

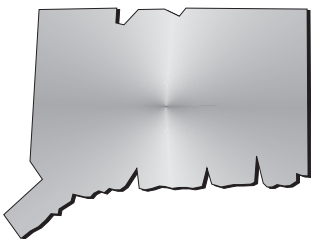
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The first thing I want to do is get to as many of you as fast as I can and this is the best way that I know how. Sister Marge and I will be out of the state from July 9 to August 1. Anyone wishing to contact us can do it by email.

I have reviewed a little over half of the evaluation reports and I see some very good news. Over the past year fourteen Granges have taken in Fifty-seven new members. I am sure this number will increase as the rest of the reports come in. I am also sure it is due to the National Session

being in Connecticut last year. What is great about this is that it shows that it is possible to bring in new members. Now that we know how we should continue to do it year after year and it should get easier as we go along.

The down side of the reports is that too many of our Community Granges are still struggling. I hope that the work we have started can help some of them before it is too late. Even those that are struggling continue to do good things in their communities and this shows that there is hope for them. “Hope and Persevere”.

Another part of the reports that I find troubling is that many Granges are operating at a deficit. I know that the cost of operating a successful Grange is going up. Do you need to have

more fundraisers? Or maybe it is time to look at your dues structure.

I have seen from the questionnaires that accompanied the reports that most Granges have already addressed this problem and by the time you read this most Granges will have received a letter from me with comments on their evaluation.

This issue of the Granger will cover July and August so here are important dates for both. July 25 at Goodwill Grange Hall in Glastonbury will be “Let’s Celebrate”. You will see more about this inside the paper. Do your best to support it.

The Northeast Lecturers Conference will be held August 3rd to 6th at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater Massachusetts. Rhode Island will be the host state. Let’s give our State Lecturer, Marge, a good turnout. These will help you enjoy the summer.

“People will believe the Grange before they believe me” - Rosa DeLauro



From the Legislative Fly-In in Washington taken May 19, 2009. Left to right, Gordon Gibson, Molly Thompson, National Grange Legislative Assistant, Rep. Rosa DeLauro and Alma Graham. Photo taken by Brian Ronholm, Appropriations Associate for Rep. DeLauro.



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The 2009 regular session of the General Assembly adjourned at midnight on June 3 as required by law, but immediately called themselves back into a special session at 12:01 A.M. on June 4 to consider the budget and related fiscal matters. They called

the special session to order, then immediately recessed it to meet again at the call of the chair. This means the General Assembly can now take as long as they want to develop both a budget and the means to raise the money necessary to finance that budget. Once a budget is developed that either the Governor will approve or the leaders in the General Assembly believe they have enough votes to override a veto they will call the full General assembly into session for one day to pass that budget. Although the State’s new fiscal year began July 1, if the budget has not been passed everyone must still pay their taxes and the Governor can authorize spending for essential services, so most people will not see any change in the day to day operations of state

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GGs and the future of Grange

Todd Gelineau, Pomona Deputy West

It is both a great honor and privilege to report to you on the Grange Growth Summit held in Dubuque, Iowa, June 12-14, 2009. The Summit began on Friday evening with a PowerPoint presentation on “Choosing Your Altitude.” This presentation highlighted the important points of the “FISH” Philosophy and the need to address attitude in our Granges. Saturday morning opened with another PowerPoint highlighting the process for “Revitalization of Existing Community Granges with Teams.” Following the

PowerPoint, members were divided into teams where they chose a leader and received “Scouting Reports” on the Granges they would be revitalizing. Todd Gelineau was assigned to the Pink Star Team and was chosen to be its leader. Jody Cameron and Victor Salazar were assigned to the “No Star Team.” Jody served as Grange recorder and Victor served as Team Recorder.

The teams then prepared for their revitalization meetings with Granges. Todd’s team was given the Indiana State Grange and Jody and Victor’s team was given the Iowa

State Grange. This was not a token/practice revitalization meeting. Members on both sides were candid and actively interested in working on the growth and revitalization of these two states. Both Iowa and Indiana have similar obstacles before them

•Both have less than 12 Granges

•The Granges are scattered over great distances in their respective states

•Many (if not all) Community Granges are having difficulty in recruiting new members.

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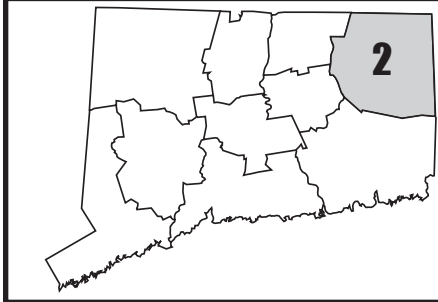
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WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie Johnson
July 8: Flags & Birthdays
July 22: Picnic
Aug. 12: It's Hot
Aug. 26: Potluck, 6:30, Picnic Basket

Rain- rain! I took 483 Campbell's labels and 40 boxtops to the Pomfret Community School. So keep on saving. Thanks! Strawberries are now ripe, mmmm shortcake. Some of us went to Danielson Police Station and gave them a bag of dolls for officers use in cars when there's an accident to help calm children. We also gave dolls to Safety Officer Gary Ayers of the Pomfret Fire Dept. For Neighbor's Night we had Edmond Morin who spoke on a western indian Sacagawea and her involvement with Lewis and Clark's expedition years ago. Very interestingly we had guests from Echo, Killingly, Brooklyn and Senexet Granges and some non-members. We have moved everything out of our Grange hall and put it in storage as it is about to begin renovations.

Everyone is busy getting their gardens in. Some have never had one before and are learning about them. Lawnmowers are getting a workout. We have the sunflower seeds and some will enter the contest. Ticks are out and many are getting bites- so be careful.

CWA cupcake contest had three winners and some comfy covers have been made. Tab King Ted brough in several bags of cans and tabs too and others have as well. We draped the charter for two members.

Gas prices are on the

rise again and employment is on the downfall. These days it's difficult to have a happy face.

Some of us went to Ekonk's anniversary last month and it was nice. Don't forget the shut-ins- happy birthday to all.

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray
July 6: Business meeting/ program 7:30 p.m.
July 12: Awards/Picnic at Russell Gray's home
Aug. 3: Business meeting/ program 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 8: 27th Annual Fair!

Awards were presented in June to 3rd graders in Sterling & Voluntown Elementary Schools for the annual Grange sponsored "Earth Day" contest by Rebecca Gervais & Cheryl Thevenet respectively. The children were very excited with this Grange event!

A large Grange delegation thrilled to the outstanding performances of Grange youth, Colin & Katrina Sebastian, at the Plainfield High School musical, "Grease"! Colin played the part of Eugene Fleregyk and Katrina played Betty Rizzo to perfection. Brook Price, grandson of Alton & Marie Exley, did an outstanding performance in the "male ensemble".

The State baking contest judging was held and prizes went to: Marion Emmons-3rd; Barbara Cameron-2nd and Sue Gray-1st.

The Juniors (with some Subordinates joining) marched in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade. Their new banner looked terrific! David Hunt drove a patriotic decorated van

which carried some of our senior Grangers.

Our Grange was used for a fundraiser for the family of a six year old Sterling boy who, sadly, drove his bike into a car and at this writing remains in a coma.

Community Development Director, Rebecca Gervais, received seeds from the National Grange in their "Plant the seeds that grow hope" project. She will use these in a "Community Garden" of sorts as part of the Sterling Summer Rec Program. Allen Gervais has prepared raised beds at the Municipal Building for this purpose.

Colin Sebastian received a cake as congratulations on his High School graduation. He has done a great job as Vice President and we all wish him well as he continues his education!

We were extremely pleased to have special guests at our June meeting and welcomed dear friends Bill & Harriett Sanborn with open arms!

Election was held and J. Allen Cameron was elected President-elect. Katie Hermonot was elected Vice-President, Katrina Sebastian-Program Director & Katie Molodich-Steward!

These top officers are 17, 15 and 14 years old! We wish them well and they certainly have all of our support in the coming year! They are our rising stars!

We voted to meet in July & August again...we hope you will visit us on the Hill!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112
Corr: Glenna Bruno

July 20: Summer fun- Picnic potluck 6 P.M.

Aug. 17: Read any good books lately?

The last square dance will be held on Sept. 12.

Killingly Grange met on May 18th with pro-tem's being Josephine Stenback our former treasurer and a newcomer, Gail Greenleaf, as Secretary who does an excellent job. The doll contest for CWA and bowling tournament were mentioned, our Master Eleanor Davis planned to participate.

May 9 was our Craft Fair & Bake Sale with

Lunch-- it was a success. Several members attended the neighbor's night at Putnam Grange. Junior Grange Director Joan Perry presented 3 helmets acquired by the State Junior Committee to be given out in the community for a child in need of one.

We held a short memorial service for four of our departed members.

Sunflower seeds were distributed. We had 349 hours of community service.

We will be giving out a Citizen's Award to Muriel Trout, Senior aging coordinator.

Ekonk Community Junior Grange Plant Sale



Rebecca Gervais working at the Junior Grange Plant Sale. Barbara Salisbury, of Ekonk Grange, shops.

Congratulations Graduates



Jody Cameron, President of Ekonk Community Grange No. 89, presents Vice President Colin Sebastian with a congratulations cake in honor of graduating from high school.

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East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
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- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3
Corr: John Waterhouse
July & Aug: No Meetings

East Central Pomona #3 does not meet during July and August. That does not mean that our hall and building are not in use. The State Grange office will be open. We also welcome all to Grange Sunday in June and “Let’s Celebrate!” day in July. Wishing all a very restful and peaceful summer season.

We hope when we return in September our hall will have two new front doors.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75
Corr: Ethel Harris
July 2: TBA Mystery?

Aug. 30: Grange Family Picnic
Time to scratch the soil and spread the seed finally. Don’t forget the sunflower seeds don’t go in until July 1st.
Happy to say we presented dictionaries under the Words for Thirds program to 142 third graders at George H. Robertson School. It was a happy noisy occasion... School Superintendent was present and thanked us for a great project and the students will benefit from our generosity.
Sad to say- we lost two of our 50+ members this past month- Eva Kingsbury and Hrriet Eaton. It’s good that we honored them only a couple of years ago. Harriet

was still very active in Triangle Subordinate Grange in Florida and also in Pomona. She will be missed by many.
Visitors are always welcome.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87
Corr: Rita J. Schaefer
July 9: Picnic in the Garden” Ref. All Members
Aug. 27: Here we are again. Ref. All Members
Sept. 10: School Daze
Sept. 13: Harvest Fair

The countryside is all decked out for the summer months to come. The farmers have already started their planting. Strawberries are already plentiful to pick.
We had our memorial service for the members we lost and prayed for our service men and women who have died and the ones that will be called.

We are busy trying to plan for our fair and will be starting a new year. Sister Helen Forrest won the skit number and Hillstown went on to win the skit number for Pomona and performed at the Grange Sunday Lecturer’s Program.

We will be relaxing a bit before fall starts and would have held our awards night and elections. More at a later date.
Enjoy the summer months and stay well.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Diane Small

July 2: TBA--Mystery??
Aug. 12: Dog Days *see note below
Sept. 2: Falling Leaves
Sept. 16: Installation of Officers

Welcome to summer! Find a shady place to sit, read a book, do a cross word puzzle, try your hand at a new craft or just take a nap. How many of you are planning a vacation? Does anyone have somewhere special they are going? Going to the mountains, the beach or any place in between is special. Just have fun and don’t forget your

sunblock.
*Please note a change in the date for our August meeting. The date is now the 12th (not the 19th). This is due to some conflicts with several of our members. Dog Days is the theme of the evening. I’m sure this will have something to do with dogs, possibly the heat of summer or probably some surprises. How many of you have a dog??

Each Grange has been given 5 helmets to be donated to their respective communities. We have chosen our local Elks club. Each year they sponsor a bike rodeo. The kid’s bike are checked to make sure they are safe, helmets are given to those who need them and to those who may need a different size. Our local police department is also involved in this project. All of the kids need to know the rules of the road and the proper way to ride.

A reminder that July 11 is the judging of the contests for the subordinate Granges at Good Will Grange. Have all your crafts there for judging by 10:30 am. The Pomona judging will follow the subordinate judging. Don’t forget that Celebration Day is July 25. See the Granger for more details.

Our September 2 meeting is Falling Leaves. That sure is a reminder

of Fall coming down the road. Have the rakes at the ready.
Have a safe and healthy summer. Summer is 90 days long, make the most of them. See everyone in September!

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205
Corr: Ruth Posuniak
July: Mystery Ride and Meeting - Time and Place to meet will be announced by the Worthy Lecturer, Irene Brown
Aug: Picnic and Meeting - Time and Place will be announced.

Marlborough Grange Open House Meeting was held on May 15th. It was a delightful evening hopefully enjoyed by all who attended. Brian Piccarelli of Bolton was present to receive his Scholarship Certificate. Kelly Miskorski’s Certificate was received by her brother as Kelly was in the Hospital for surgery. Austin Grabber’s Grandfather and Grandmother were present to receive Austin’s Certificate.

The Baking Contest was held at the May 7 meeting. The Purr-fectly Delicious Banana Cupcake Contest winners were: 1- Irene Brown; 2- Frances Carmel; 3- Pauline Collette. And a big thank you to Robert N. Warner who was our cupcake judge.

80YearsatSenexetGrange

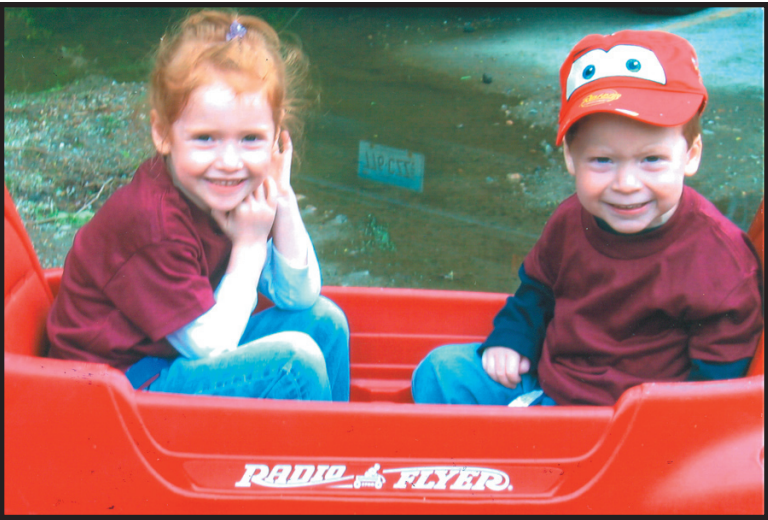


Members of Senexet Grange No. 40 in Woodstock traveled to North Brookfield, MA to present an 80 year certificate to Leroy Ballard (seated). Also shown in the photo is Shirley Wilbur, Georgia Ballard, Clarence Ballard and Charlotte Ballard, Leroy's wife. Brother Ballard joined Quinnatisset Grange and later Pomona and State Granges.

Ekonk Junior Grange observes Memorial Day

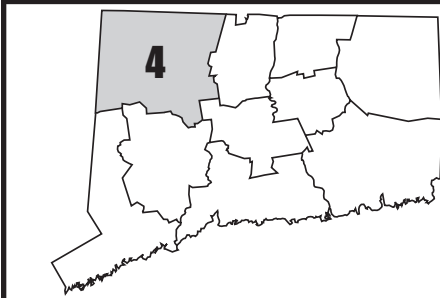


Some Ekonk Juniors assemble for the Sterling Memorial Day Parade in Sterling... and showing off their new banner.



Lillian & Russell Sharpe- two of the youngest in the Sterling Parade- proudly wearing their Junior Grange t-shirts. They are the children of Deborah (Gray) & Nick Sharpe of Ekonk Grange.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Hope No. 20
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- Taghannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- ✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 14: Joint Installation of Officers with Winchester Grange, **8:00 P.M.** Winchester Grange Hall

Mountain County Pomona held its election meeting in June with several changes to the line-up of officers. The Master and Lecturer will remain the same, but the Secretary, A. Steward, Flora, and Steward have new officers. We congratulate and thank all of the members who have taken an office in the new administration. Because Todd Gelineau will be installed as Master of Mountain County and Winchester Grange and custom dictates the installation should be at the home Grange of the new Master, it seemed logical to combine the installations of both Granges. The Installation of Officers for Mountain County and Winchester will be held at the September 14 meeting of the Pomona at Winchester Grange beginning at **8:00 P.M. This is not an error - the date of the meeting has been changed to accommodate the Installing Team which has a great distance to travel.** This will also be an open meeting to make it easier for members who are not Fifth Degree members to attend.

We thank all of the members for making the Spring Gift Drawing such a great success again this year. The drawing raised over \$450 for the Pomona. The gifts were excellent with a great variety.

This meeting was the first meeting in a very long time to be held at Whigville Grange Hall and we were as happy to meet there as we are sure they were happy to host the meeting.

The cooperation and support of ALL member Granges has been the glue

that binds this Pomona together through the years. It becomes very difficult for the Pomona to operate when Granges are in arrears for dues. We kindly ask any Granges that have not sent in their dues payment to the Pomona Secretary to do so as soon as possible.

We wish everyone a most enjoyable and safe summer - see you in September!

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Walter Murray

The Boy Scouts of Troop 23 in Burlington held their annual Court of Honor at Whigville Grange Hall. The Scouts will also take part in the annual "Grange Hall Clean-Up Day" community service project this summer. Whigville Grange serves as a charter sponsoring organization for Scouting in Burlington. Whigville's Secretary/Treasurer, Walter Murray, is also a Scout Leader, and is shown in the photo on this page.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

July 14: Sweet Betsy From Pike - Patriotic Country Store

July 28: The Blue Tail Fly, Ref. Marion & Bud Beecher

Aug. 8: Grange Fair & Flea Market

Aug. 11: Old Cape Cod, Ref. Fran & Charlie Cooper

Aug. 25: This Land is Your Land, Picnic at the Hall, 6:30, Open Meeting

It's been a busy few weeks since our last report to the Granger. At our first meeting in June, we held our annual Election of Officers with some surprising changes in our line-up. After more than 50 years as Secretary, Marion Beecher has retired from that office and Sue Addison will move from the Lecturer's Station to Secretary. Our new Lecturer will be Sara Bement. Sara held the position many years

ago and is eager to give it another try. We also welcome a youth member to the Assistant Steward's chair as James Mele takes that post. Sara was our longtime LAS and Sandy Phillips will take her place in September. Good luck to everyone in the coming year.

Our Strawberry Festival was held on Father's Day again this year. The weather was not as favorable as we would have liked but attendance and the resulting profit were still very good. We were also pleased to welcome the new Laurel Queen Margaret Muirhead to the festival. It has long been the tradition for the newly crowned Laurel Queen to visit the Strawberry Festival the weekend after the Laurel Festival.

Planning is now focused on our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market to be held on Saturday, August 8 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Grange Hall and on the Green in Winchester Center. Spaces are still available for the Flea Market on the Green. Please contact Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326 for more information or for an entry blank for the baking, flower, vegetable or collection contests. As usual we will have Café 74 set up outside the hall offering Martin Rosol Hot Dogs and Kielbasa along with sandwiches, ice cream and beverages. Kids games and a giant book sale will also be part of the day's activities. Please join us but don't rely on the Association of CT Fairs directory of Fairs to remind you of the correct date! The date printed in the book is incorrect - our fair is ALWAYS held on the second Saturday of August each year.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Gail Prelli

Riverton Grange had a wonderful meeting and election of officers on Friday, June 5th. In addition to learning many interesting facts about our flag, we elected a new slate of officers for the next 2 years. More importantly, members were eager to assume new challenges

and take new offices. Mark Prelli will be our new Master, with Peter Keefe our Overseer and Susan Belle Isle our new Lecturer. Of course, Susan has a wonderful mentor as her mother Shirley Moore has been our lecturer for years. It seems almost everyone is moving to a new office, and everyone seems happy about the move with Jason and Peter Keefe taking over offices for the first time in Riverton. Jason will be our

Chaplain. Maureen Prelli will be our secretary, a job Maureen did several years ago. It was truly a great evening with a lot of enthusiasm in the air.

Our next meeting will be June 19th with a potluck supper starting at 6:30. It is an open meeting with a program on trains.

Our only July meeting will be July 17th. This is a regular meeting beginning at 7:30.

Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival



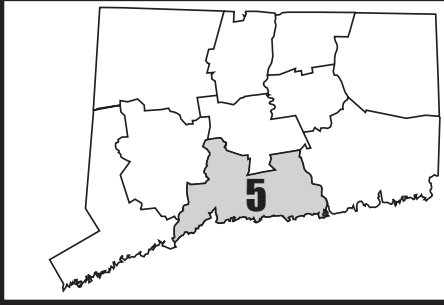
2009 Laurel Queen Margaret Muirhead enjoys Strawberry Shortcake at Winchester's Father's Day Festival. Below - Customers line up inside and outside the Grange Hall for a serving of shortcake. At times the line stretched down Newfield Road.

Coventry's Words For Thirds



Top photo: Students at George Robertson School look up words in the dictionaries presented to them by the members of Coventry Grange No. 75. Bottom picture (l to r): Marcia Miller, Ethel Harris and Noel Miller pose with a poster presented to the Grange by the students in appreciation for the dictionaries and the "Words for Thirds" program.

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
Aug. 24: 6-picnic. 6:30-
potluck dinner. Carl and
Marge Bernhardt. 424
Cedar Lane. Cheshire.

Sept. 14: Regular meeting
at Wallingford

Oct. 12: Regular meeting
at Wallingford

At the May meeting,
the 5 th degree was
conferred on Jane Auclair
of Totoket..

In June, we had the
gift card drawing. The
program was a Monopoly-
type game with four teams;
there were questions
about TV and our pomona
as well as identification of
pictures of flowers.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
July 1: Omit
July 15: 6-picnic. 6:30-
potluck dinner. Carl and
Marge Bernhardt. 424
Cedar Lane. Cheshire.

August 5: Omit
August 19: Ice Cream
social.

Sept. 2: Installation of
officers. 6-potluck dinner

Sept. 15: No meeting.
Fair work night.

Sept. 19-20: Fair

The first meeting in
May was Competitive
Night. Representatives
from Southington,
Wolcott, Wallingford, and
Cheshire competed. We
welcomed visitors from
Excelsior Pomona as well
as several State officers.

At the second meeting
in May, we welcomed the
State Master.

The Community
Citizen Award was given
to the Hedden family
in recognition of their
service to the community,
especially the Special
Olympics.

The Cheshire Animal
Shelter received a
donation, the proceeds

from the Food Booth at
the Fair. Eight bicycle
helmets, collected by
the Junior Grange, were
donated to the Cheshire
Youth and Social Services
of the Town of Cheshire.

At our first meeting
in June, Ruel Miller was
re-elected as Master.
The Chaplain presented
the Memorial Program
in remembrance of the
members who died during
the previous year.

We wish to thank
Barbara Foskett for the
flowers by the front steps.

We were saddened to
hear of the death of Sister
Ethel Prentice, a 69-
year member of Cheshire
Grange.

**NORTH HAVEN GRANGE
#35**

Corr: A. Tolette
July 7: What's Hot?
Aug. 4: Good Old
Summertime

Now that we voted to
have two year terms for
officers we have an extra
night for a program. Emily
will have something for us
in her bag of ideas.

The titles for July
and August sound good.
Something to look forward
to.

Have a good summer
and keep cool.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barb Kulisch
July 10: Name That
Tune!

July 24; Omit

Aug. 14: Omit

Aug. 28: "From Sea
To Shining Sea"-- St.
Lecturer is in charge!

By the time you get to
read this issue, we will
have celebrated Mother's
& Father's Day & had
"our evaluation" with

Dan Lauttenbach,
Deputy on the 26th of
June. Hopefully, if all
worked out, our Assistant

Steward, Henry Kulisch,
Jr. was able to return to
our June 26th meeting,
via the stairs!

At the writing of
this issue, we were busy
finishing up our entries for
the Needlework, Craft &

Dress A Doll Contests for
the CWA judging in July!
Several of us are busy
making items for the Big
E.

We continue to be
doing Community Service
Hours in our town/ towns

& will be getting ready
to choose our project for
the upcoming year. Wow,
where did this year go?

As always, our door is
always open so come on
down!

Riverton Grange No. 169



Above - On March 20, 2009, Riverton Grange members and guests enjoyed "Songs from Broadway," presented by Mary Lou Keefe, pianist, and Jerry Alonzy, Baritone. Right - The Rev. Dr. Randall Niehoff discussed why Israel is the "Biggest Little Country in the World" at the May 15, 2009 Riverton Grange supper & program.



Whigville Grange Court of Honor



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**NEW LONDON COUNTY
POMONA #6**

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller
Aug: Picnic TBA
Sept. 12: Chikumbuso Project- Norwich Grange

If you haven't heard of the Chikumbuso Project, you shouldn't miss our September meeting. It is an amazing story of a village in Africa. Having lost all their men to AIDS, the women and children have found a way to support their village. They will have items for sale at the meeting. By then we will be thinking about Christmas presents. Oh my!!

We are looking forward to our picnic in August. Time and place will be discussed at our June meeting.

So plan to come to the picnic,

But don't plan to wear your best pants,

There'll be food and fun and fellowship,

But there also might be some ants!

**N. STONINGTON COMM.
GRANGE #138**

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 10: Meeting Omitted- It's Fair Time!

July 17: "State Fair" Speaker CT Ag. Test Ctr. "Vegetable Diseases"

Aug. 14: "Phantom of the Opera"

Aug. 28: "Pinocchio" The DeCaprio Family; cello, violin and harp

The officers performed the Welcome/Obligation Ceremony on May 8. Jason Miner and Any Rauch performed in the Four Seasons tableaux beautifully decorated by Cheree Miner. Thurlow Coats, accompanied by Alice Morgan on the piano, sang for the tableaux. Jim and Pat Palmer were present and expressed pleasure in our proceedings.

On May 22 our Chaplain

and Graces presented an impressive program and candle lighting ceremony in memory of members who passed away this past year and in honor of all veterans.

The Fair Queens were back on the Grange float in the Memorial Day Parade. We also had some future Grangers, dressed in red, white and blue, joining them. Many thanks to Richard White for the loan of his hay wagon and truck, and to Gloria for polishing the truck so beautifully.

There will be lots of fun and excitement at the North Stonington Agricultural Fair this year. The dates are July 9-12. Hope to see you there.

The third Friday in July we will have a speaker from the Connecticut Agricultural Test Center. he will speak on vegetable diseases. Bring your questions and problems for him to answer. And if the orioles haven't eaten up all the grape jelly in the feeder again, next time I'll tell you about jolly June.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

July 2: Retiring in Florida

Aug. 6: "It's Nifty to be Fifty" Happy Birthday to Hawaii!

Sept. 3: California Here We Come!

Our Grange grounds will be teeming with eats, excitement, exhibits and entertainment the weekend of August 14, 15 and 16. It's the 108th anniversary of our great Hamburg Fair! See you there!

Five Lyme folks attended the Country-Western Night recently at Hillstown Grange where the first "collection" check for \$35 was presented to Sister Forrest for their new Junior Grange. The program was a delight.

GGS and the future of Grange



Participants gather for a group photo at the conclusion of the Summit in Dubuque, IA.

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The meetings followed the same pattern Rusty outlined in his meetings earlier this spring with Wallingford and Hemlock Granges. The only difference this time was the concentration on State Granges.

Both States freely discussed their difficulties and desires for the future. Indiana decided to set Membership Growth as their priority coming out of the GGS. Iowa chose three priorities: (1) Organization of a new Grange; (2) Development of new youth programs; (3) Work toward a common goal, no matter how large. The remaining teams worked on role playing presentations that focused on recruitment of new members and organization of new Granges. Jody, Todd and Victor participated as potential new members. Each participant had a trait or characteristic to portray in the meeting. This was a new feature Rusty tried out in this summit for the first time. All members felt they learned a great deal about the need to have a more polished definition or "elevator speech" at the ready to discuss with potential new members when asked. There was some discussion about the need to stop referring to individuals who are not members as "non-members." Rusty agreed that the use of the term "Potential New Members" is much more positive.

One of the most important points in "Changing Your Altitude" is the realization that we need to stop adapting new members to fit the Grange and start adapting the Grange to fit the needs of our members.

Saturday evening's session featured a PowerPoint presentation on "Creating Grange Growth." Very few members nationwide know the process involved in organizing and/or re-organizing Granges. This workshop focused in great detail on all of the details involved in planning for the creation of a new Grange from recruiting potential members down to ordering the materials and filling out the paperwork to receive the goal based financial rewards offered by National Grange.

Sunday morning was a de-briefing and critique of the weekend's activities with each participant given the opportunity to relate the things they liked the most about the GGS along with the things they think they can take back to their own Granges.

It is the opinion of all three of us that

a "Grange Builder Kit" and a "Grange Revitalization Kit" need to be developed. Teams would then have these kits as they go into Granges to begin the process of revitalization or to organize/re-organize new Granges. It is essential for all members to know the process for Building Granges. It has been a long time since a new Grange has been established in Connecticut. The process might seem more difficult than it actually is. The process outlined by Rusty Hunt at the Grange Growth Summit simplifies the elements and shows that it is much easier to establish a new Grange than it is to revitalize an existing one. Remember, a new Grange does not have all of the baggage that comes along with the number of years an existing Grange has been around.

The Grange Builder kit is already available through nationalgrange.org.

The Grange Revitalization Kit (as envisioned by us) would include the following:


- Applications for Membership
- The color "Grange and You" brochure already available through National Grange
- The meeting/notice postcards (which are included in the "Grange Builder Kit.")
- Declaration of Purposes (the new color version that has a magazine looking format (also in the "Grange Builder Kit).)

The National Grange provides the following incentives to new Granges upon completion of specific tasks:

- \$100 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed
- \$100 - Makes first report to State Grange
- \$100 - Four Degrees are conferred
- \$100 - Net gain after 4 quarters Reorganized Granges
- \$50 - Application filed, officers installed
- \$50 - First Quarterly report filed
- \$50 - Four Degrees are conferred
- \$50- 4th Quarterly Report with net gain

The team has recommended to the State Board of Directors a package of enhanced incentives from the State Grange to compliment those offered by National. We also have recommended a special line item be established in the State Grange budget providing for Membership and Leadership Training. Again, thank you for this honor and privilege.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7
Corr: Mary Dubay

Excelsior Pomona does not meet in the months of July and August, so we would like to wish all a happy and safe summer. Our next meeting will be on September 16 at the home Grange of the Master-elect.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103
Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The members of Beacon Valley Grange wish to thank the 114 people who come to our 120th anniversary to help us celebrate. We were honored to have our State Master Bob Sendewicz and Marge; Executive Committee of the National Grange and Past Voting Delegates Phil and Maureen Prelli; Past Voting Delegates Margaret Warner and Mildred Bell. Also elected State officers: Overseer Jody Cameron, Lecturer Marge Bernhardt, Steward Jeff Barnes, LAS Cindy Finch, Chaplain Amy Whitcomb, Ceres Eloise Osuch, Pomona Jodi Cameron and Executive Committee Ruel Miller.

Appointed State Officers included: Robert Buck, Gen. Dep.; Todd Gelineau, Pom. Dep. West; Debbie Barnes, Dep. – N. L.Cty; Jean Meehan, Dep.- Excelsior; Barbara Robert, Jr Dep. Excelsior; Janet Haller, Jr Dep. - N.H. Cty; Jane Miller, CWA; Ernie Finch, Agric.; William Schnell, Trustee Camp Berger; Ray Legg, Trustee Camp Berger; Carl Bernhardt, Publicity; Cindy Legg, Publicity; J. Allen Cameron, Youth; Marcia Gasper, Youth

Our town officials Mayor Robert Mezzo and Deputy Mayor Tammy Rossi.

Special thanks to Jeff Barnes who presented his award winning number. Those who attended are still talking about it.

Membership Certificates were presented to Robert Behlman and Robert Burns for 65 years of membership by Phil Prelli. Unable to attend were: Kevin Hubbell (25 years) Mary Behlman and William Brush (60 years) and Althea Cook and Mary Elizabeth Valentine (65 years.)

Our “Citizen of the Year” was presented by

Marge Bernhardt to Joseph Bucciaglia for his work with Habitat for Humanities.

The winners of our ABC Book Contest were: First Barbara Robert (Watertown Grange) second Pat and Ron Fischer (Beacon Valley Grange) and third Jeanne Nai (a non-member.) Judges were Mike Bisson and Tammy Rossi.

Refreshments were hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and sausage sandwiches, French fries and beverages. Plus a dessert table. These were served before and after the program. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our upcoming programs are July 10th “Blue”, August 14th “Picnic” and September 11th “Installation of Officers.”

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121
Corr: Linda Coad

July 27: Hot Enough? 7:30pm, Ref: Evelyn Maddox

Aug. 24: Summer Ends! 7:30pm, Ref: Eloise Osuch

Sept. 28: School Days 7:30pm, Ref: Rob Buck and Skip Maddox

We have our calendar set for the coming year. Much of the discussion was how to get you, the members out to a meeting, and what can be done to attract new members. Those of us that attend on a regular basis and read the CT Granger cover to cover it is the same as the old saying “Preaching to the choir”.

I realize that many members cannot get out. Several no longer drive but I am sure rides could be found if we were called. Others, their intentions are good but something always comes up. I beleive that those with “good intentions”, if a little more effort was put in would find a meeting or two to be a pleasant evening.

Also the Bethlehem Fair is coming up. Ideas for a theme are going around and help is needed to put it all together. Last year only two Granges entered. If we want to keep the Grange up in the spotlight we need more to enter. I heard that they didn’t think anyone would show up and they had Merchant Vendors squeezing into the area. Golden Sheaf members

receive free tickets for Saturday from the Granges that enter, but you have to enter to get them.

Members formerly from Washington Grange get together each year for the purpose of selecting a student from Shepaug to receive a \$1000 Scholarship. Eighteen applications were received and we picked out three we thought would benefit agriculture. This years several had their studies leaning toward ag so the choices were much easier. The school will pick the winning student and inform us at Graduation time.

Melanie Krauss from Woodbury was awarded a week at Camp Berger this year. This will be her third year at camp. Too bad she’s not old enough to join Grange yet as she is definitely interested. It’s never too soon to look ahead.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122
Corr: Mary Dubay

July 3: American Spirit

July 17: Beach Blanket Bingo

Aug. 7: In the Garden

Aug. 21: Complete Program

We start July off with Independence Day, better known as the Fourth of July, so our program for our first meeting of July is called American spirit and fireworks.

Our second meeting would be Beach Blanket Bingo. Sounds like a fun program.

Our program for the first meeting in August in the charge of the Agriculture Committee, Bill Fairchild Chairman. Bill always puts on a nice program and we learn a lot. He always give a report at each meeting also. Good show Bill.

Our second meeting by our Lecturer Diane is called A Complete Program that she does as our Lecturer.

We had our Baking Contest on CWA Night and the winners are First Dorothy Fairchild, Second Denise Barbieri, third, Cheryl Johnstone. We enjoyed the cupcakes for refreshments after the meeting.

At the Beacon Valley Grange 120th Anniversary there was a contest called A to Z and it was open to all Grange members. It was a photo album about Naugatuck with pictures and captions describing them. There were a number of entried to look at on anniversary night and our own Barbara Robert had entered the contest and she took first place. We

congratulate you Barbara on a job well done. The presenter from Naugatuck complimented her on such detail she had for each page.

Watertown Grange wishes all a great summer.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144
Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange enjoyed a delicious picnic supper at the June meeting. We are happy to say we have three more new members.

Prospect Grange was very happy to have won third in the A number at the Grange Sunday State Lecturer’s contest. The youth worked very hard on their presentation.

Our July 9th meeting will be The 4th Celebration and our August 13th meeting is called Fair time again with the program in charge of the Agricultural Committee. We will be ending our year with September 10th Game Night in charge of the Youth and Junior Committee.

Our officers did not change this year except Flora which will now be Rebeka Michell.

We were happy to report that we did not loose any

members this year. We have several of our members that will be receiving their 25 Year Certificate.

OXFORD GRANGE #194
Corr: Phil Rowland

July 3: Red, White, and Blue

July 17: Mystery Ride

Aug. 7: How Does your Garden Grow?

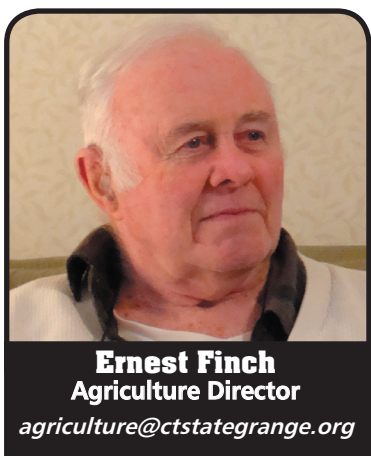
Aug. 21: Social Night-program TBA

The Grange’s Memorial Day Food Sale was a big success, hot dogs and cold drinks being the best selling items. Since the Hall is located on the parade route our crew was able to view the passing marchers during the sale. Maybe next time we’ll remember to bring the canopy tent to block the sun’s rays.

The planned replacement of the Hall front steps has been delayed by need for a building permit, which originally was deemed unnecessary. Materials have been delivered already, and hopefully the work can begin soon.

Best wishes to member Audrey Wellner, who has been suffering from flue-like symptoms of late.

AgNews



Dennis Rich, Agr. Comm.


Each area of the state that has a farmland preservation program has a format for accomplishing their goals. The most common thread is PDR (purchase of development rights), whereby the landowner sells, donates, or otherwise transfers the conservation easement to a state, regional, or county

board or land trust. The owner retains all rights, but if they were to sell, future owners would be restricted from developing the land. Only agriculture related structures would be allowed.

In Lancaster County, PA, the Lancaster Farmland Trust has preserved over 250 farms totaling 18,000 acres in addition to those done by the County Preservation Board. This allows for private donations to be used to acquire easements on land owned by members of Amish and Old Order sects that might be reluctant to be party transactions funded by a governmental agency. The Trust has developed unique partnerships. For example the Kitchen Kettle Village shipping area sells inscribed walkway bricks with proceeds going to preservation efforts. They also do a Rhubarb Festival each May. The Strasburg Railroad, popular with tourists, contributes a portion of ticket proceeds toward preserving farms along its right of way. Turkey Hill Dairy donates proceeds from sale of the “All Natural Recipe” (black carton). A number of townships and area businesses facilitate or contribute to the Trust’s efforts.

In Connecticut, we are fortunate to have the Working Lands Alliance and the Connecticut Farmland Trust. This article has been submitted to inspire readers to think of ways to participate in farmland preservation efforts in our state.

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 Macdonald

Fairfield County Pomona had a very successful Tag Sale, held at Harmony Grange. Grangers came from near and far to help with: donations, set up, sales, cooking, baking, arranging for vendors and publicity; enjoy shopping and visiting and clean up. It was impressive how so many Granges joined forces to help as a wonderful team, that is what the Grange is all about. Wish each individual could be thanked personally here. We also just had an exciting Pomona meeting, with Dairy dinner, election of officers, Talent and A Number competitions, as Betty Miller said, “that was a meeting to end all meetings!” as we all left smiling after enjoying a warm and friendly evening with Grange brothers and sisters. Best wishes to Dennis Rich as he works to reorganize Greenfield Hill Grange which has a long and respected history in the Fairfield community. Open invitations have been extended for all of us to attend upcoming summer picnics at one another’s Subordinate Granges.

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
July 13: Grange Picnic 6:00 p.m.
July 27 & Aug. 10: No Meetings--Vacation
Aug. 24: End of Summer

Is it hot yet? It seems like this weather is never going to warm up and where is the sun? I have not seen it in awhile. So Bob and I are going down to Florida for three weeks in July to visit our family. Everyone tells us that Florida is too hot in July but I hope so.

Unfortunately we are going to miss our Grange picnic on the 13th. All that good food and fun. Well some things come at a price. That evening there

will also be the Pomona judging of the needlework contest. So come to Redding and enjoy the food, view the needlework entries and enjoy the program, then tell me how much fun you had. We do not meet on our next two dates but we will meet on the 24th. of August. The program that night will be “End of Summer”. Technically it is not the end of summer but we do get back to work with earnest. The program that night will probably contain something that I pick up at the lecturers conference. Till then enjoy your summer as we will be enjoying ours.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134
Corr: Sue Sulier

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to the month of July, when we officially wish our nation a very “Happy 233rd Birthday”.

As someone who considers themselves a patriot and true American, I proudly salute our country’s forefathers who laid the groundwork for the birth of our nation, the greatest country in the world, “The United States of America”. I strongly encourage, you my “brothers, sisters” and fellow Americans to honor our great nation and our flag, not just on the 4th of July, but each and every day of the year.

Now onto the Grange stuff –During our May meeting, we held a “Salute to Veterans” and we wished our President, Louise Malatesta a very happy birthday. On a personal note, I sincerely thank my fellow Grangers for the many touching “Get Well” cards, phone calls and gifts that were extended to me subsequent to serious injuries I sustained after a fall. Words cannot express how much these thoughtful gestures mean to me. A few weeks earlier

our wagon was totaled when my husband and son, while driving to work, a kamikaze-like turkey flew into our vehicle, hit the grill, then the hood, then the windshield and finally it bounced off and landed (dead) in the grassy medium which separates the north and south lanes of Route 8. Although these past weeks have been difficult for my family, I still consider us truly blessed because my son and husband are OK and I am on the road to recovery, which I attribute to the power of prayers and the overwhelming compassion of others.

Featured CT AARP Column #3 – A new option called “Choices at Home” is now available to caregivers in New Haven, Litchfield and northern Fairfield counties. The option allows them to hire someone of their choosing to provide care for themselves or a loved one. Participants can spend up to \$3,500 a year to hire a family member, friend, or anyone else of their choosing - except the spouse or conservator of the person needing care. In addition, eligible families can get up to \$4,000 for home modifications such as installing ramps or renovating bathrooms to make home care easier and safer. For more information, contact the CT AARP at 1-866-7279 or at <http://www.aarp.org/ct> “<http://www.aarp.org/ct>” www.aarp.org/ct or to speak to a Respite Care Manager, call 1-800-994-9422.

In closing, my fellow Grangers, I hope we all remember to: **“God bless America,** land that we love and we will stand beside her and we will guide her, thru the night with a light from above.”

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

July 14: Fourth of July, Music Night- Second Degree
Aug. 11: Family Grange Supper, 6:30
Sept. 8: Installation of Officers, Labor Day

Talk about surprises! Recently we received a gift of \$5,000 from the estate of John Twarda who died

in May, 2008. We have named it the John Twarda Memorial Scholarship Fund. John, who had been a charter member of the Fairfield County Horticultural Society founded in 1938, was also hired in 1938 to run the estate and landscape the grounds for the Weston home of the late John Marshall Harlan, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. John was a judge at many of our past agricultural fairs.

At our Memorial Service on May 12, we remembered especially two of our recent members; Charlotte Washburn and Carl Anderson. We also voted to give a \$500 scholarship

to a graduating Weston High School senior- and on June 2 Peg and Charlie McCullough were at the school assembly when the award was presented. The recipient is Michelle Ford, who received a warm written congratulation from Peg. Also at the May meeting we voted to put aside \$300 for a scholarship to Camp Berger.

Last and certainly not least, Charlie McCullough passed out sunflower seeds to Grangers at our June meeting, with the hope (expectation!) that some will be worthy of judging at the State Session. Good luck, everybody, and happy summertime!

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary
secretary@ctstategrange.org

Summer is here! Most Granges will meet only once a month to enjoy picnics and mystery rides. During the summer months continue to promote the Grange and our many projects. You might find persons who are looking for something to take part in, help others

and enjoy the fellowship. Invite them to your ice cream social to meet your members and tell them of all the good things the Grange has to offer.

The Northeast Lecturer’s Conference will soon meet. I hope your Grange will try to send your Lecturer to the conference. It is a great conference for learning new ideas, exchange ideas with others from the Northeast and make new friends. Representatives from National Grange are usually present and much information may be gleaned from their experience.

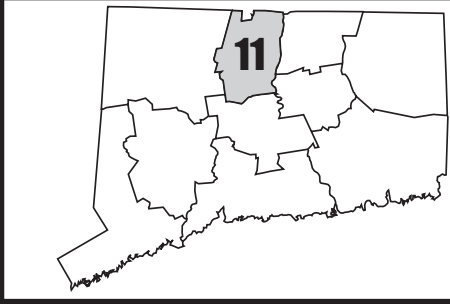
The conference is open to all members. Check with Marge Bernhardt regarding deadline for registration.

As usual I have to include reminders. Have you mailed in your list of new officers? Your request for dues receipts? Have you checked the Blue Book regarding Honor Grange? Don’t procrastinate, do it now!



Connecticut members recently attended a meeting of Dutchess Cty. Pomona in New York State. Pictured are Front L-R Marge Sendewicz, Mildred Bell, Ginny Johnson, Master, Dutchess County Pomona, Rosalie Piller, Karen Orton, 1st Lady of the New York State Grange, Bob Sendewicz, & Carl Bernhardt. Rear L-R Liz Ryducha, Karen Turner, Cindy Legg, Oliver Orton, Master, New York State Grange, Ray Legg, and Marge Bernhardt.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. II



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

FARMINGTON VLLY. POMONA
Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
July & Aug; No Meetings
Aug. 30: Picnic- Overseer in Charge

Once again we are expressing our appreciation to friends from other Pomonas who helped with our Fifth Degree meeting. Special thanks to Sara Bement from Mountain County who served as Pomona.

We welcomed Todd Gelineau, Pomona Deputy West, for his annual inspection.

July is a quiet month for us but we look forward to the picnic on Aug. 30. Overseer, Art Rote, is in charge of the event. We will meet at 21 Thayer Ave., Collinsville for a Worship Service conducted by Chaplain Bob Brockett at noon followed by the picnic with all the trimmings. Come join us.

A number of our people will be putting in time at the New England Grange Building during the Big E. Hope you are planning to be in West Springfield for at least one day of the 17 day event. It will take place from September 18 through Oct. 4.

GRANBY GRANGE #5
Corr: Vivian C. Shaw
July 11, 18, 25: Tag Sales, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
July 25: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

We had three Saturday tag sales in May. On May 7 Carley Neumann FFA President had an interesting program. She gave us some of her goat cheese. The next meeting we draped the charter for Leonard Krogh, Sr. He was involved in many community services, especially as Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut from 1977 to 1983.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13
Corr: Pam Covington

In May, we had a nice meeting and the program was a lot of fun and we had a good laugh at different things during the evening.

We all hope more members will come out to our meetings and see what a good time we have.

June will be our Evaluation and we will see what a good time will be had that night! It will also be show and tell!

Please check to see if we are meeting on the first or third Tuesday! We sometime change the meeting around!

Tunxis Grange wishes everyone a very happy and enjoyable summer.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197
Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
July 8: “Vacations at Home”
Aug. 29: Simsbury Agricultural Fair

Our spring sale is behind us and we are happy to say it added a nice amount to our Treasury. Thanks go to everyone who took part in any way.

Last meeting the Agriculture Committee presented the program all about gardens.

We miss Jane and Thaddeus Wendell who haven’t been able to get out to meetings. We wish the best of them.

Work is in progress for our Simsbury Grange Fair to be held on August 29th. Displays will fill the upstairs hall. These beautiful exhibits are put up by many of the farms in our area. Some of our members will be showing their hobbies.

Foods, plants, crafts, tag sale items and treasures will be for sale downstairs- and there will be a snack bar.

Children’s games, face painting, and entertainment will add to the fun. It isn’t too early to circle the date on your calendar and COME TO THE FAIR!

W. SUFFIELD GRANGE #199
Corr: Pam Covington

July 14; Meeting- Tomatoes, Anyone? Picnic
At our May 12 meeting, we had our annual evaluation with Deputy Doris Shaw. We enjoy

having Sister Doris. It was nice to have her and two other visitors, Sister Maggie and Sister Lin. We appreciated Lin and Maggie’s help in filling offices. Thank you for come, and making our

meeting so enjoyable and fun! The potluck supper was delicious.

Our Lecturer had a program based on “What should be on our homeowner’s policy.” We learned about the history

of Mother’s Day. We would enjoy anyone coming to our Picnic in July. We are not sure if we will have our regular fare of sandwiches we each bring for ourselves or if it will be a potluck.

National Legislative Fly-In

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government. Meanwhile the budget debate behind the scenes may go on and on through the entire summer and possibly into the fall.

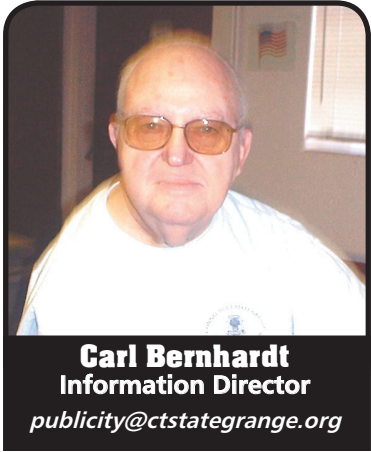
While the General Assembly has been working on the state budget, every town and city has had to pass a local budget for their fiscal year which also began July 1. The municipal budgets take into account the grants they expect to receive from the State for many things. This year each town has had to make some assumptions about how much money they will receive in state grants and what that money may be used for. Depending on how accurate those assumptions were, the towns may have to revise their budgets when they know definitely how much assistance they will receive from the State.

Because of all the problems with the budget, most bills dealing with money were not brought to the floor of the General Assembly in its closing days and died for lack of action. Despite all this doom and gloom, two bills the Grange supported did pass on the last day of the General Assembly’s regular session. One bill will continue the Community Investment Act which provides funds for farmland preservation, open space, affordable housing and historic preservation and the other will provide a subsidy to dairy farmers when the price they receive for their milk is less than their cost to produce it. Both of these programs will be funded through a charge on all deeds, mortgages and other documents recorded in the local land records. As I am writing this, Governor

Rell has not yet signed this bill into law, but has indicated that she will do so.

The National Grange Legislative Fly-In was held May 18 and 19 in Washington, D.C. On Monday we heard speakers on various topics the National Grange is supporting and on Tuesday we had meetings at the legislators’ offices on Capitol Hill. Alma Graham and I were fortunate to have meetings with aides to Senators Dodd and Lieberman and Representatives Courtney (2nd District) and Murphy (5th District). The highlight of our day was a meeting with Rep. Rosa DeLauro (3rd District) and her Appropriations Associate, Brian Ronholm. Rep. DeLauro chairs the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, so this meeting was very important to both the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange. Most of our meeting was concerned with the new Food Safety and Security Act (House Resolution 875) which Rep. DeLauro recently introduced and was co-sponsored by Rep. Joseph Courtney and Rep. Christopher Murphy. I devoted my column in the May issue of the Connecticut Granger to this proposed act and the many rumors circulating about it. We agreed that Rep. DeLauro’s office will keep the Grange posted on all actions concerning this bill and the Grange will keep our members and the general public aware of the facts. Commenting on this agreement, Rep. DeLauro said, “People will believe the Grange before they believe me.” What a nice comment on the reputation the Grange has both in Washington and in Connecticut.

Enter the Poster Contest



July 25th is fast approaching. This is the date for the State Grange’s **LET’S CELEBRATE** event at Good Will Grange Hall. The CWA and Lecturer’s Departments will be judging their various

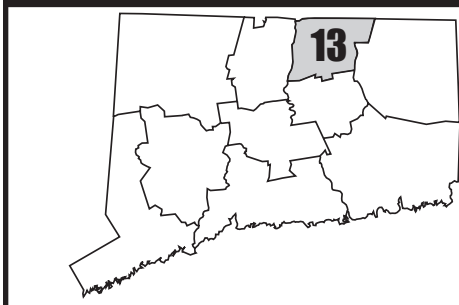
contest at that time. The Information-Publicity Committee will be judging the Poster Contest. The Rules of the contest are printed in the Blue Book. For those who do not have access to a copy of the Blue Book, here are the rules:

Members of each Subordinate and Junior Grange should submit their posters advertising a Grange sponsored event. There will be four categories: A. Subordinate-Hand Drawn; B. Subordinate-Computer Drawn; C. Junior-Hand Drawn; D. Junior-Computer Drawn.

Entries will be judged at **Let’s Celebrate** at Good Will Grange Hall on Saturday, July 25, 2009.

The Exhibitor should label their entries with their Name, Grange and Class. Each exhibitor may enter one poster in both the Hand Drawn and Computer Drawn Classes. Entries may be mailed to be received no later than Friday, July 24th to: Carl H. Bernhardt; 424 Cedar Lane; Cheshire, CT 06410, or may be brought to Good Will Grange Hall between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:00 am on the day of the judging.

North Central Pomona No. 13



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

N. CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

North Central Pomona will not be meeting in July and August. Time to rest and enjoy the warm weather, hopefully!! See you in September.

STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Edward J. Festi

On May 19 we held our Memorial Program to honor all our members who had passed on and especially those that we lost in the past twelve months. It was also a tribute to deceased veterans, our Chaplain Sandra Emhoff put on an impressive service. Officers with speaking parts lit candles. A table near the altar held plants in memory of each of the members that we lost this past year. At our June 16 meeting we will have Bingo. The Banana Cupcakes will be judged. Sunflower seeds will be handed out.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

July 7: Fireworks!!!

Aug. 4: Dutch Treat

Enjoy the summer months and stay safe and happy. Tolland Grange will be eating out on the 4th of August. Join us for ice cream, if you can. Call Master Robert West and let him know you are attending. Wouldn't want to leave without you.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

July 10: Hot Summer Fun - Watermelon and Blueberries

Aug. 7: Picnic at Linda's - Pot Luck

Most officeris stayed the same at Vernon Grange, but we welcome Gretchen Hendrick as our new Lecturer. We will all pitch in and help her out.

We took in a new application for membership, Christian Schirmer. Christian is the great grand son of Norman

and Geraldine Strong and will be a fourth generation Strong at Vernon Grange. We are hoping Norman, now 92 years old, will help with the obligation ceremony being a past 4th degree Master.

We drapped the charte in loving memorg of a good Grange family member, Elaine Clark. She passed away after a long battle with cancer. We are so happy we honored her 2 years ago with a presentation of her 50 year certificate having the State Master present it to her.

As we have done in the past few years, we will have our summer picnic at Linda Niederwerfer's home. She is home bound but loves to have company. She doesn't get out to meetings, but participates in every meeting by making sure we have a health tip to read. With the internet and email, many shut-ins might be willing to Chair a committee for your grange. It is a excellent way to keep them involved with the Grange.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

July 9: Pizza Party- 12 Noon

Aug. 13: Open meeting- Bring a friend. Ref. Elaine & Elizabeth

Right now the rhododendrons are in full bloom and summer breezes are blowing gently through the window. Fields are plowed and wait for the planting to start. What an expectant time of year. So too must we anticipate bringing in new members. Come to our pizza party in July, relax and enjoy the fellowship of friends, then bring someone to our August meeting. Invite a neighbor, friend or family member. They won't come if you don't ask.

A safe and happy summer to all.

State Lecturer



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

The Grange Photo Contest will be judged at Good Will Grange Hall on July 25th. Any photo (Black & White, Digital or film) are eligible. There are five categories – America The Beautiful, Animals, Grangers in Action, Family Celebrations and Historic Places or Events. A backing is required on all photos, but this can be poster board or construction paper if you don't have any

“Let's Celebrate!”



Betty Jane Gardiner
Women's Activities Director

cwa@ctstategrange.org

Jane Miller, State W.A. Comm.

Our CWA year is PURRING right along and now it's time to HOWL “Let's Celebrate!”

The State Judging for all the CWA Contests will be held on July 25, 2009 at Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury. (43 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury, CT 06033). Entries must be at the hall between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. so that judging can begin at 11:00 A.M. We are asking that the entries remain in place until after the social hour, so that everyone will have a chance to see them.

Just a reminder- the Needlework must be judged at the Pomona level prior to the state judging. All Pomona first place winners will be sent to the State Judging. First place State Needlework winners will be sent to the New England Grange judging at the Big E in September.

success.

For those planning to stay in the area for the day, the Junior Department will be selling soup, sandwiches and etc. at noontime.

By the time you read this, you should have received your packet for the 2010 Grange year. If not, contact your Pomona Lecturer. And, when you plan your programs for next year, think big. Remember programs should be between 30 and 60 minutes long. Plan ahead, and give your people a good reason to come to Grange meetings.

Don't forget to send in your registration forms for Lecturers Conference. It will be held August 3 – 6 at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass. July 10 is the cut-off date and it will be strictly enforced this year. See you around the State....

entries become the property of the State CWA and will be sold at the Big E or used for dignitaries' gifts. Youth entries will be returned to the contestant.

This is the second year for our Scrapbook Contest. Show off your talents and enter this fun contest! Remember to fill out an entry blank (available from your CWA chairman) and attach it to your entry.

The “Let's Celebrate!” program of entertainment and awards will be presented at 2:00 P.M. A social hour and refreshments will follow the program. Plan to attend and take the opportunity to see the beautiful handiwork, photography and baking items on display. This is a time to appreciate the great Grange talent we have in our state! We are “The Cat's Meow!”

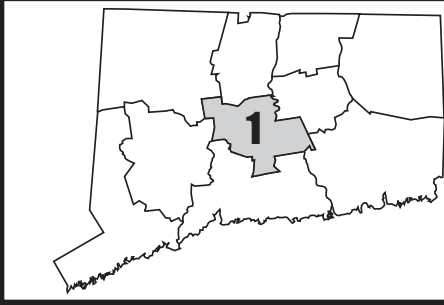
SAVE THE DATE!
LET'S CELEBRATE!

North Haven Grange #35



Lucille Z. Hamilton with Arline Tolette receiving her Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 years of N. Haven membership.

Central Pomona No. 1



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

SOUTHTINGTON GRANGE #25
Corr: Lisa Lamoureux
July 13: Business Meeting
July 27: Omitted
Aug, 10: Getting Ready for the Fair!
Aug. 15: 59th Annual Southington Grange Fair
Aug. 17: Omitted

Greetings from Southington Grange!!! I can't believe that I was typing above the dates already for the Fair. Southington Grange will once again hold its 59th Annual Grange Fair on Saturday, August 15th. We have a full day of activities and good food. If anyone would like to enter or would like a schedule or events, please contact any Southington Grange Member. We start the day off with a Pancake Breakfast which follows the snack bar and then the day is ended with famous Chicken Barbeque and auction. Why not enter something in the fair, you might win a ribbon!!!

Southington Grange would like to welcome our newest members, William and Irene Spring. We are so happy to have them as members and are sure that they will have a good time in everything that we do as a Grange.

Well, remember Southington Grange has the Fair on August 15th. Hope to see everyone there!

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 Avenue and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville Section of Southington.

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50
Corr: Phyllis Redford
July 16: Grangers visit the Mansfield House, 151

Main St., Middletown, Headquarters of the Middlesex County Historical Society, 1 P.M.
Aug. 20: Annual Grange Picnic, 12 Noon, Smith Park
Westfield #50 is "On Vacation" for the months of July and August. Regular meetings will resume on Thursdays, September 3 at the Fellowship Hall. Visiting Grangers are always most welcome.

Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy summer. See you in the fall.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124
Corr: Richard A. Prescott

At the regular June meeting we approved four candidates for Fall degree work, which we plan to conduct ourselves. A young man from town was approved for a paid one week session at the Grange's Camp Berger during this coming summer. He is quite excited about being chosen and will report back to us in the Fall about his adventures at camp. The regular July meeting date will fall on the holiday weekend, therefore our mystery ride to be held on July 11th will serve as the month's meeting.. We are going to determine if our Grange can have a monthly column in the local town newspaper as we attempt to look for ways to inform this community about our Grange and our role in the community. At the June meeting Master Carl Manning said that he was stepping down as Master. We thank Carl for all that time and effort that he has given this Grange in leading us in a variety of new directions. Carl will continue to be active in his Pomona activities as well as continuing to be involved in our Grange. At the election of officers for this coming year, Richard Prescott was elected to serve as the new Master. He hopes that he

can continue to lead this Grange in the same positive direction as Carl has done. The August meeting will be held at the Prescott's home and will be a potluck picnic-cookout. We wish all our friends an fun-filled, safe summer. Stay Cool!

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
July 10: Picnic
July 24: Game Night
Aug. 14: Show and Tell
Aug. 28: Mystery Walk
The picnic will be at the Sanborn's house, 6:00

P.M.- Potluck. All officers are in charge of the Game Night program. Everyone is in charge of the Show and Tell program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Leadership for the future of the Grange

Carl Manning, Membership Committee
"A leader is best when people barely know that he exists, Not so good when people acclaim him, Worst when they despise him. Fail to honor people, They fail to honor you;" But of a good leader, who talks little, When his work is done, his aim fulfilled, They will all say, 'we did this ourselves.'
- Lao Tzu

My son Reuben's places the above quote at the end of his e-mail.

I also think that this thought is relevant, 'Love is an interesting gift because the only way we can keep it is by giving it away.'

Recently Hemlock Grange hosted a membership seminar with Rusty Hunt the National Membership Director co-ordinating the activities. One of the last questions that Rusty asked the Grangers who had assembled for the meeting was, 'Who does your Grange belong to?' He went on to say that one of the problems with loving the Grange is that the members of the Granges feel that the Grange belongs to them. And then because it is 'their' Grange, they reject the idea that the Grange should pass on to new members.

When I was the Scoutmaster of our local Boy Scout Troop, there was an unwritten rule that as parents involved in the troop, we all knew that our hands on direction of what happened with the troop ended when our sons were no longer eligible to be scouts. Therefore the leaders were constantly working to get the parents of the new scouts prepared to take over our troop when the older scouts parents moved on out of the scouting program.

When Rusty began the seminar, he did so by putting Jody Cameron in charge. This was leadership by example and is in line with the quote at the beginning.

Rusty doesn't have the time to be the membership director for every Grange in the United States, so he did the next best thing by finding someone else to do the directing for him.

Our goal as Grangers should be to bring new members into the management of the Grange with current leaders passing leadership onto them. We should always be looking for ways to give our new members the credit for whatever our Grange is able to accomplish. It is my opinion that often times the leadership of the Grange falls to those who wish to see themselves as having attained a prominent position in the Grange. But when the quote at the beginning is considered it is easy to conclude that the opposite should be the better way.

We love our Grange and the best way to keep it is by giving it away to our new members. And the best leaders among us should be the ones who are directing and helping those who do not have the same ability to lead. I have found that I appreciate it when I have someone like Edith Schoell advising me at our Pomona meeting to help me to improve the job that I am trying to do.

I believe that it is common for individuals among us to want to be the ones with recognition. Let's bring in new members and put them in charge. Let's help them to do the jobs that need to be done. Let's give them responsibilities and then the accolades that come with the job that is well done. Then as in the quote at the beginning they will say that they did it themselves and we will have been able to promote the Grange by giving it away to those who will be able to take our place as leaders.

Mystery Meeting Place of the Month

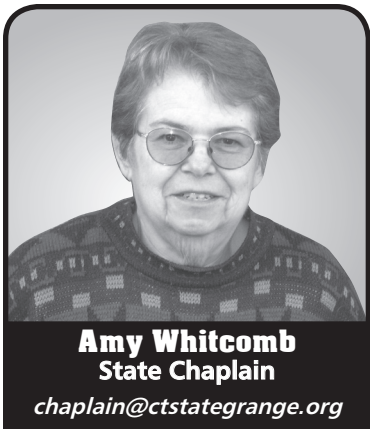


For our July-August Mystery Picture, we would like to know what Grange meets in this building? If you know or have any idea, please let your Information Director know by telephone, postcard or e-mail. Just mail your answers to: Carl H. Bernhardt; 424 Cedar Lane; Cheshire, CT 06410, or call (203) 272-4620. Our e-mail address is: mbcb76@cox.net. We would like your answers by August 1st. The names of

everyone who gives us the correct answer will be printed in the September issue of the **CONNECTICUT GRANGER**.

The Mystery Picture shown in the May issue of the **Granger** is Senexet Grange Hall. We received correct answers from: Glenna Bruno of Killingly Grange, Tom & Debby Perry of Senexet Grange, Joan Perry of Senexet Grange and Marvin Wilbur of Senexet Grange.

Chaplain's Message



The summer has come and is half-way gone already. Let us take time to pause and think about our emotions. Numerous emotions go through our minds each day, but among the great traditions, there's unanimity that one emotion is to be valued

above others, and that emotion is love. Love has been the subject of myth and poetry, the object of study and sages, and the source of meaning and purpose for countless lives. Millions have lived and died for it.

But what is love? The great religions point to something much more profound, a love that is vaster, more stable, more encompassing, a love that Saint Paul said, "bears all things, believes all things, endures all things." This spiritual love, then is something far deeper, far more profound than the romantic love.

Reducing barriers to love, such as fear and greed and anger and jealousy and pride, are seen to be incompatible with love. Anger can take us over. But how do we reduce anger? Reflect on how it feels when you are angry. Stop be mindful; be aware of what it feels like; it does not feel so good.

Alternatively, reflect on your life and the nature of life itself, and recall that you are mortal and the person you are angry with is mortal. if you are really angry and you wish the person you are angry with were dead, be patient, they will be and so will you. Then it will not be so important. Another strategy is to reflect on your own mistakes. I am humbled whenever I am angry with others if I take a moment to reflect. Then I realize that is not that long ago that I just did the very same thing I am angry at them for doing. You can practice forgiveness, letting go of anger.

Cultivate love directly through prayer, contemplation, or meditation. Close your eyes for a moment, take a couple of breaths and relax. Now bring to mind someone who is loving and kind. Bring your awareness back to the room. Isn't the difference remarkable. By meditating on loving people, one cultivates love itself. What we meditate on we become.

Visiting Camp



The Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Grange would like to remind all members that Camp Berger is closed to visitors while Camp is in session. Camp Berger and the CT State Grange is entrusted with the safety and well-being of all campers and this can only be assured by limiting access to the camp to the campers, staff and other individuals with specific business during the five weeks Camp is open. We thank you in advance for your understanding and hope you will take time to visit and enjoy our beautiful Camp in the near future.

In Memoriam

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| Leonard Krogh, Sr., G.S. | Granby Grange No. 5 |
| Ethel Prentice, G.S. | Cheshire Grange No. 23 |
| Walter Wilson | Wolf Den Grange No. 61 |
| Albert Buell, G.S. | Wolf Den Grange No. 61 |
| Eva Kingsbury | Coventry Grange No. 75 |
| Harriet Eaton | Coventry Grange No. 75 |
| Lorena Rose | Killingly Grange No. 112 |
| Terry Sandsbury | Killingly Grange No. 112 |
| Violet Sandholm, G.S. | Killingly Grange No. 112 |

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 2 of this issue. Thank you.

Junior Grange Corner



Congratulations to the winners of the "Big E" contest in Connecticut held on June 14th.. In the 7 and under class, the winner is Thomas Osip of Hillstown Junior. His collage was on Pirates. In the 8 - 10 class, the winner was Jessica Dame of North Stonington Junior. Her collage was

on Flowers. The winner in the 11 - 14 age group was Julia Cullers of North Stonington Junior. Her collage was on Horses. Thank you to all of the Juniors who participated. We had a good turnout. These winners will be going on to the "Big E" to compete against the other states in the Northeast Connection. They will receive tickets to the "Big E" and a parking pass. I hope all of you are working on your Drawing Contest and your Writing Contest about your Favorite Place Outside. These will be judged at Celebration Day at Goodwill Grange.

Have a good summer. **HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87**
Corr: Rita Schaefer
The Grange has been busy doing their crafts. They did go bowling and had fun. They are planning a trip to the University of Connecticut in the near future. They plan to take a tour of the animal section and of course they will stop at the Dairy Bar if it is open. They will be looking forward to State Session. We thank Sister Forest and Sister DeDominicis for giving of their time this year.

Youth & Young Adults



Hi everyone I have been busy preparing myself for the Northeast Youth Conference this weekend will be filled with

workshops and activities to keep the youth learning this summer. I have made many friends over the years and enjoy seeing them and catching up with them this can be a great time to make new friends that share a common bond with grange. It has come to the sad conclusion that there will be no youth camping weekend this summer with all of my efforts to make this a success I

only had two individuals signup. Maybe we can try it again sometime. With the summer upon us and the youth not thinking about going back to school this could be a great time to start working on their youth report that will be due on October 1. In September the youth of New England will be meeting at the Big E on Grange Sunday please feel free to join us. Have a great summer.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome the following new Grange member:

Harvey Lamb Stonington No. 168

Please let us know the names of your new members.

Include them in your reports or email the names to: granger@ctstategrange.org