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Headquarters will be sold



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Sharon and I attended the 155th National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas from Nov. 8-13. The main topic of this year's convention was what to do with the National Grange Building in Washington, D.C. Many hours were spent debating the pros and cons of repairing the headquarters building and what to do if a decision was made to sell. Operations Coordinator Samantha Wilkins pointed out that the structure and maintenance issues the building has faced over the past few years is just the beginning. As I reported in the October issue, all the repairs and the cost of doing these repairs would result in an estimated dues increase of \$9.61 per member.

The Audit and Budget Committee proposed a committee resolution on the Sale of National Grange Building. This was a lengthy resolution which came down to selling the 61 year old building after the payment of all closing cost and repaying all outstanding loans on the building. The remainder of the net proceeds of the sale will be invested in a diversified account with a licensed financial company covered by FDIC or NCUA insurance coverage or

security oversight such as SIPC or FINRA.

The National Grange Board of Directors conducted an analysis of the feasibility of purchasing another smaller headquarters building or renting a comparable office space for a new National Grange headquarters in the Greater Washington, D.C. metro

area. A roll call vote was taken and this resolution was adopted with a 2/3 majority vote.

Six new officers were elected to serve the National Grange for the next two years. Betsy Huber (PA) was elected to her fourth term as President. Chris Hamp (WA) will serve as Vice President. On the Executive Committee, Lynette Schaeffer (IL) was re-elected for a second term and Buddy

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Redding Grange Re-Opens



Thirty-three new members pose for a picture outside of Redding Grange Hall on November 6 after being obligated and holding their first election of officers.

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

Despite the challenges and difficulties presented by COVID-19, Connecticut has a new Community Grange. Redding Grange No. 15 re-opened its doors with a flourish on November 6 with 33 new members filling its rolls.

Late this past winter, the State Grange was notified the members of the former Redding Grange had

voted to surrender their charter with an exhausted membership and treasury. The State Grange was faced with a familiar problem ... the sale of yet another Grange Hall.

In the meantime, an energetic and determined member of the community stepped forward. Elizabeth Jensen was deeply

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concerned about the future of this building as Redding has virtually no public meeting spaces. In addition, she had grown to love seeing the hall in her daily trips through town.

She initially proposed to the State Executive Committee giving her a month to gather up support for re-opening the Grange. By the end of summer 45 new potential members had been identified.

What is remarkable about this was her ability to sell the Grange idea to the Redding community with zero personal knowledge of the Grange.



State Membership Director Faith Quinlan (left), Elizabeth Jensen and State President George Russell pose for a picture after the Charter of Redding Grange No. 15 was restored.

Throughout the process, State Membership Director Faith Quinlan mentored her and provided her with additional tools and information that ultimately resulted in resounding success.

It wasn't completely smooth sailing though! Redding Grange Hall has several issues (some expensive) that need immediate

The State Executive Committee was faced with a dilemma - sell this hall or come up with a creative solution to save this Grange.

The members of the new Redding Grange will lease the hall from the State Grange for a period of years while the State Grange remains responsible for the building and making the immediate repairs needed. Redding Grange will be responsible for rent, utilities and other monthly expenses.

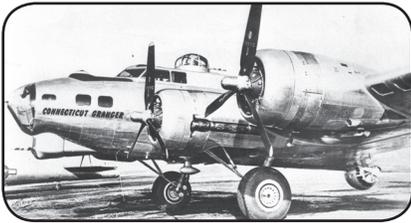
For some of our Granges, 33 members is a great number. Redding Grange and Elizabeth Jensen consider this a good starting point. Their short-term goal is to reach 200 members with 10 per month. Their long term goal is 900. It may seem lofty but 33 seemed ambitious last spring.

On the day of the re-organizational meeting only a handful of new members indicated they would be willing to serve as an officer. The energy and excitement of the group seemed to inspire members to step forward. By the end of the election, a full slate of officers was elected with Elizabeth Jensen leading the way as the first Master of the re-organized Redding Grange No. 15.

attention. During the week of the Re-Organization meeting, it was discovered the furnace piping was in such bad repair that it could not be re-started. This meant a meeting without central heating. Additional work needs to be done on the lighting and the water heater.

Unlike other re-organizations, this Grange re-opened with a depleted treasury and big ticket items demanding attention.

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This is the third organization of
Redding Grange.

February 12, 1875

January 2, 1877 (when it was
assigned #163. They later
requested and received #15)

November 6, 2021

State President

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Overstreet (TX) was elected to his first term. Ann Bercher (MN) was elected Lecturer. The remaining officers are: Barbara Borderieux (FL), Chaplain; Joe Goodrich (VT), Treasurer; Debbie Cambell (PA), Secretary; Chip Narvel (DE), Steward; John Plank (IN), Assistant Steward; Kathy Gibson (MA), Lady Assistant Steward; Chris Johnson (MI), Gatekeeper; Cindy Greer (CO), Ceres; Kay Stiles (MD), Pomona; Welina Schufeldt (OK), Flora. Congratulations to all the officers and hope they have an excellent two years of service.

Brother Phil Prelli declined running for National Overseer again and has taken the position of Priest Archon in the Assembly of Demeter. Congratulations, Phil.

I participated in the Memorial Service and had the honor of reading the tribute to Russell Gray.



The 2021-2022 officers of the National Grange after installation in Wichita, KS.

There were 18 past Delegates and past National Officers that have passed away this last year. It was a very impressive ceremony put on by the National Chaplain.

On November 6 I had the honor of reinstating the Redding Grange by presenting the charter to their newly-elected President Elizabeth Jensen. The Welcome Ceremony

was performed for the 33 new members and a full slate of officers was elected. Congratulations to the newly formed Redding Grange No. 15.

Sharon and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a very healthy New year!

Influential Connecticut Grangers...

Harry L. Garrigus

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

We continue our look back at influential Connecticut Grangers with Harry L. Garrigus, founder of the Animal Husbandry Department at the University of Connecticut (UConn).

Harry Garrigus was born in Wolcott, CT on August 18, 1876. He was the third of six children, enrolling in Storrs Agricultural College in 1895, graduating in 1898. After taking ag. related positions in New York and New Jersey, Garrigus enrolled in Ontario (Canada) Agricultural College for his advanced degree.

He returned to Storrs in 1900, joining the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station staff becoming chair of the college's department of animal husbandry in 1907 and full professor in 1912. It was also in 1900 when he joined Mansfield Grange No. 64.

While his resume of Grange activity in Mansfield is largely unknown, we do know he served for many years on Mansfield Grange's organizing committee for Grange Sundays at the UConn campus. These annual events were organized in cooperation with the State Grange were attended by between 1,000 and 3,000 Grange members from throughout Connecticut



and beyond. In fact, many of these gatherings featured sermons and speeches from National Grange Masters. The Grange Hall dormitory was dedicated at a Grange Sunday in 1950.

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Harry Garrigus

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In his academic pursuits, he rose to be regarded as the “Animal Husbandman of New England.” He selected the finest stock for UConn’s herds and conducted studies in genetic selection and nutrition. He was a well-respected exhibition judge. He also pioneered pasture improvement.

Garrigus was held in such high regard the American Society of Animal Production hung his portrait in the Chicago Stock Yards Inn gallery at the Union Stock Yards, the only New Englander so honored.

He was a member of numerous agricultural societies and organizations including the Eastern States Exposition as a Trustee.

While at UConn, Garrigus arranged for titles on properties adjacent to the Storrs Campus to be held in trust until the State of Connecticut could afford to buy them. Due to his efforts, the College’s holdings grew from approximately 300 acres to more than 1,500.

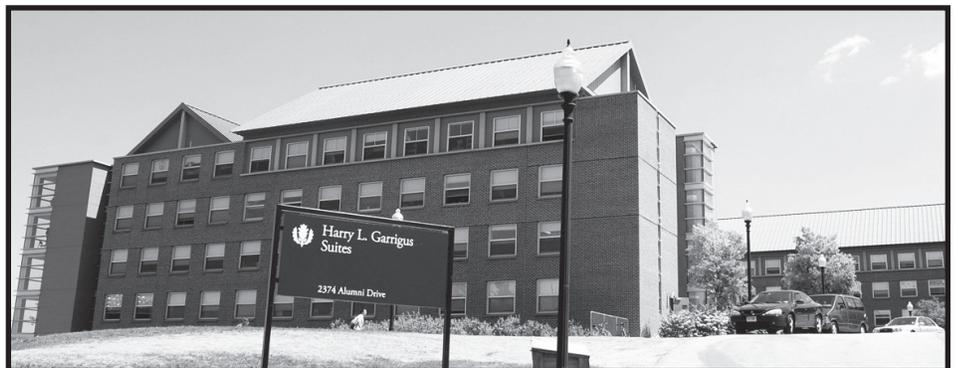
In 1960, Mansfield Grange and the Connecticut State Grange held a ceremony in the Community House on the UConn campus to honor Garrigus for his 60 years of continuous Grange membership. The presentation of a certificate and pin was made by Sherman K. Ives, National Deputy and Chairman of the State Grange Legislative Committee.

On the 125th Anniversary of the University in 2006, UConn dedicated the Harry L. Garrigus Suites, a five story residence hall on Alumni Drive that overlooks the East Campus agricultural buildings and fields he was so instrumental in developing in the earliest days of the institution.

Garrigus died at his home in Storrs on July 10, 1968 and was buried in the Storrs Cemetery on a hill overlooking the UConn campus.



Harry Garrigus preserved some of the earliest images of the Ag program at UConn in 500 photographs on glass plates that are now in the collections of the Dodd Research Center. The above photo of a sheep judging was taken by Garrigus in 1912. Below, fruit trees on the UConn campus between 1897-1912 near the poultry buildings.



The Harry L. Garrigus Suites on the campus of the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Notes from the State Office



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It's been a while since I've written a State Grange Office article for the Granger. There's been so much information to share in past issues, there just hasn't been room.

With State Session behind us, there's a number of reminders to bring up.

First, a resolution was adopted at this year's session requiring Subordinate and Pomona Grange reports to be printed in the Journal of Proceedings beginning with the 2021 Journal. Letters will be going out to all Granges shortly, but please don't wait. All we are asking for is a one or two paragraph summary of your Grange's activities during the 2020-2021 Grange year.

In piecing together the history of the Connecticut State Grange, we have relied very heavily on the Grange reports printed in the Journal up to the 1960's when they were eliminated due to the cost of the extra pages required. The number of Granges is considerably smaller now so this isn't as much of an issue.

It doesn't really matter who in your Grange writes the report as long as it is accurate and has the blessing of your Grange to be submitted for the Journal. The difficulty with this project is the length of time it takes to get the majority of Granges to provide the many things we ask of them (i.e. payments, reports, etc.).

Please keep your reports short and simple but try to include the most important and interesting things that will be of interest to people in the future looking at the history of your Grange.

These write-ups can be sent to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Road, PO Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094. They

can also be emailed (preferred) to: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org. Please have your reports to me no later than January 30, 2022. Any Granges not received by that date will not be included in the Journal.

In September, Granges received their Dues Receipts books for 2022. We still have 15 or so Granges who have not returned payment to the State Grange. Please do so as soon as possible so we can close the books on that program for this year.

I have received many notes and emails from Granges regarding the Lecturer's reports. Dave Roberts of Riverton Grange is the new State Lecturer. He is very new and doesn't have the advantage of Marge's mentoring to get him started. We are getting him up to speed and I'm sure you will be hearing more from him directly. In the meantime, please send Lecturer's reports to him at the following address: Dave Roberts, P.O. Box 155, Riverton, CT 06065.

I usually don't use the Granger to request info from Granges but it's been extremely difficult

getting Directory information from Granges. The current State Directory is out of date with this year's changes, so your cooperation in getting this information to me is extremely important. The following Granges are outstanding: #1, 40, 75, 78, 87, 92, 96, 100, 110, 124, 147, 152, 153, 168, 173, 194, ML Pom. #15. It's a shame to print a book with missing Grange information. Please, please, please send your info in immediately either by mail or email. My mailing and email addresses are listed above.

We have lots of Grange apparel available through the Grange Office. We have crewneck sweatshirts with the Grange emblem on the chest (\$25). We have crimson colored short and long sleeve t-shirts (\$10 & \$15) with the Northeast Region logo for the 2023 convention in Buffalo, New York. We also have limited quantities of the limited edition navy blue t-shirts we produced at the end of 2020. If you are interested, please email me or call (860) 307-1522. If sizes are in stock, you will receive them in time for gift-giving!

Until next time, have a wonderful holiday season.

Resolutions sent to National

Eleven resolutions from the 2021 Connecticut State Grange Session were sent to National Grange for action. This was the most resolutions we have sent on to National in quite a long time. The result is as follows:

- 1) Milk Marketing Pricing Subsidy Adopted
- 2) Whole Milk in Schools Present Policy
- 3) Approval of Financial Plan for Selling National HQ
- 4) Sale of National Grange Headquarters . Both Covered by #203
These two resolutions became the basis for the committee resolution which was adopted regarding the sale of the National Headquarters building.
- 5) Congressional Term Limits Present Policy
- 6) Robo Calls Rejected
- 7) Banning the Sale of Flavored Vaping Products Adopted
- 8) Honoring Members Past 75 Years Adopted
- 9) Welcoming Diverse Members Added to Policy Statement
- 10) Annual Password for Conn. Granges Withdrawn
- 11) Draping the Charter Ceremony Present Policy

* SALE OF GRANGE PROPERTY - This resolution was adopted at the 2020 National Session and was held over for a second vote at the 2021 Session. The resolution failed in 2021 and was rejected.



Looking ahead to the New Year

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

With 2022 right around the corner, now is the perfect time to take advantage of opportunities to get your Grange into the eyes of your local community. Here are some tips to keep in mind when planning out your upcoming Grange year.

• **Is your Grange recognized in the community? Tell your Grange story.**

Granges have a number of sources available to promote their events, programs and activities - such as press releases to the local media, social media outlets like Facebook, and more traditional methods like posters, signage, and even face-to-face and telephone communications. But when promoting your Grange, are you telling its story? How many years has your Grange been organized? Are there specific projects/events that your Grange is known for (like your Fair, Bazaar, Dairy Dinner, Community Service projects, etc.)? Be sure to take every opportunity to tell your Grange story. It can be as easy as a paragraph at the end of a press release, a “throw-back Thursday” photo posted to

Facebook, or a line at the bottom of poster.

• **Be proactive in your Grange promotional efforts.**

Media outlets have many organizations just like the Grange vying for space and airtime. Chances are, they will not just stumble upon your Grange and promote it - you have to initiate the contact. Invite the media to a Grange meeting or event. Send a quick e-mail to your local newspaper promoting your upcoming activities - just be sure to give them at minimum 3 weeks notice. Even a quick phone call can be the difference between press coverage versus no press coverage.

• **Eliminate the promotional frustration.**

Promoting your Grange can be overwhelming when you don't know what direction to turn first. You have a list of newspapers, a Facebook Page or a website you are not comfortable using, and no real computer skills to speak of - so where do you start? Begin by taking a step back, and selecting one path on which to concentrate your efforts. Once you feel confident in writing press releases, then move on to adding Facebook to the mix.

Then proceed to a website. Try taking a computer class to learn the basics. Most towns offer beginner computer classes either for free or for a small fee through adult ed or in senior centers. Look into your options, take it one step at a time, and eliminate the frustration.

• **Go the extra promotional mile.**

In order to go the extra mile when promoting your Grange, you need to be knowledgeable of the organization, ready to answer any questions that may arise, and be armed with the details. When writing your press releases and announcements, try to include as much relevant information as available. This includes writing your Grange column for the Connecticut Granger. We've all read the reports that announce the Grange's latest fun event, but leave out important details, like time and cost. Don't let the reader guess - tell them everything they need to know upfront.

Public Relations and communications can play an integral part in your Grange's journey. Make a resolution in 2022 to be sure to utilize available resources and most importantly, set achievable goals to build toward.

Need more information, or would like a hand in getting started? Drop us a line. We're here to help! E-mail: publicrelations@ctstategrange.org or information@ctstategrange.org.



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SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Dec. 15: Christmas Party and Potluck

Jan. 19: Resolutions 2022 and Health Screenings.

We have had a busy fall. We continue to hold monthly meetings in person. We hosted the local hobby, homesteaders and horsekeepers for another informational meeting on Grazing Animals and another on Forest Management. These were sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District and were in person and on Zoom. It is so good to see so many locals interested in these sessions. There have been continuing sales of our recycled shopping bags. Having events in our hall shows the public what we are doing. There are several large displays of Grange events and programs. A local group hold yoga sessions in our hall several days each week. In October we held our awards night program and presented many long term members including one to 80 year member Minola Terwilliger. Others received 50 year certificates and and seals. Those not able to attend would receive their awards delivered to their homes. We will be making pork pies and other holiday pies for sale for the holidays. .

We also held a meet the candidates day for the local town offices.

Several members attended the State Grange session where Amy Monahan received the Lecturer's Appreciation Award. We were pleased to have one of our young members Ciri Miller receive a Scholarship. She is attending UConn studying biology with a goal



Minola Terwilliger of Senexet Grange receives her 80 year membership award at a recent meeting of Senexet Grange No. 40 in Woodstock.

of going to medical school..

We are working on getting our hall updated for group meetings. We are also planning to get involved with several local events including the Woodstock holiday festival. Space will be made available for vendors.

We hope to see members and friends come to our Christmas party on December 15.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

Dec. 3: We Need a Little Christmas; Fill a Mug Project

Jan. 7: Sing

Our November meeting was a combination Zoom and in-person, with 16 members present and 3 guests. It was wonderful to be back in the hall. State Executive Committee member Noel Miller and Chairperson Alma Graham, assisted by Deputy Ted Beebe, installed Vernon President Nancy Strong as the newest member of the State Grange Executive Committee. Congratulations, Nancy.

Christian Schirmer presented a PowerPoint program on how machines are programmed by way of algorithms are learning to understand and create programs to assist the farmer in every phase of plant production. With the help of robots like TOM fields can be planted, norished, weeded, and



A few of the many Pork Pies created by Senexet Grange for their Holiday Sale in November.

spot sprayed (instead of broadcast spraying). This program is still in the infant stages but the promise of future use is immeasurable. Thank you, Christian for a very informative program.

Our Lecturer Cherie Robinson is enjoying a visit to her brand new grandson. Congratulations to her and her family. Please remember to save and collect plastic bags and canceled stamps. A final word of praise to all who worked on the Community Service report. We took third place, and congrats to the winners in the CWA needlework contest at the Big E. Our next

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The members of Hillstown Grange No. 87 of East Hartford thanked local veterans with a special dinner in November.

meeting will be in-person, weather permitting.

Have you asked someone to join the Grange? We need to have a net gain and the only way that will happen is for you to ask. I leave you with a quote from Theodore Roosevelt, "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE NO. 89

Dec. 4: Christmas Bazaar, 10-2
Dec. 12: Pancake Breakfast with Santa, \$7, Doors open at 8 P.M.

N. STONINGTON COMMUNITY GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Dec. 10: "Here Comes Santa Claus," meeting at 7:30 followed by Party.
Dec. 17: Caroling around town
Dec. 24: No Meeting. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.

Sadly, our circle is again broken with the death of James Patton. We will miss him.

Our sincere thanks to Jason Miner who cleaned our hall from top to bottom in early October. Boy! Do we shine!

Our Halloween Party was a great success. The hall resounded with laughter and shouts as the fifteen children present, ages 3 to 13, competed in games like "Pass the Pumpkin", "Dem Bones", and "Feed

Freddy."

Cheers broke out when somebody finally managed to ring one of the sparkly witch's hats. Kathy Tefft, dressed as a fuzzy pink bunny, led the games for us this year. Costumes ranged from the beautiful to the scary and all children were

awarded prizes. Did you ever think of dressing up as a spiderweb? That one was awarded "Most original"! Cheree's refreshments were outstanding. Everything was presented in a COVID-safe manner, and they were definitely enjoyed by the 35 people present. One excited child asked if there was going to be a Thanksgiving party and was told he would have to wait until Christmas.

Speaking of our Christmas party; be sure to bring a wrapped present clearly marked with the name of each child coming to the party, and leave the gifts in the kitchen for Santa's bag. We will hold a brief meeting at 7:30 P.M. and the party should begin by 8:00. Weather permitting, we will carol and deliver fruit baskets on the 17th.

We send greetings and get well wishes to those in our family who are "under the weather" and hope they will be back with us soon. And if the leaves that are covering our driveway will just blow away on their own, next time we will tell you all about nifty November.



THIRD TUESDAYS @ 8:30 ET ON ZOOM	Use app or go to bit.ly/z-1867 Or call in at (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 525 965 930 Passcode: 981892
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MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Dawn Anstett

The next meeting of Mountain Laurel Pomona will be held at Riverton Grange on Sunday, Dec. 5th at 2 P.M. There will be a Christmas Grab Bag (\$10 limit) and other fun Christmas activities planned and we hope to see as many of our Pomona members join us. Riverton Grange is having a handicap ramp put in and we hope this will encourage more to come out. Just another note about the ramp; dedication of the ramp to Past Voting Delegates Peggy and Frank Prelli, will be held the day before on Saturday, Dec. 4 at noon.

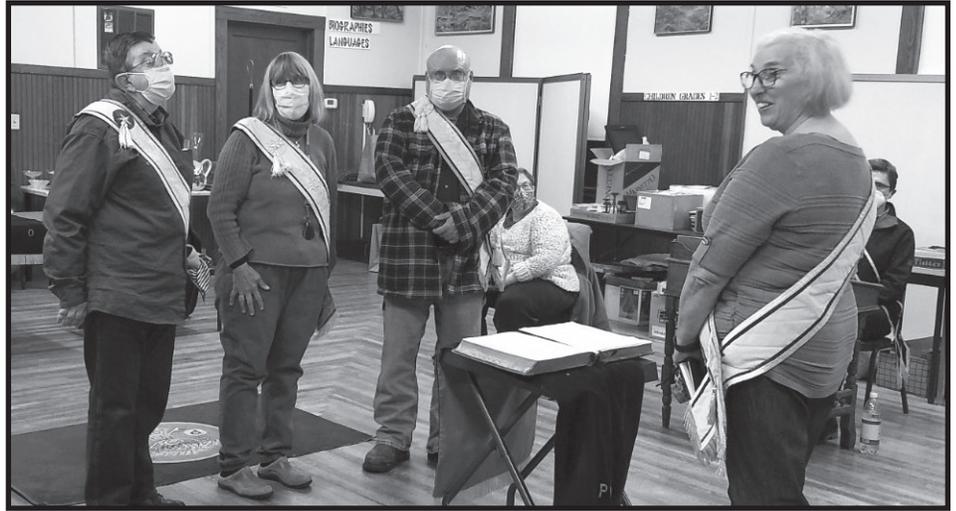
Looking forward to seeing everyone at one (or both) of these events.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

Dec. 8: Potluck Supper

On Dec. 8th Whigville Grange



Nancy Strong was recently installed as the newest member of the Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee at a meeting of Vernon Grange No. 52. Left to Right: Ted Beebe, Deputy; Nancy Strong; Noel Miller, Exec. Comm. Member and Alma Graham, Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

will have a potluck supper at 6 P.M. in the Senior Center, Burlington Town Hall. No meetings for Jan. and Feb. Please bring an item for the Grange to donate to an area shelter. Personal care items, gloves, socks, small bags of snacks, are all needed. Also Brian's Angels is always in need of gently used sleeping bags and cold weather gear. See you on the 8th.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Dec. 14: Silent Night - \$5 Grab Bag. Refreshments: Potluck Dinner

Dec. 28: No Meeting- See you after the new year

Jan. 11: Auld Lang Syne, Ref. by Mark & Tracie Dzurnak

Jan. 25: Baby, It's Cold Outside,

Ref. by Marie Steiner

Winchester Grange continues to meet in-person AND via Zoom. Our meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Grange Hall. We welcome visitors both in-person and online. If you would like to attend a meeting via Zoom, please send your request to: Info@WinchesterGrange.org and we'll send you the Zoom info. We'd love to see you at our meetings either way.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Our meetings are at 7:30 P.M. with refreshments at 7:00 P.M.

Dec. 9: Cookie Exchange-all members

Jan. 13: Traveling in this weather- Carol Knutson

At our November meeting the awards from State Session were given out for Lecturer's Appreciation, Ritual Program, CWA certificate of achievement and 2nd place for Community service. There are new chairpersons on some of our standing committees: Debbie Hanlon - CWA, Bill Palmer - Community Service, Debra Tyler - Agriculture & Conservation. We discussed using Master vs. President and the consensus was to use Master in ritual and President otherwise.

In November we gave out dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in Warren, Kent, Cornwall

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Students at Sharon Center School receive dictionaries provided by Taghhannuck Grange No. 100. Dictionaries were distributed to Kent, Sharon, Cornwall & Warren.

and Sharon. Sharon Center School was the only school that allowed us to do an in-person presentation with the teacher doing a fun lesson on dictionaries. We answered many questions about our Grange. The dictionaries were just dropped off at the other schools because of Covid rules but the same happened last year and we got wonderful thank you notes from the students of these schools.

In December we will continue making up plates/bags of homemade cookies that go to members who can not get out and about and to people/households suggested by our local Social Services Agent. We are asking all members to make up 4 dozen of one kind of cookie and bring them to the Dec. 9 meeting or drop them off by Dec. 10 at the Prindle's house or the Hall.

Because of COVID we will not be putting the plates/bags together at our meeting but a couple of our members will do it on Dec. 10 and deliver them. There will also be a gift exchange at the meeting.

At our Dec. 9 meeting we will decide on our new Community Service project for this year. If you can not attend the meeting please give/send your suggestions to Barbara Prindle.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

Dec. 3: Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 8: Regular Meeting, 7 P.M., Grab Babg Christmas gifts and pizza party.

Jan. 12: Regular Meeting at 7 P.M.

Jan. 15: Chili Cook Off, takeout dinner (tentative)

Bridgewater Grange is still active. We have some changed in our leadership. Our Master is Lisa Burns, Overseer Neil Oshansky, Lecturer Aaron Jacques and



The 2021-2023 Officers of Riverton Grange No. 169 were installed on Friday October 1, 2021 by the Prelli Installing Team. Brother Philip Prelli commented that "this is the largest turnover of officers that I can remember for Riverton Grange with 11 of the 16 officers being either in a new office or never having served in an office before. This is a great sign for the rejuvenation of our Grange." David Roberts was installed as new President and Rod Anstett Vice President. Both are new to the office.

Secretary Dean Perry.

Thanks to Diane, Janet, Shirley and Dean for 10 Thanksgiving baskets made and delivered between Nov. 19 and 21. Thanks for Shirley, Steve, Carol, Holly, Pam, Aaron and Neil for all their work on the Roast Beef Dinner takeout. Dean delivered 6 dinners to shut-ins. We made over \$700.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

Dec. 3: Christmas in Riverton

Dec. 4: Dedication of Peggy & Frank Prelli Memorial Walkway, Noon.

Dec. 5: Mt. Laurel Pomona will meet at Riverton at 2 P.M.

Dec. 5: Veteran of the Month Recognition Ceremony at the Barkhamsted Senior Center, 6 P.M.

Dec. 17: Grange Meeting, 6:45 Social Time, Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Thank you all to those who attended our November meeting.

It was nice to meet in-person, learn how to turn the heat on, and a special thank you to Gail Prelli/Charlie Bierce for the wonderful refreshments. A request was made to share all upcoming dates.

Everyone who attended the Mystery Tour to Squires Tavern (Ullman Farm) agreed it was a fun event and liked that our Grange is restoring the former Mystery Tour tradition. Thank you Riverton General Store for donating the homemade Buck's ice cream for attendees.

Members agreed to ask the Executive Committee to review the hall usage policy and suggest changes. We will also be restoring the wall calendar to track usage.

The Executive Committee will review outdoor repairs needed to our Grange hall.

We are planning on hosting Degrees in April as a "new member orientation."

Vice President Rod will work on replacing the lights in the kitchen with LED bulbs.

Riverton Grange (and members Sue Belle Isle, Raine Pedersen and Shirley Moore who received individual awards) received MANY Grange awards from the Connecticut State Grange including Honor Grange and Top Community Service Grange! Congratulations all!



Bridgewater Grange participated in the community Trunk or Treat.



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Can't report on any Pomona meetings as I am writing this our next meeting is three weeks away.

We would like to congratulate Laura Newton, a member of Hemlock Grange, for receiving her Fifth Degree at the Degree Day at Winchester Grange in October. Also, congratulations to her and Murray on their recent wedding. We hope we will be able to officially welcome Laura to Nutmeg Pomona at our next meeting.

Also, congratulations to Lois Evankow from Lyme Grange and Maryalyce Lee from Cheshire Grange for all the awards they received at the Big E. They represented Nutmeg Pomona well.

From the officers and members of Nutmeg Pomona No. 16 we wish all our brothers and sister Grangers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and more important healthy New Year.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Dec 1: Christmas.

Dec 15: Open Meeting. Christmas Card Exchange and Grab Bag

We were well represented at the State Session in Norwich last month. It was good to get back and see folks we hadn't seen for some time. Cheshire was an Honor Grange again. Special congratulations to our Lecturer, Emily Alexander for her five awards at the session: 4th place in A Grange Memory Contest, the 2021 Ritual Program, Lecturer's Appreciation Award for her programs, 2nd place in the Complete Program Award, and

lastly an Honor Lecturer.

Our meetings have been decently attended in our going back to two meetings a month with refreshments.

We trust you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. We have the Christmas season upon us and Cheshire Grange wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we all look forward to 2022.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 10th. Supper to be served promptly at 6:00 followed by a short meeting and some fun. If you would like to participate, please bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift.

Our tag sales have been very profitable with our December one scheduled for the 18th- time 9 to 3. We still have many Christmas items and clothes for sale.

We will have an open-mic the same day from 6 to 9. Everyone invited- come and enjoy the music to participate. Always a tasty snack. No charge.

From the officers and members of Beacon Valley Grange to all our Grange friends... "May the warmth of Christmas fill your home, Grange and your heart" and may all your New Year's be one filled with many happy memories.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

We had a Welcome Ceremony on Sept. 20. Welcome to our newest members: Jack Damon, Jennifer Damon, Dave Farrington, Joe Mikulka, Fran Priewola, Cathy Raynor, Jimmy Van Ness, Robert Wagner. Thank you to Robert Buck from the Connecticut State Grange for officiating.

Our Pumpkin, Bulb, Mum and Bake Sale was a great success. We even met some neighbors that we hope will join our Grange. Thank you to the bakers, the sellers, those who set up and cleaned up! It was a beautiful autumn afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support of our veterans. Nancy made a delivery to the West Haven VA in August. Thank you for the

donations of puzzles, puzzle books and snacks. We continue to collect for a future delivery. Their wish list is: boxers, briefs, t-shirts, socks, ankle socks, high socks, toiletries, Fixodent, puzzles, puzzle books, and snacks. If you love your freedom- thank a veteran!

We will host a Pasta Dinner on Dec. 4. On the menu: Antipasto, Stuffed Shells, Pasta & Sauce, Sausage and Meaballs, Bread, Butter and Dessert.

We will host a SOUP-er Supper on Jan. 29, 2022 (weather permitting). Various soups and Grilled Cheese are on the menu. ALSO BINGO with fun prizes.

Looking ahead: Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 12, 2022 and St. Patrick's Dinner on March 12 (both-weather permitting). Call Jim for reservations at 203-259-8023.

The date is set for our Annual Agricultural Fair: August 27, 2022. Hope to see you there.

From our Grange to yours- many wishes for a happy, healthy Holiday Season. May God's blessings be abundantly upon you.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Dec. 10: The Joys of Christmas

Dec. 24: Omitted for Christmas

Jan. 14: Baby It's Cold Outside

Jan. 28: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

In Memoriam: W. Andrew Hale, Jr., G.S.



Cannon Grange was decorated for the Halloween season and for a special showing of the movie classic "The Mummy" at the hall.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends! We had a great time in Wichita, Kansas at the 155th Annual National Grange Session. I got to meet up with the rest of the herd and catch up on all the latest happenings. I even got to meet some of the new herd members too! It was nice to see all of my Grange friends from all over the country. Hard to believe the holiday season is here. Happy Thanksgiving to all of my Grange friends!

Want to follow my adventures? Please visit my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button to keep in touch. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



Cheshire Grange Family Activities Chair Jane Miller poses with some of the donations collected for the Cheshire Food Pantry.

Preserving History



Riverton Grange wants to thank Robert Charbonneau, Co-Director of Public Relations for the Connecticut State Grange, for coming out today to record two 78 records, that were originally recorded for a weekly Sunday program at WLCR, Torrington. Stay tuned to hear more of this!

These records are actually red in color



Merry Everything and Cheers to a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2022 for all and to all a good night!



From your Friends at Norfield Grange #146 in Weston.

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 history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover 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.



No responses were received for the November Window Picture. Please submit your answers to the phone or email above.



Grandma's Christmas Meatballs



Here's something different to serve at your Christmas gathering, or Grange holiday potluck! Allrecipes.com has an easy recipe for Grandma's Christmas Meatballs. YIELD: 40 Meatballs

- 3 pounds ground beef chuck
- 1 (14 ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 (1 ounce) package onion soup mix
- ¼ cup dry bread crumbs, or as needed
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups ketchup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup port wine
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Mix ground chuck, evaporated milk, onion soup mix, bread crumbs, and 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce together in a bowl. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Form approximately 40 small meatballs and place on a

baking sheet. Set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source and preheat the oven's broiler.

Broil meatballs until just browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn meatballs over and continue broiling until browned on other side, about 2 minutes more. Transfer meatballs to a slow cooker.

Combine ketchup, brown sugar, port wine, and 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir until dissolved, about 2 minutes. Pour over the meatballs in the slow cooker. Cook on High until meatballs are no longer pink in the middle and the sauce is thick, at least 1 hour. Note: If you make your own fresh breadcrumbs, use 1 slice of bread.

SOURCE: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/261111/grandmas-christmas-meatballs/>

Passion can make the impossible happen



Faith Quinlan
Membership Dir.
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Our State Secretary tells the story of Redding's reorganization best in his article. What I would like to share in relation to this is a discussion about passion and how that was displayed during their organization. When a community can be brought together in the excitement of a goal there is a lesson about membership recruitment that I need to explore.

If I learned one thing about success at Redding it was that one passionate person can rally a community. Elizabeth Jensen has a passion that burns so brightly it draws others in and then they are filled with the same passion and carry the dream of what could be with them to share with even more people.

In my role I have the pleasure of meeting many people who truly love the Grange and the communities they serve. Many members have a devotion to their Grange but with Granges in distress and membership on the decline we clearly need passion as well.

I am intrigued by Redding's success and I believe there is an absolute leading component that brought their reorganization to so many people brand new to the Grange...Passion.

Exploring the idea of passion and passionate people there are a few key things that define them:

They are optimistic. Passionate people are always focused on what CAN be rather than what is. They have an unwavering belief that they'll achieve their goal. Passionate people also don't do anything half-heartedly. If they're going, they're going full tilt until they cross the finish line plus they also talk about



their passions all the time.

When they speak about their passion, they're highly excitable. You know those people who probably wouldn't get excited if an alien spaceship landed in their front yard? Yeah, that's not how passionate people operate. One theory is that they devote their energy to just one or two things, so they make more progress, and that momentum fuels their excitement.

It is also said that they're all about their work. For passionate people, it is what they breathe, live, and eat, so there's no such thing as leaving it at the office. To bring the definition of a truly passionate person full circle, they have a healthy obsession with their muse. Not the unhealthy OCD way but a positive, healthy obsession, the kind that no matter what else is going on, their thoughts keep returning to their passion.

While focused on their goal they also don't waste time. They devote available time to their passion, and it's not a sacrifice, because there's nothing else they'd rather be doing. Also, passionate people are early risers. They are so eager to dive into their days rather than sleep in and they are also willing to take big risks. How much you want something is reflected in how much you're willing to risk.

The new President of Redding Grange is a very passionate person.

My grandmother would have called her, "a mover and a shaker." She has a deep passion for her town, its people and her newly reorganized Grange. Like all Granges they will have their bumps and lessons but the passion for what they can accomplish as a group for their community is inspiring to think about.

For Redding Grange the possibilities are endless. They are a great mixture of ages and backgrounds who are prepared to grow and make positive changes in the world. That is what it will take to keep our order expanding into the future. Passion, teamwork and hustle can get the message about what you love about Grange to new people.

Do you think you have enough passion for that?



Jensen installed Master of Redding Grange by PVD Jody Cameron.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE



Family Activities Committee

Regional Meetings

December 4th at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83619143862?pwd=emZ4WWFoZWt0MEVWbRmx1bk5oMHJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 1914 3862
Passcode: 905858

Dial by your location:
 +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 836 1914 3862
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December 5th at 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89840762518?pwd=RFh5eld5TThrbGJWbW9MQlYxcGFOUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 4076 2518
Passcode: 470600

Dial by your location:
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For more information: cwa@ctstategrange.org  ZOOM

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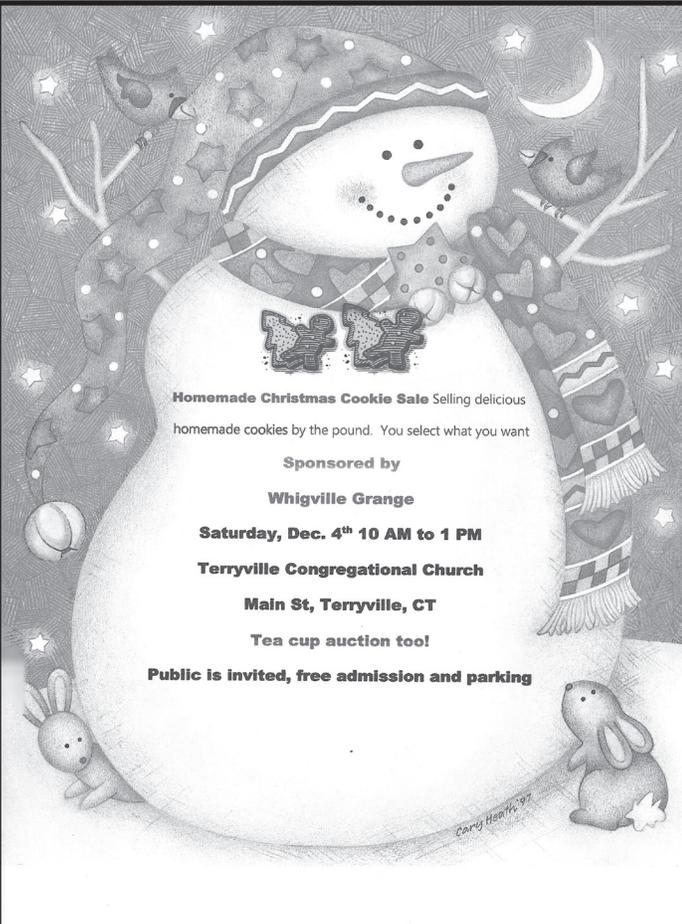


Virtual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 16th
7:00 pm

Join us for a fun and casual holiday social gathering.
 Stop by and say Hello!

Send an e-mail to information@ctstategrange.org
 or membership@ctstategrange.org
 for the Zoom Meeting Access Information

Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale Selling delicious homemade cookies by the pound. You select what you want

Sponsored by
Whigville Grange

Saturday, Dec. 4th 10 AM to 1 PM
Terryville Congregational Church
Main St, Terryville, CT

Tea cup auction too!
Public is invited, free admission and parking

Greenfield Hill Grange ~ 1878 Hill Side Road ~ Fairfield CT

FUNDRAISER

Souper Souper Fundraiser

Soup, Bingo and Souper Prizes!

Socially--Distant table set ups

January 29, 2022

Dinner at 6:00
 Doors open at 5:30

MENU

Variety of Home Made SOUPS
 Grilled Cheese
 Bread and Butter
 Soda,
 Coffee & Dessert



\$ 15.00 per person
 includes Bingo

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Call Jim 203.259.8023
 Or Steve 203.367.4373
 for reservations and info

This will be a reservation only event ~ Tickets must be purchased in advance

Come One, Come All, INVITE A FRIEND



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Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

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Generosity

“It is very easy to give from on top of a white horse. It is more uncomfortable to dismount, to stand in the mud at eye-level with need, hunger, flagrant inequality, and let it pierce our hearts in a humble conversation between two children of God: without an agenda, without a presupposition that we know what the person before us really needs, but with an open heart and a listening ear.” -Br. Keith Nelson
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

“It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving”
- Mother Teresa

The two above quotes expose one of my greatest weaknesses: I very often fail to listen attentively to and to empathize with those I’m trying to help or to give to. I too often give what I want to give, instead of what the other person wants or needs. Not only should one give generously, unselfishly, and without any expectation of return, but one should give in such a way that you increase another person’s happiness and well-being, and a better chance of improving their circumstances. And you can only do this if first you communicate with them and try to find out what

their true wants and needs are.

Also, giving should not be confined to the transfer of material goods. There is much that we can give which costs us nothing yet greatly increases happiness, both to the giver and the person who receives. For instance, praise. One should increase the number of times you praise another person, whether for their accomplishments, no matter how small, for their appearance, or for anything else,

Then there is the gift of simply leaving someone alone if that is what they truly desire.

Or of asking them for help if that will make them feel more useful or wanted. It increases their self-esteem and self-worth.

And last comes the most difficult giving of all, giving a person something they do not want but

really need, even though you also may not want to do so. It’s called “tough love”. Sometimes it is a simple thing, like seeing that your young child gets his or her necessary measles and typhoid vaccinations. Sometimes it is much more heart-wrenching, as when you intervene to fight a loved-one’s life-altering mental or physical addictions. But always this should be done with love and understanding.

In Memoriam

James Patton

N. Stonington Comm. #138

W. Andrew Hale, Jr., G.S.

Hemlock Grange #182

“Well done, good and faithful servants.”



RURAL HEALTHCARE: HOSPITAL DISTANCE

Rural Americans live an average of 10.5 miles from a hospital versus 4.4 in a city

National Grange

