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Since the beginning of time spring has been the newness of life, growth and future. For those of us who recall spring degrees it was the season of bringing in new members to our Granges. Even though many Granges have shifted to using the Welcoming Ceremony I challenge every Grange and Granger to commit to ensuring their Grange sees that newness of life, growth and a positive future by bringing in at least one new member.

I also challenge every Grange to work with their Pomona to organize a degree day. Even though I fully support the use of the Welcoming Ceremony and/or the Obligation Ceremony giving them immediate membership status, there are many lessons that are lost and missed by not ensuring ALL members witness the exemplification of the degrees.

It's hard to explain how and why some things are the way they are when so many new members have never been exposed to those lessons. Please don't get me wrong. I am not telling you to stop using the Obligation or Welcoming Ceremonies. What I am saying is what it states in the Obligation Ceremony. It is the Grange's responsibility and obligation to make sure all new members witness the first four degrees within the first year after the ceremony.

"Today I welcome you as new members of the Grange as you take this first step in your Grange journey. This ceremony is intended to give you immediate membership status, but you are encouraged to take the ritualistic four degrees within the next year to gain the full appreciation and meaning of the four degrees in our Grange Ritual." - Quote from the Obligation Ceremony as printed in the 2013 Subordinate Grange Manual.

I also believe from what I have witnessed many times over the past three years is that our existing membership needs to be reminded of the obligations

we all took in those degrees.

I firmly believe many of the challenges we experience today would not be taking place if we all remembered our obligations. Some of the language used in these lessons may be outdated but the messages are as pertinent and necessary today as they were when they were written. We are reminded throughout all four degrees of the Subordinate Grange on how a member in good standing conducts themselves at all times within and without the Grange to strengthen our Order and make it an organization that is respected and sought by many.

A well informed and educated member is a powerful member and drives growth and prosperity for our Order. Brothers and Sisters this is a serious challenge to every member in our organization to bring in at least one new member. Without continued growth we will not be able to succeed. Without continued growth we will cease to exist.

I have only been a member for 34 years. I cannot imagine this world without a Grange in it and I don't want to!

Raw milk debate continues

by Bill Bittar, Waterbury Republican-American (4/25/14)

Connecticut is among 30 states allowing the sale of raw milk, but the debate over the health benefits - and the risks - rages on.

Rick Plumb, who owns Meadow Ridge Farm in Litchfield, where more than 99 percent of the milk is sold at wholesale and less than 1 percent is sold as raw milk, says he is not

on either extreme.

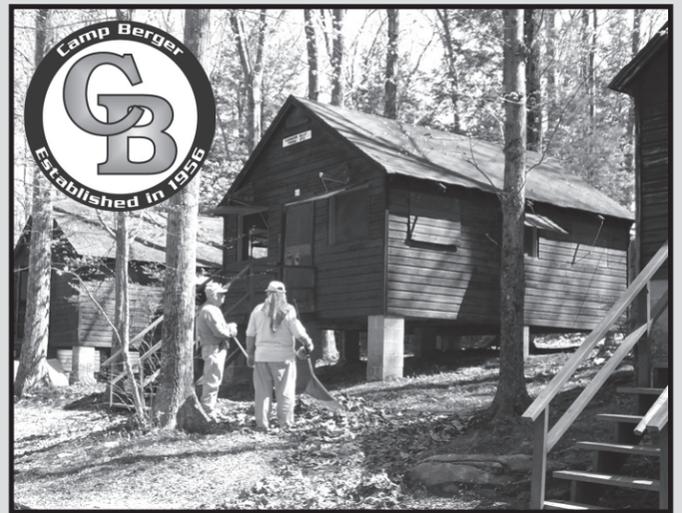
"Anymilkthatacustomer can buy in the store is fine," he said Wednesday morning. "Maybe through the pasteurization and homogenization process the milk is altered, but it's still a good, wholesome product. It's just kind of a personal preference to want to buy raw milk."

Plumb grew up on the stuff.

"I think raw milk does

taste very good," he said. "It has a crisper, cleaner taste than conventional milk."
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Camp Berger to open in 2014



Jody Cameron, State Master

It is with pleasure that I inform you that the Executive Committee is in the final stages of negotiating a management agreement where Lyn and Chris Kimberly will manage Camp Berger for the 2014 camping season. The Kimberly's will be responsible for all aspects of managing Camp Berger during the camping season.

I admire everyone's passion and desire to make sure Camp Berger remains a summer camp for children. Now that we have done that it is necessary for all Granges to support Camp Berger. I challenge every Grange to offer a campership if you do not have a recipient, I encourage you to donate the \$350 for the campership to be used at the discretion of the camp's management.

Brothers and Sisters, we have heard you loud and clear we now need you to support the Camp with that passion that have used to save the Camp.

I would like to remind everyone that even though the camp is owned by the Connecticut State Grange, no members should visit the Camp without contacting the Kimberly's or Ruel Miller directly. During the Camping season, the safety of the children is our first and foremost concern and responsibility.

Please join me in welcoming the Kimberly's as the managers of Camp Berger.

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Hank's Hankerings features some of his favorite recipes!

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Camp Berger

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Camp Clean-Up Days are scheduled for Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18. Please contact Lyn or Chris if you have any questions. They may be reached via email at director@campberger.org or by calling (203) 557-3339. Please show your support of Camp Berger and help the Kimberly's first season get off to a great start!

Offer your support and let's see that Camp Berger is successful.



Cottage Cheese Pie

Submitted by Irene Percoski

- 2 Cups Cottage Cheese (small curd)
- 1 scant Cup of sour milk (add 1 tbsp. vinegar to sour it)
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 regular pie crust

Preheat oven to 400°. Line pie pan with crust. Place all ingredients in mixer or blender. Mix thoroughly. Pour into pie pan lined with crust. Place pie on foil-lined cookie sheet and put into oven. Bake one hour, or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool before serving and store in refrigerator.

NOTE: This recipe was included on page 57 of the "Old Time Favorites" Cookbook published by Enfield Grange No. 151. Unfortunately the 2 eggs were omitted from the recipe when the books were printed. Please correct your cookbook if you have one.



CAMP BERGER

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FRIENDSHIP - DISCOVERY**

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July 27- Aug 2, Aug 3-9
Camp Tuition \$350 Per Week
Counselor in Training Program
for Kids Age 15 and 16

PROGRAMS:

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**Located on Senic Park Pond in
Winchester Center, Connecticut, Camp
Berger is large enough to ensure a fun filled
summer yet small enough, 120 campers per
session, to give individual attention. Please
feel free to call or email with any questions.**

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Registrations now being accepted

Camp Berger now accepting applications for 59th camping season

Camp Maud Isbell Berger, located on scenic Park Pond in Winchester Center, CT is now accepting applications for its 59th camping season. While owned and operated by the Connecticut State Grange, Camp Berger is open to all children ages 7-14. Children do not have to be Grange members to attend.

Camp Berger offers a well-balanced summer program with both individual and group participation. Campers are given the opportunity to sample a large variety of programs or they can concentrate on programs of special interest in such areas

as: canoeing, fishing, rowing, archery, sports, rocketry, arts and crafts, dramatics, swimming and nature. Camp Berger provides the opportunity to reduce summer learning loss in an expanded learning environment where children are engaged experientially and have an opportunity for additional academic enrichment. The Camp Berger program is designed to give campers a chance to select and participate in programs of their choice away from the pressures of highly organized and strictly scheduled activities.

Camp Berger is dedicated to providing an affordable camping experience for all children by keeping its rates among the

lowest in the state. Five weekly overnight sessions, and 5 weekly day camp sessions are offered beginning July 6, 2014. The fee is \$350 for each one week overnight session or \$200 for each one week day camp session, with a \$100 deposit required for each week registered to hold space in each desired weekly session. All fees are due in full by June 20, 2014.

Open Houses will be held in May and June at the Camp on Wanhee Road in Winchester Center. Dates will be announced soon. Tours will be provided from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. during the Open Houses.

Complete registration information and forms are available by contacting Camp Directors Lynn and Chris Kimberly at (203) 557-3339 or by visiting the Camp Berger website at: www.campberger.com.

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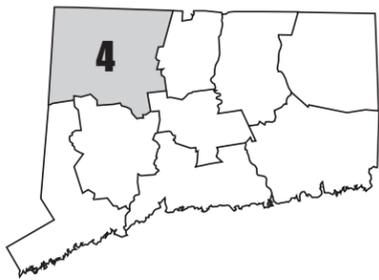
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

May 12: Fifth Degree & Inspection, Winchester Grange Hall, 6:00 P.M. Dinner (\$5), 7:30 Meeting

Winchester Grange met on March 22 for our first March Saturday meeting. While attendance was a bit low (very cold day) a nice meeting and potluck supper was held. A resolution was presented on the subject of eliminating the level of Pomona within the Order. After a great deal of discussion (the intended purpose of the resolution), the resolution was tabled for action at the next Pomona meeting. Granges are asked to discuss the purpose and future of Pomona at their meetings in the interim and attend the next meeting of Pomona to discuss further.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12 for the conferral of the

Fifth Degree, beginning with a paid supper at 6:00 P.M. (\$5 per person). Any Granges with candidates for the Fifth Degree are asked to contact the Master or Secretary to aid in planning for the degree. While we will confer the degree for Inspection regardless of whether or not there are candidates, it's still nice to know what to expect for new members.

EUREKA GRANGE #62

Eureka Grange presents a new kind of fundraiser on May 3 when we hold a "Baked Potato Extravaganza and Bake Sale." Join us in enjoying delicious baked potatoes with all of the fixings including chili. Beverages are included and a bake sale will also be held. Admission is \$5 per person and the fun kicks off at 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. Eureka Grange is located at 777

Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 202) in the Nepaug section of New Hartford. For more information on this and any other Eureka Grange events and meetings, please call (860) 482-1111 or (860) 307-7000. We'll see you there!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

May 13: Cherry Brook Chimes Concert (Open Meeting) with potluck supper beginning at 6 P.M.

May 24: Spring Tag Sale, 9-2, Rain or Shine

May 27: Mom

June 15: Strawberry Festival, 2:30-5:00

Bell Choir concert at Winchester

Winchester Grange is hosting a special music-filled evening on Tuesday, May 13th, when they welcome the Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir from the First Congregational Church of Canton Center, directed by Mary Lou Keefe. The evening will begin with a community potluck supper at 6:00 PM, with the concert following at 7:30 PM. Winchester Grange Hall is located at 100 Newfield Road, Winchester Center, Connecticut.

There is no admission charge, but those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to local area food banks and soup kitchens. You do not have to be a Grange member to attend - the evening is open to everyone.

The Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir was organized in 1982, and since has been active in the First Congregational Church of Canton Center by not only providing music for regular church services, but performing at various other venues and festivals throughout New England. The choir consists of five octaves of bells and 4 octaves of chimes.

The program will include a cross-section of music with everything from beautifully arranged hymns and classics to Broadway hits and newly-composed bell pieces. Guest guitarist Jon Keefe will be accompanying the bell choir on two selections.

After a successful Cabin Fever Craft & Bake Sale in March we rolled into our Spring Super Prize Party on April 25 with a good turnout of the public and a great assortment of penny auction items "up for grabs."

Our next event will be an open meeting on May 13 that will feature the Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir directed by Winchester Grange's own Mary Lou Keefe. The evening will kick off at 6 P.M. with a potluck supper followed by the open meeting/concert program at 7:30. The public is welcomed and we would

love to see visiting Grangers from near and far.

Many, many donations of items have been received for our Spring Tag Sale to be held at the hall on May 24 from 9 to 2 P.M.

Looking further ahead, our highly anticipated (especially by the public) Strawberry Festival will be held on Father's Day, June 15 from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M. rain or shine at the Grange Hall. As always, we have the area's largest servings of Strawberry Shortcake around—no need for a meal afterwards—it's a meal in itself! See you there!



For more information, contact Winchester Grange Program Director Ramona Fassio, via e-mail at er@winchestergrange.org or visit our website at <http://www.WinchesterGrange.org>.

Getting to Winchester

Center: From Winsted, take Route 263 to the Winchester Center green. From Torrington, take Newfield Road (at the corner of Winsted Rd. and N. Main St.) to the Winchester Center green.

WINCHESTER GRANGE

TAG SALE

SATURDAY

May 24, 2014

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Winchester Grange Hall - On the Green
100 Newfield Rd., Winchester Center, CT

RAIN or SHINE

www.WinchesterGrange.org

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presents

Baked Potato Extravaganza & Bake Sale

Join us to enjoy delicious baked potatoes with all the toppings, including chili. Beverages are included. There will also be a Bake Sale.

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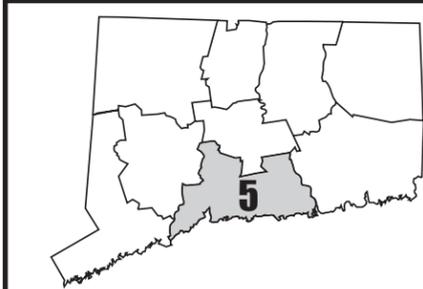
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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35

MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Wesle Dymoke

May 15: Fifth Degree at Wallingford, 7:30

June 19: Regular Meeting at Cheshire, 7:30; Elections, Gift Card Drawing

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

May 7: Awards Night, Tea Cup Auction –Open Meeting

May 21: Bits and Pieces

Our treasury was enhanced thanks to three fund raising dinners recently. We thank our committees for their efforts in making the dinners a success. Plans are underway for a May 31st barbeque and card party and a June 28th Ham Dinner. We were saddened of the passing of our member Donald Beard. We had the honor of presenting him with his 80 year membership certificate this past December. He was a friend to all and loved the Grange. We wish all a happy spring and invite you to visit with us in Cheshire on the first and third Wednesdays of the week.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel M. Lauttenbach

May 4: Pancake Breakfast from 8am to Noon. Pancakes, sausage patties, maple syrup, orange juice, coffee and tea.

May 8: “Armed Forces Day”, this will also be our inspection night.

May 22: Scheduled to be our Anniversary night, it was pushed back to June 12th since our recipient, Rosemary Rascati wasn't able to make this night. A new program will be announced for this night.

June 12: 129th Anniversary Celebration and our Community Citizen will be Rosemary Rascati.

March 8 – Saint Patrick's

Day program by Joan Olschefski .

Anne Cella and Henry Cadet brought up some items to be discussed and considered doing as a Grange: doing a pancake breakfast, Bingo once per month, Ice Cream social on a Saturday in the summer months, have an open house with a “Throwback Party” to 1885 and members to dress in period clothing to greet and answer questions, show off our building and display history of the Grange. Membership Drive: have a table at the YMCA family day in September. Start a Monarch Butterfly habitat as a grange project. It was decided to do a pancake breakfast on May 4th and a membership drive at the library on April 15.

Saint Patrick is the national saint and apostle of Ireland and is credited to bringing Christianity to Ireland. The shamrock was used by St. Patrick to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans of Ireland. He was also known for driving the snakes from Ireland but there probably

were never any snakes in Ireland anyway; but many pagans worshipped snakes and ridden the island of them was more symbolic of putting an end to pagan worship.

March 27 – Talk on Beekeeping by Jim Pyskaty. Jim talked about bees, their lives, their hives and keepers of the hives. All bees are females except the drones. First he discussed what the queens do: lay eggs. Their life span is about 5 years. The worker bees are also female. They start out in the hive when they are born guarding the hive, building combs or making wax. They don't go out of the hive till later. Worker bees don't last too long; they can last 5 days to a few weeks depending how long their wings last. Once they wear out their wings, they die. This why the queen is so active producing eggs; because she has to be able to replace all those worker bees. Bees are active all the time and never sleep. The drones, the males, don't do too much except hang around waiting to mate with a virgin queen bee. There was much more he showed demonstrated about the hive: the type of combs used and parts of the hive. So it was a good overview on what bees are and the art of keeping bees.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

May 6: Spring Fling

June 4: Election?

It sure seems good to see

the ground again. We got fooled good a day early with that three inches of partly cloudy.

Our neighborhood woodchuck is back so it must be spring.

Emily and John Alexander are on the mend. They got to the last meeting and Emily had her always

outstanding program. The rest of us are plodding along one day at a time and look forward to nice sunny warm days to perk us up.

We received word that our oldest member, in age, Laura Bartlett, has gone to the Grange above. She was 99 and lived in Florida for several years.

Ballroom dancing



Lu and Kent Marshall dance recently during Cheshire Grange's annual Ballroom Dancing program.

Easter favors



Cheshire Grange's crafty members made Easter themed tray favors for residents of area nursing homes.

Flat Stanley & Orla



Cheshire Grange had a great meeting last night, April 16th. Had 4 applications for membership, 3 by demit and 1 brand new member. Nice informational speaker on native plants. The men all baked for our refreshments and we all ate too much trying to taste them all. We also had a special guest -- Flat Orla who is from Virginia was visiting her Grandmother. I'm sure you've heard of Flat Stanley the elementary school children make. Well this is the new female version. She is posing with our Master, Ruel Miller, and her Grandmother, Maryalyce Lee.

CHESHIRE GRANGE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR
ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

WED. MAY 7 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT CHESHIRE GRANGE HALL
44 WALLINGFORD ROAD, CHESHIRE, CT

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE BY THE
BRISTOL OLD TYME FIDDLERS




THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING - BRING YOUR FRIENDS
TEA CUP AUCTION
REFRESHMENTS & SOCIAL HOUR TO FOLLOW

RSVP -- Marge Bernhardt
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New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- ✓ N. Stonington Community No. 138
- ✓ Lyme No. 147
- ✓ Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172
- ✓ Groton Community No. 213

MISSION STATEMENT
 To cultivate and nurture the flock while encouraging their advancement to the degree of Pomona.

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
May 10: Conferral of the 5th Degree- N. Stonington Grange

June 16: Election of Officers- Groton Grange

North Stonington Grange came in first in the A Number contest and will go on to State. Groton Grange took second place.

We will confer the Fifth Degree at North Stonington Grange in May and hope to have a good class of candidates. This is a lovely degree and we should all encourage our 4th Degree members to come and continue their journey to the 7th Degree.

We will hold election of officers at our June meeting. Please come and help to choose your leaders for the next two years.

We know that you love to watch movies

Or baseball or games on TV;

But please won't you come to Pomona

We need everyone's help, you see.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
May 9: "As Poor as a Church Mouse"

May 10: We host New London County Pomona's 5th Degree

May 23: "In Seventh Heaven"

May 30: 2-4-5 Club

On March 14 we had an enjoyable, old-fashioned program where we learned about all the special days in March. We blew bubbles, learned to crochet, made up limericks and ate potato chips all in their honor. On March 28 our Lecturer put on her special "Three Cheers for the USA" program and we all dressed up in costume and helped celebrate. Looks

like another winner for Sue. Our special guest accompanist was Kenny Huebner, who delighted us all with his wonderful piano playing.

Our May 9 program will feature a speaker from MASH- no, not the TV show It will be the Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality Group. On May 23 we will have our Memorial program. And if the peepers who are finally peeping will just stay unfrozen, next time I'll tell you all about awesome April.

LYME GRANGE #147

May 17: 4th Annual Plant & Food Sale

June 5: Summer's Almost Here

July 3: Fireworks Galore

Spring has finally sprung. Snowdrops are in full bloom (a month late, I might add). Peepers are peeping. It's so uplifting.

A delightful program was presented by youth chair. Such a fun evening. All sorts of games and prizes.

Since Juniors can now join the Subordinate Grange, we had three applications for members for Juniors. Of course, they were voted in happily.

A committee has been formed and voted to begin looking into doing something about our old building. One wall is buckling and it is going to be a long drawn out process.

Welcomed are a few members from Old Lyme Grange. They will come to us by demit.

Norman Stitham from Old Lyme, made beautiful book marks. Everyone was presented with one with the promise he will make 100 to be handed out at our Hamburg Fair Aug. 15, 16 & 17. Such a wonderful surprise.

Happy spring. We

can now look forward to summer.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Lisa Herzig

At our March meeting, the State of Connecticut Agriculture Representative visited and spoke about two important issues:

- Encouraged each Grange to donate 100 lbs. of fruits and vegetables to local soup kitchens
- Brought attention to local town discussions on tribal recognition.

Chris Stanley and his wife, Erin Sousa-Stanley, were nominated for the 2014 Community Service Award. The nomination was voted on and passed. The Stanleys are recognized for their contributions to drama and music education at Stonington High School and performances throughout the community.

May is National Egg Month

Learn about the importance of an egg from a nutritional point of view: Eggs are powerhouses of nutritional goodness. Eggs contain vitamins A, D and E, all the fats (especially lecithin), iron, sulfur and

proteins.

Do some fun research on eggs. There are lots of things you might not know about eggs yet. For instance:

- Try an experiment on the differences between soft and hard-boiled eggs. Cut a hard-boiled egg in half and try to identify each section from the core to the shell.
- Ask friends how they prefer their eggs cooked and ask them why? You might learn some interesting things!
- Try different egg recipes. Improve on your egg cooking and experiment with recipes you've never tried before. Mix in your favorite vegetables for a healthy omelet or create your own breakfast egg burrito.

Make up phrases using the word "egg" in them for fun. There are so many ways to include eggs in your conversation and this one will be fun for the kids:

- Change the words to include the word egg. For egg-sample, "eggs-cellent," "eggs-traordinary," "eggs-static" and "eggs-plode."
- Find words or phrases with egg in them already to

describe things or people. For egg-sample, egghead, scrambled egg brain, egged on, eggplant, eggy, etc.

• Tell chicken jokes. They're favorites for groans and laughs! For example: Q. What do you get when you cross a chicken with a dog? A: A poached egg.

GROTON COMM. GRANGE #213

Corr: Susan Kenney

May 19th will mark the one year anniversary of Groton Grange. We will be having a party and all are welcomed to attend. Please RSVP to our Worthy Master Anne Knochenhauer. Our Anniversary Party will be at the Poquonock Fire Department beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Groton Community Grange will be having a yard sale on June 21 at the Poquonock Fire Department located at 13 Fort Hill Rd., Groton, CT 06340. The yard sale will be held from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

We will also be hosting the New London County Pomona at 7:30 P.M. at our June meeting on June 16.



Granger Shout Out



Thanks to all the Grangers for their cards and prayers! I really appreciate it. Maggie Schofield



To Gwen Fisk and Gene Short for helping make our Greenfield Hill Winter Farmer's Market a great success this season! Thanks for all your help! Diane & Paul Lytwyn, Greenfield Hill Grange.



Shout Out to John Mucci for a nice Silent Movie event with his piano playing at Cannon Grange and to Michele Clark for manging the ticket sales. We also shout out to Sara Shepherd, Anna Clark and Lauren Georgeou for helping Doug Shepherd with the refreshments during the movie night.



Shout Outs to all of Ekonk Grange's graduates: College - Katie, Sarah, Katie, J. Allen, Karolyn and Brandi! High School - Jaimie and Christopher!



Shout Outs to all who contributed to the success of Ekonk's 125th Anniversary celebration and especially to Bill Sebastian for an incredible movie and to the Juniors for their signing, 50's dance, YMCA, etc.



Shout Out and congratulations to J. Allen Cameron for his impressive new job on the Stuart Farm in New Hampshire following graduation from the University of Connecticut.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!
 Granger@CTStateGrange.org
 They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ 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

May will be degree month for Excelsior Pomona. Any one who wishes to take the 5th degree can do so May 21 at Beacon Valley Grange at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal is May 20 at 7 p.m. Remember June 1 is the judging of the talent and A Number at Oxford Grange starting at 2 p.m. Potluck to follow.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

As reported in the last Connecticut Granger we would be traveling to Oxford Grange for an Exchange Officer's on April 4th. Well last night we did go to Oxford. We thank them for their hospitality. I will report on their exchange with us on April 11th in the next Granger.

This afternoon (4/5) we had an "Open Mike" afternoon. As this was our first attempt I think we did well. Thanks to Ron Fischer for the idea and for arranging the event. Also everyone who donate food or helped in the snack stand.

May will be a busy month. Our schedule May 9 regular meeting. The program is titled "Marvelous May" refreshments served by Mary Pranulis and Helen Niski. We will be judging the contest in the CWA department. May 17th we will be attending the Birthday Party sponsored by the State Grange Social Connection Committee. May 18th is our monthly bingo visit to Paradigm Convalescent Home.

May 20th (Tuesday) Pomona Degree Rehearsal. May 21st we host the meeting of Excelsior Pomona. Pomona will be Conferring the Fifth Degree. May 30th we will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary. Members who will be receiving membership certificates are: 70 years – Robert Burns, Robert Behlman, Mary Elizabeth Valentine

and Althea Cook. 65 years William Brush, 25 years Susan Brush and Barbara and Roger Paonessa. It's good to be busy – that's what keeps us young.

The members of Beacon Valley invite you to join us in any of our activities.

Our condolences to Ray Legg on the passing of his father.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

May 19: Note Change in Date 3rd Monday- Memorial Program and Baking Contest

On April 28 at our open house we honored Christen Murphy of the Bethlehem Food Bank and were entertained by the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers.

Our Flea Market was a great success.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

April 10th we were inspected by Deputy Ronald Fishcher and finished the final touches on the 150 Easter baskets for the Senior Center and 125 Easter Baskets for the residents at the local convalescent home and our grange shut ins.

To celebrate Grange Month on April 2nd Prospect Grange honored 108 Regional 16 teachers for dedicating their lives to educating the young citizens of our community. A certificate of appreciation and a special handmade gift was given each teacher along with grange literature.

We are hoping our four officers that have had medical problems are on the mend and will be at our June meeting which will be elections of officers.

Our June meeting will be election of officers.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

The Bridgewater Grange will resume their regular monthly meeting at our hall. The Bridgewater

Grange hall is across from the town green next to the post office off of route 133. The meeting will be at 7:30 PM on April 9th. Regular monthly meetings will follow

at the same time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On Monday April 14th we will be delivering Easter Flowers to shut ins and people in nursing homes.

On Saturday April 19th the grange will sponsor the annual Bridgewater Easter Egg Hunt. This will take place at the town recreation area at 10 AM.

Garden project begins at Wolcott



Grange garden is on track now! Had a progress filled day with Karen, Uncle Eddie & Paul! Thanks! - Tony Damato. Wolcott's garden project includes herb, flower and vegetable gardens that will serve as educational tools for Grange youth and area children. Many supplies and materials have been donated through grants and the generosity of area businesses.

Farm Bill is a step forward



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
Legislative@ctstategrange.org

We finally got a Farm Bill passed that was signed into law by the President in February. This has been a three year project and while not perfect, it at least continues some of the farm programs.

The bill does include some favorable provisions such as the dairy insurance program that will benefit the smaller dairy farms in Connecticut. The bill also enacts several new provisions for environmental and conservation programs. Some of the programs included in the Farm Bill are the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, National Organic Program, Specialty Crop Block Grants and SNAP. They expanded the use of SNAP benefits to include use at Farmers Markets. The law did terminate the direct crop payment program which according to what I am told, will save \$5 billion a year. In its place they will implement a crop insurance program.

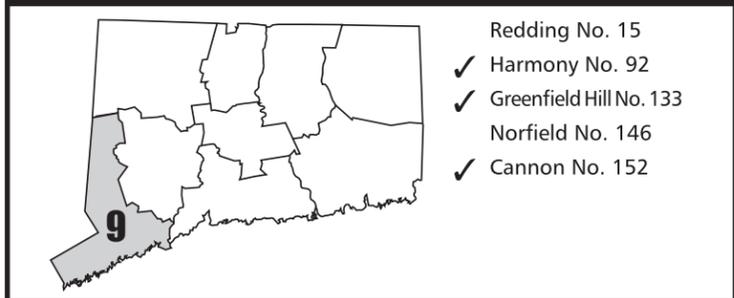
The US Department of Agriculture will now have to digest the 1000 page plus bill and work out details of the bill. I understand that they have temporally continued the milk subsidy program until the details of the new programs are set.

One of the interesting occurrences with the Farm Bill is that none of Connecticut's Congressmen or Senators voted in favor of the bill. We reached out and asked why the Connecticut delegation did not support the Farm Bill in the end. Earlier we had been told by different congressional and senatorial offices that most would be supporting the Farm Bill. The response that we got was that they recognized that bill contained several favorable provisions and represented a significant step forward for the agricultural economy. The Senators and Representatives felt that they could not support the bill because of cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that had been included in the Bill. They responded that they felt that the cuts would be very detrimental to many of their constituents. The cuts would disproportionately impact our state's struggling families. They

were especially critical of the increase in the "Heat and Eat" threshold. Connecticut, along with other states, allows families who are receiving, sometimes minimal, energy assistance to be eligible for SNAP benefits, which increases the overall benefits for needy families. The bill increased this threshold which SNAP assistance can be provided and this would negatively impact SNAP participation in our area.

Now that we are reaching better weather and Granges are reawakening after our winter we should start looking at resolutions we can present to our Granges. If you have any thoughts on a particular topic that you would like the Grange to pursue, write a resolution. Once it is presented to your local community Granges. The resolutions should also be presented to your Pomona Granges for action before submitting them to the State Grange. Not all resolutions need to be a state or national issue. Resolutions could be on a topic concerning your local community on which your Grange would like to make a statement. These would not have to be passed on up the line to State Grange.

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.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr. George Ward

May 9: Regular and Program Meeting.

Our Secretary, Susan Sulier, who suffered a serious eye injury is improving. She was at one of our recent planning meetings.

We have scheduled our tag and bake sale for May 3. We have decided to sell slices of pizza at noon instead of hot dogs for a change. If the choice is not successful, we can always go back to selling hot dogs. We will also be selling bottled water, chips, soda, coffee, etc. Vendors will be invited.

Our next big event will be our Agricultural Fair in August. Vegetables, plants, crafts, needleworks crafts etc will be requested for judging. We will invite local farmers, nurseries, and vendors to demonstrate their products and we will invite students from the Agricultural School in Trumbull for some sort of a demonstration. The now extinct Trumbull Grange contributed money to the school for several years. Food will be available.

In either September or October we will celebrate the 125 year anniversary of Harmony Grange. We expect to have the Historian for the Town of Monroe as our main speaker. The program will include music and dancers. The meeting will be an open meeting held on Sunday and the public will be invited. Refreshments will be served.

By the first part of May, the peas and other seeds should have been planted.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr. Dennis Rich

May 3: Eastern European Night, 6 P.M. Dinner

May 19: "Connecticut Curiosities", 7 P.M. Meeting

The "Luck of the Irish"

was with us in March with a corned beef and cabbage dinner complete with Irish soda bread. We were able to find butter from the old sod! (The Irish Dairy Board with offices in Edmonton, IL markets the butter under Kerry Gold and Irish Gold labels). The evening was capped off with a rendition of the music of Ireland and a presentation by Irish step dancers.

At our regular meeting, we continued our activities planning. Three new members were taken in via the Welcoming Ceremony. They are Cornelia Olsen, Shelley Walker and Sam Walker. Special programs and having trees included in our demo gardens were also discussed.

Eric Frisk, our Master, took the Fifth Degree at Fairfield County Pomona's meeting on April 2nd. Bro. Frisk is an active speaker with area garden and library groups and is enrolled in the Master Gardener Program.

For information on the latest news and happenings at our Grange email our Secretary at beth@ct-muse.org and asked to be added to our email list.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr. Don Offinger

May 1: Business Meeting with state grange contests as program

May 15: Business Meeting with CWA program

June 5: Election of Officers

June 19: Planning ahead for the next year

Aug 24: 82nd Agricultural Fair (Sunday)

We had a wonderful turnout of neighbors, friends and guests to our Silent Movie evening, featuring John Mucci at the piano with a double feature of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Doug Shepherd for overseeing the refreshment counter.

Plans for the 82nd Agricultural Fair are underway. Please circle the date of August 24th for

our fair.

We welcome our newest member, Bill Mikulewicz, to our Grange.

Please note our program schedule. Visiting Patrons are always welcome – won't you join us?

Join us for dinner



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
Social@ctstategrange.org

Have you purchased your ticket for the Social Connection's birthday party for the Connecticut State Grange? If you haven't you are going to miss a fun

evening. Price of the ticket is only \$7. The dinner is being held at the Prospect Senior Center and if you have been to one of the activities we held there before you know it is very convenient.

We will have a surprise dinner prepared by our four guest chefs, presents, favors and a fun program. Someone will go home richer than they came. This could be you. Any questions, just give me a call.

We will also have a

Country Store to help with the donation for the use of the hall. Donations are appreciated.

Also put in your date book Saturday, Sept. 27. We will have a dinner plus. This will be held at Cheshire Grange. More information later.

I will be watching my mail for your nomination for the "Granger of the Year." We have so many deserving members, why not surprise them and send in your nomination.

Do You Remember?



Donald Shaw

By Betty Jane Gardiner

Donald Shaw had an Aunt Lois who was active in Tunxis Grange No. 13. She often talked about what the Grange had to offer and said the food served in the Grange was excellent. That struck a cord with Don! Lois also mentioned the Grange contests piquing the interest Don's wife, Doris who was a strong sewing and needlework person. The Shaws decided to join the Grange – Don for the food and Doris for the contest opportunities. It was a good thing – a perfect example of people joining the Grange for a particular reason and turning out to be very active members.

Don was Master of Tunxis Grange and of Farmington Valley Pomona in addition to serving in other offices and on many committees. His degree work was outstanding and he loved the ritual and the history of the Order. Like many Grange brothers he was handy with tools and put those skills to work during the many years he was on the Tunxis building committee.

Don was treasurer of his Subordinate Grange and Pomona. His background of "engineer" showed as he planned and outlined various projects.

Don was a quiet person – dependable as the day is long. When he served as a Deputy, he was well-liked by everyone.

For a number of years he sat between the State Secretary and Treasurer and performed the duties of "assistant" – taking recess time to go outside the building and enjoy his old pipe.

Don loved dogs! The family had cocker spaniels (always black) with cute names and performing little tricks.

He loved peanut butter – the sandwich had to be thick (couldn't get more than three sandwiches per jar of the spread.)

Farmington Valley had the good luck of winning a number of awards for their exhibits at the Connecticut Agricultural Fair. Don was always there with helpful suggestions – and props he had made that added to the success of the group.

When Doris was Pomona of Farmington Valley, Don made a little trailer in which the trappings for the court could be transported. One spring evening following the degree conferral everyone packed up and headed home. We were home in our house in West Simsbury when we heard someone out on our driveway calling. It was Don. He had driven down the hill from Cherry Brook Grange into West Simsbury and the hitch on the trailer had broken. They were stuck there!! I'll never forget the sight of Don and my Bill pulling the trailer to our house where Don came and picked it up the next day. Just one more little adventure.

Don always said that many of the miles on his



car were Grange miles. When Doris was State CWA Director he said he finally realized what the letters stood for – it was "Carting Women Around."!!!

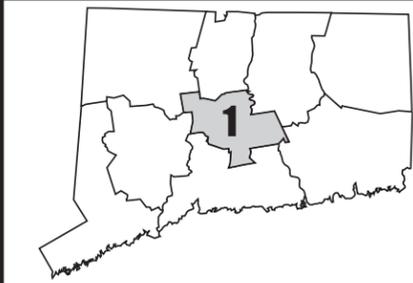
The Shaws loved to attend National Grange Convention – and did so for many years. One year we had a Grange fashion show as a part of the Women's Activities Banquet and they led the parade of fashions wearing the original regalia from West Hartford Grange (pictured with this article).

We were all happy when Don was appointed as Pomona Deputy at the October 1994 State Session. We knew it was an excellent choice. It was not to be! Don was called from us less than four months into the term.

Do remember Don!



Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Barbara R. Smith

The Higganum Grange #124 recently held a new members welcoming

ceremony for 2 new members. Dolly Hayes will have a New membership table at the Farmers Market this summer. The Farmers

Market will be open on Friday's from May 30 thru Oct. 31. the Agriculture committee for the Grange is working cooperatively with the Farmers Market. It was voted to change our meeting time to 7:00pm from now one so be sure to mark your calendars of this new time change.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

May 9: Gardening

May 23: Memorial

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

Raw milk

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However, Plumb acknowledges the reason why pasteurization began over 100 years ago: Raw milk was making people sick.

In 1864, Louis Pasteur, a French chemist and microbiologist, discovered the process of heating milk to a temperature high enough to kill pathogens that could make people sick. Then to quickly cool it.

Proponents of raw milk argue that good bacteria, vitamins and enzymes are lost in the process, while health officials say pasteurized milk has comparable health benefits without the risk of illness posed by raw milk.

The Food and Drug Administration only supports consumption of Grade A, pasteurized milk, and the Centers for Disease Control warns of health risks on its website.

Of raw milk, Steve Jensen, a spokesman for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, said, "We do have a more stringent inspection program, because of the nature of it, but we have no official stance on its consumption."

Among some of Connecticut's requirements, raw milk must be cooled to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder within three hours of completion of milking; tanks and bulk storage containers must be cleaned and sanitized every 48 hours and herds must be tested annually for brucellosis and tuberculosis.

Another requirement deals with the labeling.

Plumb took a gallon of raw milk out of a refrigerator and showed a portion of the label that says: "Raw milk is not pasteurized. Pasteurization destroys organisms that may be harmful to humans."

Some raw milk advocates are pushing for less government regulation, but Plumb said, "They should make it hard because it's a raw product. It's not sterilized and the state would prefer not to have it."

Though he added, "Milk is handled better now. Raw milk is a much safer product than when pasteurization came into play, but it has to be monitored very closely."

Anita Schubert started the Manchester/Glastonbury chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation with Sharon Ahern last fall.

The foundation heads up the Real Milk Campaign started by Shelly Fallon in 1999. It provides health information on raw milk, lists providers, advocates for legislation that would legalize raw milk in every state, and says it supports consumers' freedom of choice to buy raw milk.

Schubert, who lives in Manchester, started drinking raw milk two years ago.

"I learned about what pasteurization does to the milk," she said. "It takes away a lot of natural nutrients."

She says pasteurization kills good bacteria your body needs and removes fat containing vitamins A, D and K2, while only restoring a synthetic form of vitamin D.

Some proponents of raw milk claim drinking it prevents asthma, heart disease, allergies and cancer. But the CDC disputes such claims.

In fact, there is strong opposition to the human consumption of raw milk.

On Dec. 16, 2013, the American Academy of Pediatrics came out with a policy statement recommending that pregnant women, children and infants not drink raw milk due to the risk of listeria, salmonella and other other pathogens. It also said purported health benefits of consuming raw milk products "have not been clearly demonstrated in evidence-based studies, and therefore do not outweigh the risks of raw milk consumption."

A study published in the CDC Journal of Emerging Infectious Diseases found 60 percent of 121 dairy-related disease outbreaks from 1993 to 2006 were caused by raw milk products, according to the CDC website.

The Weston A. Price Foundation disagrees with the AAP's statement and Schubert contends organizations like AAP, the FDA and the CDC have an agenda to support the commercial milk industry.

"Children raised on raw milk over pasteurized milk have way better health," she said. "I think those organizations are ignoring and distorting."

Schubert, who buys her milk from CCC Farm Store in Manchester, marvels at how fast the bottles disappear from its shelves.

By Monday, regulars come in asking when the next delivery will be, according to Lucy Longoria, the store manager.

"We call them 'milkier,'" she said with a chuckle. "The demand for raw milk, it is absolutely amazing. We have three or four new people a day."

Meriden Grange Family Style Meat Loaf Supper

May 3rd

540 Broad
Street,
Meriden, CT



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 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.



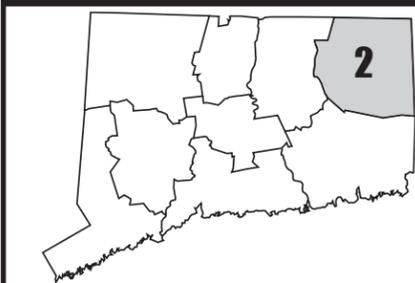
This Month

Last Month



There were no answers to the April Window Picture.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: *Elsie Johnson*

May 14: Gardening, Memorial – Deaf Comm.; Ref. All

May 25: Potluck, 6 P.M.

June 11: Dairy – Election – Agriculture; Ref. Shortcake

Could it be spring!! Crocus is in bloom, my daffodils are budding. The sunshine is welcome.

Soon farmers will be plowing and planting – lawnmowers humming and bees too! Last meeting we had a discussion about Pomona but no answers.

In May some will take the Fifth Degree. Lots of outside work, sticks and limbs down from so much windy weather. Throw a stick for your dog as the winter was tough on them as well as us. Be careful raking, don't overdo it. Please leave your cell phone in the glove compartment while driving.

Happy birthday to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: *Sue Gray*

May 4: Annual Awards Luncheon 1 pm

May 5: Ekonk meets 7:30 p.m.

May 10: Mothers' Day Plant Sale/Grange/9-2

May 18: Sterling Memorial Parade/Grange Float

The Anniversary is now history and we thank everyone who came. The Town of Sterling named April 6th, 2014 "Grange Day in Sterling". We received citations from the National Grange, the State Grange and two from the Connecticut General Assembly (Reps. Mae Flexer and Steve Mikutel). The Hermonot Family gifted a beautiful water color painting of our Grange Hall, plus made and donated "125th Anniversary Special" ice cream to compliment the "work of art" cake designed especially for the occasion. The Juniors added much to the afternoon festivities, sharing their talents and humor. The program was a blend of history, humor, song and awards to Junior Presidents & Leaders; Subordinate Presidents, Golden Sheaf members and youth under age 23 having belonged 5 or more years (we have 8). Bill Sebastian

created a fantastic movie of our Grange from 1888 to present, complete with background music and his wonderful narrative. Russell Gray spoke of Ekonk (past); Link Cooper, Ekonk present and Katie Molodich, Ekonk "future". Claire Logan, National Ceres, spoke on behalf of National Grange. The committee, majority new members, included: Link Cooper; Bill Sebastian, Paulette Craig, David and Sue Griffiths and Russell and Sue Gray. As Russell Gray stated in his closing remark, "Brothers and Sisters, we aim for the stars!" Special thanks to Patty Cottrell (Richmond, RI) for the unique "Sheaf of Wheat" cookies everyone received.

April 7th, 14 members of Richmond brought us an incredibly entertaining program, featuring numerous stars from the 60's, 70's & even 80's! Elton John, The Mamas & the Pappas, Sonny & Cher-just to name a few of those who were present! What a great time we all had! April also found us busy with 3 suppers; the biennial FFA appreciation supper; Square Dance; Sterling Road Clean up, etc. etc. etc. We feel like the energizer bunny! Visit us anytime!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: *Glenna Bruno*

May 5: Wedding Traditions

May 19: Memorial Night – Chaplain

June 2: Strawberries & Cream

The Killingly Grange Farmer's Market have done very well. All farmers, mostly local, have been very pleased with their results sometimes feeding off each other. The Grange is also "feeding off" these markets as well as they are a nice trade off sometimes!

Killingly Grange has held a very successful Ham and Bean Supper and a Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper. Both were well attended. Had just enough "Beef" for the last folks- members of the bluegrass band and the Grange members (workers).

Many thanks to all the cooks- Pat Lewis, Glenna Bruno and a big help from Mike Franklin and Julie

(a new member). Other faithful members, especially Anne Duval, Linda and John. Kudos to all.

Check Facebook for updates on our upcoming events.

On Saturday, March 23, the Daville Cub Scouts held a seed planting activity at the Grange in anticipation of a "raised garden" project scheduled as soon as weather permits in a neighbor's yard.

Our clothing shed has

been a busy place and we have done well financially with no work from Grange members.

Killingly Grange Master Bernadette has been having good reports of our activities in her travels to various committee meetings around the area.

We need helpers – if you are an able member and can get about even a little bit posting signs, doing dishes, setting up chairs or tables, whatever, it all helps. The

camaraderie is great. We had fun with Cranny and Millie Briggs & Robin peeling and scraping potatoes and carrots for our suppers.

Ideas for projects are always welcome with all the cooking going on at the Grange we have a new motto and mascot, "the Kitchen Chicken Café" (say that fast!) and a wooden chicken, what else? When we start cooking you know we are way over the hill!

Ekonk Celebrates 125 Years



National Grange Ceres Claire Logan presents Ekonk Comm. Grange Master Link Cooper with a plaque and letter from National Master Ed Luttrell in recognition of Ekonk's 125th Anniversary celebrated in April.



All of the living Past Masters of Ekonk Comm. Grange gather for a group picture at the anniversary celebration.

The best thing about your Grange



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

What a wonderful organization the Grange is. You can visit any Grange anywhere in the country and feel at home. Your fellow brothers and sisters will greet you and probably want to compare notes on how things are done in Connecticut. Isn't this something you want to share with your family and friends? One good way to introduce them to the Grange would be to bring them to "Let's Celebrate". I have been asked what we are celebrating. We are celebrating The Grange

and what a wonderful organization it is.

On Saturday, June 7, at Cheshire Grange Hall we will be judging both the CWA contests and the Photo Contest which is in the Lecturers Department.

Photos need to be at the hall by 9:00 a.m. But you don't have to make the trip to Cheshire that day. You can mail them to me ahead of time, bring them to our State Grange Office by Wed. June 4th or give them to me whenever you see me.

Sunday, June 8th we will celebrate. Cheshire Grange Hall will be open at 10:00 a.m. so you can check out the winners in all the contests. At 11:00 a.m. Barbara Kulisch, our State Chaplain, will conduct our Grange Church Service. Following the service the Youth will be serving a Lasagna Dinner. Then at

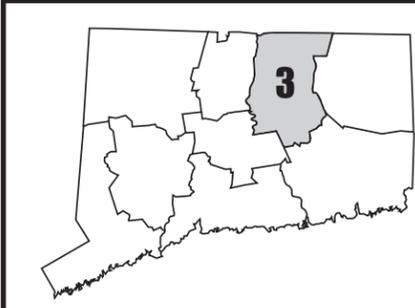
1:00 p.m. we will gather in the upper hall for our "A Number" and Talent Contests.

Has your Pomona had its' Talent and "A Number" run-offs yet? Every Grange has some talent. Why not enter the contest and show everyone that your Grange and your Pomona are actively supporting our efforts? The "A Number" theme this year is "Gardening in Connecticut".

All Pomonas are expected to have an entry in this contest. If necessary the Pomona Lecturer can get people together from various Granges in their Pomona and put on the number. There are endless possibilities using this theme.

Hope to see you in Cheshire June 8th and around the State before then.

East Central Pomona No. 3



Stafford No. 1
 ✓ Granby No. 5
 ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
 ✓ Manchester No. 31
 ✓ Tolland No. 51
 ✓ Vernon No. 52
 Coventry No. 75
 ✓ Hillstown No. 87
 ✓ Enfield No. 151
 Simsbury No. 197

MISSION STATEMENT

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

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian Shaw

Several Grange members visited National Grange Convention in New Hampshire this past November. Many received their Seventh Degrees.

Robert Brockett passed away on December 22. Bob was a Past Master of Granby Grange and of Farmington Valley Pomona. He served 16 years as Chaplain of the State Grange. He served as Secretary of Granby for many years as well as Chaplain of Farmington Valley Pomona.

Granby Grange meet on April 8 with 15 members present.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

May 1: Meeting, 7:30 P.M.. May flowers, Memorial service and CWA night; Ref. Priscilla Schmartz and Ann & Dan Posuniak

May 3: Semi-Annual Food and Tag Sale, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

May 10: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7 P.M.

June 5: Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Election of Officers, Strawberry Festival; Ref. Mario and Jean Accornero and Tom Breen

June 7: Glastonbury Host of East Central Pomona #3

Glastonbury Grange members please note some changes in the refreshment committees. We have had to switch some folks around.

Please all take note of the food sale and tag sale. Members will be receiving a phone call and I hope you all can help in some way. We appreciate all your assistance in the past and look forward to seeing you and talking with you in May. May 10th and June 14th are the last two card parties for the season. Hope you can support us in these two card parties. We have had pretty good turnout this season.

June is Election of Officers. Do try to be in attendance to help with electing those who will serve in an office for the coming year. We all would

love to see more members in attendance. As I am typing this it is Apr. 3 and our meeting night. The Baking Contest is this evening so I will be able to give you the results of the judging in the next issue. I hope there are a few ladies or gentlemen making something for the needlework contest and the craft contest and also the Decorate a Shoe Contest. Let me know if you are. The State Judging is in June. The entries must be at Cheshire Grange Hall on June 7 for the judging and June 8 is "Let's Celebrate" Day when everything is on display. June 3 is the Pomona judging of all the items, and the first place items all go to the State Judging.

I wish all an enjoyable spring. Hope to see some of you at our upcoming meetings.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

May 6: Needles and Pins-CWA

May 20: Memorial – Maryanne

June 3: Election

We have taken in one new member at our Apr. 15 meeting. It seems like this year is flying by so fast. Our May 6 meeting will be all about Needles and Pins presented by our CWA committee. Our May 20 meeting will be our Memorial Service with Sister Maryanne in charge. On June 3 we will hold our election of officers.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

May 6: Who Are We?

We will continue learning more about each of the Grangers in our Group. Our Master will be our guest lecturer. Join us for an interesting program.

Our meetings start at 7:30 P.M. in the Parker Recreation Center in Tolland.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

May 2: Skits, Bake-Off and CWA Judging

At our May meeting we are getting ready for State Activities coming up. We will try out a few skits for the Lecturer's contest and judge the CWA contest entries.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Hillstown Grange welcomes its newest

member, Louise Nadeau this past March.

Our monthly Pancake Breakfast will resume in the fall as our farmers are busy preparing their gardens and greenhouses.

We wish everyone a happy spring.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

May 10: I Remember

When, Chaplain & Graces in Charge. Baking and needlework contests.

June 14: Election of Officers. Potluck Luncheon.

In May we remember members who have left us for the Great Grange above. Come and help us celebrate their lives and contributions to our Grange and our community.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Securing your Grange's future

Terri Fassio, State Public Relations Co-Director

Securing your Grange's Future

Did you know that 89% of the public is likely to switch from one brand to another (quality being equal) if the second brand is associated with a good cause? *

Did you know that 66% of the public will give recommendations if the products/ services/ organizations are socially responsible? *

Did you know that 74% of Millennials (folks born between 1980 and 1995) are more likely to pay attention to an organization's message if that group has a deep commitment to a cause? *

Many Granges are securing their future by taking in new younger members, while other Granges scratch their heads and wonder how to get the youth and younger people interested and involved. According to a number of studies, Millennials are

public service motivated, and generationally, are over 90 million strong.

The Grange as a whole has a socially-based, community service oriented mission. There is no better time than the present to promote your Grange's strengths.

This is the age of social media, texting, e-mail and growing technologies. This is also the age of interactive and connected communications - where folks share their good experiences, ideas and promote their messages on every platform - and on the flip side share their bad experiences as well. How as a Grange can we take advantage of capturing the attention of today's younger generation?

Here's a few tips:

- Promote your Grange on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, YouTube, etc. Contact the CT State Grange Public Relations team to get started.

- Make note of your members' e-mail addresses,

and then send out frequent updates keeping all of your members in the loop with the latest Grange news.

- Hold events and activities that appeal to all ages. It's all about the experience!

- Evolve your Grange by differentiating from the rest. Promote your Grange's mission at every turn. Make your Grange relevant and capture attention.

- When in doubt, just ask. And know how and when to say Thank You too.

- Let younger people participate in your Grange. Take them seriously. Don't put down their ideas and suggestions. Allow their input to matter. Let them be an active part of planning your Grange's events and activities.

*Sources: * Cone Millennial Case Study, "Marketing to Millennials" by Colleen Dilen.*

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Got by-laws?

Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

During the last six (or more) months, we have been working with Granges to make sure Executive Committee Reports, Steward's Inventories and By-Laws have been properly filed with the State Grange. Through this process we have learned there are a couple of things Granges (Masters in particular) should do to ensure they are operating within the rules/guidelines of the Order.

It is recommended that all Masters have copies of the National Digest, the

Connecticut State Grange By-Laws and the by-laws of their own Community or Pomona Grange available to them at each meeting of the Grange along with any Manuals or other materials needed for the meeting. One great way to do this is to have a special bag or briefcase that is dedicated to carrying Grange meeting materials. By doing so, all of these items are at your fingertips when needed.

More than a few Granges have indicated they have not been able to locate copies of their By-Laws. Unfortunately some of these

Granges did not file copies of their by-laws with the State Secretary the last time they were requested. They must now go through the process of re-creating their by-laws and properly adopting them.

Please let me know if you are having difficulty with finding your by-laws or if you need assistance in re-creating them. We are happy to review drafts of by-laws to see if there are any conflicts that can be corrected prior to being adopted by the Grange. We are also able to provide examples of by-laws that can be used to give you a "starting off point".

When completed, copies should be forwarded to the State Secretary for filing at the Central Office.



Greetings Grange Friends!

After a very busy month of March visiting Granges, I had the chance to sit back and relax a bit in April.

I went to Hillstown Grange for a dinner on March 29th. Met up with my friends from Hillstown Jr Grange and tried to get them to sneak me some vegetables from the dinner, but there were not to many left. Maybe next time. Those Girl Scout cookies they were selling looked good too!!

On April 14th, I met lots of new Grange friends as I visited Colchester Grange. They are a great bunch!

I attended Ekonk Community Grange's Square Dance on April 19th. Dancing looks like a lot of fun - but this Burro has two left hoofs!

My family surprised me on Easter with a special gift left by the Easter Bunny - lots of chocolate goodies! Yum! And I got to play in the colored eggs too!

Can't wait to see what the month of May holds! If you have a special event, please send me an invitation through my e-mail HanktheBurro@ctstategrange.org with the details, and hopefully I can attend!

I am getting closer and closer to reaching my 300th friend! I'm so excited and can't wait to see who it will be. My 300th friend will receive an autographed photo of me! Please take a moment and visit my Facebook Page at www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro. While you're there, be sure to click the "Like" button so that you can follow all of my adventures. Won't you share my page and help me reach my next goal?



Oxford Grange sponsors small business fair

The Oxford Grange #194, will be hosting a Small Business Fair on Saturday, May 3, 2014 to increase public awareness of the variety of small businesses in our area. The fair will be held at the Oxford Grange Hall located at 482 Oxford Rd, Rte 67 in Oxford, CT. The event is open to the general public and runs from 9AM to 2PM. The Fair is free to the public, but donations toward our renovation projects would be gladly accepted.

A variety of vendors have signed up for the fair and will be on hand to exhibit their goods and services. This is an excellent opportunity for the public to learn about what hometown businesses, goods and services are offered in this area. Of special interest is where dairy, beef, and produce can be purchased locally.

In addition to the vendor displays, there will be a number of speakers on a variety of topics of interest. Ronald Emond, DVM, of Candlewood Equine will speak at 11AM on equine parasite control. Next Step Living will offer periodic talks on home energy efficiency and alternative clean energy resources, i.e. solar/gas. TLC Homecare of Woodbury will explain what homecare assistance services they offer to the public. Heritage Financial Group will offer periodic talks on retirement income planning and Envirocare, LLC will be answering questions on pest control.

The Reiki Connection will offer brief relaxation sessions for a small fee. Amongst the other vendors attending are: online groceries, handmade jewelry, candles, woodworking, long-arm quilting, freezer plans, organic and gluten free food items, simple to prepare meals, photography, cake decorating services and many more. A creative vendor doing face painting will be here for the children.

We are grateful for the generous donation from The All American Valley General Store to start our raffle. For further information contact: Audrey Wellner, 203-268-3528 or Master Maggie Buck at 203-264-0462.

A few outside spaces remain available for vendors wanting larger display areas.

Plan ahead for scholarships



Edith Schoell
State Secretary
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Grange Month activities are fresh in our minds and many non-Grangers attended the festivities. Have you included the prospective members to attend other activities? Hopefully you have added several to your rolls as new members.

This is a good time to remind teenage members in college that scholarship applications are available from the Central Office. It may seem early, but time has a way of slipping by and deadlines loom without everything being done. Plan ahead.

Student loans are also available. Contact the Central Office for applications.

The State Grange By-Laws have been printed and distributed at the Schools of Instruction. Every Grange should have a copy. Please let us know if you haven't received a copy in your Grange.

Greenfield Hill European Dinner



Greenfield Hill Grange will hold an Eastern European Dinner on Saturday, May 3. Savory stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut, pierogies, desserts and coffee! \$20 per ticket includes "History of Fairfield" presentation following dinner. Raffle! Fun! Food! Friends!

Southern Conn. Past Masters

The May meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters will be held at Cheshire Grange on Saturday May 10th. The evening starts with a pot luck supper at 6:30 P.M., followed by the meeting conducted by Cindy Legg, President. The

meeting starts as soon as the dishes are done. This is followed by our program and Country Store.

We invite all Grangers to come and join us. You do not have to be a Past Master as we have an Associate Member category.



Michelle DeDominicis
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Michelle DeDominicis,
Junior Director

Reminder that the Big E Contest entries are due during Grange Sunday! The contest this year is to make a item out of a plastic lid - instructions are as follows:

Big E Contest - Recycled Plastic Lid Craft. May use one or more plastic lids from items such as margarine tub, coffee can, 2 liter bottle, spray can etc. May decorate with any medium (plant, yarn, buttons, fabric etc.) Not to exceed 10"X10"X6". If hanging type, must have hanger, magnet etc. for display. No Kits.

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

We here on Ekonk Hill had a busy March, and first week of April! The meeting and maple syrup tour, I mentioned last time. We also had a couple of sign language classes. They were fun! I think the adults enjoyed it as much as the kids. 6 of the kids felt comfortable enough to sign the pledge of Allegiance

Junior Grange



Ekonk Community Junior Grange members perform a number at Ekonk Community Grange's 125th Anniversary celebration in April.

at our Anniversary Celebration! We had to speak the pledge slower than normal, but, the kids did wonderfully! Great way to start off the Anniversary Celebration! Thanks Donalyn, Kayla, Abby, Evelyn, Carly and Lillian!

The Anniversary Celebration was for our Subordinate's 125th, and our 35 Anniversary's. The committee did a fantastic job putting together a well-rounded program! Hats off to them! The Juniors also danced, in costume, to YMCA. We had some pretty awesome cowboys and construction workers! Great job: Donalyn, Kayla, Casey, Patrick, Carly, and Russell!! We also did a short skit! The girls did a super job! Donalyn, Emily, Kayla, Carly and Lillian are our up-and-coming actors! ;)

In March, we also held a spaghetti supper with a program of Native American Stories and games. The meal was superb! Thank you, Sue Gray, for your cooking skills! Ranger Russ entertained us with a few stories, with lessons to be learned in each. The games were entertaining as well as educational! One was a counting game (Not sure the kids realized they were practicing a skill!) and the other was a memory game. Both simple and easy to throw together on a rainy day! The program was good enough that we will be having Ranger Russ back for an Ethnobotany walk! On the walk, he will show us plants that the Native Americans ate, what is poisonous, and plants they used for cording, or in other uses.

At our April meeting, we had 20 members present, and the best part was watching Evelyn and Abby Dexter join! They have helped us with our Christmas play for a few years, and have always been great additions to anything they come to! Welcome girls!

We will be going to Orchard Grove Convalescent home before Easter, with a bunny, or two. Looking forward to that. We seem to keep busy; if you ever want to join our fun, stop on by!

Connecticut Granger

Deadline for the next issue...

May 5

In Memoriam

Laura Bartlett, G.S.	North Haven #35
Donald Beard, G.S.	North Haven #35
Virginia Chatfield, G.S.	Winchester #74
Evelyn Pelletier	Ekonk Comm. #89
Brian Carpenter	Enfield #151
Willard King, G.S.	Riverton #169

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



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

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LET'S CELEBRATE
11:00 AM, SUNDAY JUNE 8
GRANGE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
CHESHIRE GRANGE HALL

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray that your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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We mourn the loss of Brian Carpenter

Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Connecticut Granger Vice President Brian Carpenter. Brian served as Vice President for many years. While there wasn't a lot of "hands on" work for Brian to do with the Granger, he was always present at Granger board meetings offering suggestions and comments for the improvement of the Connecticut. He always had a quick "sure" for the nominating committee when asked to run for another term.

Brian will be missed by many and the staff of the Connecticut Granger is no exception!



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