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## Join us at State Session



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It is a little hard to believe we are coming to the end of a two year term! Where has the time gone? As we prepare to close out the 2012 Grange Year and embark on our 128th Annual Session October 18-20, 2012 it is important we all understand our function.

First of all, to all the members of the Connecticut State Grange: this is YOUR convention! It is your responsibility and right to participate in YOUR convention. Familiarize yourself with the resolutions, speak with your delegates and let them know how you feel about these issues. Attend the sessions and

programs; share in all your convention has to offer.

Officers: Be prepared to perform your duties to the best of your ability. Be there as a mentor to all Grangers. We the Officers of the Connecticut State Grange are elected by the delegate body to serve them in their best interest. This year is an election year, when we met prior to Installation two years ago, I reiterated how we serve the membership of this State Grange and if we cannot, or do not, fulfill our obligation to the office or the membership we should not seek reelection. Those of you who fall in this area need to reflect on the two past years and seriously contemplate whether it is time for you to step aside and encourage others to be part of the Connecticut State Grange Officer corp. Again, we serve the membership; their best interest should be in the forefront at all times.

Delegates: You hold the most responsibility and power during your State Convention. It is you who

chart our course into the future. Your job is no small task, and should not be taken lightly. With this being an election year it is your obligation to tell us if we have performed our duties to your satisfaction, and if not, make the necessary changes. You will deliberate and vote on all resolution before you; your actions will determine the course for us as an organization, as a state and nation. Once you return to your home Grange or Pomona, it is your responsibility to your membership to report back to them the actions of the delegate body of the Connecticut State Grange.

Brothers and Sisters, I know the 128th Annual Connecticut State Grange Session will be one for the records books because of the hard work of each member and Community Grange this past year. There is much to celebrate and many lessons to learn from. Sister Jodi Ann and I are looking forward to welcoming each of you on the 18th of October.

## Cowboys win!



Robert Charbonneau photo

Pomonas from the western side of the Conn. River (Cowboys) defeated the eastern Pomonas (Indians) at the second annual Competitive Night held at Prospect Senior Center on Sept. 15. Pictured are the captains of the four Pomonas: Jean Meehan (Excelsior), Geno Piacentini (Fairfield Cty.), Charles Dimmick (New Haven Cty.) and Debbie Brown (Mountain County). Below, Excelsior Pomona Deputy Eloise Osuch traded in her sash for a real deputy badge (well, sort of) while getting into the spirit of the evening.



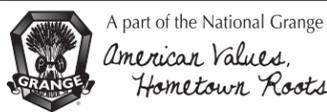
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## Grangers rally for Farm Bill in D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Grange members, along with representatives of about 90 different organizations and about a dozen politicians from both major parties, gathered on Capitol Hill Wednesday, Sept. 12, to call on Congress to pass the 2012 Farm Bill before Sept. 30, the date current legislation will expire.

National Grange Executive Committee Chairwoman Betsy Huber, of Oxford, Pa., who attended the rally, called it an important step toward raising public awareness about the scope of the



**Pennsylvania State Grange President Carl Meiss holds a sign during the Farm Bill Now Rally on Wednesday, Sept. 12 on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

Farm Bill and the need of all Americans to see the legislation passed.

“It’s about more than just farms and farmers – in

fact, very little of the Farm Bill money is dedicated to farms at all. The Farm Bill is about jobs, it’s about nutrition, health, education, research, conservation, energy, trade, and often lastly about farms,” Huber said. “Every American is affected by the Farm Bill.” Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) spoke to the crowd of nearly 500 during the rally, saying the Senate got their job done, passing a Farm Bill, and it was time for Congress to do the same.

“There’s no reason that this Farm Bill can’t get

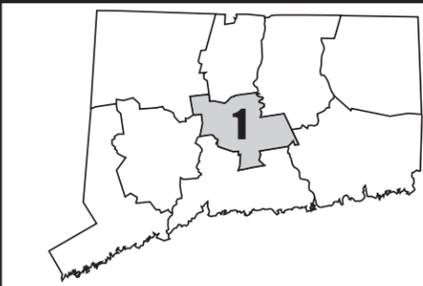
passed by the House... you just have to want to get it done, have some political will to get it done,” Stabenow said.

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) said as farmers around the country know, tasks that must be done cannot be put off, and now is the time for Congress to “harvest a Farm Bill.”

However, despite last week’s rally, the Farm Bill remains stalled in the House of Representatives where House leadership has been reluctant to address the trillion-dollar piece of legislation so close

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# 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.

### HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Oct. 12: Omit for Portland Fair

Oct. 26: Installation of Officers, Meeting starts at 7:30, Ref. Something made with pumpkin.

Coffee and refreshments

will be served following the meeting.

### SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Southington Grange #25 will host its Second Annual Harvest Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 13, from 7:00 P.M. to midnight.

Enjoy a buffet dinner and dancing. Grange Hall is located at the corner of Summit St. and Knowles Ave., Plantsville. For tickets, call 860-681-4179.

Southington Grange will also host the annual Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Saturday, November 3 from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M. The all-you-can-eat breakfast

includes freshly made Belgian waffles, assorted toppings, sausage, juice and coffee. For tickets, call 860-621-4688.

## Haddam celebrates 350 years



Happy 350th Birthday to Haddam - 1662-2012 - on the Connecticut River. Higganum is part of Haddam yet has its own distinct personality and a great name that originates from the Higganumpus Indians, meaning "Great Bend in River." Higganum Grange helped celebrate the milestone with a float in the 350th Birthday Parade.

## Washington Farm Bill Rally

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to the November elections.

In an effort of last resort, Congressman Bruce Braley (D-IA) filed a discharge petition on the 2012 Farm Bill last Thursday in hopes of gathering the required 218 votes needed to override House leadership's decision not to bring it up for a vote. Unfortunately, that effort seems to have failed, with little more than 50 signatures as of yesterday.

Without a new 2012 Farm Bill, one of two things will probably happen. First, Congress will address the issue after the November elections during the lame duck session. Second, depending on how the elections turn out, Congress might dismiss the issue altogether and let the new 113th Congress deal with it in January.

Either way, once the 2012 fiscal year ends on September 30th, over 40 vital Farm Bill programs will lose their funding

and essentially shut down. According to the National Sustainable Agriculture Commission, these programs include, "all the major programs for beginning and minority farmers, farmers markets, organic agriculture, renewable energy, and rural economic development." The Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD) will not be funded as well.

Organizers and legislators both stressed the importance of individuals contacting their Representatives in Congress to urge passage of the 2012 Farm Bill; however, with three working days left on the calendar, passage of a 2012 Farm Bill seems unlikely.

*Editor's Note: The House of Representatives failed to pass the Farm Bill before adjourning for the Election break. This failure marks the first time since 1949 that Congress has allowed farm programs to expire.*

## Colchester thanks volunteers

We would like to thank all those who help the Colchester Grange #78 raise funds and manpower to support the American Legion Veterans Housing project in Jewett City, Connecticut.

June 11, 2012 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held

and the \$6.26M project was dedicated for the first of its kind in the country providing living space for homeless veterans. Bill Czmyr had a dream and worked over ten years to make a dream come true. A refurbished building will be the home to homeless veterans. The facility will house 18 residents and they will have continual support as they start a new life.

Many people made a commitment to help with the project and the Colchester Grange thanks those who helped provide funding to outfit one apartment and to support a second unit. Thanks to Colchester American Legion Donald Bigelow Post #54, Colchester AARP #4019, Colchester Grange #78, St. Andrew Ladies Guild, Harrington Court

Health Care, Skyview Realty and Area Realty Association, North Stonington Grange #138, Norwich Grange #172, Stonington Grange #168, Susan D., Jeff W., Cathy R., Polly L., Marion and Kathleen C., Preston City Grange #110, for sharing their financial resources. Thanks to the energy of several volunteers, the bathroom was outfitted with supplies, the bed was made and special accents were put in place, the kitchen was ready for someone to cook after the dishes and special equipment were put in place. The living room was made picture perfect for a tenant to move into.

Special thanks to all our veterans who protected our freedom, our country, and our rights.

## Granger Shout Out



- All messages should be NO MORE than 140 characters (roughly 20 words)... the max. length of a Twitter Tweet.
- The editor reserves the right to edit all messages
- The editor also reserves the right not to publish any message deemed to be inappropriate.

### HOW TO SUBMIT:

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

**To Lin Erickson and Maggie Schofield for hosting the Past Deputies picnic. Everyone enjoyed themselves.**

**To the Social Committee for hitting another "home run" with the Cowboys vs. Indians Competitive Night in September! Keep up the great work!**

**Submit your Shout-Outs today!**

**PLEASE! Do not send correspondence or any other mail to the Newfield Rd. address listed below. This is the address for Winchester Grange #74 and is only listed to satisfy USPS requirements. Please mail to the Editor's address listed below, right. Thank You!**

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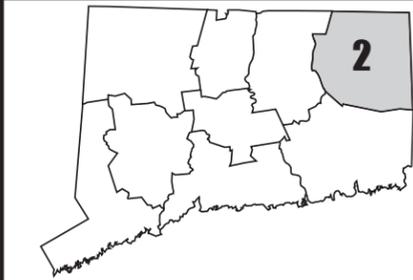
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- ✓ Senexet No. 40
- Brooklyn No. 43
- Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- Echo No. 180

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**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.

**SENEXET GRANGE #40**

Corr: Diane Miller

**Oct. 17: Fall Program**

We worked hard during the Woodstock Fair food concession booth. All the good food!

The Grange exhibit was well done by Debby Perry and lots of members.

We had award night and gave scholarships to 6 outstanding Woodstock students as well as Silver Star Certificates and 50 year Golden Sheaf Certificates. Good local publicity.

**EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89**

Corr: Sue Gray

**Oct. 13: Roast Beef Supper 5pm-**

**Oct. 26: Halloween Family Fun 6pm**

**Nov. 4: Membership Incentive Luncheon 1pm**

Our officers were impressively installed in August by the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team, with 52 in attendance. Our new President is Katie Molodich; Katie is the 3rd generation Molodich to serve at the helm and her mother, Betsy, is also a Past President! J. Allen Cameron was presented the Past Master's jewel of family friend, Elmer Tanner.

Congratulations were extended to our 10 youth (+Juniors) who captured the 1st annual Spirit

meeting. Welcome to Karyn Stamper and Alisa Bessette. Alisa has been to several of our events and meetings, Karyn has been to a couple. Both girls will be assets to our membership, I'm sure!

We paid for the magician and moon bounce for the fair. The fair was a wonderful event for our families! The kids had a lot of fun, even in the heat.

Our garden is growing. Should be picked clean, soon. It is so nice to be able to reap our rewards.

We rescheduled our Sept. 7th meeting to the 14th, because of Sterling's Family Day. We will be installed by family members at that time. We will also be handing out awards. Several badges have been earned, a couple of Super JG pins, and the crafts from last year's State session. They were never judged at State, so we had them judged and will be awarding prizes. We've had a relaxing summer and are now geared up for a busy fall. Before you know it, we will be putting on our Christmas play. The door to our meetings are always open.

Award at the Northeast Youth Conference as well as 3rd place in the Drill competition!

Congratulations to our Program Director, Clifford Gervais, for his selection as part of the nationwide youth Degree Team, who will present the original degrees (1867) at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, MN, next July.

A committee of David and Susan Griffiths; Russell & Sue Gray and Link Cooper were appointed to Chair the "Home at Last" fundraiser for this October 13th (Roast Beef supper benefit). Mark

your calendars and plan to attend this great meal, for a wonderful cause!

Fair officers elected for 2013 include: Link Cooper, President; Susan Griffiths, Vice President; Shelley Racine, Treasurer and Sue Gray, Secretary.

We voted to nominate the Mother/Daughter team of Betsy and Katie Molodich as our candidates for Outstanding Young/ Outstanding Farmer! They are indeed, quite the powerful team!

Many of our members volunteered at Sterling Family Day, which was a

huge success! The weather, however, made it necessary to postpone the Fireworks until the next night.

We will take our entry in "Three Cheers for the USA" to Richmond Grange on November 16th; this will also be presented at our November 5th meeting and Clifford Gervais, Program Dir., told us that Nov. 5th was also the day that icon, Roy Rogers, was born-so you can be sure Roy will be mentioned in the program!

Come visit us anytime; we will greet you with a smile!



Ekonk Junior Grange sponsored the performance of a magician and a bounce house at the August Ekonk Grange Fair in Sterling.

# JUNIOR GRANGE



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**HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87**

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Our Juniors have been busy - several were able to participate in the NE Regional Conference this past July - Congrats to Kayla M, Angelina D and Anna G who placed in the Public Speaking, Sign Language and Talent contests! Others are busy with their craft projects for the state and national levels. They also prepared for their inspection night with Sister Kay Ruff on August 17th. And scary enough - they have been busy planning their annual Halloween party - Please come visit on October 26th at 7:00 for some spooktacular fun!

**EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101**

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

We initiated 2 new members at our August

**128<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the**  
*Connecticut State Grange*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/ activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions.**

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____
Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____
Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____

**FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 18 - Sat., Oct. 20)**

**Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)**  
# of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Registration \$20.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)**  
# of Jr. members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)**

Meal Choice: _____ Roasted Pork Loin	# of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ Chicken Français	# of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ New England Baked Scrod	

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I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**

**Thurs., Oct. 18 & Fri., Oct. 19 (ONE DAY)**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)  
# of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)  
# of Jr. members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**

**Saturday, Oct. 20 (ONE DAY)**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)  
# of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)  
# of Jr. members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGISTRATION AND BANQUET CHOICE MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2012**  
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## 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.

### EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**Oct. 6:** 5th Degree meeting at 5:00 potluck at 6:00 and degrees at 7:00pm, Host Hillstown #87

**Oct. 13:** 125th Anniversary Party 2:00pm Good Will Grange Hall Glastonbury

East Central September 8th meeting was postponed due to severe weather expected that night, better safe than sorry so we had it on September 22. Plans going well for the 125th anniversary of East Central Pomona #3 on Oct 13th at 2:00 at Good Will Grange Hall 43 Naubuc Ave. Glastonbury. We are sorry for the loss of Brother Joe Smith of Enfield Grange, having lived 102 years makes you wonder of all the things he witness through his life. WOW. God bless you Joe and thanks for your many many years of Grange service.

We are working on building project to get ready for winter.

### TUNXIS GRANGE #13

*Corr: Pamela Covington*

At our August meeting, Tunxis Grange had its annual pizza party. Although we are a small group, we all had a good time. The pizza was delicious, and Master Doris Shaw brought two kinds of cookies, and we all enjoyed them. Thank you for making it so good, Sister Doris. It was a very nice evening.

Brother Al has been presenting good programs, and they have been informative, educational and a variety we have found very good. Keep up the excellent work, Brother Al!

We love to have visitors, and if you want to come visit us, please give Sister Doris Shaw a call to find out when and where we will meet.

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**Oct. 4:** Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Apple Picking

**Oct. 6:** Food Sale & Unique

Boutique Sale, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

**Oct. 13:** Monte Carlo Whist Party, 7:00 P.M.

**Nov. 1:** Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Gobble Gobble

**Nov. 10:** Monte Carlo Whist Party, 7 P.M.

Grange fall activities have begun. Where did the summer go? I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It is time now to begin our fall activities. It doesn't seem possible that I am writing about October and November activities.

October 4 we have several members who have been invited to the meeting to receive their certificates and/or seals. Beverly Bell is to receive her 25 year certificate. Robert Nordstrom his 55 year seal, and the following their 65 year seals: Mario Accornero, Willis Bailey, John Dufford, Henry Killiam, Doris Links, and Charles Tryon. I do hope they will be able to make the meeting.

October 6th is our semi-annual Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale. We need all the members support. I am sure phone calls will be made to everyone. Hope to see you Oct. 6th at the Masonic Hall for your support.

October 13th is the first card party for the season. Bring your neighbors and relatives and come join the fun at the Masonic Hall. It is a pleasant evening and enjoy the refreshments that are provided. See you at the hall at 7:00 P.M.

November 1st is the next meeting and the Lecturers program is entitled "Gobble, Gobble". Join us and see what Ann has planned for the program.

November 10th is the next card party. Join in the fun and see if you are lucky enough to win a door prize or win the apple pie on the raffle. See you there.

### TOLLAND GRANGE #51

*Corr: J. Jordan*

**Oct. 2:** Suffrage Movement

Come learn some interesting facts about the suffrage movement. Our meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. and will be held in the Grange Hall on the Green in Tolland.

### VERNON GRANGE #52

*Corr: Nancy Strong*

**Oct. 5:** October Fun

Vernon Grange grew 35.2 pounds of spaghetti squash (picture shown below) and delivered them to the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Rockville, CT. With this strange growing season, we are proud to have grown them and done a good deed.

Our next meeting will be October 5th and will be all things October and Fall. Our meetings are now at 7 a.m. and we enjoy a light meal before at 6 and dessert after the meeting. Call or email ahead if you plan to visit.

### COVENTRY GRANGE #75

*Corr: Noel Miller*

Coventry Grange will have installation at this meeting thanks to Sister Edith Schoell and her team. Our members have participated in Coventry's 300th Birthday Parade on September 29th. We are getting ready for winter with repairs and animal proofing the hall. Let's hope for another mild winter.

### HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

*Corr: Michelle DeDominicis*

Wow, the summer sure flew. Our members worked on their gardens and their crafts in preparation for our annual agricultural fair held on 9/8. The next few months we are looking forward to celebrating with East Central Pomona's 125th Anniversary and attending the State Conference. We would like to invite all to our annual Halloween Bash on Thursday, October 25 starting at 7:30 - games will be played - refreshments service. As part of our fund raising efforts to replace our Grange Hall Roof, we are selling custom made Pandora like beads that stay "Grange - Connecticut" for \$26 if anyone is interested in purchasing a bead - please contact Michelle DeDominicis at 860-568-2415 for an order form. Happy Autumn!

### ENFIELD GRANGE #151

*Corr: Irene Percoski*

**Oct. 13:** Hobo Day, Come as you are

**Nov. 10:** Vegetable Bingo,

Bring a prize

Enfield Grange has lost one of its most staunch members, Joseph P. Smith, Sr., who was Master for 49 years, passed away surrounded by his family. Joe was an 87 year member having "Ridden the Goat" in 1925. He always came to Grange looking his best, suit, tie, and proudly wearing his

Grange pins. His smile, firm handshake, and of course, a big hug will always be remembered. He gave the fruits of his garden to anyone who asked. His turnips and "kushaw" squash were much sought after. His philosophy was to live life as a friend to all, and as fully as possible. We will miss you, Joe.

## Granby Barbecue



Granby Grange Secretary Robert Brockett readies the pit for their annual Chicken Barbecue, part of the Granby Grange Agricultural Fair.

## Spaghetti Squash



Vernon Grange grew 35.2 pounds of spaghetti squash, which was donated to the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Rockville.

## Big E Winners

The following are winners in the New England Needlework Contest held at the New England Grange Building during the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield, MA during September. Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all for entering!

Mariellen Baxter (Sampler) - 1st & Best of Show

Doris Shaw (Doily) - 1st

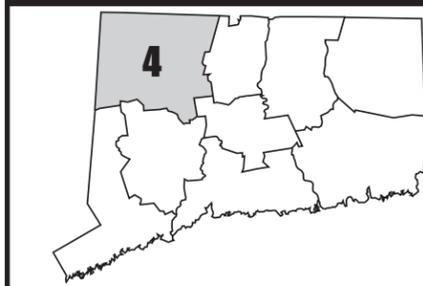
Sandy Peterson (Embroidery) - 3rd

Cindy Hupper (Plastic Canvas) - 1st

Dorothy Joselovitz (Latch Hook) - 2nd

Another good year for Connecticut!

## Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- Taghannuck 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 A. Gelineau*

**Oct. 8:** Greetings - 5th Degree, Winchester Grange, Dinner at 6 P.M., \$5.00, Meeting 6:00 P.M.

**Nov. 12:** Messages- Taghannuck Grange Hall

Mountain County Pomona began the new Grange year on September 10 with a meeting at the beautifully restored Beacon Grange Hall. All members present gave high praise to their members for all of the hard work they have put into (and continue to give) to bringing the hall back from the verge of literal collapse. The ceilings are repaired, floors and walls painted, roof replaced, ceiling fans installed, etc., etc., etc.

State Master Jody Cameron also attended this meeting for a very important purpose. The revitalization of Litchfield Grange is the highest priority right now as another heating season approaches and the State Grange is anxious to have the hall turned over to a new Grange group. It is now up to the Pomona to decide what role we will take in determining the future of Litchfield Grange. The Master and the Executive Committee will work on proposals to be presented at the October meeting at Winchester Grange. If you are willing to help in any way in working on the revitalization of Litchfield Grange, please let Master George Russell, General Deputy Todd Gelineau or State Master Jody Cameron know as soon as possible. Levels of participation will vary from hanging posters, to helping host an open house, or even working on refreshments for an open house (to name just a very few). In short, there is work for all and the more members involved, there greater the chance for success. Litchfield is an extremely important community for the

Connecticut State Grange to maintain its presence and really is an ideal community for a Grange... we just need to get out and let the community know why the Grange is important to their community!

The Fifth Degree will be conferred at the Oct. 8 meeting at Winchester Grange and we encourage all members who wish to become Pomona members to come and take the degree, making them eligible for the Sixth Degree the following week at the State Grange Session in East Hartford.

Mountain County has a new website! Go to [www.MountainCountyPomona.org](http://www.MountainCountyPomona.org) and bookmark it today! We will work to make sure content is constantly updated so members can find out the latest meeting and event information with the click of a mouse.

### WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

*Corr: Debbie Brown*

The Whigville Grange held our most successful Fair in recent history. The produce, baking and needle work was well represented, as was our youth entries. A big thank you to all who helped, especially those from other Granges who acted as judges. If you were one of the many who lined up at Litchfield Grange for the annual cookie walk, (and I was one of you), don't despair. The cookie walk has just moved to Whigville Grange! On Dec. 1, the cookie walk will be at "Christmas in Whigville", along with the delicious chocolates you have been craving. Area craftspeople, vendors, live music, and those amazing chicken wings are planned. Forget the stress of the Mall, shop with us. You Brothers and Sisters of the Grange deserve a relaxed pre-holiday break, and we can give it to you. Remember, 10-2 on Dec. 1.

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau*

**Oct. 5:** Super Prize Party, 6:00 P.M. (Drawing begins at 7:00)

**Oct. 9:** A Colorful Month (Towel Shower for Kitchen)

**Oct. 23:** Halloween, Country Store

**Nov. 3:** Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk

September was a busy, busy month for Winchester members. The month began with plans underway for Winchester's third entry in the Bethlehem Fair Grange Exhibit Contest. We took home third place again this year and congratulate Taghannuck on their first place winning exhibit.

Our fall tag sale was held on September 15 with a good turnout of shoppers and we thank everyone who donated their "stuff" for the sale.

All four degrees were conferred this month on two new members and we congratulate John and Billy.

Our Installation of Officers was postponed due to severe thunder, wind and tornadoes throughout the area on the night of our Sept. 18 meeting. As of this writing, we are working on rescheduling for Tuesday, Oct. 9-- more info will be sent out to members when plans have been finalized with the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team.

Our fall Super Prize Party is scheduled for Friday, October 5. Donations of new and lightly used items are always welcome. The Super Prize Party (or really big Teacup Auction or Country Store) will begin at 6:00 P.M. and drawing of the prizes will begin at 7:00 P.M. Join us!

Plans are also moving forward for our annual Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk scheduled for Saturday, November 3. Last year's Bazaar was canceled due to the Halloween snowstorm last year... hopefully Indian summer will be our reward for last year's catastrophe!

### RIVERTON GRANGE #169

*Corr: Shirley Moore*

**Oct. 5:** Meeting; Program: AutumnisHere (Agricultural Committee); Ref: Megan Keefe & Lisa Marecki

**Oct. 19:** State Session - No meeting

Summer has flown by and even though Riverton had only one meeting in July and August, we have been busy.

We had our fair on August 18 and had a perfect day for

it. We had several visitors and a good amount of entries for judging even though the agricultural season started earlier than usual. Again, we thank Mark and Cindy Prelli for heading up this event, as well as thanking those who were in charge of the exhibits and those who did the judging.

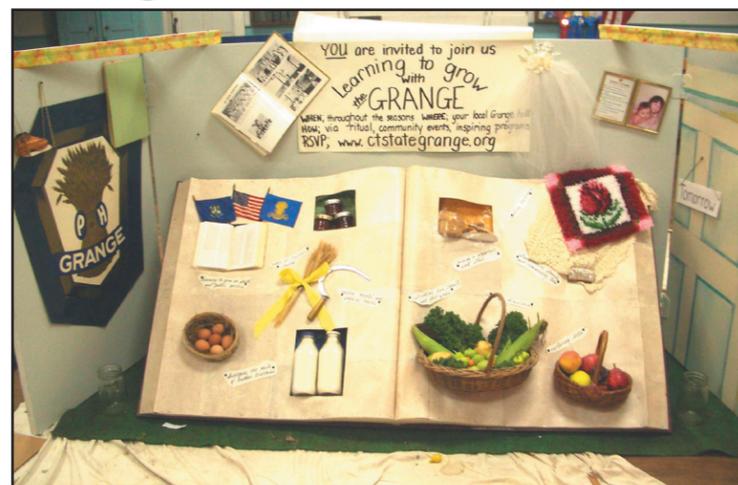
Also, in August, Tillie & Bill Jackson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the grange hall and our hearty congratulations to them. They must have been child bride and groom because they certainly do not look old enough to have been married 50 years.

On a more somber note, we were saddened by the

death of Brother Ed Gray on August 23. Ed was a Golden Sheaf member of the Grange and very active until having to move to an assisted-living facility. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Diana and his two daughters and families.

Our meetings in September will include the grange ritual on the 7th with refreshments in charge of Shirley & Rujo Moore. On the 21st, we will have our monthly pot-luck supper under the direction of Dawn and Roderick Anstett and Beth Weller. We hope to have good attendance at all our meetings and invite you to join us whenever possible.

## Taghannuck 1st



Taghannuck Grange No. 100 took first place in the Bethlehem Fair Grange Exhibit Contest. The theme was "Learning to Grow with the Grange." Bethlehem Grange No. 121 took second and Winchester Grange No. 74 placed third in the contest.

## Meet the Baldwins



Dwight & Kathy Baldwin, of Iowa, will be the National Representatives to the 128th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange in October.

Dwight Baldwin, Master of the Iowa State Grange has been a Grange member for almost 50 year of Amboy Grange # 2102. He was elected Treasurer of the

National Grange in 2009.

Dwight was a 4H leader for 10 years and served on the County Extension Committee as Treasurer for 4 years. He has served on the Grange Camp Board and as Treasurer for the last 13 years.

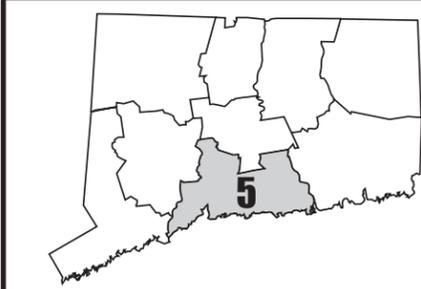
Dwight served in the Army from 1970 through 1971. When he returned home he worked for the local Farmers Coop as Mill Manager from 1972 to 1995. In 1995 he left the coop and went to work for the Jasper County Highway Department and continues to work there but hopes to retire in 3 years.

Dwight and wife Kathy have been married for 40 years and have two children, Kristy who is State Ceres and Doug who is State Overseer. Kristy will be making Dwight and Kathy first time Grandparents in September.

Dwight and Kathy live on a small acreage and raise sheep and have a Belgium horse named Abby that they like to drive with their cart. They are often seen driving through the streets of town. They also have a collie named Maggie that is Dwight's best friend and goes everywhere with him.

Dwight says the Grange has helped him become more outgoing and has been an important part of his family since is Grandfather and Grandmother was two of the original Chartered Members of Amboy Grange. He has loved serving the Grange from his subordinate to the National level.

## 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!

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

**Oct. 3:** It's Autumn

**Oct. 17:** Fall Social

It has been a very busy summer and early fall. Several Cheshire members attended the New England lecturer's Conference in Nashua New Hampshire. We ended our formal Grange year with our annual picnic at the Bernhardt's. We thank them for their hospitality. We moved our Cheshire Grange Community Fair from September to late August this year and the fair was very successful, complete with all the ingredients of a small county fair, topped off with our very popular Sunday roast beef diner.

Our officers were installed by State Secretary Edith Scholl and her team on September 5th. The event was preceded with a pot luck supper. We are looking forward to the new year and the upcoming State Session. We extend an invitation to visit us on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

### WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

*Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach*

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. It sure still feels like summer with its warmth and humidity. Pretty soon fall will be here and we once again enjoy the autumn weather.

Aug. 30 we had a business meeting and also discussed our upcoming fair on Sept. 15th. A lot of the fair books have been out and our sign is on the lawn. We are all making sure the fair will be a success this year.

## Social Connection



**Joanne Cipriano**  
Social Connection Director  
[social@ctstategrange.org](mailto:social@ctstategrange.org)

Meetings in October:

Oct. 11: "Columbus Day"

Oct. 25: Annual "Harvest Time" Potluck Supper. Bring a covered dish.

See you at State Session!

### OLD LYME GRANGE #162

*Corr: Barb C. Kulisch*

**Oct. 12:** Autumn is... Master thru LAS bring numbers

**Oct. 26:** Opening Meeting at 7:30 P.M.- Speaker on the Firefighters Burn Unit

Nov. 9: Harvest Is... Chaplain through Ceres bring numbers

As I write this report, late August, all the end of the year reports are filed. We did have a very good year Community Service-wise and have many members in their own towns doing community service work. Even our members in Florida! Thank you to everyone who does Community Service work, either here in Connecticut or in Florida.

Our Master, Ross Stands, along with the Lecturer, Barbara Kulisch, will be our delegates again this year. As always, they are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Session later this month.

We all need to strive harder to get in new members to Old Lyme and we will be trying to get more interested in the Open meetings scheduled later this month. We also need to work harder in our community to help out where needed and hopefully that will also bring in more interest.

Hope to see more of you at our open meeting on Oct. 26th.

Not much to report this month. Our Cowboy and Indian Competitive Night is not being held until next week so we don't know the winner yet. Also the "Granger of the Year" applications are not due for another week. Will have a lot to report in the next Granger. So until then, stay healthy.

## Legislatively Speaking



**Alma Graham**  
Legislative Director  
[Legislative@ctstategrange.org](mailto:Legislative@ctstategrange.org)

In November we will be taking time to cast our votes for whomever we wish to lead our country. In Connecticut we will be selecting a Senator and five Congressmen who will represent the state in Washington, DC as well as a President. We also will be selecting our state senators and representatives along with many local town officials. The election process is long with the Presidential selection process starting over a year ago. For 18 to 21 year olds, this will be their first Presidential election.

Recently I had someone mention that they had taken their grandchild to register to vote. In their discussion on voting and the process they became aware that there are some who do not understand the whole process. Questions arose such as to how much it would cost to be able to vote. They wanted to know if they registered for a party would they have to vote for only that party. What was the procedure for voting? How long does it take to vote?

What would happen if they could not get to the polls for that day? Did that mean they could not vote? Would they get fined if they did not vote? Where do I go and when is it open? Are the ballot secret or would they be tracked?

These are all questions that many long time voters would not think of. We, first as Americans, then also as Grangers, should see that all new voters are educated in the whole process. That there is no cost for voting, that voting is a right given to all American citizens. It is alright to vote for whomever we want to regardless if they are on the ballot or not. We don't have to vote for people listed on the party that we are registered for. It is alright to not vote for an office if we do not know who they are or feel that we don't want to vote for anyone running for that office. Just because we have two major parties listed it does not mean that we have to vote for either. There are many smaller parties that are also on many ballots. Remember Governor Lowell Weicker ran and won as an independent.

Where we go to vote and when? Many newspapers publish this information just before Election Day but you can also go to the Secretary or States web site ([www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov)) to obtain locations or just call your town hall. We do need to remember this season that the state just went through a redistricting

process. Some people were moved into different voting districts and that may mean they need to go to different locations to vote.

Remember, if you are unable to get to the polls on Election Day either due to health, travel, work or other reasons, you can request an absentee ballot be sent to you. These will be available 31 days prior to an election and can be found on-line at the Secretary of States web site. You can also go directly to your town hall and pick one up or have a family member pick one up for you. The application request must be postmarked or received by the 14th day prior to an election or in person at the Registrars of Voters office by the 7th day prior to an election. They must be returned to the town hall no later than the close of the polls on the day of the election.

We do need to remember to stress that by voting we are deciding who we want to manage our nation and state. There have been wars fought over the rights to vote. This is a right given to all citizens regardless of race, religion, age, sex or disability. For those who say their one vote will not make a difference, remember the primary ballot we just went through. The selection of the person who will be listed on the ballot for fifth district state representative was decided by ONE VOTE. An absentee ballot may have been the deciding vote.

## 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](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).

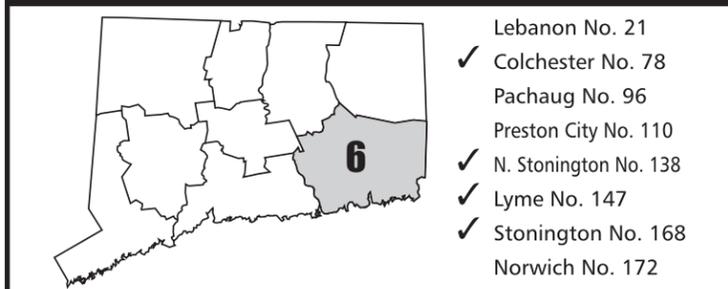


*This Month's Picture*



No answers were received for last month's photo, pictured above.

## New London County Pomona No. 6



### 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.

#### NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Oct. 13:** Pomona Fundraiser, N. Stonington Grange #138

Our Pomona picnic at Bluff Point State Park was well attended. The day was sunny and warm and the food was plentiful and delicious. After everyone had eaten his or her fill, many chose to take the lovely (albeit long) stroll out to the bluffs that give the park its name. Some stayed behind to play "Flicker Chicken" or "Ladderball." Others just relaxed under the cool trees and enjoyed the lovely surroundings and the companionship of fellow Grangers. All in all it was an extremely pleasurable afternoon.

On October 13th Pomona will hold a fundraiser at the North Stonington Grange Hall and grounds from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. Bring an antique or two and have it appraised by one of the resident experts. You may find you have been harboring a treasure! Visit a Civil War soldier upstairs in the Grange Hall, purchase an antique from one of the vendors out under the pavilion, and have soup and a sandwich for lunch. There will be lots to do and see. Come and enjoy and support our Pomona.

Don't miss our fundraiser. It's second to none.

Come get an appraisal And join in the fun.

#### COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

*Corr: Joan Toomey*

I hate to see tractors for sale on our roadsides. I want to buy each and every John Deere and Farmall I see. I miss seeing them in fields of rural Connecticut kicking up dust, a sure sign of rural productive life still existing. I do notice more and more fresh eggs for sale signs and more vegetable stands popping up and more young families getting the idea about raising their own food, keeping chicken and pigs on smaller areas of land. I refer to them as mini farms. It's getting back to basics, more healthy and rewarding to this new generation of budding farmers. Not a new story for us old timers who have continued our agricultural roots but an encouraging observation and renewed hope in our young

people. Those of us who grew up on farms worked hard together for the benefit of our entire family structure. It can be done and is being accomplished in our suburbs and city community roof top gardens. It is re-energizing a vision by a final awakening of truly New England farmers meeting economics and survival in our troubled world. They are meeting the needs of public demand for fresh, local vegetables, fruits, eggs, etc. without dangerous chemicals, pesticides, free range chickens and better pork products not found on so-called factory farms. I believe it's a whole new frontier I notice around me, more and more people catching on to their own ideas.

I foresee an increased enrollment in our agricultural colleges and more attention to local safe food issues and increased farming diversification. I read more articles in magazines and newspapers regarding more interest in 4H clubs, fairs and education of farm ideas in our schools and I think finally America is getting back on track.

I see the Connecticut and National Granges providing important guidance and resources to this movement of our future. The Grange is alive and well. God bless the Grange and God Bless America.

#### NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Oct. 12:** Sixes and Sevens - Legislative Program

**Oct. 26:** "Omnium-Gatherum" Halloween Party (7:30)

Our Aug. 10th program was in the charge of the men and was a varied program of jokes, games and information. Jason Miner's fine performances on both the piano and trombone added music to the evening. The ladies provided the refreshments; but they were outdone the next meeting when the men provided the refreshments and the ladies had the program. The ladies visited Mexico, providing information about many of the sights there, even though Frances was a bit negative about the trip. We learned, too, that the world is not

going to end on December 21, 2012, even though the Mayan calendar seems to indicate it will.

Start getting your costumes ready for our annual Halloween Party. The evening begins at 7:30, and there is no regular meeting. There will be prizes for prettiest, scariest, funniest, and most original in four age categories, followed by games. Our annual cup social will be held during refreshments after the party. If you have anything for the cup social, please bring it to the first meeting in October - good time to clean out some of those things that are gathering dust in the spare bedroom. And if those pesky hurricanes will just stay out to sea, next time I'll tell you all about super September.

Dues are due. They will be \$32.00 for Subordinate this year due to a raise in dues to the State Grange. It is still \$4.00 for Pomona.

#### LYME GRANGE #147

**Oct. 4:** Here Comes Another Grange Year- Dues due- Conn. Granger payment due

**Nov. 1:** Getting ready for Turkey Day

**Nov. 3:** Craft Sale & Luncheon

**Dec. 6:** Get your Shopping Done Yet?

It's been a hot, humid summer. Our August meeting hosted an architect with descriptions of our proposed fence. It was HOT!

Hamburg Fair enjoyed almost perfect weather- Sat. A.M. heavy rain- sunny in P.M. Our new bathroom was enjoyed by all. It is wonderful.

Hopefully our Sept. meeting will be a cooler evening.

We are gearing up for our craft sale and luncheon- CRAFTERS WANTED! It runs from 10-2 in our hall.

#### STONINGTON GRANGE #168

*Corr: Jeff Barnes*

Our August meeting was a fun event which featured a pizza party and a showing of the first episode of "The Real McCoys" starring Walter Brennan. We had a surprise visitor from Ashaway Grange in RI and hope to return the favor soon.

The new Grange year began at our September meeting as John Lawson and team installed Master Carl Mitchell and the other officers. We have a full slate of officers which reflects a change in six positions - a nice circulation and a chance for all to gain experience in Grange work.

Our new Lecturer, Lila Cleveland, is anxious to try out some of the new ideas she got while attending Lecturers' Conference. We are looking forward to a great year!

## GRANGE ALERT!! Avoid Facebook Spam

*Terri Fassio, CSG Public Relations Co-Director*

Anyone who uses Facebook has run into spam at some point. You can tell the spammer from a mile away by their inappropriate posts, photos and news feed hijacking. How many times have you seen what appeared to be a spam post by someone you follow?

### How does this type of situation happen?

There are two scenarios. The first is the spammer finds an inappropriate photo or status update, and tags you. The post will show up on your timeline, as well as that of all your friends. The second is to submit a friend request, which you as the user approves without checking the source. Then this person has access to the content that you create, and hijacks accordingly.

As an everyday Facebook user, this may not seem like a big deal, but to businesses and organizations (such as the Grange), these type of scenarios are a HUGE deal. Reputation is of the utmost importance, and the last thing you want to happen is have inappropriate photos or posts floating around the internet with your name on them. We have to remember that as Grange members, we represent this organization as well, and what happens on our personal Facebook pages can have an affect on the organization to which we belong.

### How do you prevent spam hijacking from happening?

Be sure to check everyone who asks to be a friend, especially if you do not know the person requesting friendship. Also adjust your privacy settings so that others can not tag you in a photo (or post on your wall) without your review.

### What does this mean for Granges on Facebook?

Having a Facebook presence is an essential part of effective communications for Granges. A well-run Facebook Page helps Granges collaborate, connect and increase their network of members, volunteers and supporters. The most important way for Granges on Facebook to avoid the wrath of spammers is to have a proper Facebook organization page, and not a profile page.

A Facebook Personal Profile is designed to be used only by an individual person, not a business or organization. (such as John Doe, not XYXY Grange). This is a common mistake that is made. You will see many organizations and businesses set-up as a personal profile. Facebook clearly states that using a personal profile for anything other than "personal" use is a violation of their Terms of Service.

A Facebook "Page" (not to be confused with the Profile described above) is designed for businesses or official representations of organizations (such as the Grange) or people (like a movie actor or recording artist). Facebook users are able to "Like" a Page and that Page is then indicated on their Profile as an organization that they Like. These Facebook Pages were designed to inspire more action and participation from fans - and the readers and viewers do not have to have a personal Facebook account to see the content. These pages have actions in place to help avoid spam and control what the public sees.

### What if I have the wrong type of profile for my Grange?

If you have 'Profile' account set-up for your Grange and not a 'Page', then the account needs to switch to a proper Facebook Page in order to be in accordance with Facebook's Terms of Service, as well as CSG Social Media Guidelines.

Now, thanks to some new changes at Facebook, there are two ways to switch over your Grange to use the proper Page format.

1.) Create a Proper Facebook Page for your Grange, and then on your old Profile, repeatedly tell all of your friends to 'Like' the new page. Set a deadline, and then shut down the old page on the deadline set.

2.) Facebook has recently added the ability to convert a Profile to a Page. Here's a link to the official instructions from Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/help?page=213602951994043>  
Can I set-up a Facebook Page for my Grange?

We encourage all Granges in Connecticut to have Facebook Pages. The Public Relations Committee can assist by setting up the pages properly for you, and then turning them over to your Grange for management. Contact Bob (publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) or Terri (information@ctstategrange.org) for details.

## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ 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*

Excelsior Pomona will hold its annual Bazaar and roast beef dinner on November 3, 2012 at Beacon Valley Grange Hall 1354 New Haven Road in Naugatuck, CT. The Bazaar will open at 2 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:00 pm until 6:30 p.m. tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Children under 10 are \$5.00. Space is available for Granges and crafters for a low price. You must bring your own tables. See Jean Meehan for table space.

An alphabet basket raffle will be held by Excelsior Pomona, where, each grange in Excelsior Pomona is responsible for a basket for the raffle beginning with the letter of their choice. Beacon Valley "B", Watertown "W", Prospect "P", Wolcott "C" and Oxford "O". Tickets are available at each Grange or from Joanne Cipriano.

The November 7th meeting program will be a musical one "Name that Tune" and will be held at Wolcott Grange.

### BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

At our October 12th meeting we will enjoy a program titled "spooks" presented by our Lecturer Cindy Legg. Refreshments will be provided by Diane and Victor Godin.

We will be making plans for our participation in the Excelsior Pomona Dinner on November 3. We will have a table. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

### BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

*Corr: Al Maddox*

We will meet on Monday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 P.M. Buzz and Linda will do refreshments and a country store.

We are again deeply saddened by the loss of Louise Johnson, a 79 year member of Bethlehem Grange. She will be missed by all who knew her.

### PROSPECT GRANGE #144

*Corr: Jean Meehan*

Prospect had the privilege of meeting the new principal of Algonquin School and welcoming her to Prospect then handing out 110 dictionaries for the 10th year to the third graders. We also donated box tops for kids and 6 library books for their library. Principal McGeehan was very excited and interested in what the grange does for the communities.

We were able to donate dictionaries to 28 students at Tinker School in Waterbury.

We were saddened Sunday, September 16 with the passing of Inez Bramhall. Inez has been a member of Prospect Grange and a 7th degree member for 75 years of which she had been very active until these last few months. She will be missed by all in our Grange and community.

Our September meeting was a visitor's night and we were happy to welcome Joanne Cipriano, leader of the State Social Committee and Fred and Helena Schwalm of Whigville Grange and Robert Buck State Gatekeeper and Maggie Buck from the State Agricultural Committee and Ray and Cindy Legg from Beacon Valley Grange along with Diane and Denise Barbieri of Watertown Grange which brought numbers for the program. A good time was had by all.

Prospect Grange is having a raffle that will be drawn at the Excelsior Pomona's annual bazaar and roast beef dinner at Beacon Valley Grange on November 3, 2012 along with a sale table. We are busy making items for this event.

The November meeting will be our Thanksgiving program. We ask that all attending bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local soup kitchen.

Refreshment committee includes all our members.

### BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

*Corr: Charles Perry*

We had all of our regular meetings this summer. We met July 11th and August 8th at the Bridgewater Grange Hall. We also had a presence at the Bridgewater Fair Parade which marched by the Grange Hall on August 17th. The hall was opened and we displayed a new sign made by our Master Nancy Mascio.

The Bridgewater Grange will continue with their Roast Beef Dinners. Our third one this year will be on Saturday September 8th at 5:30 and 6:30 PM. The menu will be roast beef (of course!), green beans, mashed potatoes, Jello salads, salad, tea, coffee and deserts. Looking forward to serving you. A Hootenanny presented by Jeff Case and friends will follow at 7:30 PM.

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Grange on Wednesday September 12th at 7:30 PM. Both events will take place at the Bridgewater Grange Hall located next to the Post Office across from the Bridgewater Town Green. Anyone wishing more information or wishing to help please contact Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2048 or Dean Perry at 860-355-4793.

We also wish speedy recoveries for Frank Giannone (Treasurer) and Dorothy Gustafson (former secretary and a valuable resource on the Grange).

### OXFORD GRANGE #194

*Corr: Phil Rowland*

**Oct. 5:** Open House, Entertainment, 6 P.M. Start  
**Oct. 19:** To Be Announced

The October 5 event will feature games, pony rides, a country music group, spaghetti squash and non-perishable food donations will be collected for delivery to the Food Bank.

We always enjoy mystery rides, and a recent one took us to Torrington, where we attended a fine band

concert in Coe Park. A big thank you to Jeanne Vaill for informing us about this concert in which her son was a performing musician. Good music, good weather, and plentiful member-provided refreshments made this a memorable evening.

The annual August Picnic was enjoyable too. Held at the Grange, hot dogs were served as the main course and lots of extras were provided by the members. Oh, regular business was

transacted afterwards, of course.

It was observed recently that one Grange member has done some pretty unique volunteer work in the past. At the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks a magnificent Sikorsky flying boat is displayed on which Norfield Grange member Ted Coley was one of the volunteer restorers. He deserves much credit for this worthwhile effort.

Happy Halloween!

## State Secretary



**Edith Schoell**  
State Secretary

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State Session is here! I hope you have made arrangements to be present for the Session, the Sixth Degree and the Banquet. It will be a busy time with election of officers, working on resolutions and installation of officers. A good time to renew friendships as well.

I will have a table of items for sale. If you need something

special please let me know ahead of time and perhaps I may be able to get it in time. (Need to save postage).

If any of you are having problems receiving mail, please let me know of address changes. This also applies to the Connecticut Granger. Some claim they are not receiving the news, or are getting extras. Please let us know. Address returns are charged to the Granger and you are well aware that the subscription cost is minimal.

Secretaries: Make sure your quarterly reports are sent as soon as possible. This is the quarter they MUST be on time.

## Wolcott New Members



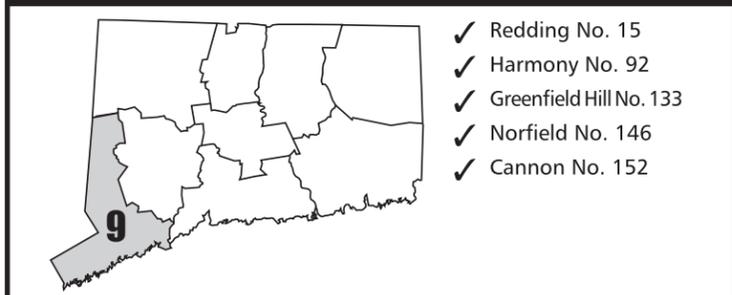
Conn. State Grange General Deputy Todd Gelineau conducts the Obligation Ceremony for Wolcott Grange in August. New members included Francis Guerrette, John Olsen, Lisa & Danielle Trusch and Miss Bristol 2012 Cheyenn O'Donnell. A worthy crop of new members! Photo by Joe Ouimet.



## Do You Remember?

Do You Remember (and Sister Betty Jane Gardiner) take a much deserved break this month and will return in the November issue. We hope you have enjoyed the columns during this past year and encourage you to let us know of any members you can think of that could be featured in upcoming columns. You can contact us here at the CT Granger or you can also let Sister Betty Jane know. She has a list of members yet to be featured but always welcomes suggestions and, most importantly, submissions of photos and other items to be part of the features.

## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



### 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*

**Oct. 3:** The Civil War

**Nov:** No Meeting

At our September meeting we selected Bob & Marge Sendewicz to represent our Pomona at the 138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. We also voted to give \$2,000 to Camp Berger for the roof replacements.

We received resolutions from Redding Grange and Harmony Grange. We voted to accept them and send them on to the State Grange.

Our October meeting will be at Redding Grange at 7:30 P.M. The Lecturer's Program will be on the Civil War.

See you at State Session.

### REDDING GRANGE #15

*Corr: Marge Sendewicz*

**Oct. 8:** School Daze

**Oct. 22:** Halloween, Hobo Stew Supper

After all the fun we have had this summer we are raring to go. There are so many things happening this month we don't know where to start.

We just finished our Harvest Fair on Sept. 22 and we'll give you final results in the next edition.

We will ease into the fall with our first meeting. Then we will ramp up with our October 22 meeting. We start out with our famous Hobo Stew supper at 6:30 P.M. You get to sample several different stews and all are delicious.

Later in the meeting there will be a costume party so if you come, have one with you. Maybe we'll have some ghosts or goblins but we will always have fun.

No Grange evening is complete without a country store. So come hungry and ready for fun and enjoy the hospitality of Fairfield County and Redding Grange.

### HARMONY GRANGE #92

*Corr: Susan Carol Sulier*

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to October, when autumn bursts onto the

horizon bringing forth its' regalia of vibrant hues of golds, yellows and oranges.

I wish to thank Bob & Marge Sendewicz, Geno Piacentini, Karen Macdonald, Joan Ziegler, Dennis Rich for all the support they gave to Harmony during our Ag. Fair. They have always answered my calls for help, and I want them to know how much I appreciate all they do for our Fraternity and for me personally.

Good news- Our Gail Mas and Master, George Ward, who both recently underwent surgery and our Treasurer Deb Riley who suffered a fracture (as of this writing) are all on the road to recovery.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe "Halloween."

And peace and "Harmony" in your everyday lives.

### GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

*Corr: Dennis Rich*

**Oct. 15:** "A Fair to Remember", Meeting, 7 P.M.

August found us busy preparing for our Annual Fair. We had at least three planning meetings and work sessions. This correspondent found time to attend the Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm in Hamden. The event, which always happens on the first Wednesday of August, featured many speakers and demonstrations of interest to both farmers and home gardeners.

We have ordered materials on pumpkin growing and usage from amazon.com. The core is a book by Gail Damerow, *The Perfect Pumpkin: Growing/Cooking/Carving*. We will post information on the Fairfield town website [www.FairfieldCT.org](http://www.FairfieldCT.org), as we finalize our October program. All of our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities.

### NORFIELD GRANGE #146

*Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox*

**Oct. 9:** Business Meeting

**Nov. 13:** Neighbor's Night,

Open House 6:30

There were 23 of us sitting down to a grand potluck picnic on Aug. 14. The talk was easy... the kind that comes when old friends meet and eagerly share their thoughts. We had many visitors: Ron Gunther, Master of both Redding Grange and Fairfield County Pomona; Marianne Nielsen, Ceres of Redding Grange and Overseer of Fairfield County Pomona; Dennis Rich, Steward of Fairfield County Pomona and Master of Greenfield Hill; Cindy Legg, Overseer of Excelsior Pomona and Lecturer at Beacon Valley Grange, and Ray Legg, Steward of both Beacon Valley Grange and Excelsior Pomona. While we were filling ourselves with good food we found time to sing "Happy Birthday" to Dave Smith and listen to Marge Sendewicz's report on the Lecturers' conference.

Sadly, we have just learned of Peg McCullough's death on August 31. She was the hard-working Treasurer for many years at Norfield Grange, but will probably be remembered most for her amazing gift for teaching children. As was noted in the local papers, Peg was a "determined educator who applied the newest methods to find and unlock the academic potential of her students, where others had tried and failed." They don't make them like Peg very often. We congratulate her family for the person she was, and thank them for sharing that very special Granger with us.

### CANNON GRANGE #152

*Corr: Don Offinger*

**Oct 4:** Business Meeting at 7 PM

**Oct 18:** Meeting cancelled during State Session

**Nov 1:** Business Meeting at 7 PM

**Nov. 15:** Business Meeting at 7 PM

Our 80th Anniversary Ag Fair was held on August 19th and welcomed approximately 1600 attendees throughout the day. And what a day it was with many beautiful exhibits submitted for competition, wonderful concessionaires, great BBQ food, and the best entertainment. We're proud to say that all the entertainers are Grange members, too. All of the acts were lined up by Rita Caruso and BillieSue Hollingsworth (and they two ladies also performed!). The Gate was beautifully operated by Michele Clark and her team

of helpers who cheerfully greeted every fair-goer!

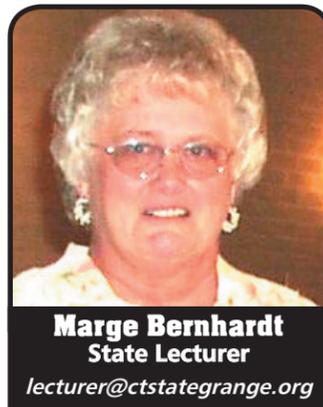
The proceeds from the Rubber Duck Race down the river will go towards purchase of an AED for our Hall; and we're nearly there thanks to the generosity of so many people. Our Fair set-up and take-down was coordinated by Doug Shepherd and Chris Sorensen with help from the Hollingsworth boys. BillieSue Hollingsworth managed all the concessionaires, plus the Sewing Department, performed in one of the Stage acts, and filled in Entry Tags. Every Grange needs someone like BillieSue; but we're very glad she is a Cannon Granger!

Our Voice of the Fair, Dave Barrett, is a longtime friend of our Grange. He is also a correspondent with WCBS radio in New York, and Dave made two fabulous

pod casts live from the Fair. We've posted the short one on our website at [www.cannongrange.org](http://www.cannongrange.org). Give it a listen, you'll smile. It's all about American Values & Hometown Roots. Dave and his wife Joyce, and son Luke conduct our Auction of veggies and flowers at the end of the Fair. And what would an authentic Agricultural Fair be without a watermelon-eating contest? Our friends, the Kirchof Family once again ran that for us. This year the older kids had to eat their slice without using their hands! Give that one a try.

We are now back on schedule with our meeting format, and we have posted our dates shown above. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

## Wow, October!



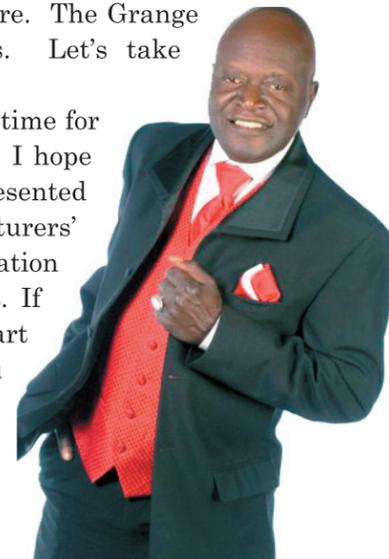
**Marge Bernhardt**  
State Lecturer

[lecturer@ctstategrange.org](mailto:lecturer@ctstategrange.org)

WOW! IT'S OCTOBER. I don't know where the summer has gone. This also means it is the start of a new Grange year - time for a new start. What happened last year or the year before doesn't matter. We all need to strive to make this the best year our Grange has had. We have to work together and build our attendance. We have to get some positive publicity

in our communities and to do this we have to play an active part in the happenings there. The Grange has many good programs. Let's take advantage of them.

October also means it is time for our State Grange Session. I hope your Grange will be represented when we pass out the Lecturers' Awards at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday Night. If you can't make any other part of the session, I suggest you come on Saturday. It is a jam-packed day which will include the Installation of your new State Officers. Entertainment for the banquet will be by Kim



**Kim Myers**

Myers. For those of you who were at Leaders' Conference, this is the gentleman who got such rave reviews from those attending and I am sure you will want to hear from him again. If you didn't get to that conference, you should come and see just how great he is.

## So, Connecticut Past Masters

The Past Master's next meeting is October 13 at the Prospect Senior Center. Our program will be our Fun Fair. This is always an enjoyable evening. If you would like to enter the contests contact Cindy Legg for a Premium Book.

As with all our meetings, we start with a potluck supper at 6:30. The meeting starts when the dishes are done and then the program followed by a Country Store. Everyone is invited to join us.

# Resolutions to be considered at the 128th

## Session Committee Assignments

### AGR./CONS. & ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Excelsior #7  
Vice Ch: Jon Russell,  
Agriculture Director  
Meriden #29  
Tolland #51  
Wolf Den #61  
Coventry #75  
Ashford #90  
Preston City #110  
Watertown #122  
Higginum #124  
Greenfield Hill #133  
Riverton #169  
Echo #180  
Oxford #194

### CREDENTIALS & MASTER'S ADDRESS

Chair: Fairfield Cty. #9  
Vice Ch: Central #1  
Granby #5  
Tunxis #13  
Wallingford #33  
North Haven #35  
Whigville #48  
Hillstown Jr. #87  
Pachaug #96  
Beacon Valley #103  
Killingly #112  
Lyme #147  
Hemlock #182

### GOOD OF THE ORDER & MEMBERSHIP

Chair: E. Central #3  
Vice Ch: Quinebaug #2  
Redding #15  
Lebanon #21  
Southington #25  
Senexet #40  
N. Stonington Jr. #105  
Prospect #144  
Norfield #146  
Cannon #152  
Old Lyme #162  
Norwich #172  
Wolcott #173  
Simsbury #197

### LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

Chair: New Haven #5  
Vice Ch: Alma Graham,  
Legislative Director  
Stafford #1  
Glastonbury #26  
Manchester #31  
Cawasa #34  
Winchester #74  
Colchester #78  
Hillstown #87  
Ekonk Community #89  
Taghannuck #100  
Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101  
Bethlehem #121

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Chair: Mt. County #4  
Vice Ch: New London #6  
Cheshire #23  
Brooklyn #43  
Vernon #52  
Eureka #62  
Harmony #92  
Putnam #97  
Beacon #118  
N. Stonington #138  
Enfield #151  
Bridgewater #153  
Stonington #168  
Cherry Brook #210

### 1) RE: POMONA GRANGE NAMES

**WHEREAS** Subordinate Granges are now commonly referred to as Community Granges, and **WHEREAS** just the addition of the word "Community" makes local Granges more inviting to the community as a whole, and **WHEREAS** the word "Pomona" was taken from ancient Roman mythology by the Seven Founders of the Grange, and **WHEREAS** few citizens are even aware today that Pomona was the Roman Goddess of fruit, trees, gardens, and orchards, and **WHEREAS** the Grange is trying to modernize its appeal.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Pomona Granges not already having the word "County" in their name be encouraged to add "District" or "County", where applicable, as not all Pomonas are within one county, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the 2012 National Grange Session in Boise, ID for favorable action.

**SOURCE:** Ekonk Community Grange No. 89; Quinebaug Pomona Grange No. **REFERRED:** **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ MEMBERSHIP**

### 2) RE: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

**WHEREAS** we have been listening to presidential candidates for months now, and **WHEREAS** there are still months before the election will be held, and

**WHEREAS** people have become very tired of hearing all the campaign rhetoric and all the talking badly about the other candidates that are campaigning, and

**WHEREAS** we feel the mount of money that is being spent in this process is outrageous while people are going hungry in this country.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grange urge the passage of legislation mandating that anyone interested in running for Federal political office be limited to a period of nine months for campaigning, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grange urge the passage of legislation mandating that anyone interested in running for Federal political office be limited to spending no more than a total of two million (\$2,000,000) dollars in their effort, including contributions from outside interests and other organizations, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange together with a request for their support and action, and **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange together with a request for favorable action therein.

**HISTORY:** Adopted by Glastonbury Grange No. 26 - 4/5/12; Presented to E. Central Pomona Grange No. 3 - 4/14/12; Referred to Pomona Legislative Committee - 4/14/12; Reviewed by State Grange

Legislative Committee - 5/6/12, Reported out of Pomona Legislative Committee - 6/2/12.

**SOURCE:** Glastonbury Grange No. 26; East Central Pomona Grange No. **REFERRED:** **LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE**

### 3) 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

**WHEREAS** the National Grange is fast approaching 150 years of existence, and **WHEREAS** this is a significant milestone.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange form a "Celebration Committee" to involve the members of Granges in Connecticut with this anniversary.

**SOURCE:** Ekonk Community Grange No. 89; Quinebaug Pomona Grange No. **REFERRED:** **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ MEMBERSHIP**

### 4) RE: INCREASING DRUNKEN DRIVING PENALTIES

**WHEREAS** the current drunken driving laws in the State of Connecticut lack sufficient provisions to prevent drivers convicted of DUI from continuing to operate motor vehicles so as to continue to cause injury, suffering, and even death of innocent victims in a disturbing number of cases.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Bethlehem Grange #121 and Excelsior Pomona #7 encourage the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee (CSGLC) to adopt official policy regarding drunken driving laws, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the CSGLC will lobby the General Assembly to change the current laws on drunken driving to include at least the following provisions:

1. Ignition interlock systems shall be required on vehicles accessible to convicted offenders for greater periods of time than currently specified in laws, with safeguards to prevent tampering with said systems.

2. That the judicial system count offenses within the driver's lifetime as in the State of Vermont.

3. After the second conviction, any additional conviction shall be cause for lifetime suspension of driving privileges.

4. Driver's licenses of those convicted of DUI shall be marked with an easily seen symbol.

5. Do away with the erasure from the records of first offenses, as well as dismissals and crimes not reaching conviction as in the State of Massachusetts.

6. Institute mandatory prison sentences after the second conviction.

7. Improve system of reciprocity between states for sharing information on these offenses.

**SOURCE:** Bethlehem Grange No. 121; Excelsior Pomona Grange No. 7

**REFERRED:** **LEGISLATIVE/ INSURANCE**

### 5) RE: CONNECTICUT STATE CANDY

**WHEREAS** using the idea of putting hard candy on a stick to make it easier to eat, and **WHEREAS** George Smith of New Haven, Connecticut was the first to invent the modern style lollipop in 1908 and trademarked it in 1931.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the lollipop be named the CONNECTICUT STATE CANDY, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution, if passed, be forwarded to the Connecticut State Legislature for their approval along with the enthusiastic support of the Grange members of Connecticut.

**SOURCE:** Old Lyme Grange No. 162; New Haven County Pomona Grange No. **REFERRED:** **CREDENTIALS/MASTER'S ADDRESS/RESOLUTIONS**

### 6) RE: SECRETARY'S CHARGES IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE

**WHEREAS** in the Grange's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree work, Patrons are charged by the Subordinate Grange Secretary to pay their dues promptly and in advance to assure that their Grange stays financially sound, and

**WHEREAS** during the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree work there is no charge noted in the Pomona Grange manual, and

**WHEREAS** each Pomona Grange Secretary presently does charge the new 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Patron with paying their dues somewhere, but not consistently, during the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree work, and

**WHEREAS** because there is no standard charge given, there is confusion as to who is responsible to collect the Pomona Grange dues and whom/how the dues are paid, and

**WHEREAS** it is the Pomona Secretary's duties to document who is a paid Pomona member and who's dues are in arrears, and **WHEREAS** it is confusing as to who is to collect Pomona dues and who is responsible to send reminders of dues to those in arrears.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we request the Assembly of Demeter make a change in the Pomona Grange Manual to reflect the charge given, by the Subordinate Grange's Secretary in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree work, to be the same charge given to the new 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Patron, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pomona Secretary also be charged with the duties of reminding and collecting Pomona Members whose dues are in arrears, and

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

**SOURCE:** Central Pomona Grange No. 1

**REFERRED:** **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

### 7) RE: 28<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT

**Purpose:** *To amend the Constitution of the United States of America,*

*in order to make certain that corporations cannot be treated as possessing the same inherent human rights as citizens.*

**WHEREAS** there was a time during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century when corporations, including railroads, tried to claim they were "persons" under the Fourteenth Amendment, and this was successfully opposed by Grangers and other civic groups in a nationwide movement that culminated in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, and

**WHEREAS** for nearly two hundred years, the Supreme Court rejected the argument that corporations were entitled to the rights of citizens under the Constitution's "privileges and immunities" clause, and

**WHEREAS** in 1889, the Court said that the term "citizens" in the Constitution "applies only to natural persons, members of the body public owing allegiance to the state, not to artificial persons created by the legislature, and possessing only such attributes as the legislature has prescribed, " and

**WHEREAS** in modern times, Justice Rehnquist was able to maintain the position that corporations are not people with inherent rights, but are entities defined and created by state legislatures upon incorporation and therefore possess only such privileges as they are given by government action, until he left the Supreme Court in 2003, and

**WHEREAS** subsequently the five to four "Citizens United" decision, has resulted in corporate entities being able to seize the inherent rights of a private citizen, and thrust millions of dollars into the political campaigns as the Nation attempts to hold regular orderly democratic elections, and

**WHEREAS** the historical Grange position that corporations, including railroads, may not be treated as persons with inherent rights, should be continuously maintained and protected by passing the Resolution proposing a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, with the same wording that is being used by civic organizations throughout the United States, to wit:

### PROPOSED 28<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

**Section 1:** We the people who ordain and establish this Constitution intend the rights protected by this Constitution to the rights of natural persons.

**Section 2:** The words people, person or citizen as used in this Constitution do not include corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state, and such corporate entities are subject to such regulations as the people through their elected State and Federal representatives, deem reasonable and are otherwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the States under this Constitution.

**Section 3:** Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the people's rights of freedom

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of speech, freedom of the press, free exercise of religion, freedom of association and all such other rights of the people, which rights are inalienable.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to pass the legislation necessary to submit this proposed amendment to the United States Congress, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the next sessions of the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange together with a request for favorable action therein.

**SOURCE:** Taghannuck Grange No. 100; Mountain County Pomona No. 4

**REFERRED:** LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

## 8) RE: POMONA & SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORTING IN THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut State Grange publishes a yearly Journal of Proceedings; and

**WHEREAS** prior to the 1970s, each Subordinate Grange was included in the Journal of Proceedings by submitting an annual report; and

**WHEREAS** Pomona and Subordinate Granges currently do not have have a report dedicated to their annual activities published in the Connecticut State Grange Journal of Proceedings; and

**WHEREAS** this publication serves as an annual report and historic reference guide for the organization as a whole;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that each Pomona and Subordinate Grange in Connecticut submit a yearly report to be printed in the Connecticut State Grange Journal of Proceedings, prior to a deadline set by the CT State Grange Secretary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these reports chronicle the events, projects, activities and happenings of the past year within each Pomona and Subordinate Grange.

**SOURCE:** CT State Grange Public Relations Comm; Winchester Grange No. 74

**REFERRED:** GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

## 9) RE: PERMANENT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**WHEREAS** the majority of the country is currently participating in changing clocks in both spring and fall; in the spring we change ahead and in the fall we turn them back; but not ALL areas are participating; and

**WHEREAS** the original intent of changing the clocks was to provide more daylight for the farming community to be able to be more productive with a longer daylight period, and

**WHEREAS** (being green) the whole world is being encouraged to conserve energy, and

**WHEREAS** it has been proven it is more beneficial for most people to take advantage of the sunlight/daylight hours, and

**WHEREAS** since some sections of the United States do not change time, it would be to the advantage of everyone to be consistent in having one time, and

**WHEREAS** many individuals feel better with more daylight in the evening and their health improves.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange along with the National Grange recommend that the Daylight Saving Time be the permanent time for ALL of the United States.

**SOURCE:** Whigville Grange #48 and Winchester Grange #74

**REFERRED:** AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

## 10) RE: CERTIFYING RESOLUTIONS

**WHEREAS** in the last couple of years, resolutions have been forwarded to Pomonas and the State Grange without a proper vote in a Community or Pomona Grange, and

**WHEREAS** the resolution process affords members the opportunity to have a voice at all levels on the passage of Grange policy, and

**WHEREAS** it is essential that all resolutions, when passed, have the full backing of the Grange at all levels.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that all resolutions passed in a Community (Subordinate) Grange or Pomona Grange bear the seal of that Grange along with the signature of the Secretary certifying that the resolution was adopted and is being presented at the next level of the Grange with the support of the source Grange(s), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the seal and signature be affixed only to one "official" copy submitted to the Pomona or State Grange Secretary, not to all copies provided for delegates when resolutions arrive after the printing deadline.

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange No. 74; Mountain County Pomona No. 4

**REFERRED:** CREDENTIALS/MASTER'S ADDRESS/RESOLUTIONS

## 11) RE: DEATH PENALTY

**WHEREAS** during the 2012 session off the General Assembly the Death Penalty for certain serious crimes was abolished and the new penalty of life imprisonment without parole was established for crimes committed after the effective date of the act; and

**WHEREAS** there is already a court case from the criminals currently serving on Death Row stating that there penalty should be changed to life imprisonment; and

**WHEREAS** the old death penalty was limited and only applied to certain heinous crimes of Murder.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grange support the repeal of the current "Life imprisonment without parole" and to reinstate the sentence of the Death for those heinous crimes previously covered

under the old Death Penalty Statue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that as part of the measure the Grange support the streamlining of the process of carrying out the penalty.

**SOURCE:** Riverton Grange #169; Mt. County Pomona #4

**REFERRED:** LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

## 12) RE: CIGARETTE LITTER

**WHEREAS** Connecticut and states across the country have continued to pass laws restricting the ability to smoke in public spaces, and

**WHEREAS** many smokers end up smoking outdoors, leaving discarded cigarette butts cast into the environment as litter, and

**WHEREAS** the remainder of the 1 billion cigarette butts (176 million pounds yearly) thrown out each day nationwide go through trash/recycling systems, and

**WHEREAS** these butts contain a toxic blend of chemicals which include arsenic, vinyl chloride, acetone, mercury, lead, and hydrogen cyanide that become a hazard to wildlife and leaches into soil and streams, and

**WHEREAS** the filters themselves are made up of cellulose acetate, a plastic product that does not easily biodegrade, and

**WHEREAS** if collected and properly recycled, these filters can be re-processed like many other plastics into new products.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grange push for legislation requiring cigarette manufacturers to develop biodegradable filters, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** these same companies develop public awareness programs on proper disposal and recycling of cigarette butts, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange for action thereon.

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange No. 74; Mountain County Pomona No. 4

**REFERRED:** AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

*NOTE: Information for this resolution was obtained from an April 20, 2012 article in the Hartford Courant - "Teenager Leads Campaign to Stop Cigarette Litter".*

## 13) RE: CT STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS;** for a number of years the State Grange has acted with both a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the knowledge and insight brought by the additional members has proven to be the benefit many felt it would be when setting up the board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the second paragraph of Article IX Section 1 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws which refers to the Executive Committee be rewritten from "The Master

and Secretary shall be ex-officio members with full power." to read "The Master, Overseer, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members with full power."; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that any reference to the Board of Directors of the State Grange either in the By-Laws or Grange Policy shall be construed to mean the State Grange Executive Committee.

**SOURCE:** Riverton Grange #169; Mt. County Pomona #4

**REFERRED:** CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

## 14) RE RISK REDUCTION EARNED CREDIT

**WHEREAS;** Public Act 11-51, an implementer bill for the annual budget, was passed that included sections 22-25 which established a "Risk Reduction Earned Credit" program that allows inmates in State Prisons to earn credit from their sentences for good conduct and/or participating in approved activities; and

**WHEREAS;** only criminals convicted of 1) Capital murder, 2) Capital Felony, 3) Felony Murder, 4) Arson Murder, 5) Aggravated Sexual Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 6) Home Invasion are excluded from this program; thus not covering many other serious crimes and repeat offenders; and

**WHEREAS;** this program as written did not have a hearing and was hidden and only passed as part of the budget implementer; and

**WHEREAS;** this program applies to criminals convicted since 1994; and

**WHEREAS;** since the passage of this bill crimes have been committed by so called habitual criminals that have been released from prison under this program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Grange takes a position asking for the repeal of this program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that if repeal of this legislation does not pass that the Granges position should be; that the program should exclude not to not only those currently excluded but also any person convicted of a Class A Felony or any person who has a record of 3 or more felony convictions.

**SOURCE:** Riverton Grange #169; Mt. County Pomona #4

**REFERRED:** LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

## 15) RE: OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**WHEREAS** the National Grange has offered an Alternative Manual (Rev. Oct. 2007) for the agenda of a meeting in an effort to streamline proceedings, and

**WHEREAS** many Granges are in a re-growth or revitalization phase, with new members being unfamiliar with the traditional Grange election process, and

**WHEREAS** when the traditional process occurs, many members express concern about the length of time that the nomination, balloting of officers and vote count entails, and

**WHEREAS** many Granges have fewer than twenty active members as potential officers, thereby limiting the number of potential officers available, and

**WHEREAS** many Granges need to use meeting time efficiently in order to conduct business in order to preserve that Grange's ability to continue to operate (including issues of membership, fundraising, and building maintenance), and find that the traditional means for Grange election of officers would take the bulk of an entire meeting, and

**WHEREAS** current members are often members of other organizations which utilize more time efficient methods for election of officers, and would like to see the Grange adopt or permit use of other current standard procedures.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Grange develop and promote and optional procedure for Election of Officers. This method would follow Robert's Rules of Order and include a Nominating Committee, and procedures for devising a slate of officers, a voting and counting system, and a format for announcement of results. If adopted, communication and instruction would need to be offered to facilitate the implementation of the new optional procedure for Election of Officers.

**SOURCE:** Redding Grange No. 15

**REFERRED:** CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

**16) RE: COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

**WHEREAS** the goal of the Grange Community Service program is to aid people in the community by encouraging and facilitating members and friends, and

**WHEREAS** new "major" community service projects often continue after the first year, and

**WHEREAS** in many communities the continuation of annual "major projects" has resulted in ongoing programs to aid most people and/or organizations that require assistance-children, the elderly, veterans, the homeless and the hungry, libraries, historical societies, etc., and

**WHEREAS** Grange members, either individually or as a group, regularly participate in these programs in a variety of ways, and

**WHEREAS** new requests for assistance are acted upon when received.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the requirement for a "major" project be eliminated from the annual Subordinate goal sheet, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange Community Service Report Form and the Community Service Judging Score Card be revised to reflect the change.

**SOURCE:** North Stonington Community Grange No. 138; New London County Pomona Grange No. 6

**REFERRED:** GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

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# State Session Resolutions

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## 17) RE: BANNING THE SALE OF CFL LIGHT BULBS IN CONNECTICUT

**WHEREAS:** Mercury is a poisonous element, known to contribute to migraines, disorientation, imbalances and other health problems when inhaled or handled, and

**WHEREAS** compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) contain mercury vapor, and

**WHEREAS** it is normal for CFL bulbs to physically burn up at the end of their natural life, emitting carcinogenic gases from the burnt plastic creating a fire risk, and

**WHEREAS** US authorities do not recommend the use of CFL's in children's rooms or over carpeted areas because of toxic hazard since the latest scientific tests prove the mercury in one broken CFL bulb can irreparably contaminate a carpet as the use of a vacuum cleaner will only spread the contamination to other rooms, and

**WHEREAS** there has so far been a recall of 317,000 energy saving light bulbs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange support legislation to ban the sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs in Connecticut and discourage their use.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange No. 168; New London County Pomona No. 6

**REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/ CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT**

## 18) RE: SALES CIRCULARS

**WHEREAS** sales circulars, sales flyers, small sale papers, etc. are delivered each week with the daily newspaper, and

**WHEREAS** the effective dates are not in the same location on each circular, and

**WHEREAS** the effective dates are generally printed in small print, and

**WHEREAS** the reader must scan the entire circular to find the effective dates.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Legislative Committee add to its policy that the Connecticut General Assembly require the publishers of these circulars to print the effective dates on the top of the first page, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Legislative Committee add to its policy that the Connecticut General Assembly require the publishers of these circulars to make the print size of the effective dates be comparative with the print size used to describe the sale items.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange No. 92; Fairfield County Pomona Grange No. 9

**REFERRED: CREDENTIALS/ MASTER'S ADDRESS**

## 19) RE: LOCAL GRANGE IRS STATUS

**WHEREAS** the National Grange was supported by an act of Congress before the income tax laws were

established, and

**WHEREAS** in time the IRS has come to realize that the local separately owned chapters are primarily educational organizations, and

**WHEREAS** recent laws have established a Fraternal status in the 501-C10 category which permits the Fraternal organization to create local chapters with a 501-C3 educational IRS status.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Grange is in favor of the National and/or State Granges seeking a grandfather status as 501-C10 organizations so that Local and County (Pomona) Granges may be recognized as 501-C3 organizations under the IRS rules.

SOURCE: Granby Grange No. 5  
**REFERRED: CREDENTIALS/ MASTER'S ADDRESS/ RESOLUTIONS**

## 20) RE: INVESTING CT STATE GRANGE FUNDS

**WHEREAS** the number one problem facing the Grange today is declining membership, and

**WHEREAS** National Grange tells us that all our dues dollars should be used for programs that contribute to membership growth, and

**WHEREAS** the majority of our money is in programs to enhance the majority of our money.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that \$100,000 dollars be allocated to the Connecticut Membership Committee, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee be directed to employ professionals to make the public aware of who we are, and what we do.

SOURCE: Granby Grange #5

**REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP**

## 21) RE: FUNDING AGRISCIENCE HIGH SCHOOLS

**WHEREAS** agriculture is expanding in the State generating over \$3.5 billion in annual economic impact, and

**WHEREAS** agricultural farms and businesses can't find sufficient numbers of in-state workers to fulfill their needs and growth needs, and

**WHEREAS** Agriscience Schools, also known as Vo-Ag schools, function as magnet schools but are not recognized as magnet schools, and

**WHEREAS** Agriscience schools portray public education at its best involving the community, parents and industry involvement while the students acquire a quality education in agricultural programs as well as learning the leadership and public speaking skills through their FFA associations, and

**WHEREAS** none of the State's Agriscience schools are filled to capacity due to lack of funding for teachers, equipment, and facilities with students being turned away, placed on a waiting list or discouraged from attending, and

**WHEREAS** State funding for the Agriscience schools have been reduced while funding for

magnet and technical schools have increased with the technical schools getting over \$143 million while Agriscience schools only received \$5 million and the cost of sending students to Agriscience schools is \$7,992 per student while the state reimbursement to the sending towns has been reduced to zero, and

**WHEREAS** while the hosting schools do receive the \$7,992 per student as well as a small State grant, this falls short of what it actually costs the host town to educate the student.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange encourages the General Assembly to acknowledge the success of the Agriscience School programs and adopt sufficient support at all levels, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly be encouraged to restore to 95% the State reimbursement grants given to host school districts for construction, renovations, equipment, staffing and reduce the gap between what the State pays for technical schools and the Agriscience schools with a suggested target of 50% of the tuition paid by the sending towns, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the State of Connecticut assists in adequate teacher training and recruitment of new ag-science teachers so the optimum numbers of students can attend the Agriscience schools.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee  
**REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/ CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT**

## 22) RE: BASIS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

**WHEREAS** the decline in the number of people who make a living from agriculture relative to the total population of the U.S. has contributed to lessened understanding of the sources of our food supply among the general population, and

**WHEREAS** current Vo-Ag programs for grades 9-12 have been valuable in giving students insights into our production of food in the U.S., but are limited to students accepted into these programs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange support the establishment of programs regarding the agricultural production of plant and animal foods to be aimed at the elementary and middle school grades, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these programs which might consist of classes and/or field trips could be incorporated into existing elementary and middle school curricula and would be separate from existing Vo-Ag programs.

SOURCE: Excelsior Pomona No. 7

**REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/ CONSERVATION / ENVIRONMENT**

## In Memoriam

Louise Johnson, G.S.	Bethlehem Grange #121
Augusta Priest Chadsey	Higganum Grange #124
Pearl Pietrowski	N. Stonington Grange #138
Inez M. Bramhall, G.S.	Prospect Grange #144
Honora (Peg) McCullough	Norfield Grange #146
Joseph P. Smith, Jr., G.S.	Enfield Grange #151

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



Amy Whitcomb  
State Chaplain

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Marvin Wilbur, Past State Chaplain

October here so soon! It is amazing how time flies. State Session will be here soon and all the excitement that goes with that.

This is a wonderful time of the year when the orchards are full of fruit. The vegetable gardens are in decline now, but those final tomatoes or squash or potatoes remind us

of the promises of God to not only supply our needs, but to keep the seasons in order.

If only we could be as faithful to Him as He is to us. It is altogether too easy for us to exclude Him from our lives. I know I do it often. However, we must stop being so foolish and remember He is in charge. Our job is to acknowledge Him and let Him do whatever is best for us.

For those of us who like to be in charge of our lives, that is extremely difficult. For others, it seems easier. I have no easy answer and I try to remember to turn everything over to Him. It makes life easier when I do.

## Revised Session Schedule

Schedule Subject to Change Without Notice

### Thursday, October 18, 2012

Ballroom, Plaza Hotel, East Hartford, CT  
7:00pm Opening in form in the Sixth Degree  
Introduction of National Reps. Dwight & Kathy Baldwin  
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees  
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree  
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates  
Roll Call of Granges  
Report of Credential Committee  
Session Committee Announcements  
Welcome from the Mayor of East Hartford Marcia A. Leclerc  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate  
8:00 P.M. Address of State President Jody A. Cameron  
Reports of Overseer, Lecturer, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee/Board of Directors, Camp Berger  
9:00pm Closing — Committee Work Begins

### Friday, October 19, 2012

9:00am Opening & Introductions  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes of Previous Day's Session  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate  
9:15am Special Order of Business: Election of Officers  
9:30am Report of Legislative, Agriculture, General and Pomona Deputies  
10:45am BREAK  
11:00am Report of Conn. Granger, Connecticut State Grange Foundation  
Business Session (Resolutions)  
12:00pm Luncheon - Reports and Presentations of Family Activities, Membership, Public Relations & Agriculture  
2:00pm Recognition of Past Voting Delegates  
2:15pm PowerPoint- Leadership through Service, Growth through Action  
2:45pm Business Session  
3:15pm BREAK  
3:30pm Report of New England Grange Building Trustees  
Report of 2013 National Grange Session State Coordinator  
4:30pm Closing  
8:00pm Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom, Plaza Hotel  
(Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)  
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree  
Escorting of National Representatives  
Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates  
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form; Rose Drill,  
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers; Community Service;  
Honor Grange Awards

### Saturday, October 20, 2012

9:00am Opening & Introductions  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate (Last opp.)  
Junior and Youth Tour  
9:15am Memorial Service  
9:45am Business Session  
10:45am BREAK  
11:30am FFA Representative  
12:00pm Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon  
2:00pm Installation  
3:30pm Business Session  
5:00pm Closing  
7:00pm Celebration Banquet (Members not registered/without a ticket will be permitted to attend the program following the meal).  
Lecturer's Program; Professional Agriculture Awards; Scholarships  
2012 CT State Grange Granger of the Year; Past Deputies Raffle