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Many of the evaluations of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges are in and I am reviewing the reports and tabulating the information. I will be giving a comprehensive report on the state of our Granges in the September issue. This report will also aid our Grange Growth organization in their up-coming endeavors.

Those of you, that were present at the Pink Sash meeting in April, heard a presentation of the program formulated by our Grange Growth Team on their plans and objectives for the future of our Grange. They

are now in the process of beginning their project and some of you will be hearing from them shortly and I am sure that at our state session this will be fully laid out for you.

Yesterday was Grange Sunday in Connecticut and I was pleasantly surprised by the wonderful turn-out that we had. I realize that there are many choices for how you spend a Sunday in June and I am glad that so many of you chose to support our Grange activities.

Those that attended enjoyed the beautiful spiritual presentation of our State Chaplain, who was assisted by Sister Edith Schoell and Brother Ruel Miller. I hope all will put these teachings to use in their daily lives.

After a delicious lunch, provided by our Youth Department, the fun and entertainment began. I

congratulate all those who participated, whether you won or not, for your efforts that made this day a success. Thanks to the efforts of our State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt, we were entertained and it was fun. I think the results of the judging will appear in this edition.

Since this edition will cover July and August, there will probably be many reminders of up-coming events in the Grange. As you plan your summer activities keep these dates in mind and try to attend as many as possible. From what I saw yesterday, I know many of you enjoy the activities our Order offers. Also, try to include your friends and neighbors in these activities to boost interest in our organization. Let them know what opportunities we offer.

Above all have a safe vacation and always think of the Grange.

Both bills pass in Legislature



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The 2010 regular session of the General Assembly is now history. Last month I wrote about two bills the Grange was pushing hard to get passed. I am very happy to report that both bills passed the General Assembly and are now waiting for Governor

Rell's signature. Her staff attorneys are now reviewing them, which is standard procedure for all bills submitted to the Governor for signature. House bill 5419, now Public Act 10-103, will allow farmers to make pickles and salsa in their home kitchen for later sale at their farm stand and farmers markets. House bill 5446, now Public Act 10-92, will exempt agricultural fairs from the requirements of the mass gatherings law because the fairs already work close enough with their local officials that all the

appropriate local agencies know about the fair well in advance of the dates it is held. By law, Governor Rell has 15 days to either sign these bills into law or veto them. If she does not act on them within the 15 days, they automatically become law without her signature.

Our one big disappointment is in the budget. The General Assembly moved \$5 million from the Community Investment Act Fund into the General Fund to help balance the budget.

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Connecticut Grange Sunday



Members enjoy the Lasagna luncheon served by the State Youth Committee on Grange Sunday in June at Good Will Grange Hall.

Grange year winding down

Joan Ziegler, State WA Committee

Here we are in midsummer and before we know it our Grange year will be over. Have you looked over your CWA Report Form to see if you've met all the requirements for your Certificate of Excellence? Reports are due by September 1st. Please send one copy to Betty-Jane and one copy to your Pomona Chairman.

We've heard from several sources that the Baby Shower for Covenant to Care has been very popular in many of the Granges so we're really looking forward to seeing the results of this project at State Session in October. Things will be done a bit differently this year. Our CWA yearly presentations and awards will be given at the luncheon on Friday. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Also, don't forget the Foster Children. We're collecting some of the items we've asked for in recent years – comfy covers, Christmas stockings with small gifts, school supplies, memory books, gift cards for kids, etc. We're hoping for a nice selection of things for them.

Have you or anyone in your Grange made something for sale at the New England Grange Building Country Store? Any kind of item is welcome as long as it is handmade. They are not allowed to sell commercial items in the store. Help will also be needed in the building so if you'd like to volunteer call Betty-Jane. You'll get tickets and a parking pass and you can enjoy part of the day on the grounds as you wish.


Have a fun rest-of-the-summer and I'll see you at one or more of our events.

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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
July: No Meeting
August: No Meeting

East Central Pomona No. 3 has lost a dear, faithful member and officer with the passing of Sister Ethel Harris of Coventry Grange. At the time of her passing, Sister Ethel filled the station of Flora.

Those who attended her Memorial Service learned not only that she was an active Grange member but she was an active and respected citizen of her community and church. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Her family and friends can find comfort in knowing that Sister Ethel has received that welcomed plaudit, “well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26
Corr: Kathryn Ruff
July 1: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Happy Fourth of July; Ref: Martha Baribault, Thor Hyyppa, Lara Gardiner
Aug. 5: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Social Gathering Picnic
Sept. 2: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers

Summer has arrived. I had my first ride on the Glastonbury/Rocky Hill Ferry on May 20th. I try to ride the ferry at least 6 to 8 times during the summer.

I hope all the members that are entering the Needlework Contest have most of their work done. I just finished my entry. It took me most of the winter. It is a latchhook rug and it measures 29” x 49”. I didn’t think I would ever get it done in time for the contest. The judging will be in July.

The Youth Committee project for the year is collecting used towels, blankets, etc. to be donated to a local veteriinarian for bedding. They will be delivered some time near the end of June.

The CWA Committee is now asking members to bring in items for a baby shower of gifts for infants and toddlers to be presented to Covenant to Care in October at the State Session.

We held a Pasta Dinner on May 15th and it was a success. Much thanks to the Accornero family for all their assistance putting on the dinner, from Matthew (the cook, Mario’s grandson} to those that helped in the kitchen and served the meal. It was wonderful. I did pass out grange literature and applications. Hopefully we can realize a new member or two from this.

Glastonbury Grange and I wish you all a pleasant summer. I will be communicating with you

next time at Installation of Officers.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Diane Small
July 7: Ring For Liberty
Aug. 18: Off to the State Fair
Sept. 1: Labor Day--A Holiday?

Summer is in the primetime for thunder storms, vacations, lazy days at the beaches, hiking in the mountains or just taking it easy in the backyard and maybe enjoying a barbecue. Another reminder -- don’t forget the sun block.

We’ve had our election of officers for the coming year. Gayle Almar is now our Grange master. She is new to this position and will serve us well. Good Luck Gail. It is getting harder and harder for many of the Granges to fill all the chairs. Many offices are doubling up.

Remember to fly our American flag all the time. We live in a great country and we need to bless ourselves everyday.

Fair season will soon be here. They offer us a look at the agriculteral side of our existence. We need the many things that are grown on farms all across the country. The fairs let many of our young folks showcase their talents. They show their animals and earn many ribbons for their efforts.

You also get to see the talents of all aged folks in other areas. Beautiful flowers, vegetables from the gardens, photography, sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and many others others things. Remember there is a lot of great food too,

Answer

Last month we asked, “What is a group of 12 or more cows called?” Surprisingly, we did not receive any correct answers to this question. The most popular answer to the question was “kine.” Webster’s defines a kine as “domesticated bovine animals as a group regardless of sex or age.” The question asked for the word describing **12 or more COWS**. A kine can be made up of both sexes. The answer we were looking for is “**FLINK**.” A flink is defined as “a group of twelve or more cows.”

Question submitted by Joanne Cipriano



By the time Labor Day gets here, summer will be winding down. School will be starting again. There will be first time kindergartners and freshman college students. This begins a new chapter in the their liv es.

Enjoy your time in the sun and have a great summer everyone!

COVENTRY GRANGE #75
Corr: Noel Miller
July 15: Still a Mystery
Aug. 5: Grange Family Picinic.

Coventry Grange has lost a treasure, Ethel Harris a 74 year member and Lecturer left us on May 7,2010. Her loss it felted though out the community, Church, Grange, any historian of our town. she was the organizer of Coventry Grange. She left a very big foot print on this earth and it will take many shoes to follow in her steps. We handed out 124 dictionaries to the third grader, which was Ethel favorite project. we will continue this in Ethel’s memory.

The work on the stage is finally done. thanks to all who helped in the enormous task. Coventry Grange is hosting the Coventry Agricultural Commission, be letting them use the grange hall as a neutral meeting place for area farm enthusiast to discuss town farm issues. This summer

more repairs are planned for our hall, many hand makes quick work. Have a safe summer. Noel Miller

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87
Corr: Rita J. Schaefer
July 8: Member Picnic
Aug. 25: “Paw Prints”
Sept. 9: “Reap the Harvest”
Sept. 11: Harvest Fair

I just can’t believe that we have come to the end of our year before relaxing to prepare for fall and winter.

Now we can start using fresh vegetables and fruit after the farmer’s hard work.

We are hoping our members are busy with their crafts and projects for the coming fairs.

We are still checking in on our members on the sick list as they are returning to Grange meetings. We are hoping to jet a few new members by the time fall arrives.

This is all the news for now, everyone enjoy the summer and stay healthy.

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205
Corr: Ruth K. Posuniak

July: Mystery Ride and Meeting. Time and place to be announced by the Worthy Lecturer, Irene Brown by postcard.

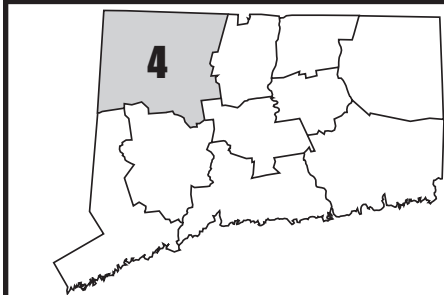
Aug: Picnic Meeting, Time and place to be announced.

It is hoped all will have a very enjoyable summer.

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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



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: T. Gelineau

Mountain County Pomona takes the summer season off with no meetings scheduled for July and August. We ended the spring meeting schedule with the June 28 meeting at Taghannuck Grange Hall with a program entitled "Celebrate Summer." We thank all of the members and friends who purchased tickets for our annual Spring Gift Basket Drawing. We also thank the officers for donating all of the wonderful prizes. The drawing is our only fundraiser of the year and it always has been a great success.

See you in September!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

July 13: Main Ideas, Summr Country Store, Ref. Linda Senkus

July 27: Blue Skies, Ref. The Win Hurlbut Family

Aug. 14: Annual Grange Fair & Flea Market

Aug. 19: Everyday Delights, Ref. Fran & Charlie Cooper

Aug. 24: Running, Picnic at the Hall, 6:30 P.M., Open Meeting

It's been a busy month at Winchester Grange. Our annual Father's Day Strawberry Festival was held with a great turnout of customers and a visit by the newly crowned Laurel Queen. The day was slightly dampened by a downpour in the middle of the afternoon. Unfortunately, it struck at a time when our line was stretching from the serving table all the way up the stairs, out the front door and down the walk in front of the hall. Some adjustments will be made next year to allow more people waiting on line to be inside the hall rather than exposed to the elements!

Our election of officers was also held in June with a new slate of officers selected for the new Grange year. While many officers remained in the same positions we welcome several new changes to the line-up. Immediately after electing Bud Beecher to a new term as Treasurer, the lights went out-- naturally begging the question of whether the electric bill had been paid-- of course, it was and a transformer several blocks away from the hall had blown. The emergency generator system didn't kick on as it should have causing the remainder of the meeting and most of the refreshments to be held in candlelight. A different experience to be sure!

Our congratulations go out to Winfred & Arlene Hurlbut on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We wish them all the best and for many more happy years together!

Looking ahead- the annual Grange Fair and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Grange Hall and on the green. There are plenty of spaces still available for the flea market and of course, we welcome all entries in the flower, fruit and vegetable, baking and collections judging. Children's games, a book sale, and the Café 74 will be open all day long. Please join us!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Susan Belle-Isle

On May 21, 2010, Riverton Grange members and family participated in a Memorial Program to remember the service men and women who defend our country. They also remembered those Brothers and Sisters who have passed away in the last year.

Queens, strawberries, candlelight and gold in Winchester



Rebecca Nardi (above left), a senior at Northwestern Regional High School makes the traditional appearance at the Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival as the 2010 Laurel Queen. (Above, right) Customers wait in a line that stretched out to the street.



(Above, left), Joe Meneguzzo of Torrington watches as Arline Hurlbut prepares a biscuit for his strawberry shortcake. (Above, right) Bud Beecher, Past Voting Delegate to National Grange and Treasurer of Winchester Grange visits with friends and family during the Festival.



(Above, left), James Mele and Sandy Phillips pose for a picture at a recent Winchester meeting held almost entirely by candlelight (probably a first in this hall) due to a power outage. (Above, right) Win and Arlene Hurlbut (center of photo) pose with family during their surprise 50th Anniversary Party held at Winchester Center Congregational Church.



Riverton Grange Memorial Program

Members of Riverton Grange No. 169 gather for the annual Memorial Service at the Grange Hall on May 21.

Elections of Officers



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Summer is here. I hope you are enjoying longer days and outside activities.

I have to remind one or

two secretaries to check their briefcases to see if they forgot to mail in a quarterly report. It is easy to do. Put it away at the close of the meeting and think everything is done for the summer. Please check.

Also, remind those in charge to check the Blue Book for the contests and deadline dates- most are October 1st.

State Session will soon be here. Changes have been

made and should make the session more interesting. Have you sent in a resolution? That deadline is September 15th.

NOTICE

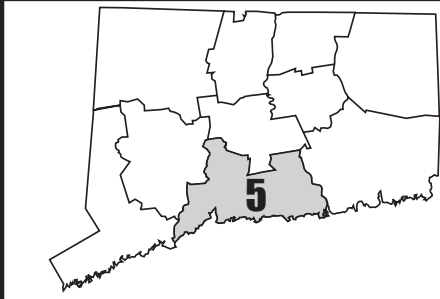
The following Granges have not submitted a list of members to the Central Office:

Putnam #97

Wolcott #173

Greenfield Hill #133

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. 23: 6 P.M.- Pomona Picnic at the Bernhardt's. Potluck dinner at 6:30 P.M. Pomona furnishes the drinks and desserts.

Sept. 13: Regular meeting at Wallingford Grange Hall. Installation of officers.

Elections were held this year and Don Lanoue was re-elected as Master.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

July 7: Omit

July 21: 6 P.M.- Picnic at the Bernhardts. Potluck dinner at 6:30.

Aug. 4: Omit

Aug. 18: Ice Cream Social in charge of the officers

Sept. 1: Installation of Officers, 6 P.M.- Potluck Dinner

Sept. 15: No Meeting. Fair Work Night.

In May, we had our Memorial Meeting to honor the memory of members who have passed away in the past year.

Ruel Miller was re-elected Master.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

July 8: Picnic & CWA Baking Contest at Grange Hall at 6 P.M. Bring a covered dish. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be furnished.

Greetings from the Wallingford Grange!

May 13 - We had a pot luck dinner starting at 6:30 pm. As always there was plenty of food to go around and was very tasty. A business meeting followed the dinner. Under legislative, there was mention about the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and its effect on the enviroment. Agriculture, there was a redefinition by the Town of Wallingford on what consitutes a farm stand. This ended nearly a year long dispute from a farm that wanted to bring

other agriculture products from their farm the next town over.

May 27 - Our 125th Anniversary and Community Citizen Award Program. Our Anniversary Program started out by reading the minutes of the original organizing meeting of May 20, 1885. Then read the minutes of the First Meeting of the Wallingford Grange #33, May 27, 1885. It just so happened this night was exactly 125 years later, that we were doing the same thing our original members of our grange were doing. What a thrill! See our anniversary booklet that was printed (attached).

It so happens that M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut issued an Official Statement reconizing Wallingford Grange's 125th anniversary and declared May 27, 2010 as Wallingford Grange #33 Day. (see attached statement)

Our receipt of our Community Citizen Award was Patricia Lizotte of Wallingford. Patricia is very active in Veterans affairs. She is president of the Shaw-Sinon Auxiliary Unit 73 American Legion and president of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 591. She conducts Bingos at the VA hospital in West Haven. She collects new clothing for homeless veterans for the "Homes for the Brave" program. She assisted helping veterans at the Newington VA. She is currently involved in getting donations for the Columbus House in New Haven. Columbus House is home for 14 veterans that have returned from serving in Iraq. Patricia is also involved in town functions such as serving as Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee, in charge of POW/MIA ceremonies at Dutton

park and at the town hall. She is also involved with promoting activities for our young people through the Patriot Pen Essay and Voice of Democracy contests.

We at Wallingford Grange were very proud to present Patricia Lizotte with our Community Citizen Award.

Remember, we only hold one meeting in July.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

July 6: Sizzling Summer

Aug. 3: Guess What

Sept. 7: School Daze

Election of officers again. Two years have gone too quickly. We pretty much recycled everyone. Summer arrived much too quickly. Hope the rest of it will be more bearable.

I was pleased to have my 65 year membership seal presented by Don Lanoue. (Hard to realize that aI have been a member several more years than his age.) Have a great summer and keep cool.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barb Kulisch

July 9: July is "National Ice Cream Month"

July 23: Omit

Aug. 13: Omit

Aug. 27: August Is...Will we have a Picnic before the meeting?

We hosted the 2-4-5 Club on the 30th of April and celebrated our 60th Anniversary with our Lecturer, Barb Kulisch, giving us the first 10 years; 25 years & 50 years History, with thanks to Nancy Weissmueller for the information. A fun night was had by all in attendance.

May 10th found us headingupthefreshments for the Pomona Meeting in Wallingford which was Inspection! Each Grange helped us out with the refreshments & they were bountiful!

May 14th found the Lecturer presenting her Complete Program & we welcomed our Deputy, Dan Lauttenbach for the Evaluation Night.

As of this writing, we did not get the handicap bathroom & the ramp finished....some minor details would keep us from

"gaining this end!" We Still do not know who will lead us for the next two years? done for the visitors coming our way..

Lyme surprises Evankow



Lyme Grange recently held a surprise 80th birthday party for Lois Evankow (above). Below, members enjoy the potluck dinner.



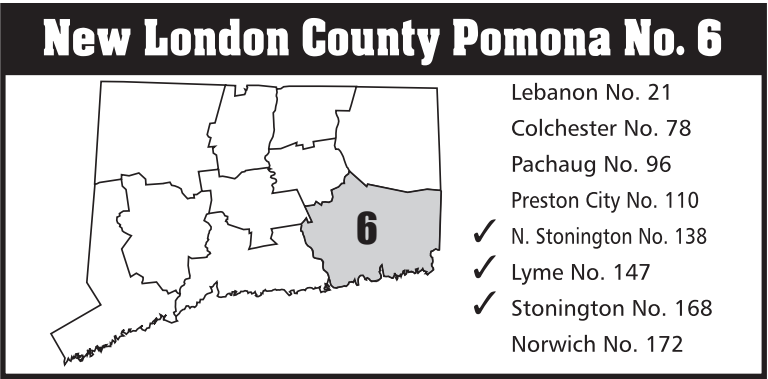
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**NEW LONDON COUNTY
POMONA #6**

Corr: Nancy R. Weismuller

Aug. 13: Competitive Night - Men vs. Women (15 min. each)

Aug. 26: “As American as Apple Pie”- Lecturer’s State Program

Sept. 18: Installation of Officers at N. Stonington Grange

Election of Officers was held at lovely Pachaug Grange on June 3. Dan Mutchler was re-elected; but there were a few changes. One sad change will be the absence of Donna Bartling because she is moving out of the area. Donna has served as our Pomona for quite a while, and has been an integral part of our Pomona. She will be sorely missed.

Our Chaplain conducted a Memorial Service for members who passed to the Great Grange Above this past year. Members placed white carnations on the altar as each name was read.

We are hoping for better weather this year for our annual picnic at Devil’s Hopyard State Park. The park is in East Haddam and is off Route 82. There are lots of signs to point the way. Pack a picnic lunch and come and join the fun. Festivities begin at 12 noon. Call the Master or Lecturer for further details.

Installation of Officers will take place at North Stonington Grange on the second Saturday of September. Please come and support your team. We are hoping for an increase in membership this year. Debbie has great programs and the refreshments are always delicious.

Pomona can be lots of fun,

Just ask the ones who know;

And if there were lots more of us

Just think how far we’d go!

New London County Pomona Youth Report
Corr: Scott Bill Hirst

The youth committee of New London County Pomona Grange for some time has held a fundraiser which is at the Preston City Fire Station, junctions of Route #164 and #165, in Preston City each June. The latest one was on Saturday June 5th. Which had a great turnout and a number of dance sets.

Music is provided by “Farmer Joe and His Country Friends”, “Farmer Joe” LoPresti is the long time Master of Preston City Grange No. 110 as well as long time Youth Committee Chairman of New London County Pomona Grange. Refreshments were available at this event, as well as door prizes of plants from the LoPresti Farm. Numerous plants are available and nobody leaves empty handed. Extra plants are sold.

Donna Bartling, who was not present at the dance, who is President (i.e. Master), of Norwich Grange No. 172, and has been both a youth committee member, as well as Pomona at New London County Pomona Grange, is moving to another part of Connecticut; and is leaving these positions.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 8: N. Stonington Agricultural Fair

July 16: “Cabaret”

Aug. 13: “I Could Have Danced All Night” Ladies have the program, men have refreshments.

Aug. 14: Chikumbuso yard sale 9-2

Aug. 27: “Ole’ Man River” Men have the program, ladies have refreshments.

We lost two more Golden Sheaf members in the month of May. Betty Campo died May 8th and Patricia McGowan, our Secretary from 1949 to 1972, passed away on May 17th.

Pomona Deputy East Jim Palmer paid us a visit for our annual evaluation on May 14. We seemed to have fared well. The program was on birds, much to the delight of the Secretary.

Our May 28 program was in the charge of the Chaplain. We had an enjoyable Jeopardy game that showed us how much we knew (or didn’t know) about Memorial Day. Candles were lit for those members we lost during the past year in an impressive memorial service and Marguerite and Any Rauch sang a lovely rendition of “We Are the World.”

Don’t miss our annual North Stonington Agricultural Fair on July 8-11. We have a great fair lined up. The bridge may be out, but you can still get to us. Because of the Fair we hold only one meeting in July. It looks like it’s going to be a lot of fun. The Lecturer tells us to “bring a musical instrument or just your voice.” Sounds like a great musical evening.

We will hold a giant yard sale on August 14 to help raise money and awareness for the Chikumbuso project in Africa. You may rent a table to sell your “good junk” or just come and browse. There will be Chikumbuso bags and other goods for sale as well. We plan to have the food booth open, too. And if that orchard oriole that’s visiting Heather’s feeder will just come to North Stonington, next time I’ll tell you about our super summer.

LYME GRANGE #146

July 1: Color Us Red, White and Blue, Show us your colors.

Aug. 5: Color Us Macaroni & Cheese- Picnic

Sept. 2: Color Us Piggy Pink

Our May 6 meeting was music night with Dick Tarryk. Unfortunately

he had a chemotherapy treatment and was unable to come to play his accordian. The Deputy was to come, he was a no show. We voted in a new member.

June 3 brought the Deputy to our hall. The Charter was draped in memory of Charlotte Griffin. The Memorial Service was lovely with Sue Pianka tickling the ivories. The Graces had a fine program. With the \$400 we set aside to send children to camp, it was voted to divide the money between the four boys who will attend Boy Scout Camp.

Good attendance continues in spite of our meeting room being VERY warm. Nineteen of our members attended with 9 visitors and 2 Cub Scouts. A wonderful surprise birthday party with lots of food, including a wonderful special birthday cake, was held downstairs for our Master. Since this was a big milestone year. Several of her children and grandchildren came.

On July 1st we will celebrate with “Red, White and Blue.” The complete program will be presented, “As American As Apple Pie.”

On Aug. 5 we eat again at our “Picnic.”

On Sept. 2 “Color us Piggy Pink” with who knows what.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168
Corr: Jeff Barnes

Our April meeting was a special evening for us. We honored six Stonington residents who, as members of the local National Guard unit, served overseas in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq at various times. Friends and family were present as they each shared stories of their experiences in the Middle East. One told of how the military had turned his life around and from a high-school dropout with no direction he became a successful contractor in civilian life. Coincidentally one of his high-school teachers was an awards presenter and testified to this. We also

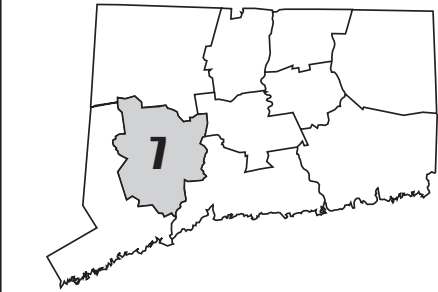
had a husband and wife who met two weeks before deployed to Iraq and served with her father! The father was also one of our honorees. Others told of leaving family for a year and how the community helped support their loved ones. Another is currently serving as an volunteer General Manager for the Connecticut College radio station. He publicizes local events of families overseas, and also has helped by installing and ramp and roof for a fellow soldier he served with, in conjunction with other soldiers. Another told of how he proposed while he was overseas to his now wife. We also heard of the uncomfortable conditions of being deployed. The evening was a surprise when we found out that each of the five branches of our military was represented by someone in the hall. It was a very informative evening, full of surprises by persons who have served, each with their very own story.

Our Lecturer introduced each individually at the altar with a short biography, State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt, presented the award from our Grange and Stonington 1st Selectman Ed Habereck, and 2nd Selectman George Krause presented citations from the town.

Afterwards, we were highly entertained by John Banker, a master entertainer with a huge array of novelty, folk, inspirational and patriotic songs. Every toe was tapping and every face was smiling as his keyboard came alive. We believe that our Grange was very well represented to our guests that evening. Thanks to all who participated.

Our May program will be presented by Tanya Sylvestre, one of our newer members. She has asked a local farmer to talk about their farm which has many programs for the community, including making cheese and a camp for children during the summer. A good agricultural theme. Life is good!

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

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121
Corr: Linda Coad
July 26: 7:30, Too Hot! Ref. Evelyn Maddox
Aug. 23: 7:30, Summer is Long Gone. Ref. Cindy and Linda
Sept. 27: 7:30, Installation, 6:30 Pizza- Dutch Treat at Theo’s

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122
Corr: Mary Dubay
July 2: Independence Day
July 16: Is It Hot Enough?

The month of July brings us Independence Day, better known as the Fourth of July, with fireworks and summer activities. Our first meeting will be about the Fourth of July by Lecturer Diane.

Our second meeting is called “Is It Hot Enough?” I’m sure it will be, July is a hot month.

Had the CWA Baking Contest and the winners were First- Cheryl Johnstone, Second- Dot Fairchild and Third- Malinda Mable. First place tablecloth by Sue Hallier.

Now on to August:
August 6, 2010- Farmer in the Dell
August 20, 2010- Complete Program

Our first meeting is called Farmer in the Dell and will be in the charge of the Agriculture Committee, Bill Fairchild, Chairman.

Our second meeting is called As American as Apple Pie by the Lecturer and is a Complete Program.

As part of our Community Service we made a monetary donation to the Waterbury Campership Fund to send underprivileged children to Camp and also a monetary donation to Camp Berger. Had a spring Tag Sale in June and Master Sharon thanks all who helped in any way.

Come join us when you can, we love company.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144
Corr: Jean Meehan

June 10 was our annual Grange potluck picnic at 6:30 P.M. with fun and games in the charge of the Youth and Junior Committees.

On July 8, the program will be Christmas in July. Program Director Frances Maxwell is requesting everyone to wear something red.

August 12, 2010 the program will be an Ice Cream Social during the hot daze of summer. This program will be in the charge of the Agricultural Committee.

Prospect Grange will hold a Family Fun Day on August 7, 2010 at the Prospect Grange Hall, 23 Center Street, Prospect. Scrapbooking will be held for adults from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. for \$30 upstairs. A skilled scrapbooker will be there to aid anyone wishing to do it for the first time.

There will be crafts and games downstairs for children at \$5 for the afternoon. This event will be well supervised by Grange members.

Profits from this event will help with our purchase of dictionaries to give out to the third graders in September.

We will be losing two of our youth members to college this fall and we would like to wish them well in their endeavors and look forward to their visits home during breaks.

OXFORD GRANGE #194
Corr: Phil Rowland
July 2: Global Warming?
July 16: TBA
Aug. 6: HHH Days of Summer
Aug. 20: Time, Where Does It Go?

Our congratulations to Calico Muffins Baking Contest winner Jane Haines. Loretta Rowland received second place. Many thanks to the contest participants for providing excellent refreshments at

the “judging” meeting.

The Grange Hall has been enhanced considerably by Troop One Scouts projects. The most recent one was on

the exterior- a rail fence and brick walkway, now completed. It looks great and we thank the Eagle Scout who lead the project.

Best wishes to two

members currently ailing, Al Vaill and Fred Rowland. Best wishes to both members.

See you all at “Let’s Celebrate” in July!

Both bills pass in Legislature

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The community investment act funds are divided into four equal amounts for farmland preservation, open space preservation, historic preservation and affordable housing. This means \$1,500,000 was taken from the State’s farmland preservation program to help balance the budget. On the bright side, there were no new taxes imposed which would have been necessary without taking money from many other sources.

Also on the bright side, the General Assembly did not take as much from the Community Investment Act funds as they took from several other special purpose funds. Considering the overall economy and the State’s finances, we really cannot complain about losing some of the Community Investment Act money. Passing legislation is a never ending process. The Grange legislative program is based on a “grass roots” philosophy where everything starts with the individual members and their local Subordinate Granges. Most every member has said there should be a law about something at one time or another. Now is the time to start drafting resolutions about whatever you want to see changed, whether it is at the local, state or national level.

You can also draft resolutions to change things within the Grange, whether it has to do with our programs and activities, how we conduct our meetings, our ritual

work, or any other matter you think should be added, dropped or changed. Some resolutions have already been submitted to the State Grange office for consideration at our annual session in October. It would be great if they were all submitted in time that they could be distributed to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in time for their September or early October meetings so the delegates would know the opinion and feelings of their Granges when they vote on the resolutions at State Grange. One of the responsibilities of the State Grange Legislative Committee is to help Granges and individual members write resolutions.

There are also a number of members throughout Connecticut who are experienced at writing resolutions and will be glad to help. The first draft of your resolution can be very general, just saying what you want changed and why you want it changed. In the past, the State Grange Legislative Committee has helped individual members write resolutions before they are presented to the member’s Subordinate Grange, helped Subordinate and Pomona Granges revise resolutions into final form after they have been presented to the Grange and helped revise resolutions on the floor at our State Grange session. We are here to help. All you have to do is contact any member of the State Grange Legislative Committee with your idea.

The history of our emblems

Edith Schoell, State Grange Historian

I hope you will find the following interesting. It is copied from an article written by Rev. A. B. Grosh in 1876. I am sure you all know Rev. Grosh was one of the Seven Founders of the Order.

“Rev. Grosh suggests that the following emblems be used: ‘EMBLEM FOR BRETHREN - The Emblem of the Order for Brethren is a green ground, on which rests a Plough, surmounted with a Sheaf of Wheat. The Green ground represents grass, - the most universal, money-worth, and important product of our agriculture, - the primary produce of the soil, and the basis of all good farming, as is well expressed in the truthful old saying, “No Grass, no cattle, no cattle, no manure, no manure, no crops.’ Grass is also Nature’s own nourishment for renovating exhausted soils, and for the enrichment of waste places.

“The Plough is the principal instrument, and the representative implement, in the cultivation of the soil, and has the emblematic meaning of diligence given in our Ritual, from its continuous persevering pressure in breaking up the

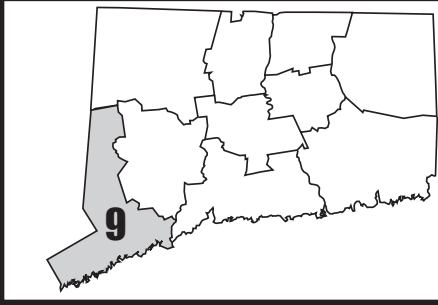
hard or matted soil and preparing it for the other needed processes of agriculture.

“And the Sheaf of Wheat, - many grains to each ear, and all the ears united in one sheaf by a common bond, -not only represents the resulting grain, but also presents an emblem of the Order; the many united to form a Grange, and the many thus united again to form the Order, and all bound together in one band of Fraternal unity.”



Rev. Aaron B. Grosh

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
July 12: Picnic 6:30 p.m.
July 26 & Aug. 9: No Meetings- Vacation
Sept. 11: Harvest Fair 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ahh summer, here at last. What a wonderful time of year. As you can see by the schedule, we will be taking some time off from our meetings but we will still be busy. What with “Let’s Celebrate”, the Lecturer’s Conference, picnics and fairs, we will be busy.

We will have our annual picnic in July. We will also have our Pomona needlework contest judging before the picnic. Come and enjoy the fun with us. If you wish to come just let me know. We have plenty of good food and lots of fun at our picnics.

Speaking of fairs, we have our fall Harvest Fair on the 11th. of September. If you missed our spring fair you can enjoy this one. There will be all the usual goodies; baked goods, plants, vegetable displays and judging, books, food and of course our famous tag sale. There’s something for everyone.

You just may find something you have always been looking for. If not, we do have the fun and fellowship. Come and enjoy the day with us in the heart of beautiful Fairfield County.

HARMONY GRANGE #92
Corr: Gail Mas

It’s been quite a few newsletters I’ve missed and I do apologize for being so lax. We at Harmony are active in the community with different service programs such as the food pantry, mittens for warm hands, and we donate returnables to the Masuk High School music program once a month. We hosted a tag and bake sale for Pomona #9 in May. They did very well in spite of the cold rainy weather. We are always happy to have them. Before our May meeting we will have a potluck supper that always proves to be

delicious and interesting. Plans are complete for our annual spring tag and bake sale which will take place on June 5 from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., feel free to visit with us. At our meeting in May we had our evaluation and were honored to have Gino Piacentini and Karen Macdonald with us and they are always interesting and informative to speak with.

On May 13 we had the needlework contest, such beautiful needlework! It’s amazing to see what needles and thread and yarn can become in the hands of masters. They can all be proud of their work. One of our members, Laurie, has a new pet. She adopted Hannah, a beautiful black lab, 1 year old from the Lab rescue program. Thanks Laurie for the kind gesture and we hop you have lots of fun with Hannah. George and Gloria Ward had a wedding this spring. Their grandson was married; congratulations. And George Ward received an award of appreciation and a copy of a proclamation from the Legislature at the 2010 winter gathering at Masonicare of Newtown. he was given special recognition for his contributions to the Masonic Fraternity. George is a member of King Iram #12 in Shelton and former Past Master currently serving as Tiler for the lodge. Congratulations George- job well done. The weather has been ideal for all the cold thriving vegetables. Can’t wait for warmer weather to plant the rest of the garden. Happy gardening and stay well. God bless America.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133
Corr: Dennis Rich
July 18: “Early Harvest”
Aug. 15: “Summer Memories,” meetings at 2 P.M.

In May, about 15 people responded to the presentation on the Grange by State Master Robert Sendewicz. Membership applications were

submitted. A welcome ceremony was set for our June meeting, which was rescheduled for the 27th.

Our excitement over new vitality for Grange, was tempered by the loss of Rodney Merwin, our Gatekeeper, who died on May 16th. He was almost 90 years of age. Rodney was a Golden Sheaf member with well over 50 years of service. His enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

This summer, we will be focusing on organization of our Grange and orienting new members. Planning of activities will be on the agenda. On Spetember 1st, we will be hosting Fairfield County Pomona’s meeting at 7:30 P.M. which will follow a potluck supper at 6 P.M.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134
Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to July and August. The months associated with the birth of our Nation and the hazy, hot and humid days of summer.

My husband Tom and I continue to lovingly nurture our vegetable and herb garden and our many colorful flower planters. We so enjoy tending to our plants, which we started indoors from seedlings, then planted outdoors and now we take great pride in watching them grow into nature’s bounty.

Now onto the Grange stuff – During our May (Pizza & Ice Cream Social Night) meeting, our State President/Master Bob Sendewicz showed us the informative DVD of the Oliver H. Kelley Farm in MN. As you probably know, Oliver H. Kelley was the founding father of the Patrons of Husbandry (The Grange). The narrative was enjoyed by all and we thank Bob for sharing it with us. We had 3 new potential members, Dave Klein, a local farmer and Michael and Beata White join us for the evening. We hope our Yvonne Wannop, who was not feeling well as of this writing, is doing better. She is a very sweet, kind and giving person -Yvonne, we love you! Here’s some good news, our Hank Barrachina is looking so much healthier lately. Hank, keep up the good work “Brother”.

Our Featured CT AARP Column #11 - People in

Medicare Part D who reach the gap (or “doughnut hole”) in their prescription drug coverage this year will automatically receive a \$250 rebate check. This one-time payment is the first step in closing the doughnut hole that is a costly burden for millions of older Americans. Starting in 2011, people with Part D coverage will receive a 50% discount on brand-name drugs and a 7% discount on generic drugs while they’re in the doughnut hole. These discounts will gradually increase until the doughnut hole is completely eliminated in 2020. Hang on to your receipts. If no rebate arrives this year and you think it should, it will help to have your receipts when you talk to Medicare. Also, watch out for scams. If someone offers to help get your check -- for a fee – or asks for your personal information, you should immediately report them to the police or the Attorney General. For more information, go to: www.AARP.org/getthefacts.

Happy 234th Birthday to the United States of America!

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God Bless America! – Land That We Love!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

July 13: Patriotic Program
Aug. 10: Picnic Supper, 6:30- Country Store
Sept. 14: Installation of Officers
Sept. 19: Country Fair- 11-3

Country Fair winds are blowing a gale, thanks to Chris and Lyn Kimberly and their hardy band of cosmic forces. Please note that the fair is scheduled from 11 to 3 on Sunday, September 19, and not on the 18th as previously printed in the Pomona Handbook. It’s going to be an exciting day!

We had two very special visitors at our May meeting: Joan Ziegler, member of the State W.A. Committee (who also plays a mean piano; we made good use of her) and Dennis Rich, Master of Greenfield Hill Grange and member of the State Agriculture Committee. And we are indebted to Marge Sendewicz for leading us in a deeply moving memorial service in which we remembered Olive Phillips. Lecturer Sue Sulla then had us concentrating on Mothers’ Day, as only she knows how to do. Her quizzes included some zingers!

There were some important orders of business at the May meeting. We voted to send \$300 to the “Grandmothers’ Club”, \$300 for a campership for Emerson Phillips’ son (and Ollie Phillips’ grandson), and a \$500 scholarship for graduating senior Julia Robinson, a granddaughter of one of our new members, Kareen Kanaga.

Finally, we have all been asked to donate something towards “a baby shower” which is being sponsored by the State CWA. Our deadline: the August 10 Picnic Supper.

Trumbull Grange

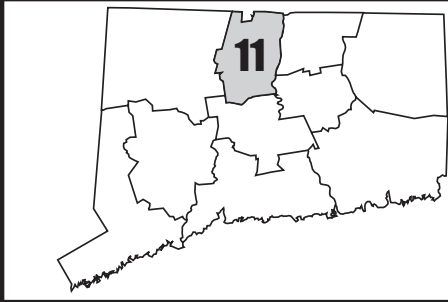


Potential members Dave Klein (far left) and Michael White (far right) post with State Master Bob Sendewicz and Tom Sulier at Trumbull Grange.



(Left) Three generations of the Malatesta family pose for a picture (Beata White, Louise & Lauren Malatesta).

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 VALEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
Aug. 30: CHANGE OF DATE-- (MONDAY) - Farmington Valley Pomona Picnic, 12:00 Vesper Service, 1:00 Potluck.

Some of our good friends from Mountain County Pomona and East Central Pomona along with the Westons from Massachusetts came to our aid for the conferral of the Fifth Degree. We appreciated all they did to help. It was a nice evening ending with refreshments furnished by our Granges.

The June meeting found us in West Suffield for a program called "Flowers in Bloom."

Pomona's annual picnic will be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 30 at 21-23 Thayer Ave. in Collinsville. A worship service, conducted by Chaplain Bob Brockett will take place at noon and the picnic will follow.

Summer is upon us! We hope you all will enjoy happy days of vacation and outdoor activities.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian Shaw

July 9: Planning next year's program and election of officers

July 24: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

Aug. 20: Program after N.E. Lecturer's Conference

Aug. 21: 12 Noon Picnic at Camp Berger

Aug. 28: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

An interesting FFA Program was presented by Secretary Rachel Liberty, Treasurer Alexander Poerto, and Suffield teacher on May 21 and gave each of us a Suffield Regional FFA Goat Soap they made.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pamela Covington

July 6: Red, White, Blue

Aug. 3: How is the Garden

In May, we had our Evaluation and everything went well. We had a very nice meeting, and the refreshments Sister Doris brought were delicious.

The program was on the monuments in Washington, D.C. The members seemed to enjoy it. We were glad to have a program, but hope Al Foster will be better and able to be back with us soon.

If you want to visit, please check to be sure we are having a meeting. We enjoy having people come to see us and always have a good time.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Marguerite Schofield
 Hello!

We delivered all 144 Dictionaries to the third grade students of Cherry Brook Elementary School in Canton this June. Will send a few pictures for the next issue of the Granger. It was a nice time and the children loved the Dictionaries.

We are off until September, enjoy your summer.

Our quote for this month is: "The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook."- Julia Child

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

July 14: "Vacations at Home"

Aug. 25: Lunch at Noon, Set-up for Simsbury Ag. Fair

Aug. 28: Come to the Fair (Grange Hall- 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.)

WehavemissedLecturer, Wanda Kansas, who has been confined to home for much of the spring season. We hope she is doing well and will be back into the swing of things by the time you are reading this. Even though she was not getting around, she managed to keep making lap robes for the convalescent home and

we have received two letters of thanks from Kimberly Hall.

It is nice to be back in our hall for the warmer months. Our evaluations (conducted by Deputy Doris Shaw) took place following a nice potluck luncheon.

Now it is full speed ahead for our Agricultural Fair which will take place on August 18th with wonderful exhibits and displays by our local farms. Needlework, baking, flowers, vegetables, etc. will be judged. Games for

the children and a snack bar will add to the fun- and there will be surprises! Come join us!

WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

Corr: Pamela Covington

July 13: Picnic Time - 12:00 P.M. at Grange Hall

Aug. 10: Agricultural Program- in charge of Agricultural Comm.

On May 11, we welcomed Doris Shaw, Deputy of Farmington Valley Pomona and Ted Beebe, of the State Membership

Committee to our meeting. Unfortunately we were able to have the books checked and turned in some of our reports to Sister Doris. We were not able to do our actual meeting part as we were lacking a quorum. We felt bad to see our Grange in bad shape. Some were sick and others away. We hope the next ones will be better.

We are at the Grange hall and eat at 12:00 P.M. and have the meeting at 1:00 P.M. We love visitors.

Marlborough Grange No. 205



Marlborough Grange President Laura Combs presenting Conn. State Grange Master Robert Sendewicz with a gift for Camp Berger.

Below: Marlborough Grange members and friends pose with Citizen of the Year Dianne Grenier, holding proclamation presented by State Representative Pam Sawyer of the CT General Assembly.



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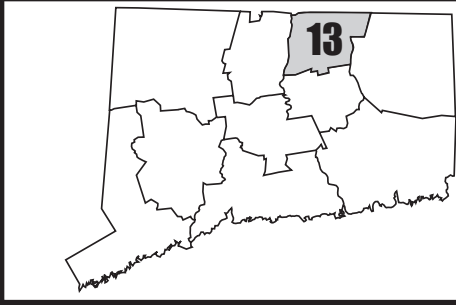


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North Central Pomona No. 13



Stafford No. 1

✓ Tolland No. 51

✓ Vernon No. 52

Enfield No. 151

NORTH CENTRAL POMONA #13 gardens and enjoying the summer weather. North Central Pomona is on holiday!
Corr: J. Jordan
Hope everyone is enjoying working in the

AgNews



Dan Mutchler, State Ag. Committee
As I write, the weather indicates Spring has come and Summer is just around the corner, which is nice. In this article you can find out about the Ag projects for 2010 and also I will thank those who assisted at Ag Day in Hartford in March.

The Sunflower seeds have now been distributed to the ten Pomona Ag Chairmen. Included in their packets along with seeds for each Grange are applications for the four awards offered by our Committee: Young Farmer of the Year, Outstanding Farmer of the Year, Outstanding Production Award, and Outstanding Professional Award. This can be fun and interesting and I ask all the Granges to please submit at least one application for us to select from by October 1. Refer to the Blue Book. And now, to clarify a question some may have about just who is eligible to be nominated for these awards: any person, Grange member or not. Just last year it was a Granger who received one of these awards so please try to think of someone deserving even if they come right from your own Grange. We strive to be an interesting committee and to have fun educational projects for all so please do participate. You might want to plant your sunflower seeds by the middle to end of June and if you can time it right cut them just before State Grange in October; but remember they will first need to be judged at your Pomonas. For Juniors, there is no Pomona judging we would like all their sunflowers to go directly to State Grange for judging.

On March 18 CT Ag Day took place and the Grange was represented with a bright informative booth right in the capitol building. The following people deserve thanks and recognition for their contributions: Cindy Legg, Frances Brockett, Lois Evankow, Mary Medberry, Joan Toomey, Polly Leonard and even myself baked Hartford Election Cake samples. Mrs. Barbara Roberts, Nancy Weissmuller and Jon Hermonot generously made cookies for the event. Dick and Dot Wingate from Studio Farms kindly donated samples of homemade jams and jellies which filled out our Grange display in the ‘local farm products’ section. Ron Purinton, Bob Brockett, Ernie Finch, myself and Ray and Cindy Legg manned the booth all day and talked ourselves hoarse answering questions about who and what the Grange is, and directing people how to find a Grange near them to visit. I also want to thank Gino Piacentini and Karen Macdonald who stayed after the event and were helpful by packing up the display with us. Also a special thanks to Gordon Gibson for his support and to Sister Terri Fassio out there in California for designing the tags for our cake samples and all the ongoing technical support with the State Grange website.

We have plenty of extra seeds and they are available; just talk to Ernie Finch (860) 354-4659 or me (860) 434-1086 or any member of the Ag Committee.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan
July 6: “Icy”
Aug. 3: Dutch Treat
We will be discussing ice cream in July and then eating it in August. So, for some cool refreshments join us for Dutch treat in August.
Tolland Grange welcomes three new members: Trish Curran, Aaron Auclair and Monica Auclair.
Hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather. Stay well.
VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong
July 9: Good Housekeeping - Bring a tip!
Aug. 6: Picnic Time at Linda’s
We are very saddened by the passing of an over 75 year member and Past Master Norman Strong. He died peacefully at home on

the farm where he wanted to be surrounded by his family. Vernon Grange did a very meaningful graveside service at his plot across the street from his farmland. “Well done good and faithful servant.”
This summer we will have a July program of good housekeeping in July and our annual pot luck picnic in August at the home of Linda Niederwerfer’s home.

A tribute to Vernon’s Norman Strong

When Nancy asked me to substitute for her as Master of Vernon Grange today I thought about not only the connections I had with Norman through the Grange, but the many other connections I had with him, and a few words from the Twenty-Third Psalm came to my mind: “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.” When I was a teenager, Norman was my 4H Leader. I bought hay from him for my animals. He got me to serve on the Vernon Conservation Commission. He asked me to join the Republican Town Committee. He invited me to become a member of the Agricultural Education Consultant Committee at Rockville High School. He was happy when I told him I was one of the founding directors of Connecticut Farmland Trust. He taught me to give of myself as he had done for the betterment of our community.

The Grange started as an agricultural organization, so its teachings are based on farming. There are four degrees in the Subordinate, or Community, Grange, based on the four seasons of the year. In each degree the Master of the Grange delivers the most important instructions.

Norman served as Master for the Fall and Winter Degrees and I serve as Master for the Spring and Summer Degrees. Paraphrasing from the Summer Degree, I have in my hand some kernels of corn. They are dry and hard, not much to look at, certainly nothing any of us would want to eat. But each year in the late spring we put those kernels of corn in the ground and cover them with dirt. To all appearances they are dead and buried, but in a few days they send forth green blades that grow until they produce a new crop of corn.

Soon we will place Norman’s mortal body in the ground and cover it with dirt. But just as we have faith that the seeds of corn will sprout and grow into a new crop, so we have faith that Norman will be resurrected into another world where there will never more be suffering or pain. He has laid down his implements on earth, but we have faith that he has been welcomed into that city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and received that welcome plaudit, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Fraternally,
Gordon F. Gibson

Are you advertising properly?

Carl Bernhardt, State Information Dir.
When advertising our Grange, we must include only positive images of our Grange and its activities. One thing many people forget when preparing their advertising is appearance. Is your Hall in good shape? Has the lawn been cut? Are your posters neat and orderly? Is your news release concise and does it contain

all the information? All of these make a difference. Another important item is being courteous to visitors. It is important to greet non-members when they enter your Hall. How these people are treated and what they see will make a lasting impression on their minds. Hopefully, they may wish to join your Grange.



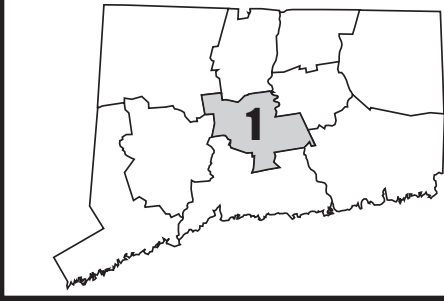
Joe LoPresti performs at the New London Cty. square dance.

THANK
You!

Thank you for all the cards I received during my hospital stay last month. I should get back to normal use of my arms by the end of this year. I had Guillain Barre Syndrome.

Thanks again,
Brian A. Carpenter

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
July 12: Picnic
Aug. 9: Get Ready for the Fair
August 14: 60th Annual Southington Grange Fair
Greetings from Southington Grange!!!
Wow, I can't believe that we

are already into summer. Don't forget, even though we have summer vacations planned, there is still work to be done at the Grange. On July 12th, we will have our picnic where we kick back and have some good eats and have some good fun. Maybe this is a good

time to invite the public to see all the fun that they are missing.
On August 9th, we will start getting ready for our big day!!! On August 14th, we will hold our 60th Annual Grange Fair. Fun is to be had for all. It all starts in the morning with a pancake breakfast, then a snack bar in the afternoon followed by fun with clowns, a fire truck, and followed with lots more fun. We will have craft vendors also. Then for dinner, come down for a wonderful Chicken Barbeque and then the big event of the

evening, the auction. You can get some pretty good deals and walk out with lots of great baked goods, flowers and fresh veggies. Contact any Southington Grange Member for more information and tickets.
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 & 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (Except January and February - 2nd Monday only unless it's snowing, then the meeting is canceled and rescheduled for the fourth Monday of the

month) at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit Street and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville Section of Southington.
HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
July 9: Picnic at the Swanson's at 6:00
July 23: Business Meeting, Vacation News
Aug. 13: Superstitions
Aug. 27: Mystery Jumps and Skips
Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

President's Ponderings

Ed Luttrell, National Grange Master
The "President's Ponderings" is a blog posted periodically on the web by National Master Ed Luttrell and is available at the following address: www.grangepresident.blogspot.com. The following is the Worthy Master's entry for June 3, 2010.
Discussion of Big Issues Including Global Warming
The Grange is an organization that encourages our members to discuss, debate, and even to disagree on issues in order to find common ground and solutions to real problems. Policies of the Community, State, and National Grange are the result of our grassroots based concept of setting the official view of our organization through a democratic, collective decision making process. The end result is that the issues that we set policy on are not always the same. A Community Grange policy may differ from their State Grange's policy on the same topic. Any State may have an opposing view from the National Grange's policies.
In reality the only members who are required to publicly support any of the policies of the Grange are the leaders at each level that has policy on that issue. Our support comes from the discussion of our membership during the adoption progress.
Issues such as global warming or climate change, are huge issues that have the potential to divide any group. I am aware of many members of our organization that believe strongly that we are the sole cause of this problem, while many others question just how much change is happening and do not believe that mankind has the power to change climate.

Many groups have taken "politically correct" positions so that they don't have to take the heat. Some groups have ignored the issue and a few have taken the opportunity to have open discussion. On the issue of global warming, all possible positions have danger, at least in a political sense.
Our stand is that each member must follow their own conscience on each issue. Where they disagree with official policy, they should advocate for its change internally and work for their point of view outside the organization. Calling names or implying that leaders are wrong for carrying out the policies of the Grange at that level are not actions based upon the high standards of Grange principles.
The Grange position on global warming is rather brief. We are opposed to the current various incarnations of the "Cap and Trade" bill as they are more about revenue generation than impacting any global warming. We are also opposed to increasing legislation or regulation to restrict greenhouse gasses as governmental intervention seldom solves the problem.

We have a long history of 142 years, during which we have consistently advocated for good stewardship of our land and environment. We don't always agree with particular pieces of legislation or specific rules from agencies, but we do believe that good stewardship must be part of our lifestyle, regardless of whether we live in a rural area or an urban environment. During our traditional initiation process each new member is left with the goal that we should leave the world a better place than we found it.
The Grange remains one of the few organizations where open discussion of the big issues is not only possible, but encouraged. Tempers may occasionally flare, passions may erupt, but the end goal is a civil discussion where all learn something and we search together for common ground.
None of the big issues facing our society will be solved with "bumper sticker" solutions. We understand that complex problems often require solutions that require patience, time, and the ability to change and adapt as we learn. I am confident that Grange policies will continue to change and adapt without losing the fundamental principles that our organization has. The principle of open discussion of the big issues of the day is alive and well.

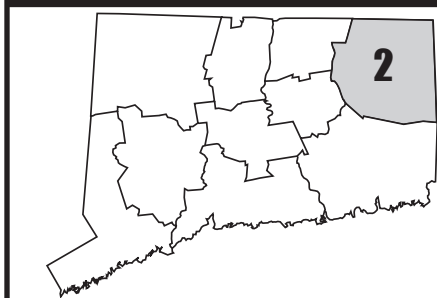
Mystery Meeting Place



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 Wolcott Grange Hall. The following individuals correctly identified the hall: Michelle Bernhardt of Cheshire Grange, Diane Godin of Beacon Valley Grange, Rosalie Piller of Cheshire Grange and Cindy Legg of Southington Grange.



Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



Senexet No. 40
Brooklyn No. 43
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✓ Ekonk No. 89
Ashford No. 90
Putnam No. 97
✓ Killingly No. 112
Echo No. 180

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: *Elsie M. Johnson*

June 9: Election Night-Agriculture Comm. Ref. Strawberries

June 23: Potluck- Fun Night

July 14: Neighbor's Night
Crazy weather we have. People that put in early gardens have lost them. Fruit trees have taken a frost. Wait and see how the crops will be. We had inspection night. Nice meeting with the Deputies. Only one winner in the CWA muffin contest. Someone brough in about 5 pounds of tabs.

We are sponsoring a pancake breakfast June 5 to help the food pantry. Dick supplied music for us-- harmonica and guitar. Hope to see neighbors on neighbor's night to see the renovated hall. Come on in.

Happy birthday to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: *Sue Gray*

July 24: "Blueberry Supper" 5-7 pm Adults \$12, under 12, \$6.00 preschoolers free. Stuffed chicken breast, baked potato, corn on the cob & blueberry crisp topped with real whipped cream!

Aug. 14: "Peach Shortcake Supper" 5-7 pm Adults \$12, under 12, \$6.00 preschoolers free. Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vgs., applesauce, Peach shortcake with real whipped cream!

Aug. 14: 28th Annual Fair
Aug. 16: Installation of Officers

Wow! Our Strawberry set all records. We had a line of hungry attendees stretching from the front door to the road at 4:30 and it just never stopped; thankfully we had enough food, only running out of potato salad. The workers were shortchanged on food, but didn't complain and we added just over \$2,000.00 PROFIT to our treasury:

thanks to all Juniors and Subordinates who helped in any way: great job all!

Our June meeting had to be postponed due to no electricity on all of Ekonk Hill. We rescheduled for June 28th so I cannot write our election results or list the names of our newest members until the September issue.

Our pies and apple crisps are now all sold: excellent fundraiser.

June 29th we begin a new adventure: our Grange will set up at every Farmers Market on Rt. 12 in Plainfield for the season.

We are selling home baked goods. If your car takes you to Plainfield on a Thursday from 4-6 p.m.: look us up, say hello and maybe you can leave with a special "goodie" one of cooks baked.

Thanks to those who worked at the Ekonk booth at Brooklyn Ag Days. The weather certainly did not cooperate, but we added \$200.00 to the treasury (for 2 days efforts) and made our prescence known.

Plan to attend our 28th annual Fair on Saturday, August 14th from 10-3. There will be plenty of good food in the kitchen and events throughout the day to delight children of all ages. Our special baking contest this year in Evelyn Pelletiers "Butter Pecan Squares"-call 860-564-2131 if you need a Fair premium book. Have a wonderful summer!

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: *Gloria John*

July 13: Bingo- Ice Cream Social

July 27: Omit

Aug. 10: Omit

Aug. 24: Vacation Time

We enjoyed our annual picnic at Sara Tormey's home. She was our Secretary for 49 years before she retired.

Two of our members,

Alma Graham and Betty Lussier have been busy making beautiful pillowcases. They are donating 14 of them to the Hole in the Wall Gang in Ashford. We appreciate their beautiful work.

Our member Ann Hall who is in the Mansfield Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation in Storrs, turned 99 on June 4th. Happy Birthday Ann.

Our Lady Ass't Steward, Louise Garabedian has had

another operation on her hip. We wish her well.

I hope everyone's gardens are coming along well with the beautiful weather we have been having.

Let's Celebrate in July



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

CONGRATULATIONS to all our newly elected or re-elected Lecturers. Lecturer can be a fun and rewarding job, but it also carries with it a lot of responsibilities. A Lecturer can make or break a Grange. I know we have a lot of talented Lecturers out there. Please use your talents to help our Granges grow. And, if you are not a Lecturer, please remember, everyone needs help once in a while. If you have an idea or are willing to put on a program, please

tell your Lecturer.

LET'S CELEBRATE will be held this year on July 24th at Cheshire Grange Hall. Several committees are working together to make this a great day for all. Contests will be on display for all to see. With the change of location there should be plenty of room for everything to be seen at its' best.

Our PHOTO CONTEST will be a part of the show. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. Our Juniors will be serving a meatloaf dinner from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be only \$8.00 per person. Sounds like a good deal to me. Entertainment will be by "The Silk City Four, a Barbershop Quartet from Manchester. This part of the day will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. We will also

CELEBRATE New Orleans style. If you have never been to Mardi Gras, be sure and come and catch your very own beads.

If you are entering in the CWA contests, Lecturer's Photo Contest or any of the other committee contests your entries must be brought to the hall between 9:00 and 11:00 on Friday, July 23rd. This is new this year, but will enable everything to be set up and ready for judging and display before the hall is opened on Saturday. In the case of the photos, they can be mailed to me or brought to the State Office in Glastonbury a few days ahead of time.

Hope to Celebrate with all of you in Cheshire on the 24th.



Jim and Pat Palmer prepare the Lasagna lunch during Grange Sunday at Good Will Grange.



State Chaplain Amy Whitcomb gives the Grange Sunday sermon.



E. Central Pomona (Manchester) winning A Number skit "The House Behind the House."

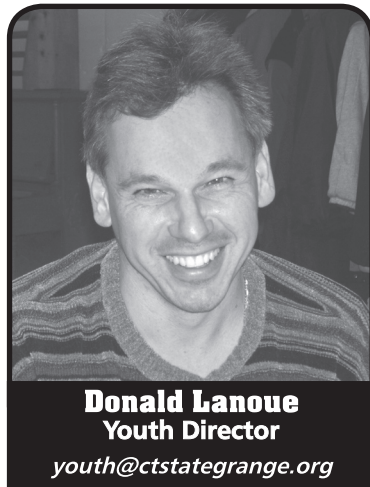


Robin Lee, of Cheshire, performs her 1st place talent number during the Lecturer's program.



Hi! Wanted to let everyone know that the “Big E” Contest was held on Grange Sunday and the winners that will go on to Eastern States are: 7 & Under - Kayla Michaud of Hillstown. 8-10- Zach Dufrane of North Stonington & 11-12- Jenna Cullers of North Stonington. Each first place winner will receive 4 tickets to the “Big E” and one parking pass. Thanks to all the Junior Grnager that entered. Just to remind you all that “Let’s Celebrate” will be on July 24th and the Junior Committee will be holding a Meatloaf Dinner from 12 noon to 1:30 that day at the Cheshire Grange Hall. The cost will be \$8. For information or tickets you can call me or they will be available at the door. There are people around the state that have tickets. All proceeds will go to the Helmet Project to finish up our year. thanks in advance.

HILLSTOWN JR. #87
Corr: Rita Schaefer



Hi everyone I hope that you are enjoying your summer. I would like to thank all that participated in the lasagna dinner it was a great success. The youth will be enjoying the Northeast Youth Conference on July 9-11 this year.
It is sure Massachusetts has done a great job preparing a busy weekend for the youth. Soon it will be time for State session and the youth committee

Junior Grange

July 8: Grange Picnic

The Junior Grangers will be enjoying their summer vacations and will return in September.
They have held their regular meetings and have enjoyed the crafts and other projects planned for them.
More news next time.

EKONK COMM. JR. #101
Corr: Sue Gray

The kids are doing great! Can’t say enough good about the wonderful group at Ekonk Junior! They are working on crafts for State judging. We have active scouts, honor society members, musicians, play members, sports team players, they are just in a great variety of activities in

addition to Junior Grange: bless them all! We thank each and every Junior who literally ran waiting on tables at our Strawberry Supper: great job! Andrew Molodich was elected Junior Master for the coming year: congratulations Andy! He is a 4th generation Ekonk Granger!
In June the Juniors held their annual Fishing Derby, in July they will have a picnic and in August they will exhibit at our Fair as well as enjoying the Moon Bounce (that they pay for), the Hula Hooping, the Bike Rodeo & the nail driving! Thanks again to Mike and Betsy Molodich for their outstanding leadership!



Members of Ekonk Community Junior Grange.

Youth Report



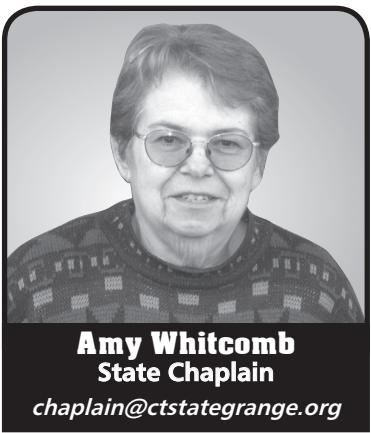
State Youth Director Don Lanoue (left) presenting Victor Salazar, member of the State Youth Committee and Eureka Grange No. 62 with a keepsake gavel from his experience serving as Master of the Youth Officer Corps during the 2008 National Grange Convention in Connecticut. The presentation was made a Grange Sunday at Good Will Grange in June.
will be looking for goodies one more time.
for the hospitality room

In Memoriam

Huena Wetmore, GS	Cheshire Grange #23
Norman R. Strong, G.S.	Vernon Grange #52
Ethel Harris, G.S.	Coventry Grange #75
Beatrice S. English	Hillstown Grange #87
Rodney Merwin, G.S.	Greenfield Hill Grange #133
Betty Campo, G.S.	N. Stonington Grange #138
Patricia McGowan, G.S.	N. Stonington Grange #138
Frank Doyle, G.S.	Prospect Grange #144
Edward Russell, G.S.	Hemlock Grange #182

Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

Chaplain’s Message



This is the season of growth, both in our lives and in our gardens. When we plant we have faith that the seeds will sprout and mature to plants. So with our lives when we plant the seeds of faith and they come to maturity. Having faith

means believing that there will be a particular outcome as a result of some influence or act. Consider a simple act that we perform each day. Each morning as you brush your teeth you go to the faucet expecting when you turn it the water will come. You do not wonder if the faucet will deliver water, you have faith that the water will be there the same as every other time you turned it.

Jesus wanted us to understand that the flow of God is as reliable as water from a faucet. It is not dependent on any act of ours other than a turn of the handle. This is the kind of unquestioning faith that he had in God, and he knew that if we were going to repeat what he did, then we needed the same type of faith.

Think about it; we do not get up in the morning and pray to our faucet for water. We do not tell the faucet that we will be good all day or ask for forgiveness from it. Yet we do these things hoping to find favor with God.

Faith is an expectation. We expect certain things in life based on what we have come to see as normal. We become so used to conditions that we do not question whether they can ever be or should be any different. Our expectations become as automatic as breathing, and it seems wrong to question things or to assume anything different.

Jesus radically challenged this practice. He knew that as long as we had faith in the limiting ideas that we believed were normal, we would never evolve to the point of being able to repeat what he did. He wanted us to break down the barriers which we place around us, barriers that keep God’s forgiveness from us, so that we could expand our ideas of normal to include his vision of a rich, abundant life. He knew that this meant shattering our worn-out assumptions about life.