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Making a difference



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I had the great opportunity and pleasure to volunteer at the Northeast Community Kitchen in Danielson as part of Web Industries Hartford's (the company that I work for) Service to Our Community Campaign.

When I arrived I was greeted by a woman named Connie. Connie is a middle aged woman who seemed a little rough around the edges and is the site coordinator for the Danielson Community Kitchen. Connie immediately set to work dicing ham. When I asked what the menu for the day was, she replied, it was going to be macaroni salad and Sloppy Joes, but her plans were

changed when the hamburger she was promised never came through so she quickly changed the menu to her version of an Italian Wedding soup, macaroni salad with ham and baked beans.

You see, the Community Kitchens in Northeast CT rely heavily on donations from the CT Food Bank and local Supermarkets, and when something doesn't come through like hamburger, Connie has to make do with what she has in her freezer and storage closet. I was astounded by what she did with so little. Connie took 4 pounds of frozen meatballs had two volunteers cut them into smaller pieces as the meat in her soup.

The 8 pounds of diced ham was prepared to be part of the macaroni salad. As the recipients of the lunch arrived, some by 10:00, lunch isn't served till 12:00; they were all greeted by Connie and offered a beverage and snack.

66 people were served lunch, for many of them this meal was most likely their only meal for the day. There were homeless families; people from the two local shelters and some just down on their luck and Connie knew them all, if not when they arrived, definitely by the time they left. When one person asked if there was enough for them to have seconds,

Connie replied, "No one goes hungry when Connie's cooking, you know that." There wasn't a soul she didn't treat with respect and dignity, regardless of their circumstance.

Prior to the meal being finished she told all of the volunteers "you make sure no now leaves here without a loaf of bread and a plate to take home if they want it." When everyone left, be it someone who came for lunch or a volunteer, we all left with an offer of more food, a loaf of bread and a kind word from Connie.

This was one of the most moving experiences in my life. I know all areas are affected by the level of need I saw, but I was blind. Blind because I never want to see the true need. Not seeing the true need meant our community was exempt from it, it didn't happen. There were no homeless, no drug addicts. How could there be, I never see them. What a wonderfully sheltered life I lead. When I saw a group of VERY dedicated volunteers giving of themselves unselfishly; judging no one, it made me somewhat embarrassed.

How dare I turn a blind eye? I do not live a life of luxury; I don't have expensive clothes, what makes me better than anyone else? These questions keep going through my mind over and

over again.

The other question that keeps my mind reeling is, are we as an organization doing enough? Are we making sure our community service projects are truly needed by the community? Are we focused on our community service efforts? CAN WE DO MORE? We can, and we must.

To ensure my family does not live with the blindness I unknowing have, I have asked each of them to volunteer this summer at the Community Kitchen here in town; and I challenge every Grange member to dig deep within themselves and truly make a difference in your community, not for the Grange, but for you.

Old Fashioned Picnic July 21 in N. Stonington



Carol Hnath (left) and Shelly Racine
at the 2011 Picnic in RI

The picnic will be held at North Stonington Community Grange and Fairgrounds, 21 Wyassup Rd, North Stonington, Connecticut beginning after 10:00 A.M.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Watermelon and Ice Cream will be furnished. Connecticut Grangers to bring sides and salads. Rhode Island Grangers to bring snacks and desserts. Featuring entertainment, old-fashioned picnic games, horseshoes, softball and more! Please RSVP ASAP to the Central Office at (860) 633-7550 or via e-mail at secretary@ctstategrange.org.

Fill your car for a fun day with Grange friends and neighbors from Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Members, Prospective Members and Friends of the Grange are welcome!

2012 Legislative Fly-In



Alma Graham
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In May Gordon Gibson, Phil Prelli, myself and my husband Bruce traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In. National Grange had set up a series of speakers on different bills that National Grange is monitoring. We were then briefed by staff of the National Grange on

our standings on these bills. National Grange set up appointments with our Senators and Congressional office staff plus we were able to meet with Representative Joe Courtney of the 2nd district to discuss the various bills. We also were treated to a tour of the Capitol building.

National Grange passed out information on US Postal Reform bill recommendations which are being watched by National Grange. They are quite concerned about loss of service to rural areas.

Billy Tauzin, who is involved with Fight Fraud
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Legislative Fly-In

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First, spoke on Medicare/Medicaid fraud. Fight Fraud First is a coalition of national organizations representing seniors, persons with disabilities, military veterans and minorities advocating the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse of Medicare and Medicaid. Tauzin spoke on the importance of encouraging our legislators to work to control Medicare/Medicaid fraud before they start cutting into vital programs. According to their information it is estimated that there was upwards of \$65 billion in improper Medicare/Medicaid payments made in 2011. He did acknowledge that some steps have been made to control this fraud but felt that more should be done before cutting services.

We were then introduced to Mike Stranz who is with the Farmer's Union and Michael Scuse from the USDA. They spoke on the 2012 Farm Bill that is being worked on in the House and Senate. Every 5 to 7 years the legislature presents a new farm bill to deal with agricultural, nutrition and conservation. Many of the programs from the last Farm bill are set to expire in 2012.

Unlike Connecticut where sessions committees consist of members of both the House and Senate Committees at the National level are separate. At the time we were in Washington, the Senate Agricultural Committee had passed a farm bill which was waiting to be presented on the

Senate Floor. The House Agricultural Committee was still on the process of drafting their Farm Bill. Once this bill is passed by the House committee. It will be presented to the House floor. Once both bills pass their respective chambers it will be sent to a committee consisting of both House and Senate members where they will work on a compromise.

President Obama created a bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform which is to address the nation's fiscal concerns. This committee initially created recommendations for the 2012 Farm Bill reducing spending by \$15 billion. The Bipartisan Debt Reductions Task

Force recommended \$30 billion in reductions. The Senate bill recommended reductions of \$23 billion. Rumor is that the House version may be closer to \$30 billion in reductions.

About 80 percent for the farm bills funds are used for Nutrition Programs such as the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast program, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). All these programs are essential in preventing hunger and promoting healthy diets. One proposal is to allow these funds to be used in farmers markets.

The other 20 percent of the Farm Bill funds are actually used for funding agricultural programs. Of this percentage presently 50% is used for crop

insurance, 45% for direct payments and 5% for other uses. The farm safety net or the commodity program which provides direct payments, counter-cyclical and marketing loan program is the most expensive outlay of funds.

The direct payment section presently provides farmers with fixed payments based on the farms historical plantings and yields. In the proposed bills the direct payment sections will be discontinued. They are proposing replacing it with Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC), a comprehensive insurance program.


Other recommendations include reducing the USDA work force, closing 131 farm service offices (some of which already have no employees) and closing foreign offices. They are looking at modernization and doubling exports. They want to encourage loans to new beginning farmers

and ranchers with a goal of 100 thousand new farms/ranches.

One area that is important to Connecticut is cutting conservation programs for agricultural lands preservation. Connecticut has made tremendous gains in preservation of agricultural lands and plans to continue doing so. Another issue we are facing is the definition of Rural. Some of the definitions would exclude many of Connecticut's towns from being eligible for USDA Rural Development funding. USDA funding can be found being used in many areas most are not aware of. I discovered that a health center which was just built in Willimantic used funds from the USDA.

The goal is to get both the House and Senate to bring the 2012 Farm Bill to the floor this year. This would allow farmers to plan ahead before they do their planting next year.

Granger Shout Out



- All messages should be NO MORE than 140 characters (roughly 20 words)... the max. length of a Twitter Tweet.

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Email your "Shout Out" to Granger@CTStateGrange.org (use "Granger Shout Out" in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

Thanks Barbara Bartram & Ruth Schnell for the enormous amount of time spent setting up, marking & working at Taghhannuck's Estate Sale

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Welcome New Members

The Connecticut State Grange welcomes the following new members. Names include those reported on the March Quarterly Report to the State Grange and names submitted directly to the Connecticut Granger prior to publication of this issue.

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Dolores Robitaille	Southington #25
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Teresa Baribault	Glastonbury #26
Steven Valys	Senexet #40
Llewellyn Berry	Brooklyn #43
Carol Marsh	Whigville #48
Suzanne Theriault	Whigville #48
Bert Salmon	Wolf Den #61
Billy Latulipe	Winchester #74
James Miller	Colchester #78
Lucien Moran	Harmony #92
Linda S. Moran	Harmony #92
Marilyn Voikas	Harmony #92
Connie Knapp	Putnam #97
Linda Amerighi	Taghhannuck Grange #100
Carol Knutson	Taghhannuck Grange #100
Dick Knutson	Taghhannuck Grange #100
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James Percoski	Enfield #151
Lisa Marecki	Riverton #169
Megan Keefe	Riverton #169
Allen R. Ouimet	Wolcott #173
Debra Ouimet	Wolcott #173
Christopher DiGenova	Wolcott #173
Allen Ouimet	Wolcott #173
Jennifer Stevens	Wolcott #173
Joe Oimet	Wolcott #173
Billy Olmsted	Wolcott #173
Joe Colapinto	Wolcott #173
Michael Schmaltz	Wolcott #173

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MISSION STATEMENT

New London County Pomona did not adopt a Mission Statement at their School of Instruction, but plan to work on it in the future.

NEWLONDONCOUNTYPOMONA#6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 25: New London County Picnic

Sept. ?: Installation of Officers

Our Degrees were a success, and we are happy to welcome two lovely young ladies from Lyme Grange to our Pomona. Pomona’s court was beautiful, and our officers recieved praise from Deputy East Jim Palmer, for their ritual work.

The New London County annual picnic will be held at Bluff Point in Groton. We were supposed to go their last year, but Hurricane Irene had other ideas, so we thought we’d try again. There are grills, picnic tables and lots of shade trees available. Please bring your own food, drinks and utensils. If you want to bring a dish to share I’m sure it will be appreciated. Debbie has a new game called Flickin’ Chicken for us to play. There are trails for walking and the birding is said to be excellent, so bring your binoculars.

The summer is here and we’re filled with good cheer,

‘fore long it will be picnic day.

We’ll all get together (Let’s hope for good weather),

And go out to Bluff Point and play.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

By now our crops are well planted. Hopefully we will all have plentiful vegetables, fruit and corn and hay to feed our priceless farm animals. We have had rain after a long dry spell and are most

thankful for it.

We are committed to grow our membership at #78, and have 8 new members to prepare for the Fifth Degree. Kudos to all I may have missed in May’s news.

We continue to be very active in Community affairs and activities in spite of new health regulations in soup kitchens and all of our food banks. Several months ago, food banks let us know they would no longer accept plastic grocery bags for clients to transport grocery items home. Only paper bags now. I can understand some of the health requirements regarding clean plastic bags. I do not like plastic anything for two good reasons. It’s not biodegradable and the plastic containers food is sold in for re-heating produce and leak harmful chemicals that leach into the food we eat. Why don’t they just stop making plastic? Soup kitchens will no longer accept used plastic containers for foods to be carried home for weekend meals even the soup kitchens sterilize all containers upon donation. They, by new health laws, will accept new containers effective immediately.

How can we continue to support our needy brothers, sisters and children with food and new containers to boot? It seems to be that all new state and federal health laws are clearly saying the would rather have people eat from dumpsters. When and where will all this ridiculousness end? Sounds like more legislation is needed to cancel the laws just put in place. Doesn’t anyone have common sense? You tell me!

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 12-15: North Stonington Agricultural Fair

July 20: I’d Like to Visit Philadelphia, PA

July 21: CT/RI Old Fashioned Grange Picnic at our grounds

At our May program we presented our Community Citizen Award to Theresa Pensis, the director of our town’s Senior Center. There were many seniors on hand to sing Theresa’s praises. She is a wonderful asset to our town.

On May 25 we held our Junior Grange Graduation Ceremony. The Juniors had transformed the stage into a lovely garden, and the ceremony was most impressive. We then conferred the Welcome Ceremony on three graduates of the Junior Grange; Jennifer and Julia Cullers and Noah Brown. We are most delighted to welcome these three young people to our Grange. Chaplain Cindy Anderson conducted a beautiful, candlelit Memorial Program in memory of the five Grangers who joined the Great Grange above this past year. Red roses were laid on our Bible for each lost Brother or Sister.

Don’t miss our annual Agricultural Fair. Our impressive new barn is up and there will be lots of food, games, rides, contests, arts and crafts, animals and entertainment for all to enjoy. Look for ride specials on Thursday and Sunday. Senior Citizen Day is Saturday because we know the seniors love our made-from-scratch ham and bean supper served from 5 to 7 that evening. Four day passes are available. And if those pesky ants don’t decide to get together and carry away my computer on their strong little backs, next time I’ll tell you about joyous June.

LYME GRANGE #147

July 5: Yankee Doodle Dandy

Aug. 2: Picnic

Aug. 17-19: Hamburg Fair

Sept. 2: School Days

We held a very profitable Plant and Food Sale. Because everything is donated, it’s clear profit. Over \$900 was realized. We worked with the church across the street by letting them use the hall for children’s items and books for their rummage sale. The Fence Committee and Bathroom Committee are hard at work.

Our CWA brought 11 items for needlework judging to Pomona. We have many winners going to the State level.

Hopefully we will have a wonderful summer. A little rain here and there to help people with dug wells and the temperature not over-bearing. It sure gets hot in our hall. All are welcome. We have fans!

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

Across the river from Westerly, RI, in the Pawcatuck section of the town of Stonington, in an old mill that for many years was used to manufacture printing presses, you will find a small business named Cottrell Brewing. It is a successful micro-brewery that produces about 5,000 barrels of beer annually, primarily for the southeast CT-RI marketplace, although they do ship as far as Ohio. Old Yankee ale has been their flagship label since 1996. The business

offers free brewery tours and a large group from Stonington Grange took full advantage of this one Friday afternoon in June. We were joined by our State Master and First Lady. We learned everything you could possibly want to know about the making of beer from boiling the hot water to the finished product. Beer is made from grains and water in batches that take about a week to complete and it gets pretty gassy while fermenting. We saw a batch that was halfway through the process, the bottling line, kegs being cleaned, and then we got to sample the finished products. Cottrell currently brews four different beers from strong to very strong. At the brewery you can buy a “growler” which is the term for a 64 oz glass bottle, have it filled with your beer of choice, and bring it home to enjoy in the safety of your house. We understand that it goes flat soon after it is opened so you need to drink it quickly. Makes a great temporary souvenir.

Carl’s May program was a history of his ancestors, the Palmer family, who were some of the original settlers of Stonington. By coincidence, Jim and Pat Palmer were visiting our Grange that evening. We learned a lot about the history of the area, and how things came to be.

Our next meeting will be “Flag Day” and election of officers.

Enjoy your growlers!

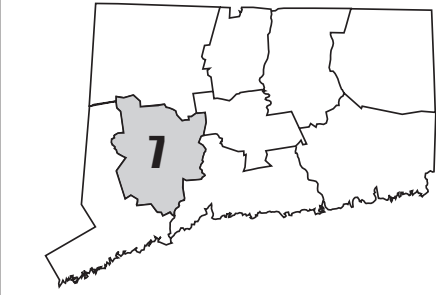
Colchester Wins 1st



Colchester Grange No. 78 won first prize for its “float” in the patriotic category of the Colchester Memorial Day Parade.

photo by Lois Evankow

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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- ✓ Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7
Corr: Jean Meehan

Everyone enjoyed making Peachy Deals at the June meeting at Watertown Grange. Thank you Watertown Grange for your great hospitality.

The program for the September 19th meeting is U.S.S. Excelsior to be held at the Bridgewater Grange.

If you haven't been to Pomona in a while, please come and enjoy the great friendship and projects.

Joanne Cipriano has graciously invited us all to her home for the Pomona's annual picnic. The potluck lunch will begin at 1 P.M. on August 12th. You need to be prepared to enjoy some good food and fun and games.

Hope our local Lecturers attended the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in New Hampshire. If you didn't, you really missed a good time.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103
Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our meeting in July is titled "Summertime and the Living is Easy." It will be a relaxful meeting as the weather is usually hot (very hot). On May 25th we celebrated our 123rd anniversary. It was a good evening and we thank everyone who came to help us celebrate. Visiting Officers present were: Past Voting Delegate Mildred Bell; State Officers: Jody Cameron, Master; Jodi Ann, First Lady; Marge Bernhardt Lecturer and Carl - Deputy New Haven County Pomona; Robert Buck Gatekeeper and Maggie Agriculture Committee; Todd Gelineau General Deputy; Terri Fassio Information Director; Barbara Robert Social Connection; Jean Meehan and Jaimie Cameron Junior Committee. Representing the Town of Naugatuck was Tammy Rossi.

Rosemary and John

O'Toole were recognized as our "Citizen of the Year." The O'Tooles share their comic talent each year at the Kollege Kapers Show in Naugatuck.

Our members also presented Todd Gelineau a token of appreciation for his work as the Editor of the Connecticut Granger.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121
Corr: Linda Coad

July 23: Let's Travel Across the Sea, 7:30 P.M., Country Store, Ref. Rob & Skip

Aug. 27: Competitive Night, 7:30 P.M., Ref. Shirley Petrillo

Sept. 24: Dutch Treat at Theo's, Education in a One Room Schoolhouse, 6:30 and 7:30 P.M.

WATERTOWN GRNAGE #122
Corr: Fred Fairchild

July 6: Theme- Summer Fair

July 20: Theme: Vacation Time

In the good old summertime, we will meet no matter the heat. Our Lecturer promises to cool us off with a program full of ideas to beat the heat. Now that the last firecracker has gone off we will try to enjoy the summer before us, so come out and neighbor with us and cool your heels, all are welcome.

Ah, yes, vacation time. A time to rest and relax. Just maybe a time to get outside and enjoy the splendor of nature. A time to enjoy Pomona's variety of succulent contributions to mankind. We also hope the kids we help send to camp are having experiences that will last a lifetime. Maybe you will have an experience that will last a lifetime? Who knows!

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153
Corr: Dean Perry

June 9: Roast Beef Dinner Sat 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall.

June 13: Monthly meeting at Grange Hall - 7:30 PM.

July 11: Monthly meeting at Grange Hall - 7:30 and picnic before.

Sept 8: Roast Beef Dinner Sat 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall.

Oct 13: Roast Beef Dinner Sat 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall.

We had a special meeting on Monday May 7th to prepare us for our inspection on Wednesday May 9th. Eloise Osuch was the Grange Official and we passed! On Friday May 11th we did much of the preparation for our first Roast Beef Dinner of the year which was held on Saturday May 12th.

It was quite a busy week!

The dinner was very successful. The first hour was a little slow but then it really picked up. The dinner was followed by a Hootenanny with Jeff Case and friends.

We are sadden to mention the passing of our brother Charles Flynn.

We had the Draping of the Charter ceremony for him during the May 9th meeting.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM from April to November at the Grange Hall off the Bridgewater Town Green. We meet the 1st Wed. in December there. The Hall is closed from the 2nd week of December until April. All our meetings are in members' home during the winter. All winter meetings are on the second Sunday in the afternoon.

Our biggest events and best attended are the Roast Beef Dinners. We have two in the Spring and two in the Fall.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173
Corr: Maryalyce Lee

July 23: PLANNING PICNIC, Rain or shine at 313 Bound Line RD. 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 27: "TAKE A TRIP", Meeting time 6:30 p.m. Refreshments served.

Wolcott Grangers continue to work both in and out of the hall, most recently trying to decide what to do about the "lake" that occurs in our parking lot every time it rains; (which lately seems to be every other day.) So, if you're coming to visit us

and it has rained recently, park on high ground until we solve the problem.

Please note the change of time for our meetings (6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.). Everyone is still learning the ritual so, hopefully, an earlier time will help us to get out earlier.

We hope you can join us for our picnic in July or our August meeting which should be a fun one. Our Lecturer has planned a game based on learning about day trip locations in CT.

OXFORD GRANGE #194
Corr: Phil Rowland

July 6: Fourth of July Celebration

July 20: Vacation Days

Aug. 3: Legislative Committee Program

Aug. 17: Picnic-Fair-4-H

Program

Memorable recent events include our Memorial Day efforts, which this year included both the traditional food booth and a Grange float in the big parade. We have sold food for many years at Oxford's parade but the float was new and pretty impressive. Thanks for its construction go to Rob Buck, Jill and Jorday Zitnay.

Congratulations go to Audrey Wellner for her entry in the needlework contest which garnered second place honors. It was a colorful knitted and crocheted vest-nice work, Audrey!

Sorry if anyone came to our announced June 16 tag Sale, which was canceled. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Have a nice Summer!

Wolcott's New Sign



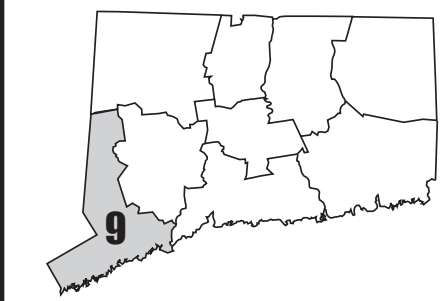
Colleen Kelly, Lady Assistant Steward and Maryalyce Lee, Secretary, put up a new sign in front of Wolcott Grange. *Picture taken by Master, Hank Ouimet.*

Chris Shays visits with Oxford Grange



Maggie Buck speaks with Christopher Shays at the Oxford Grange booth at the Seymour Founders' Day in June. Shays was a Republican member of the United States House of Representatives and represented the 4th District of Connecticut. His loss to Jim Himes in the 2008 election made New England's House delegation entirely Democratic in the 111th Congress. He was the most senior member of House of Representatives to be defeated in the 2008 election. Shays is currently a candidate for the 2012 Republican U.S. Senate nomination to replace retiring Connecticut senator Joe Lieberman. *Photo by Robert Buck*

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfield County Pomona is made up of Community Granges with a special interest in leadership development, who come together to share information and fellowship and through legislative action addresses the needs of all its members and communities.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9
Corr: Bob Sendewicz
Sept. 5: Ct. Cities and Curiosities

Our dairy supper in June was a feast and thanks to Cannon Grange for hosting it. It was really a fun night with the contests and the judging. Our needlework contest winners went to let’s celebrate that weekend and our Pomona had several winners. We also had a first place and a third place winner in the decorate a basket contest.

Our A number contest winner went on to participate at Cheshire Grange Sunday afternoon. This was a fun filled day.

Fairfield County Pomona does not meet in July and August but we will be back in September. Enjoy the summer.

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
July 9: 6:30 P.M. Picnic
Aug. 27: School Daze.

Aah summer. July 4th. celebrations, family picnics, parades, swimming and just relaxing in a shady spot. These are the joys we cherish forever, in fact our photo albums are overflowing with proof of this enjoyment. We also enjoy sharing these moments with our Grange friends that is why we will have a picnic preceding our July meeting to share with all our friends.

This is the only meeting we will have in July and we will have no meeting on the second Monday of August. This is to accommodate our members who travel in the summer. We will be back the fourth Monday of August, full of energy and ready to complete all our work in preparation for the State Session.

For now it is time to enjoy the summer, so come and enjoy our hospitality on July

9 and some good summer food and fun.

HARMONY GRANGE #92
Corr: Susan Carol Sulier
Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to July, the month associated with the birth of our great nation. Grange News: Our “Annual Grange Inspection” took place last month. It was conducted by State Deputy (and friend) Geno Piacentini. Refreshments, consisting of pizza, desserts and drinks were served and an old-fashioned summertime sing-along was enjoyed by all who attended.

Member News: Our Master, George Ward is scheduled to undergo a procedure this month in NY, which hopefully will resolve his breathing issues. Our beloved jokester, Mary Mazur, who turns 100 next month, is almost fully recovered from her recent “mini” stroke. Sadly Gil Standley remains in the clutches of serious health related issues. Dot Magyar is almost fully recovered after recently fracturing her arm. We hope and pray they are on the paths to restored health and vitality.

A Request: Please remember to pay homage to the founders of our great country for having the foresight to create, fight for and establish the greatest nation in the world, our beloved homeland, the United States of America. God Bless the USA!

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133
Corr: Dennis Rich
July 16: “Hazy, Hot and Humid”/Fair Plans, Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Aug.18: Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Aug. 20: “Summer Memories”, Meeting 7:00 P.M.

May found us getting the

hall ready for the Pomona Spring Tag and Plant Sale. At our regular meeting, Eric Frisk, our Assistant Steward talked on Starting a Garden along with a PowerPoint presentationfeaturingscenes of Fairfield’s Community Garden Space. A number of guests were present, with two or three taking membership applications.

July and August will keep us busy with planning and getting ready for our Annual Agricultural Fair. Exhibits of fruits and vegetables, flowers, home baking and canning, as well as crafts may be brought in from 7 to 9 P.M. on Friday (the 17th) and 8 to 10 A.M. the morning of the Fair. This will allow for the arranging of entries prior to judging.

Be ready to share memories of summers gone by at our August meeting. All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meeting and activities!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox
July 10: Stars, Stripes and Songs
Aug. 14: Summer Picnic
Sept. 9: Annual Fair and Market, 10-3

At our May meeting we met Amie Hall, who taught us all about Square Foot Gardening. Conceived in 1976 by Mel Barholomew “to help end world hunger”, it is an ingenious method of thinking small by marking out a raised grid of 12” squares, filling them with good loam, and planting a number of food seedlings that can be easily managed. It’s such a good idea that we are going to plant one at Norfield Grange!

At the May meeting we also recognized visitors Gino Piacentini, Deputy for Fairfield County Pomona, and Karen Macdonald, State Membership Committee. Finally, in May, we said a sad farewell to Tom Studwell by draping the Charter in his memory.

As for Membership, we have added Melain Marion, Michael Hansson, Laura Clark, and Square Foot Gardner Amie Hall! Our Farmer’s Market has now officially ended for the season, and we have nothing but good to report on our Community Tag Sale at the beginning of June, run by

Vivian Simons and Betsy Pollack. At the Sale the kids (of all ages!) enjoyed a visit from Billy Steers, author of the Tractor Mac stories, which tell of life from a tractor’s perspective. Finally, we are looking forward to the visit of State President Jody Cameron at our June meeting, when we will also elect officers for the coming year.

CANNON GRANGE #152
Corr: Don Offinger
July 5: Business Meeting
July 19: Business Meeting
Aug 2: Business Meeting
Aug 19: 80th Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair, rain or shine

Plans are coming together for our 80th anniversary Agricultural Fair, and we hope to have a day with good weather, and a good crowd of kids and adults. We do our best to live up to our nickname as “the nicest little Fair in Connecticut”.

We enjoyed viewing the feature film, “The Help” and discussing the social implications raised in the story line. Following the movie our refreshments included chocolate cream pie.

Sue Sulla won first place for the State Baking Contest

recipe at our Grange. Her confection of banana cream bars was very good. At age 98, she certainly knows how to whip a batch of treats. We were very happy to announce Sue’s prize-winning baking results over our Twitter account. From all of our followers on Twitter who re-tweeted the message, Sue is now known all over the United States from coast to coast, and border to border!

We have been very fortunate to have our Hall rented for several parties recently; so that the rental money can go toward Fuel Oil, our largest annual expenditure.

During one of our April meetings, we were delighted to welcome Pat Medeika who wasvisitingfromMaine. She told us of her Grange Work with Evening Star Grange in Washington, ME. It was great to have Pat back, if just for the evening. She helped us with our project, Decorate a Basket. We decorated 3 different baskets, but now we find we can only enter one.

Our Summer meeting schedule is noted above. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won’t you join us?

Camping season to begin

Linda Coad, Camp Trustees

There is still time to get a kid to camp this summer. Hopefully each Grange has sent someone on a campership.

Our cleanup weekend did not go as well. The first Open House Tour also was not attended, however the Father’s Day Tour was one of the best in recent memory. 12 to 14 families showed up with half already signed and the other half signed after the tour.

We are looking for a vacuum machine or two for camp. If you have a new or gently used and un-needed one that could be donated, it would be appreciated.

Mission Statements

In this issue you will notice each Pomona now has a Mission Statement printed below their title maps. These statements were adopted at Schools of Instructions held throughout the winter and spring.

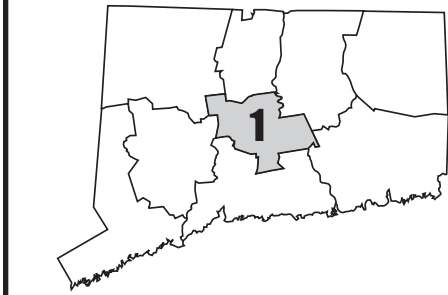
Pomonas are reminded that Mission Statements are living documents that should be reconsidered and updated as often as needed to keep the mission relevant to the Pomona.

Only one Pomona (New London County) opted not to adopt a Mision Statement at their School of Instruction. They plan to work on their statement in the near future.

The Mission Statements will be printed in the Granger for at least the next couple of issues.

Please keep us posted if your Pomona decides to change or update its mission statement. Email changes to: Grnager@CTStateGrange.org.

Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing its talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124 is busy planning for their
Corr: Barbara Smith River Days Festival. Seeds
Higganum Grange #124 for spaghetti squash have

Southington Grange Awards Night



Southington Grange Overseer Chet Bacon presents Tyler Lemoine, Kathleen Wendt and Lauren Jones with the 2012 Southington Grange Scholarships.



Acting Master for the evening Mildred Bell, poses with Carole Crudle, William Bell and Janet Wilcox following the presentation of membership awards. Agnes Moquin was also to receive a membership award but was unable to attend.

photos by Robert Charbonneau

Schools of Instruction now complete



State Master Jody Cameron makes a point during Central Pomona's School of Instruction in June. While the scheduled schools are now complete, Community and Pomona Granges are encouraged to ask for instruction whenever they feel they need it by contacting the appropriate Deputy.

been given out to school children to grow and display at the festival. Arts and crafts will also be displayed. Our meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:30. Refreshments are served.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
July 13: Picnic
July 27: Omit (Summer Vacation)

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd Gelineau, General Deputy

The thanks of each Deputy and myself go out to each and every Grange who worked so hard to bring another inspection season closer to a successful end. As of this writing, there are still several Granges waiting to be inspected due to scheduling conflicts, but we anticipate having all complete before the beginning of August.

A lot of work goes into each inspection by both the Grange being inspected and by the Deputy conducting the inspection. My sincere thanks go to all of the Deputies for their tireless work and cooperation whenever I had to have something clarified or reviewed again. Thank you! Thank you!

The completed reports along with comments from the Deputies and myself have already begun arriving in the various Granges. We strongly encourage Granges to review the inspection reports and work on the areas indicated. In the end, these inspections mean nothing if the information and comments provided are not used constructively to help grow your Granges.

There is one area on the inspection reports that seems to have caused some concern. When designing the Deputies Ritual Challenge for this year, it was decided to incorporate last year's challenge into this year's challenge. The thinking was that many Granges have already had the opportunity to work on the Flag Presentation in 2011 and would score reasonably well with it this year. For this reason, as many points are allowed for the Flag Presentation as the Master's section. A high score on the Flag Presentation takes the collective effort of *everyone* in the room, not just the Stewards and Ceres.

Please keep in mind the numerical scoring on the inspection report is only provided as a means for judging the Ritual Challenge. This scoring procedure will only be used this year. We will return to the inspection procedure used in 2010-2011 next year.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. All of the comments received are given serious consideration and help us to improve our programs for the future.

State Secretary



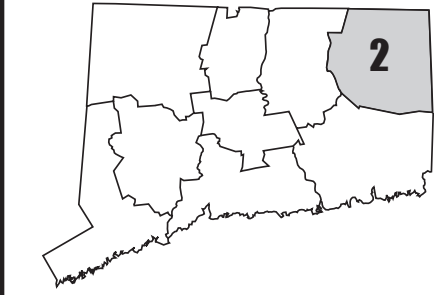
Summer is here and I hope you are enjoying the sunshine, picnics, vacation and trips around the state. Are you planning to attend the RI/CT picnic July 21st. It sounds like a fun day! Please RSVP so the chef will have enough hot dogs and hamburgers for hungry Grangers. It

seems like I am always reminding Secretaries to send in quarterly reports. This time of year it is easy to close the briefcase and leave the reports inside. So, please check. National Grange will charge me a late fee if I am late in reporting.

In the packet that was sent to each Grange for Grange month, National Grange listed many benefits they offer members. I hope this information was shared with your members. From time to time a new service is added. Did you know they are offering a discount on pet healthcare insurance? Pets become a member of the family.

Vacations would be a lot more pleasant if you could stop the lawn along with the paper and the mail.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Quinebaug Pomona supports and assists the communities within its jurisdiction through a financial and physical presence. We offer the Community Granges assistance and support for their programs and activities.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray
July 22: Awards Luncheon 1pm
Aug. 6: “The Happy Wanderer” 7:30pm mtg/prog
Aug. 11: 30th annual Fair 9-2
Aug. 11: Blueberry Supper

5pm

We are thrilled to have THREE 75 year certificates to be presented July 22nd: Doris I. Frink, Esther Jalkanen and Edith Remington! Also 65 year seal to Vincent Scarpino; 55 year seals to Harry Baum, Marie

Exley and Ronald Coty; 50 year certificates to Leroy Ducat, Robert Kinne, Joseph Shiman Jr. and Charles Thurlow! Wow a total of 655 years of Grange membership and service! Scholarships will also be presented at this event!

The festivities will begin with a meal at 1pm.

At our June meeting we welcomed back Colin and Katrina Sebastian; they are home for the summer from college. Great seeing these two aspiring young folks!

The Youth Drill Team offered to become Grange janitors. They will clean monthly, with the janitorial fee going into the Drill Account. It was voted to eliminate our Board of

Directors and have instead a FOUR member Executive Committee.

Katie Molodich will be installed President in September. Other changes include: Vice President: Link Cooper; Program Director: Clifford Gervais; Asst Steward: J. Allen Cameron; Chaplain: Susan Griffiths; Greeter: Jake Gervais and Executive Committee: Jody Cameron; Russell Gray; David Griffiths and Mike Molodich.

We enjoyed a roast beef supper prior to June’s Deputy visit by Jim Palmer, Deputy East and his wife, Pat. Refreshments included a Congratulations Graduates cake for Brandi Hawkins, Katie Hermonot and Katie

Molodich.

Katie H. was at UCONN taking a summer course, Brandi was working, but Katie Molodich was present.

The Youth Drill Team is enthusiastic and diligently preparing for the competition on July 15th at the Big E!

We have neighbored with Richmond, RI and Old Lyme Grange: good friends!

Six of us attended the dedication of the Home for Homeless Veterans in Jewett City, having received an invitation as a contributing donor.

We have busy summer plans at Ekonk: plan to come on down and join the fun!

And the winners are...



It was great to see so many of you at *Let’s Celebrate*. For those who couldn’t make it we started with a very inspirational Church Service followed by a lasagna dinner. Next we went back upstairs and had our talent and “A Number” Contests. This type of family fun is what the Grange is all about.

Our Talent Winners were:

- 1st Place - Jane & Ruel Miller representing New Haven County Pomona
- 2nd Place - Skip Beebe representing New London County Pomona; and,
- 3rd Place - Veronica Murteza representing Excelsior Pomona.

The theme of our “A Number” Contest was “A Hall-Mark” moment. The idea was to mark a moment in time when something happened in your Grange Hall or meeting place. The winners were:

- 1st - Excelsior Pomona speaking about the “Lone Granger”.
- 2nd - New London County Pomona where “George Paints The Grange Hall”; and,
- 3rd - Mountain County Pomona with “Troubles”

Winners in our Photo Contest were:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

- 1. Jennifer Nelson Strong, Vernon Grange
- 2. Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton Grange
- 3. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange

ANIMALS

- 1. Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange *Best in Show
- 2. Shirley Moore, Riverton Grange
- 3. Cynthia Levine, Riverton Grange

GRANGERS IN ACTION

- 1. Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange
- 2. Polly Leonard, Colchester Grange
- 3. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

- 1. Sue Gray, Ekonk Community Grange
- 2. Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange
- 3. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange

HISTORIC PLACES OR EVENTS

- 1. Nancy Strong, Vernon Grange
- 2. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange
- 3. Diane Barbieri, Watertown Grange

HM Debbie Barnes, Stonington Grange
Our Best in Show winner will now go on to National for judging in November. Hope you all have a nice summer. See you around the State.



Members of Wolcott Grange perform in Excelsior's first place skit “The Lone Granger” during Let's Celebrate.



Members and friends enjoy the Youth Lasagna Lunch.

State Session October 18-20, 2012 Plaza Hotel, E. Hartford

Hotel Reservations for the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange should be made as soon as possible by contacting the **Hartford Plaza Hotel** (formerly the Sheraton-- same hotel, different name) at (860) 528-9703. Room rates are the same as last year (\$79.00 plus tax). Please refer to the Connecticut State Grange Convention when making your reservations to receive our special room rate.

Cruise with Colchester Grange

Get away from the cold. Colchester Grange presents: 10 Day Cruise on the Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas - January 13 to 22, 2013.

Transportation from Colchester to New Jersey; visiting San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominican Republic and Labadee. Inside cabins start at \$759 plus tax (port and government) (\$326 pp twin).

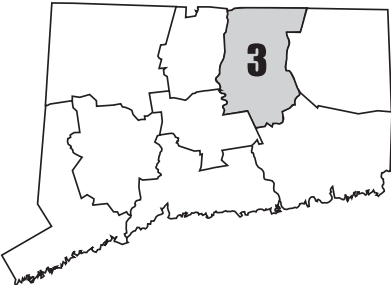
Space is subject to availability. Call the Ship Shop ASAP at 1-800-243-1630. Come join us in the sun and fun!

Stonington visits Cottrell Brewing



Members and friends of Stonington Grange #168 recently visited Cottrell Brewing Co. in the Pawcatuck section of Stonington. Along for the tour of the company that produces 5,000 barrels of beer annually, was State Master Jody Cameron and First Lady Jodi Ann Cameron, pictured far left.

East Central Pomona No. 3



Stafford No. 1
Granby No. 5
Tunxis No. 13
✓ Glastonbury No. 26
Manchester No. 31
✓ Tolland No. 51
✓ Vernon No. 52
Coventry No. 75
Hillstown No. 87
✓ Enfield No. 151

MISSION STATEMENT

East Central Pomona supports the Community Granges by helping one another; through legislative advocacy and by supporting community service efforts.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff
July 5: Meeting 7:30 p.m., Our Nation’s Birthday, Ref: Nancy & Lou Tryon, Mary Charles Howe, Ruth Posuniak
Aug. 2: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Picnic, Ref: All participants
Sept. 6: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers You Are a Peach; Ref: Ann Gilnanc, Martha Zink
Sept. 8: EAST CENTRAL POMONA INSTALLATION 7:30 p.m.; HOST: Glastonbury and Vernon Granges

Hello to everyone. We are now in our spring and summer schedule. June was Election of Officers so the Master is busy lining up his/her committees. I hope if you are asked to serve on a committee you will help the Master out. Jean has been collecting canned goods all summer. She will be presenting to the Glastonbury Social Service Department during the month of June.

The Lecturer has a program on July 5th centered around “Our Nation’s Birthday”. Try to attend and see what she has planned.

August is our annual picnic. We would love to have you, and you, and you plan on attending. Call the Master, Bob Nordstrom, and let him know that you are planning on being there. It would help with planning for the hot dogs and hamburgers. Plan on bringing a friend with you. Just let Bob know. That is a good way to introduce a prospective new member to the grange.

September 6th is our Installation of Officers. This is also a good way to introduce non-members to the grange. If you would like to bring a friend with you just be sure to call ahead and let us know. We can then plan

on a Open Meeting .

As you can see Sept. 8th Glastonbury is host to the Pomona Grange Installation of Officers. This is held at Good Will Grange Hall on Naubuc Ave. Glastonbury members don’t even have to travel out of town to host. We do need 3 or 4 extra members attend to help with hosting.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Diane Small

Summer is officially here. With summer comes bugs, vacations, lawns needing to be mowed and many other fun things to do. Remember when spending time outside to use sunscreen, wear a hat and your sunglasses. Can’t you see the lightning and hear the thunder?

Our July 17th meeting reflects Dog Days. That is a sign of warm weather. Dogs have the right idea, find a shady spot and take a snooze. This sounds good to me. Now is the time for iced tea, air conditioning and a fan. Just sit and relax, ice cream would taste good too.

August 14 is giving us Summertime. Remember going swimming in the local pool, lake or even in your backyard. If you are using a kiddie pool, you need to ask permission and share with the kiddies.

Remember the Big E is on the horizon. All donations for this are genuinely appreciated.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan
July 3: The Statue of Liberty

Join us on the 3rd of July for a quick trip to the Statue of Liberty. There’s always room for one or more guests. We meet in the Hall on the Green in Tolland beginning at 7:30 p.m. Take time to do something for yourself this summer!! Enjoy.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong
July 6: “In the Good Ol’ Summertime”

The first early meeting of Vernon Grange went well with an excellent ham and bean super before at 6 and 7 p.m. meeting. We were honored to have our Deputy Irene Percoski with us. The program was the update on The Strong Family Farm in Vernon on it’s progress in becoming a non-profit historical agricultural education center. Our next meeting will be pizza at 6 and watermelon by Gordon. Summer memories will be shared. We are proud of all our needlework contest entries and winners at E. Central Pomona.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87
Corr: Michelle Dedominicis
July 12: Annual Picnic (Starts at 6 P.M.)
Aug. 23: Getting Ready for School

As spring turns to summer, changes are evident everywhere. As our Grange mourns the loss of a most valuable brother, Walter Forrest, we look for the strength and skills to fill the many roles he took on.

Our Annual Picnic is a potluck with hamburgers and hot dogs for the taking- please let our Lecturer Helene Forrest know if you are planning on attending so there is plenty of food for all. Reminder to our members and all interested- you should be tending to your agriculture entries- for state and subordinate contests!. See Frank and Debbie if you would like some seeds.

Also, to assist our Grange’s fundraising efforts, we have created a collectible Pandora-like bead, if you are interested in finding our more about this special bead- contact Michelle DeDominicis at kma.dedomincis@gmail.com

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski
July 14: Picnic – No Ants
Aug. 11: Bingo and Ice Cream

New member James Percoski was welcomed with due ceremony. We hope your Grange journey is a fun and productive experience. The judges for our baking contest in May said they had a hard time determining the winner, But Sophie Nuccio’s entry was voted the best. Congratulations Sophie.

Dawn Percoski was second and Judy Elliott was a close third. Thanks to all for entering. Dawn’s afghan was awarded first place in the needlework contest. Local farmers markets are on the State website. By checking the listings for surrounding towns, our Ag. Committee printed out and distributed the list to everyone. This is

a great way to support the local farmers in your area.

Summer should be in full swing as this goes to press and is an excellent time to come up with some good community service ideas. So as you go around the Town, look for things that our Grange can work on. A Happy and safe Fourth of July to all.

Purple Heart Homes



On May 31, 2012, members of Glastonbury Grange came to American Eagle Federal Credit Union’s Glastonbury branch at 109 Sycamore Street and deposited a check for \$640 into the fundraising account for the Manhy Jimenez project with Purple Heart Homes. Grange members held various fundraisers and solicited donations over many months to make this generous donation. Pictured (left to right): Lynn Wagner, Branch Manager; Mario Accornero (Steward) and Kathryn Ruff (Secretary) presenting the check.

Social Connection



TAG SALE - I know you have heard different totals for the state-wide tag sale. Well every time I gave a new total someone else came through and sent me a check. The final total is \$1,824.83.

PHIL PRELLI ROAST – Another great evening. From all reports the supper was delicious, the Roasters funny, the Roastee Phil Prelli

gracious and the door prizes appreciated.

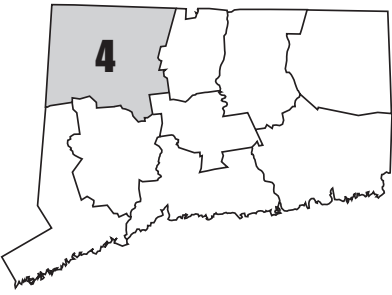
Special thanks from Barbara, Betty Jane and me to: Phil Prelli for being such a good sport, the Roasters: Anita and Jimmie Gentry, Russell Gray, Gail Prelli, Marie, Terri Fassio and the dinner assistants: Marge Bernhardt, Liz Ryducha, Jody Cameron, Ray Legg, Eloise Osuch, Lin Erickson, Maggie Schofield, Ted Beebe, Bob Sendewicz, Terri Fassio and Todd Gelineau.

COMPETITIVE NIGHT - Save the date of Saturday – September 15th at 6:00 P.M.. This is the date of our next activity. Place Prospect Senior Center. This will be a Competitive Night, competing the Pomonas in the East against the Pomonas in the West. Theme “Cowboys and Indians.” Refreshments will be hot dogs and beans plus a dessert table. All for the low price of \$5.00. We will also have a Country Store to help defray the cost of renting the hall. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

Tickets are available in Central Pomona from Cindy Charbonneau; Quinebaug Jody Cameron; East Central Edith Schoell; Mountain County Todd Gelineau; New Haven Janet Haller; New London Debbie Barnes; Excelsior Pomona Barbara Robert and Fairfield County Marge Sendewicz.

“GRANGER OF THE YEAR” CONNEST - Applications have been sent to each Grange. Every Grange has that certain someone who goes above and beyond. Please submit their names, they deserve it. Applications must be returned to Joanne Cipriano by September 15th. Award will be presented at the State Session.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Cawasa No. 34

✓ Whigville No. 48

Eureka No. 62

✓ Winchester No. 74

✓ Taghhannuck No. 100

Litchfield No. 107

Beacon No. 118

✓ Riverton No. 169

Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

Mountain County Pomona No. 4 has strong leadership, a keen sense of community and many skills and talents which we use to promote and support our local Community Granges through citizenship, legislative and agricultural policies within our Pomona.

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4
Corr: Todd Gelineau

The June meeting of Mountain County has not occurred as of this writing. We are scheduled to hold our annual Spring Gift Drawing, our only fundraiser of the Pomona for the year. We thank everyone who purchased or sold tickets and also thank the officers and members who donated the many prizes to the drawing.

Congratulations to Sue Addison and Earl Phillips on winning third prize in the State “A Number” Contest held at Cheshire Grange on June 10. Their skit entitled “Troubles” lamented the many furnace/boiler issues encountered by Mountain County Grange halls this winter. Now that they are all back in operation, Mountain County is truly the “Hot Pomona!”

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48
Corr: Debbie Brown

Whigville Grange, I am sad to report, has lost a dear member. Sister Joyce Relihan passed away this month. She was one of the reasons I joined the Grange, and through her many acts of kindness was an example of what a Granger should be. Her humor will not be readily forgotten, as a new Master I often got a case of “the giggles” as she and my husband would find ways to “act up” at a meeting.

By the time you read this, we will have held our Dairy Supper, and awarded Rachel Reynolds a much deserved Golden Sheaf.

As we are in our roots, an agricultural organization, who among you has found a remedy for those lily beetles? We in our area have tried everything short of toxic waste. Someone among us must know what to do!! On June 25 , we will

host Mt. County Pomona, please come and enjoy our little Grange in the valley of Whigville (Burlington). I can tell you dessert will be worth the travel!

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, our hall is far from fancy, but if you come to a meeting, I can promise a great program from Sister Helena, and good food after, and a fun time!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: Todd Gelineau
July 10: Fireworks (Independence Day), 6:00 Potluck Supper

July 24: The Love of Flowers, Ref. Marie Steiner and Bonnie Farrell

Aug. 11: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market

June has come and gone and with it our annual Strawberry Festival held on Father’s Day. We were happy to have the new Laurel Queen, Bethany Scott, a senior at NW Regional High School with us for the entire festival along with two of her court members. It has become a tradition in recent years for the girls (if not just the Queen) to serve the berries and cream in their crowns and sashes. The Strawberry Festival is the official first appearance of the Queen following crowning the weekend before during the Laurel Festival.

By the time Grange members were able to sit down and enjoy their own servings of shortcake, we had served well over 400 people with a continuous line stretching from the serving table, through the dining room, up the stairs, down the front walk and to the street!

Two new members joined the Grange through the Obligation Ceremony held at the June 11 meeting. The newest member is

Billy Latulipe, taking the obligation with Jonathan Warner. This brings our total to 6 new members this spring along with 5 from last year for a total of 11 new members in just over a year. Keep up the good work.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100
Corr: Barbara Prindle & Myrtle Hayden

July 12: Charades

July 26: Bethlehem Fair Plans

On May 24 we had our Citizen of the Year, Jack Travers of Warren (First Selectman).

We had a very successful Rummage Sale on June 9 with the contents of a house donated- our big money maker of the year.

On June 23 our election of officers to be announced next month.

Three candidates from Taghhannuck Grange received the Third & Fourth Degrees on Friday, June 15 at Riverton Grange: Linda Amerighi, Carol & Dick Knutson.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Shirley Moore

July 20: Meeting - Program: The Fourth of July; Ref: Marie & Jason Keefe & Jennifer Hester

Aug. 3: Meeting – Program Vacation Time; Ref.: Kat & Mark Prelli, Jr

Aug. 18: Riverton Grange Fair 9:00-2:00

As noted above, we only have one meeting in July and August. However, on Friday, Aug. 17, we will be busy preparing for our fair which will be held the next day. There will also be a light luncheon served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We always hope for many exhibits and visitors.

The Cherry Brook Chimes and Bell Choir was a decided success with over 70 people coming for the supper and more for the program. We are indeed fortunate to have such talented musicians who seem to enjoy entertaining us – all under the leadership of our own Mary Lou Keefe. Mary Lou is the organist and choir director at the Canton Congregational Church, as well as being the State Grange and our pianist. Our heartfelt thanks to the bell ringers, who entertained us and to those who supported

this program and also brought food for the local food banks.

Wewereespeciallypleased to have members Dorothy & Charles Day, Jr. with us on June 1. Phil Prelli, National Executive Committee member, presented Dot with a 50-year certificate and a

55-year seal to Chuggy. It was nice that they could be present, since they winter in Brooksville, FL, and summer in Winthrop, ME. We congratulate them both for their work in the Grange. We wish you all a relaxing summer!

Royalty visits Winchester



Bethany Scott, 2012 Laurel Queen enjoys a serving of Strawberry Shortcake before serving the hundreds visiting the Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival in June.

Cawasa gives \$50,000 in Scholarships



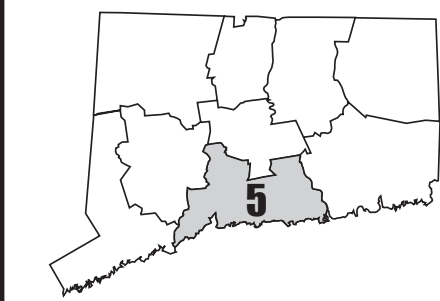
Superintendent Kevin Case applauds Andrew Millar who won the Cawasa Grange Memorial Scholarship Fund Inc., awarded for academic achievement and community service, this scholarship provides the recipient with \$5,000 per year for up to four years at an accredited college or university. Credit: John Fitts, Canton Patch. by Canton News Staff

CANTON - Cawasa Grange No. 34 gave out \$50,000 worth of scholarships to Canton High School students Wednesday, May 30 at the school auditorium. \$20,000 was presented to Andrew Millar, according to Marguerite Schofield, Grange secretary. Scholarships of \$2,500 each were given to Amber Case, Stephen Gauthier, Gillian Goeler, Matoaka Kipp, Adrienne Kunkel, Christina Nicholas, Zachory Wiles and Julia Kuhlberg. Scholarships for \$2,500 for technical schools were awarded to Andrew Baugher, Mark Radocy, Allison Coutu and Cooper Siebers.

“We are very pleased to do this, because Burton and Lucilla Harrington, a brother and sister who lived in Collinsville all their lives, gave \$500,000 to the Canton Public Library and \$500,000 to our Grange in the late 1990s,” Schofield said. “Our money grew and we decided to put it in a fund for Canton High School graduates.” Scholarship recipients were chosen by Canton High School staff, Schofield said.

The Cawasa Grange has also donated defibrillators for all the police cars and ambulances in Collinsville, and cameras for all the police cars. “We also donated a spotlight on the fire truck,” Schofield said. “We feel the Harringtons would have liked to see the money go back into their town,” Schofield said.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



✓ Cheshire No. 23

Wallingford No. 33

North Haven No. 35

✓ Old Lyme No. 162

MISSION STATEMENT

New Haven County Pomona through the strength of its Community Granges offers collective wisdom and experience to enhance the individual leadership skills, pride in Grange ritual and camaraderie to all citizens in the communities in which we serve!

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5
Corr: Don Lanoue
Aug. 26: Picnic
With the Pomona having our elections just shortly after the writing of this article I am sure the new officers will do the job right to continue this Pomona. I wish all of the newly elected officer’s good luck in the future. I hope that the officers and members have and enjoyable summer.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23
Corr: Ruel Miller
July 4: Holiday no meeting
July 18: Picnic, 6:00PM at the Bernhardt’s, Pot Luck Supper at 6:30
Once again, Cheshire

Grange was represented in our town’s annual Memorial Day Parade We thank Rich and Michelle Bernhardt and their committe for decorating the float and Rich for pulling the float with his truck.
We were inspected on May 16th by Deputy Kay Ruff who reported favorably on the inspection.
At that meeting we took in two new members, Merilee Bernardt and son Josh. We look forward to their participation in our upcoming activities.
We continue to receive thank you correspondence from the troop for the packages we send over. Marge Bernhardt does a nice job in remembering them all in a timely fashion.
On June 2 we had our second fundraising

card party preceded by a pasta dinner which was well received. Additional fundraisers are planned for the months ahead.
OLD LYME GRANGE #162
Corr: Barb Kulisch
July 13: July Is.....”Lollipop”~Richard is in charge!
July 27: Omit
Aug 10: Omit
Aug 24: Pot Luck at 6:30pm~August Is
Our June 8th Memorial Day Program was well received by the members and everyone got to share in a round robin of what Memorial Day meant to them and how they celebrated it!
We have held our Needlework Contest runoff.

We entered the Photo contest and held our CWA Bake off~on Inspection Night; wonder how we did with the Inspection! We made our CWA monetary donations and purchased gift cards for the “Foster Kid’s Fund,” raised through our Country Stores.We sent \$50.00 to the Middlesex United Way to support the Diaper Appeal, money was raised through our Penny March Jar. For \$250.00 per year, a family can get a full year’s diapers cheaper than they can buy at the store. Our donation helped to keep another baby’s bottom drier!
Hope you are all enjoying a great summer!



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

A Potpourri of Public Relations

Terri Fassio, PR Co-Director
THE DISCS ARE OUT:
The latest edition of the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Committee Resource Discs have been mailed to all of the Community Granges. This disc includes all of the tools and resources Granges will need to be able to promote their Granges both internally and externally. The disc includes official Grange logos (with the proper circle-R registered trademark symbol), Grange inspired clip art, backgrounds and textures, as well as PDF Files of forms, newsletters, posters, flyers, worksheets, brochures and more from the various committees and offices of the CT State Grange. We encourage all Granges to use this disc and its contents. The disc is compatible with both PC and Mac computers. If your Grange would like additional copies of this disc, please send an e-mail note with your Grange Name and mailing address to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.
WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:
With postage rates continually on the rise, the Connecticut State Grange is collecting e-mail addresses of our members and adding them to our e-mail list. E-mail is a quick and efficient method of communication that we utilize frequently. We currently send out periodic e-mails on upcoming Grange events, Grange news and concerns, and notifications of important information. We currently have at least one e-mail address in every Grange with the exception of one Grange. The more e-mail addresses we can add to the list, the better informed our membership will be. Please help us by collecting e-mail addresses of your members, and sending them to information@ctstategrange.org so we can add them to our contact database.

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE PR CONTESTS:
The Public Relations Committee is offering 7 fun contests this year! They are:
1.) “Spot On” - 60-Second Grange Video Commercial Contest
2.) “Spreading the Word” - Connecticut State Grange Website Participation Contest
3.) “Show Us Your Stuff” - Grange

Marketing Contest
4.) “Convey the Message” - Best Grange-written Press Release Contest
5.) “Let’s Advertise” - Best Grange Event Poster
6.) “In the News” - Best Newspaper Article Contest
7.) “Creating a Buzz” - Connecticut State Grange Social Media Participation Contest
The complete rules can be found in the Blue Book as well as on the contest page of the CT State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org/contests
The contests are easy to enter - and we hope to see a good participation from our Granges this year. Deadline is October 1st.
LET US HELP YOUR GRANGE:
Did you know that the Public Relations Committee of the CT State Grange is available to help your Grange? Here’s just a few of the ways that we can help:
• Press Releases custom-written for your Grange meetings and events, and then released to the local media
• Graphic Design services including brochures, posters, flyers and more
• Printing Services are available to all Connecticut Granges in black/white and color at low costs and quick turn-around times
• Photography services for awards nights, special meetings, programs and events
• Social Media services - we can assist your Grange in setting up a Facebook Page, Twitter Page, and more
• Website Services through the CT State Grange Community Grange website program - at the low cost of only \$45 a year
• Historical Archiving Services - do you have old photos and Grange memorabilia you’d like to share? We can digitize these pieces and add them to the Virtual Scrapbook.
• And so much more!

All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs! Contact any member of the committee, or e-mail us at information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org for more information.

So. CT Past Masters

Southern Connecticut Past Masters does not have a formal meeting during the month of July but will enjoy a picnic on Saturday July 14th. This will be hosted by Marge and Carl Bernhardt at their home starting at 2 o’clock. Those attending are asked to bring a door prize. Also a dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.

Lyme supports Jrs.



Lois Evankow, Master of Lyme Grange, presents Michelle DeDominicis, Leader of Hillstown Jr. Grange with a check for \$40 as part of their ongoing support of the Junior program.

N. Stonington “Floats”



The beautiful float North Stonington Grange No. 138 created for their town’s Memorial Day Parade in May.

Ekonk Jr. Parade Float



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange ride in the Hay Wagon Float during the Oneco Memorial Day Parade in May.

JUNIOR GRANGE

Contact:
Jody Cameron, State Master
president@ctstategrange.org

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87
Corr: Michelle DeDominicis
July 20: Craft Night
Aug. 17: It's hot, hot (inspection night)

Our Junior Grangers have been busy helping our Subordinate Grange with the fundraising efforts to put a new roof on our Grange building. They host

a fun and fabulous jewelry Fashion show. They raised over \$300 and got to be fashion models for the night. Then they got to get dirty by working to beautify the flower bed outside our hall. They are also planning a trip to visit Cromwell Growers to learn about greenhouses. Several will be working on their entries for the Youth and Junior conference this summer. And completing their entries for the National and State competitions.

EKONK JR. GRANGE #101
Corr: Rebecca Gervais
 We held our Elections, congratulations to our officers elect:

President: Trevor Gervais,
 Vice President: Carly Sebastian,
 Program Director: Conner Sebastian,
 Steward: Jared Gervais,
 Assistant Steward: Lillian Sharpe,
 Lady Assistant: Allyson DiNola,
 Chaplain: Russell Sharpe,
 Treasurer: Emily Bonner,
 Secretary: Maria Angelone,
 Greeter: Jenna Wesa.
 --6 of our officers will be in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. A young bunch! We are fortunate to have older, willing members and a dedicated group of parents!
 27 Juniors, friends, and Subordinates rode the hay wagon, pulled by Ethan Jordan and his tractor, in the Oneco Memorial Day

Parade. We passed out Tootsie-Roll pops and patriotic pinwheels. We had a great time!
 It is so important to reflect on how blessed we are to live in the USA, and to be thankful to those who serve to protect us, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
 We had our annual plant sale! It was a success. We appreciate all who helped and supported us. The profits all go to local children's charities.
 We voted to have a FISHING DERBY, this June. Always a fun time. We are hooked on this annual event!

The garden was planted. Can't wait to see what got planted where.
 The Juniors planted it by themselves! We put in spaghetti squash seeds from the State Grange, a few different kinds of pumpkins and watermelon.
 Sister Kay Ruff joined us, at our June meeting and will be inspecting us in July. We will be practicing!
 Our membership chairman, Clifford Gervais, is working on a promotional photo-show for Sterling school. So many pictures, it should be quite interesting. Happy 4th of July to ALL! Visit anytime!

Do You Remember?

Alma Brooks

When Alma and Frederick Brooks were invited to join Winchester Grange they put it off for a while until one day Fred said- "Oh, go ahead and sign that application and let's join." It was probably one of the best things they ever did! They soon became a team with Fred serving as Master and Alma as Lecturer of Winchester. Everyone called him Fred or Freddie- Alma always called him Frederick! She was a real lady from the "old school" and it showed in everything she did.

When Alma became State Lecturer it was soon noted she did not put on programs- she presented productions filled with clever ideas, pageantry, and design.

If Alma had any faults at all it was her way of changing things (especially small details) at the last minute in order to make it "better." She was usually right and the end result of a program or a drill was almost always perfection.

She was proud of her Swedish heritage and a visit to her lovely home almost always ended with the serving of a special baked treat (Swedish, of course).

A great sadness came to the Brooks Family just before a New England Lecturers Conference was to take place with Connecticut hosting. Their son had taken a summer job working for a utility company and while he was on duty he stepped back into a live wire and was killed! He was 18 years old. This strong lady carried on and it wasn't too long before she started the contest for Grange Youth where a young man and a young lady from each Pomona competed for the title of Grange King and Queen (later called the Prince and Princess Contest). It was in honor of young Fred.

Her love of young people led to her being chairperson of the State Grange Student Loan Program for a long period of time.

Following completion of her term as State Lecturer, she took on the task of directing the Sixth Degree Rose Drill- and continued that job for years. Frederick worked closely with her and we could write a book about the rose drill rehearsals and trips to "Friendly's" following.

Their only other child, a daughter, married and presented them with a grandson. Eleanor developed a debilitating illness and died very young. Another tragedy.

Early in their Grange life they moved from Torrington (which Alma always called home) to Manchester. Activities in Winchester Grange and Mountain County Pomona were limited, but she always considered Winchester her Grange home and visited as often as she could over the years. After Alma lost her Frederick her many Grange friends saw to it that she got to events in her part of the state.

We remember Alma and programs such as the traveling counties which concluded with the assembling of the State Map you remember from seeing it in the Connecticut Room of the New England Grange Building at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E). We think of Alma as a friend, a real lady and a true Granger.

Do remember Alma Brooks!

Alma & Fred following a Rose Drill

State Session 1997

Scholarship presentations at 1991 Session

Big E Map

Jodi Ann Cameron and Alma at State Session 1991

Posing with Grange friends outside her Manchester home

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing submissions@ctstategrange.org.

Answers for June Pic -- We heard from Sue Addison on Facebook saying that the person on right is Bill Pearl. We also heard from Betty Jane Gardiner who also recognized Bill Pearl on the right and believes the person he is shaking hands with is Joe Thibodeau (a member of Wethersfield Grange). She remembers Joe's stage name of "Joe Cluvidore" for the many magic/escape artist performances he gave over the years. She also believes the other members in the photo are from Wethersfield but cannot say for sure.



This Month's Picture

We also heard from Kay Ruff on the April pic --

Bill Pearl on the left side. Next to his right slightly to the front of him is Celena Scranton and to her right and back is Lottie Brewer (former members of Hillstown Grange). To the right of Carrie Meyer is Marguerite Melendy (former member of Glastonbury Grange) and to the extreme right on the end is Gladys Dancause (former member of Marlborough Grange). Arline Tolette of North Haven Grange also identified the man behind Ken Hale as Bernie Borgeson of Hamden Grange.

Answers for May Pic --

From Nancy Hale --

In May's Picture, the princess is Cindy Hale from Cheshire Grange #23. Cindy is the daughter of Ken and Mary Hale. They went to Idaho in the fall of 1969. Cindy said she was still in High School when they went. She graduated June 1970. "It was fun seeing Cindy's picture and my dad's picture in April's Picture! Sincerely, Nancy Hale (still a member of Cheshire Grange but living in Florida)"

From Carol Hnath --

This is the 1970 State Grange Royalty: Paul and Diane Miller, Young Couple, representing Quinebaug Pomona from Senexet Grange; Cynthia Hale Schiemann (not sure of the spelling of her married name), Princess, representing New Haven County from Cheshire Grange; John Halbach, Prince, representing Quinebaug Pomona from Little River Grange.



In Memoriam

Rose Lange Meriden Grange #29
Shirley Anderson Meriden Grange #29

Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed
in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Chaplain's Message



*Marvin Wilbur,
Past State Chaplain*

There was a short article in our church bulletin about achieving success. It got me to thinking what is success?

I suppose the most common definition is being financially secure, having a good home and family and being well liked in the

community. These are all good goals, but do they bring happiness or peace of mind?

In the Grange we could say success is holding an office and doing a good job, perhaps even learning the part. Another idea might be to keep learning the Ritual and being willing to serve in a higher office. Perhaps to bring members into the Grange would be another. What is success?

This is the article that appeared in our church bulletin: "When Ralph Waldo Emerson reflected on true success, he didn't mention fame, fortune or social status. Ponder his thoughts—and you own definition of success.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a redeemed social condition or a job well done; to know even one other life has breathed because you lived—this is to have succeeded."

Well, what do you think?

The family of Walter S. Forrest would like to thank everyone for their support, thoughts and prayers during these last few months.

Thank You!



Congratulations to all the winners in the Needlework, Baking, Craft, Basket and Scrapbook contests. Thank you to all the people that entered this year. I was very pleased with the number of entries in the baking and basket contests. As always, there was a great deal of imagination going on. The

Needlework winners' entries will be making their way to the BIG E for judging and hopefully will do well. The winners of the state contests will be listed in the next issue of the Granger. Thank you also, for all the items for the Country Store at the BIG E. They are very much appreciated and are going to a good cause. Just a heads up that we will again be looking for donations as we again host the hospitality room at State Session. (Seems early to be talking about it, but it will be sneaking up on us sooner than we think.) Also, a reminder to send in your donations to the CT Granger Trust Fund, the CT State Grange Scholarship Fund and the Foster Families "Kid's Fund".