bar. We always enjoy having them around.

Following all this excitement, we hope our October meeting will be a quiet one!

WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

Corr: Pamela Covington

Sept. 9: School Days

In August, Bob Sheldon prepared an Agricultural Program for us! What a wonderful program and everyone enjoyed it. We had a chance to see an Almanac from 1850 with illustrations, Will Rogers sayings, and a DVD called "Working the Land- the Story of Connecticut Agriculture." It showed us about agriculture from Colonial times to the present time. Well done, Bob! You always do a wonderful program.

We have had two members ill- Earl Colson and Ernestine Colson. We hope they are improving, and will be back to good health soon.

CHERRY BROOK GRANGE #210

Corr: Muriel B. LeGeyt

Summer was different than usual weather-wise. We did have a meeting with 8 present. (Some people held two offices). Our Agricultural Fair

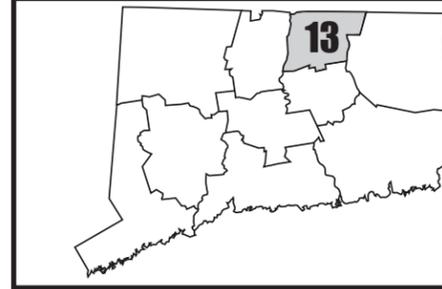
was held on September 13. No turkey supper this year. We are hoping for a good response with entries. Some younger children will be entering the baking contests.

Any Grange holding degree work before National, we could have

at least one, maybe two candidates. Please call Cora Mutch or myself. Cora: 693-0015 or Muriel: 693-8887.

Our Charter will be draped again at our September meeting in loving memory of Mary Zematis.

North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

N. CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: David Conant

Oct. 9: Enfield Grange, The Frost is on the Pumpkin

The Agriculture Contest will be held at the meeting, so be sure to bring a sample of your "ag" items for judging. Our main program will be on frost and pumpkins. Sounds interesting.

Tolland will be in charge of gathering auction items for the monthly sale. This is one way Pomona is trying to raise funds to help support our many requests for donations and other miscellaneous items.

STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Maude Emhoff

Oct. 21: Teacup Auction, 7 P.M., Hot Dogs & Rolls furnished by the Grange

Hard to believe but summer is officially over and hopefully we will enjoy our usually beautiful Autumn. Our scrapbook entries have been returned; Maude Emhoff won third prize. With our unusual influx of new members it enabled us to qualify for Honor Grange. It will be interesting to get a report from our new Master, Mark Glazier; as this will have been his first experience at State Grange. We note that many people have been availing themselves of farmer's market purchases; sounds like a good idea if mother nature doesn't flub us up with too much rain; but looking at the weather nationally we have nothing to complain about. Happy Halloween!

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Oct. 3: As the Parade Passes By

Vernon Grange is gearing up for the Vernon Bicentennial Parade that will be on Sunday, Oct. 5th. We have reserved a 1931 antique pick-up for the occasion. We will spend our meeting getting it ready. Gordon Gibson will ride in the pick-up, driven by Richard Steele. Look for pictures in the November Granger.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Oct. 9: Pomona Meets Here

Oct. 11: Old Pots and Pans, Ref. Edith and Norma

Nov. 8: turkey in the Straw, Potluck Lunch, 12 Noon

Our August Olympics were great fun, proving that none of us were too old for gymnastics or foot racing. The program this month will be on your old pots and pans, so bring one in and tell as story about it. What was it used for, how long have you had it? What makes it special? Don't forget to bring the items that you are responsible for to put in the grocery bag for Covenant to Care, as these will be brought to State Session this month. Visitors are always welcome and our door is always open, so come say hello.

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Resolutions for Consideration at the 124th Annual Session

1. RE: QUARTERLY REPORTS

WHEREAS Article XIII Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange reads in part "In the event the dues to the National Grange are increased by vote of the delegate body, subordinate dues to the State Grange shall increase the same automatically, to take effect upon the change by National Grange," and

WHEREAS this assessment has put a financial burden on many of the Granges, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange had taken no responsibility for any of these increases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Section be eliminated from the By-Laws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future increases in quarterly dues from the National Grange be voted on as received at the next Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this change include the next scheduled increase.

SOURCE: Excelsior Pomona #7

2. RE: STATE GRANGE OFFICE

WHEREAS the State Grange office expense for rent and utilities is over \$15,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the office be moved to a location, such as in a Grange hall, where rent and utilities could be less and help a Grange by giving them a donation.

SOURCE: Watertown Grange #122; Excelsior Pomona #7

3. FUNDING OF ANNUAL SESSIONS OF NATIONAL GRANGE

WHEREAS the cost of hosting the annual session of the National Grange continues to rise, and

WHEREAS the National Grange has divided the country into several regions for purposes of determining where each session of the National Grange shall be held, and

WHEREAS some of these regions will have difficulty raising the necessary funds to host the National Grange in their region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each State Grange be assessed fifty (50) cents per member per year to be paid to the National Grange, including Golden Sheaf members who are exempt from paying dues, to defray the cost to the State Granges of hosting the annual sessions of the National Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each State Grange shall have the authority to raise their assessment in any manner they choose, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of such assessment be made available to the host Region each year to reimburse its reasonable actual expenses for hosting the National Grange, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if any funds from such assessment remain after all host region expenses of each annual session of the National Grange are paid, the remaining funds shall be placed in a dedicated account for use in reimbursing the host Regions in future years.

SOURCE: CT State Grange Board of Directors

4. RE: REIMBURSEMENT TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Article IX, Section 1 of the 1999 Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange provides that, "The elective (sic) members (of the Executive Committee) shall receive for their services \$7.50 per day each while in actual discharge of duty, and mileage payment at 27 cents per mile round trip," and

WHEREAS the elected members of the Executive Committee frequently discharge their duties on an "as needed" basis in units of an hour or less, and

WHEREAS this creates difficulty in determining the number of days each year for which the elected members of the Executive Committee should be compensated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the last paragraph of Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby revised to read, "The elected members shall receive for their services and mileage \$250 each annually."

SOURCE: CT State Grange Board of Directors

5. RE: THE KELLEY FARM

WHEREAS the Oliver H. Kelley Farm, a restored living history farm in Minnesota which belonged to the founder of the Grange is most worthy of our support, and

WHEREAS the Friends of the Kelley Farm was formed in 2003 to help preserve and support the operation of the Kelley Farm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, in commemoration of Oliver H. Kelley's birthday each January, take out a Family Membership (\$50.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer and Executive Committee be resourceful in finding the money.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

6. RE: SUBORDINATE HONOR GRANGE AWARD

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange recognizes each Subordinate Grange as an "Honor Grange" who

earns 4,000 points or more, and

WHEREAS the Subordinate Grange earning the highest number of points will be known as "Grange of the Year," and

WHEREAS it seems rather unfair that the hard working, under 50 membership Granges, have to compete against the hard working 51 & over membership Granges for the "Grange of the Year" award, and

WHEREAS the over 51 & the under 50 Grange membership categories worked very well for the Community Service Project this past year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Master of the Connecticut State Grange go on record as awarding a "Grange of the Year" in both categories starting with the 2009 Subordinate Honor Grange Award report.

SOURCE: Old Lyme Grange #162

7. RE: EXACT LISTING OF GRANGE HALLS/ MEETING PLACES

WHEREAS visiting Granges should be encouraged and finding their meeting places should be made as convenient as possible, and

WHEREAS locating these halls/meeting places are often done by using Mapquest on the internet and other G.P.S. (global positioning systems).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each Grange be asked to make sure they have provided the State Grange office their hall/meeting place street number and name so this complete information can be listed in the State Grange Directory as well as listed on the State Grange website, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this information is also provided to the publishers of the Pomona handbooks.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

8. RE: TERRITORIAL HONOR GRANGE POINTS

WHEREAS points are available for members assisting at Camp Clean-Up, and

WHEREAS allowing these points are extremely unfair to all of the Granges located a long distance from the Camp- many well over an hour or two.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the allocation of these points be changed to read: Donate to the Camp Berger Maintenance Fund.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

9. RE: FARMER'S MARKET LISTINGS

WHEREAS local farmer's markets offer fresh, local produce and patronizing these should be promoted and encouraged, and

WHEREAS it is often difficult to find Farmer's Markets nearby, current lists (if any) are often incomplete and not available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a brochure be developed and updated annually and widely distributed listing all available Farmer's Markets in Connecticut, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Grange Agriculture/Conservation Committee follow through with this resolution when passed.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

10. RE: GRANGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS the Grange of the Year Award is given by the State Grange to the Subordinate Grange earning the highest number of points on the Honor Grange Award report, and

WHEREAS to reach this goal requires a tremendous amount of planning, executing, cooperating, and dedication, and

WHEREAS those Granges not quite attaining the most points and have worked hard deserve some recognition for their hard work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that beginning this year, the Connecticut State Grange make awards to the top three Community Granges with award money to amount to \$50.00, \$40.00, and \$30.00.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

11. RE: CAMPAIGN FUNDS

WHEREAS in order for persons to run for National and State offices they need financial backing, and

WHEREAS these persons are able to raise huge sums to finance their campaigns, and

WHEREAS some of these funds could be put to better use, rather than derogatory ads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a tax of twenty-five percent be levied on all funds raised, and that the tax be used for healthcare, and

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

SOURCE: Manchester Grange #31; E. Central Pomona #3

12. RE: MANAGEMENT OF STATE GRANGE ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has numerous trust funds and accounts that need oversight and good management, and

WHEREAS the volatile atmosphere in the stock market requires someone to review the investments daily, and

WHEREAS no one presently has the time, knowledge and expertise to oversee these accounts in

a just and timely manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Grange investigate the possibility of hiring an accounting firm to manage all the accounts of the State Grange, including checking, to furnish the required reports as requested by the Board of Directors and to recommend changes in the investments, as well as managing the day to day financial matters of the Connecticut State Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Grange enter into an agreement with said accounting firm if they deem it necessary.

SOURCE: Senexet Grange #40

13. RE: THE U.S. CADET NURSE EQUITY ACT OF 2007

WHEREAS in 1943, as a solution to a critical shortage of nurses in the military and in essential civilian hospitals, Congress passed "The Bolton Act" which established the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps (USCNC) to be administered by the U.S. Public Health Service, and

WHEREAS while the graduate nurses and doctors joined the services and went off to war, the Cadets staffed Federal, military and civilian hospitals, Indian reservations, public health and rural health services all over the nation, and

WHEREAS the Cadets joined a uniformed service, in time of war, under the command of the Surgeon General of the United States and were issued uniforms and insignias and an I.D. card with a serial number, and

WHEREAS the WACS, WAVES and WASPS, who also served on the home front, have been recognized as veterans of WWII.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the nurses of the USCNC deserve to be recognized for their contribution to our nation during WWII, and for the decades that followed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports the passage of HR BILL 3423: The U.S. Cadet Nurse Equity Act of 2007, and

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

SOURCE: N. Stonington Community Grange #138

H.R. 3423: United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act

To provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

14. RE: UPDATE LOCAL GRANGE ACCOUNTING METHODS

WHEREAS the National Master at the 2007 State Grange session indicated that many Grange accounting methods are what present day accountants call "Green Sheet" methods, and

WHEREAS the lists of income and expenses and use of Orders on the Treasurer and Treasurer's Receipts are green sheet methods used by many local Granges today, and

WHEREAS a computer listing of Grange transactions, both income and expenses, with Executive Committee Report categories can quickly be sorted and summed by a computer to yield the body of the Executive Committee Report, and

WHEREAS many accounting programs have been developed for small personal computers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange form a committee to study the present accounting methods for small organizations and recommend possible modern methods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these recommendations include necessary training for any different Grange accounting procedures considered for members who wish to reduce the work of the Green Sheet methods by using the computer oriented approaches.

SOURCE: Granby Grange #5

15. RE: SELLING GRANGE HALLS

WHEREAS there are Granges where the membership has declined to the point that the members find the maintenance of a Grange Hall causes a large burden on the small numbers of members participating, and

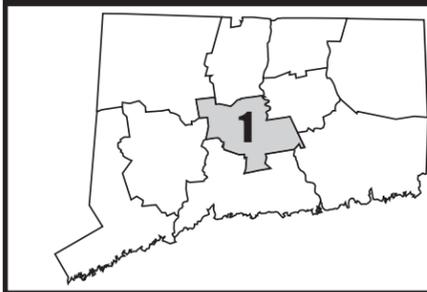
WHEREAS this condition causes present Granges to consider selling the Grange Hall at the present low market value of real estate, and

WHEREAS a large portion of the sale value goes in the State Grange for safe keeping as a result of National Grange regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange set up a completely separate Connecticut Grange Historical and Educational Corporation which can directly take over the Grange Halls and make them available for educational activities and historical museums related to Grange History and the arts of agriculture and the home.

SOURCE: Granby Grange #5

Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- Meriden No. 29
- ✓ Westfield No. 50
- Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Lisa Lamoureux

Oct. 13: Business Meeting (Master)

Oct. 27: "BOO" It's Halloween Time (Overseer)

Well summer is coming to a close. Leaves are falling, the nights are getting a little cooler and the street lights come on earlier. It is a sure sign when it is only 6:30 and the street lights are on, however, one of my favorite holidays is approaching... HALLOWEEN. It is fun to see all the kids come out in their costumes. Will it be Harry Potter this year or some beast from a dark lagoon? You will have to open up your doors to find out.

On October 27th, Southington Grange is having a Boo Bash. Why not come and tell us your scariest ghost story or let us know how you went trick or treating. I am sure that everyone has a story to tell about the fun they had on Halloween Night. Costumes are optional.

We will also hold a meeting on October 13th which will only be a business meeting. If you would like to come for an evening out, please do not hesitate to come, however, it is only a business meeting in which our Master has refreshments that night, so it might be quite interesting!!

As always, our doors are open for anyone and everyone who would like to join us for a meeting. Remember we meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit and Knowles Street in the Plantsville section of Southington.

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50

Corr: Phyllis Redford

Oct. 2: "As you are now..."

Nov. 6: What do we know about 1600 Penn. Ave.

Dec. 4: "Twas the Night Before..."

Please note that Westfield #50 has voted to meet only on the first Thursday of each month, with the third Thursday used only if the earlier date was canceled. Please call Mildred or Phyllis if there are any questions regarding the meeting.

The "Show and Tell" program was a grand success with a variety of items on display by members. We learned about items from Australia, two collections of dolls, teaspoons, paper weights, magnets and fair prizes, special photos of celebrities, fine knitted items made by a member and several large framed color photos by another member. Our special guest was James Lamoureux, Deputy of Central Pomona, who showed his collection of baseball memorabilia.

We will do this type of program again. Please note: our October program will definitely be appropriate for "Halloween" but no funny costumes, no broom riding witches, ghosts??? Just come and see.

For the Nov. 6 program... you would be surprised at what has happened in the White House.

We learned sadly that our faithful Sister, Marcella (Mickie) Vecchitto, passed on to the Grange above on Tuesday, August 19th.

Mickie suffered a stroke several weeks ago and had been in a nursing home since then.

She was active in Westfield Grange for many years as a Past Master, Treasurer and Granger correspondent.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

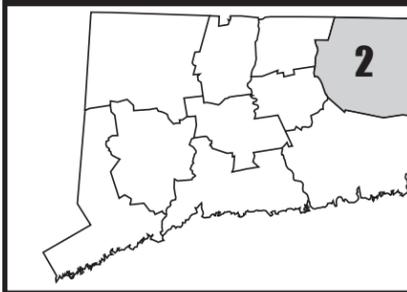
Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Oct. 10: Omit- Portland Fair

Oct. 24: Voting History

Nancy McBrien and Denise Kately are in charge of the program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- Highland No. 113
- Echo No. 180

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Oct. 6: "1888:the beginning!" 7:30pm

Oct. 24: "Creepy Happenings!" 6:30pm

Nov. 2: "Community Citizen/Awards" 1pm

Nov. 3: "The Roaring 20's!"

Dec. 1: "Those Fabulous 50's!"

As you can tell by the program titles, we are reliving significant years in this special year to our Grange. On Dec. 14th, we will be 120 years in existence and we are very proud of that achievement. Because of prior experiences with scheduling winter events of special meaning, we learned that Ekonk Hill is more conducive to "safe season" plans, thus, we will hold off on our 120th anniversary extravaganza until April 5th ~ so on April 5th we are planning a very special event to make our milestone. (On a personal note, though,

our daughter, Rebecca, was born on April 5th, 1973 and we had a blizzard that day~just no telling on Ekonk what the good Lord will serve up weather wise!)

We are busy finalizing plans for hosting National delegates at our hall in November... we call it "fall cleaning". Our President, Jody Cameron, is extremely busy in his capacity as National Grange Convention Coordinator and several of our members are either on the committee or volunteers...we will be as busy as a one armed paper hanger until November 16th...then catch our breath and prepare for our 7th annual Holiday Bazaar and 39th annual Turkey Supper November 22nd!

If you would enjoy a Haunted Trail Hayride and Halloween party fun following, be at our hall at 6:30pm Oct. 24th~no telling what creepy goings on we'll have in store!

I hope everyone will attend State Session



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State Lecturer

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I want to start this column with a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with Lecturers Conference – this includes those who sent ideas, loaned me props, transported items for me and to all who donated to my gift. To the 28 Connecticut Grangers who traveled between 300 and 400 miles each way, thank you for attending and thank you for being a part of our Connecticut program. The Color Orange isn't the easiest topic to work with, but you did us proud. Thank you again.

Next year, our conference will be a lot closer – in Rhode Island. The exact location hasn't been chosen yet but most likely it will

actually be in Rhode Island and not at Nichols College. I will let everyone know the details as soon as I get them. The State Lecturers will be meeting again at Leaders Conference. The Theme next year will be "Let's Celebrate" and Connecticut will be celebrating Halloween. It's not too early to start looking for costumes, skits and other ideas. The sooner I know what I have to work with, the sooner I can try and write a program. I know I can count on all of you.

I hope everyone will be attending State Session later this month. Thursday night we will be honoring our Lecturers.

See you on the hill!

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie M. Johnson

Rain, rain rain. The gardens are producing well. Fruit is in and farmer's markets are well stocked. Fairs will be coming soon and should have plenty of vegetables and fruit on display and flowers, too. Ted Magao brought in a lot of tabs and cans. CWA Lois Brandt brought in notepaper for the Big E and Joan Perry will take them up to West Springfield. Plans are being made for dictionaries for the third graders at the Pomfret Community School. Also a Bluegrass show is coming soon. No date yet. A bake and tag sale will be held on Saturday, October 4 from 8 to 12 at the Grange Hall.

Renovations at the Hall are still in the planning stages. The National Grange will meet in Connecticut in November.

Installation of officers will be Sept. 24 and Putnam and Senexet Granges will be installed with us at the same time. Letter will be coming to members on the increase of dues. Enjoy the fairs. Schools opening soon so beware of children.

Your Lecturer can make or break your Grange. Let's show them how much we appreciate them. In addition to the awards we will be presenting some of the numbers from Lecturers Conference. I wish we could present the whole program, but there just isn't enough time.

Now that better (cooler) weather has arrived why not plan on getting out at least once a week to some Grange activity. Visit a struggling Grange. You will not only help them fill the chairs, but you can make some lasting friendships. Grangers are the best. Get out and meet them.

See you around the State.

Big E Contest Winners

The following are the winners of the New England Needlework Contest Judging held in the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in September:

- 1st - Jennifer Schimer, stuffed toy
- 2nd - Karen MacDonald, quilted wall hanging
- 2nd - Mariellen Baxter, counted cross stitch
- 2nd - Joanne Cipriano, plastic canvas
- 3rd - Edith Schoell, embroidery
- 3rd - Cindy Anderson, crocheted doily
- 3rd - Wilma Deziel, afghan
- Honorable mention - Kay Ruff, sweater

East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- Coventry No. 75
- Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: John Waterhouse

Oct. 4: Meeting, 5 P.M., Potluck Supper, 6 P.M., 5th Degree at 7 P.M.

Nov. 1: 7:30 Meeting

October is degree month at East Central Pomona No. 3. We will confer the beautiful degree of Pomona at our October 4 meeting. The meeting will be held at 5 P.M. with a potluck supper following at 6 P.M.; with the 5th Degree at 7 P.M. This is the perfect time for you to take this degree with both the State and National Sessions taking place in the next couple of months.

See you at Good Will Grange Hall on October 4th.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Oct. 2: Regular meeting at 7:30 P.M., Program "Harvest Time"

Oct. 4; Food Sale & Unique Boutique, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Oct. 11: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

As I am writing this, Woodstock Fair is upon us. I trust everyone is enjoying the fall season. I have noticed a few trees are beginning to change color.

I want to remind our members that we will be calling you for help with the Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale on October 4th. Everyone's help and support is needed. If anyone has some old jewelry, this sells real well on the table. Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy, etc. also most welcome.

October 11th at 7:00 the first card party of the season will be held. It is a fun night, so come and join the group of card players. There is also plenty of good refreshments served. Hope to see you there. The dictionaries, that we will be presenting to the third graders at the Nayaug School, have arrived. We

will be presenting them to the children in late September.

This is one of the projects we are able to carry out with the money we raise by holding the card parties and the food sales. Thank you all for your continued support.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Nov. 5: Age is...Youth Committee

Nov. 19: Turkey or Chicken

Well, summer has come to an end and now fall is calling. There are many activities this fall for all the Granges. With state session and national session waiting in the wings, time is going to fly by. This is the time to meet new Grangers and welcome them to our state.

Summer was a weather potporri. If you wanted hot and humid, it was there. There sure was plenty of rain in the mix too. Our crazy New England weather had our farmers, at times, scratching their heads. What is good for one crop, does not help another.

National session will be here quickly. As in most things in life, volunteers make good things happen. If you haven't taken the seventh degree, now is the opportune time.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Can't you taste the turkey, mashed potatoes and, of course, the pumpkin pie!

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth Posuniak

Oct. 2: Regular Meeting, 11:00 A.M.- Marlborough Congregational Church Youth Room, Program-Bingo; Ref. Irene Brown

Sister Ines Schreindorfer made twelve plastic bag holders and two fleece adult hats that were sold in the New England Grange Building at the Big E in West Springfield, MA.

Five CA Grange families lose homes

by Beth McFarland
Re-printed from the
California Grange News

On June 13, her worst fears came true. Deborah Robinson pulled into her driveway to find nothing left of her home but black and smoldering sections of the frame. A junkyard of charred furniture and personal belongings were piled and scattered over what used to be her front yard. A simple note left behind by firefighters provided a glimpse of their valiant but failed efforts: "Sorry, we weren't able to save your home."

Deborah couldn't go inside. Water from the firefighter's hoses was a foot deep and still "bubbling hot." Bewildered, she called her Mom. "It's gone," she cried. "And then I said a grateful prayer, that my daughter and I weren't inside when the fire came," confessed Deborah. "When I left for work that morning, I didn't know... there was no coming home."

Firefighters were only able to save daughter Ayla's bicycle.

Only a week later, eight miles south, a lightning strike, started the Concow Fire. In the middle of the night on July 8, firefighter Laurel Paulson Pierce found herself on a water tender battling the blaze. Laurel is a member of nearby Yankee Hill Grange. "The flames got so high and the fire was so intense that we had to escape by backing the truck down the road."

Laurel thought her own home across the canyon was safe. But at 2:30 A.M., the sirens and loud speakers told her differently. Reluctantly, she told the crew, "I've got to go save a few things."

As she arrived at her home, the loud speakers announced, "You've got 15 minutes to evac or else." She was able to remove a few precious items but could not find her two kittens, named Lucinda and, ironically, Cinder.

"As I was leaving, I saw and felt a huge glowing ball of red flame, 200 feet in length bearing down on me. There was fire on both sides of the road. I managed to get out and drove a few miles to a vantage point where I could see large plumes of smoke rising up. I recognized it was my house," lamented Laurel.

Her two cats are still missing and presumed lost to the fire. Thirteen people have lost their lives to California fires this summer. Eleven of them were firefighters.

Deborah Robinson and her fourteen year old daughter Ayla are members of De Sabla Grange in Magnolia, a small foothill

town outside of Paradise, California. Along with Laurel Paulson Pierce, Mike Ashlick, Ralph Clark, and Tony Salzarulo from Yankee Hill, just north of Oroville, altogether five Grange families have lost their homes to fires this summer that we know of, thus far. Also from Yankee Hill, Grange member Vincent Hutton lost outbuildings.

"The Yankee Hill Grange came through for us, opening their doors wide open and welcoming us."

The unforgiving Humboldt Fire that took the Robinson's home ravaged 23,500 acres, burned down or damaged 100 homes, and caused an estimated 34 million dollars of property damage. The estimated cost of fighting the blaze stands at \$11.5 million. Cal Fire investigators have determined the Humboldt Fire was started by arson and are offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Valiant efforts from Granges and communities across the state have been launched to provide assistance to these Grange families. Benefit dinners at Yankee Hill and Thermalito Granges have raised a reported \$6,500.

On July 26, the Yankee Hill Grange held a tri-tip dinner to benefit the victims of the fire. The turn out was outstanding with 225 people attending. The line was out the door and wrapped around the parking lot. Food and door prizes were donated from the community. The outpouring of local support raised a reported \$4,000.

Yankee Hill Grange member Nancy Alvarez said "During the fire people were coming out of the woodwork and just handing us hundred dollar bills. Altogether we raised about \$5,000 this way, even from people who had lost their homes."

Not to be outdone, on August 2, the Thermalito Grange followed with a fundraiser dinner of its own and collected a reported \$2,500.

Early on, Karen Heckman, Master of the DeSabla Grange sent out an alarm that Grangers were in need. Karen has been helping the Robinsons, opening a bank account for contributions and provided aid in finding shelter, food and clothing. More than a thousand dollars has been contributed by Grangers for the Robinson family, so far.

In the case of both the Robinsons and Laurel Paulson Parker, insurance coverage will not rebuild their homes. Nevertheless, they do plan to rebuild on their properties.

Through the smoke and flames, Granges became beacons of safety and comfort, opening their doors to the community and emergency services.

For ten days, firefighters battling the Concow blaze and fire victims were served meals at the Yankee Hill Grange, thanks to the efforts of Bob and Nancy Alvarez, Jack Hoenig and others.

The Yankee Hill Grange was also used as a command center by the County Sheriff's Department. As a result, eight new members from the community joined the Yankee Hill Grange. "If this is what it means to be a Grange member, count me in," said one new applicant.

One day after eating breakfast provided by the Yankee Hill Grange, the firefighters tried to hand Nancy & Bob a collection can with \$97 in it. The Alvarez's refused to take it.

Firefighter Scott McClean stationed at the Chico Fairgrounds during the Concow fires remarked, "The folks at the Yankee Hill Grange have been great. We had men and women on the fire line day and night, sometimes 24 hour shifts, with nothing but hand tools to work with. It was logistically difficult. The Yankee Hill Grange came through for us, opening their doors wide open and welcoming us."

Ed Grubb of Ono Grange in Igo housed evacuated animals and vehicles on his property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service used the Ono Grange hall for a recovery meeting. The community is truly pulling together.

Meeting at the Orangevale and Rio Linda Granges, a group of eight community and Pomona Granges have joined to form G.R.E.A.T.- Grange Relief Emergency Assistance Action Team, with plans to sponsor fundraisers and develop an emergency preparedness program for all Grange members.

Droughts and dry conditions will almost bring more fires. The fires that claimed the homes of five Grange families are tragedies that cannot be forgotten. Nor can the courageous and self-less efforts of our Granges and communities that have come together to help our fellow brothers and sisters in this time of need.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain
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As we approach the Autumn season we bid goodbye to the summer and welcome in the crisp days of fall. Let's explore optimism as the foundation of life. Optimism is the creation's natural disposition, the very spirit of Advent. "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Gen:

1:31).

So optimism is not just one choice among many but a necessary attitude of a creation bent on fulfilling its destiny. It is not a momentary inspiration, it is the heart of genesis, the way of Life. It is what brings new life out of its nests and burrows to greet a new world. It is also what flowers the desert after a rain. It moves the heart of anyone who loves something. With the young, it challenges danger. With the elderly, it peers expectantly into the heart of eternity. With true optimism you are into life for the long haul.

This does not mean that we go through life never questioning anything, and never doubting a course of action. Optimism is not agreement about everything. But in its depth, optimism reaches through specific plans, goals, events, and happenings to the positive thread running through all life. Where there is an impasse, it rejoices in a yet unseen solution. If there is failure, it is more interested in what the failure teaches about success than who's at fault. Optimism wades through human conditions, fears and unhappiness and finds underneath that spring of Being, the presence in us that nourishes all.

October brings us State Session and I look forward to seeing all of you there. Stop by and say Hi.

Youth Dept. Notes



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Hi everyone hope that all is going well with your plans for attending the State Session. I am in the process of getting supplies ready for the hospitality room and at this time would like to thank all that have offered to bring an item to the room. As the start of a new Grange year is upon us let's look forward

to what you, the youth would like to do this year. I have had some suggestions and am looking for more. I am willing to listen to plans that anyone is willing to share.

Looking forward to the National Session I have finished all of my large plans and am looking forward to a smooth running session that I hope we will all enjoy. All are invited to come and see what National has to offer. Come and see what the youth are learning at their workshops or sign up for their tour and make a new friend. As mentioned before the theme for the costume party is the 1960's so come in costume and dance the night away.

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Grange Name _____ No. _____

YOUR Name: _____

OLD Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NEW Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO:

Connecticut Granger, P.O. Box 127, Winsted, CT 06098-0127

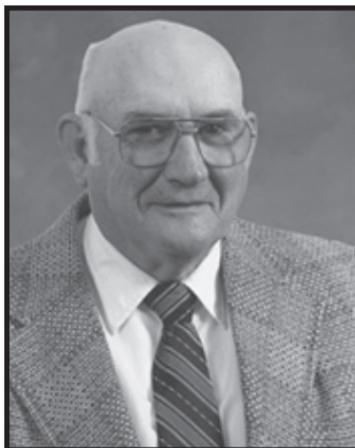
In Memoriam

Grace S. Ayer, G.S.	Granby #5
Florence Carmua	Cheshire #23
Philip J. Russo	Glastonbury #26
Chester Small, G.S.	Manchester #31
Wesley Bunce, G.S.	Manchester #31
Laurence Loomis, G.S.	Manchester #31
Walter Krawiec, G.S.	Whigville #48
Marcella Vecchitto, G.S.	Westfield #50
Nathan Rebillard	Winchester #74
Joseph Majcher	Preston City #110
Alfred E. Goodson, G.S.	Bethlehem #121
Marsha Burritt	Bethlehem #121
Charles Shuttleworth	Bethlehem #121
Gertrude Prelli, G.S.	Riverton #169
Leo Libera	Hemlock #182
Ellery N. Weir, G.S.	Marlborough #205

G.S. denotes Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Members

*Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on
page 3 of this issue. Thank you.*

Jim Foster elected National Chaplain



Jim Foster
National Grange Chaplain

The National Grange is pleased to announce the election of Jim Foster to the position of National Chaplain. Foster was elected by the National Grange Board of Directors at their board meeting in Lebanon, NJ this past weekend. The position has been vacant since the passing of Past

National Chaplain John West. He will serve in the position up through the National Grange Convention in Cromwell, CT.

Jim Foster has been the West Virginia State Grange Master since 1998. He and his wife, Earlene, have been members of Oxford Grange #526 since 1984. Foster has also served as Subordinate Master, Pomona Master, State Steward, and State Overseer.

Foster joined the United States Airforce in 1951 and served as an Air Transportation Superintendent. He and his wife have lived all around the world, specifically in Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Vietnam,

England, Dominican Republic, and numerous states within the U.S.A. He retired as an Airforce Senior Master Sergeant, and moved to West Virginia in 1975 to become a farmer, specializing in beef cattle. He is originally from Tennessee.

In addition to Grange activities, Foster also serves as a member of the Masonic Order of Tennessee, Secretary of the WV Association of Conservation Districts, and has been the President of the Doddridge County Farm Bureau for over thirty years.

He married Earlene in 1954, and have 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Junior Grange Corner



Joan Perry
Junior Director
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Well, I can't believe that summer is over and fall is here. Either it goes too slow or there is

never enough time to do everything that you want to get accomplished. I hope that everyone is working on the contests for State Session. Don't forget the posters to welcome National Grange in November. This contest is open to all who are interested. Age doesn't matter. You could be just a Junior at heart.

At State Session, we will be having a snack

table to raise funds for the Helmet Project. Also we will be having our raffle. All donations will be very welcome. Donations to the Helmet Project should be sent directly to the State Secretary. Hope to see you all at State Session. Remember that the heart of each day is a promise. The gift of each day is... YOU!!!