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## See you at the Big E



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During the month of September there are at least two or three fairs each weekend along with the Big E in Springfield, MA. I'm getting a list of members who would be willing to work in the Connecticut Room in the New England Grange Building at the Big E. The Connecticut Room will be open two days during the Fair. The first day the room will be open is September 21st, Connecticut Day at the Big E. September 25th is Grange Day at the Big E. The Membership Committee has purchased note pads and pens to hand out to visitors who come up to the Connecticut Room on those two days. We will have brochures to hand out and hopefully get some new members. If you plan to attend either of these two days, please stop in and say hello.

Sharon and I attended the Family Festival on August 14 at Hillstown Grange in West Hartford. After a delicious Pancake Breakfast, we had a chance to look over the entries for the CWA contests followed by the State Lecturer's Talent Contest and A-Number. With only one number entered in the talent contest, Lorraine Paul from Riverton Grange, performed two songs as part of her performance and she will be performing at the Celebration

Banquet at State Session in October.

There were two Granges entered in the A Number. They were Hillstown Grange and North Stonington Community Grange. Hillstown placed first in the A Number. Congratulations to all the winners.

By the time you receive this issue, our State Grange Session will be about a month away. Hopefully you all will have your credentials. Our Membership Director has invited a guest speaker for our Thursday night session. Coach Jackie (Jacqueline Ross) is an author of "Manage Up" The Ultimate Guide to Managing

Your Manager."

On Friday night's Celebration Banquet, we will be holding a raffle to benefit the Connecticut State Grange Foundation. The Family Activities Committee will also be holding a raffle during the Session with the drawing to be held during the Banquet. Please support both of them by purchasing plenty of tickets and donating requested items. All State Officers are asked to donate one item for the Foundation Raffle that will help fund the Grange Improvement Grant program.

As I end this month's article, make sure you are registered for this year's Session and stay healthy and safe.

## Gearing up for Fall activities



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We are done with this year's contests. I want to thank everyone for attending this year's CT Grange Family Festival and for all of your beautiful entries. The first-place winners will go up to the Big E for the next contest and announced in the November Granger. The food was fabulous and everyone had a great time. Thank you Hillstown Grange for allowing us to use your Hall. And a big thanks to everyone who participated in our Tea Cup Auction. It was a success and will allow us to do much more as a

committee.

We will be in the middle of the Big E this month and I can't thank you all enough for all your help during the hot summer months. Many hands make lite the work and we had fun too! The Big E starts on Friday Sept. 16th and runs through Sunday Oct. 2nd. If anyone has time to volunteer in the building, please contact Noel Miller or Dawn Percoski. We will give you an entrance ticket as well as a parking pass. The lot is very easy to get to and keeps you out of the traffic. We need help to sit and take donations for our Quilt raffle as well as cashiers, table straighteners and other light duties. Most important, we would like to open the upstairs Connecticut Room during Grange Sunday and Connecticut Day. Please

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NEXT ISSUE . . . Articles Due Sept. 15

# Contemplating an Amazing Membership Experience



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What is the experience people have when they attend a meeting or event at your Grange?

Now, more than ever before, we weigh our experience with an organization against the decision to join. Why? Society has moved from a “service and loyal based

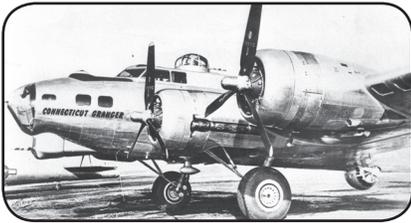
mindset” to an “experience and return on investment mindset.” In the past, members showed up because it was the “right thing to do” and it didn’t matter if it was fun or even memorable. This built traditional and predictable events and experiences. Same thing over and over again, which was easy and expected. So much has changed. Today’s consumer has a bigger expectation. This is not generational. We live in a time when things are available in minutes, on demand, virtually and algorithms that intuitively know what we like. With all things available, all the time.

As a society we are investing in experiences. We spend money with organizations that offer unique experiences and the statistics show that what makes society happier is having great experiences, even more than buying “stuff.” This is in part because people are craving

an escape from reality and they are craving to be part of a community.

Wait. Isn’t that our specialty? We have community leaders, educators and inspirational speakers visit our halls plus as a Granger, community is part of our foundation. Yes, there is more competition than ever for our most valuable resource, time. So how do we differentiate our “member experience”? Of course, the competition out there is already offering the same, heck, even better benefits than we are offering. Can we offer an educational series or are we the Grange that makes new members feel amazing? I ask that your Grange work together and contemplate what your members and visitors experience. Imagine how attendees of meetings or an event may feel, what they may see or hear. What can you do to make it better? If your Grange is doing well, you can use this conversation to reinforce the working plan continues.

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Election season is upon us with political ads already appearing on the media channels. In Connecticut we started with a very active primary election. We had two major State positions, Secretary of State and Treasurer, with no incumbent candidates and multiple of candidates who qualified to petition for a primary for those positions. There were also some local district primary candidates vying for different positions.

This November we will be electing/re-electing all the major state positions including the Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Comptroller and all the State House and Senate members. The Congressional members in all five districts are also up for election. This year we

do have one Federal Senate seat up for election. Federal Senators are elected for 6-year terms, and they represent the entire state, not just a district. This year Senator Lieberman’s seat is up for election/re-election.

This is a good time to communicate with your local candidates and learn what their positions are. Some Granges have set up “Meet the Candidates” nights and invited the public in to listen and question the candidates’ as to their positions and priorities. Education is our greatest asset when determining who would be best to manage and operate our State and communities.

Remember that the political ads you see are not always the whole story and the ads are slanted to the position of the candidate that they are promoting. Also, remember that the Grange is a NON-PARTISION, NON-POLITICAL organization as we DO NOT ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATE OR PARTY.

# 138<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

## Thursday, October 20, 2022

Ballroom, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Fourth Degree  
Introduction of National Representative  
Kathy Gibson, L.A.S. of the National Grange;  
Glenn Gibson, Pres. of the MA State Grange  
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees  
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree  
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates  
Roll Call of Granges  
Report of Credential Committee  
Session Committee Announcements  
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 Special Presentation by Jacqueline C. Ross,  
Author, Speaker and Career Coach:  
"Effective Tips for Those Who Hate Networking"
- 8:30 Address of State Master George Russell  
Report of Overseer Robert Buck  
Report of Secretary Todd A. Gelineau  
Report of Treasurer Jody A. Cameron  
Report of Executive Comm./Board of Directors  
Report of Lecturer, Dave Roberts
- 9:00 Closing
- 9:15 Time or Committee Work (if needed)

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions  
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate.
- 9:15 Memorial Service
- 9:45 Business Session
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:00 Budget Approval
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon  
Hosts: TBD  
- Blessing by Chaplain  
- Junior Recognition  
- Youth Recognition
- 1:30 Business Session  
Consideration of Annual Budget
- 3:00 Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom  
(Open to all Sixth Degree members,  
registration not required to attend)  
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree  
Escorting of National Representatives  
Recognition of Honored Guests and  
Past Voting Delegates to National Grange  
Conferral of the 6th Degree in full form  
Rose Drill  
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Members  
Community Service Report  
Honor Grange Awards  
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree  
March to the Table- Officers & Court
- 4:30\* Installation of Officers  
(\*May begin earlier depending on Degree timing)

*Degree Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 with the Fourth and Fifth Degree Words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to be admitted. Applications are \$10 and can be purchased from the State Secretary.*

**THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE**

## Friday, October 21, 2022

**7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the CT State Grange (Chelsearose Room)**

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes of Previous Day's Session  
Introd. of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 Special Order of Business: Election of Officers
- 9:30 Report of Legislative Committee  
Report of Agriculture Committee  
Report of General Deputy  
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:30 Report of Connecticut Granger  
Report of Camp Berger  
Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation  
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (Nutmeg Ballroom)  
Hosts: TBD  
- Blessing by Chaplain  
- Family Activities Awards & Report  
- Membership Awards  
- Public Relations Awards  
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 Address of National Representative
- 2:45 Business Session
- 3:15 BREAK
- 3:30 Report of New England Grange Building
- 4:30 Closing
- 7:00 Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)  
Professional Agriculture Awards  
Scholarships  
Lecturer's Program

## Saturday, October 22, 2022

**7:30 A.M. FREE Continental Breakfast provided by the CT State Grange (Chelsearose Room)**

### How to book your room at the



**Holiday Inn<sup>®</sup>**  
N O R W I C H

- 1) **Call the Holiday Inn Norwich (not the Corporate Reservation line) at 860-889-5201.**
- 2) **GROUP NAME: Connecticut State Grange**  
**GROUP CODE: CSB**
- 3) The rate they quote should be \$109 +15% tax.
- 4) Make your reservation before September 26, 2022. If there are rooms left after that date they will be at the standard "rack" rate, not our special group rate.
- 5) Call the State Secretary if you are charged a different rate or if you have any difficulties.



# 138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 26**

**SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30**

We encourage all members, delegate or not, to participate in State Session as we celebrate our accomplishments over the previous year and look towards another year of great Grange work. ALL MEMBERS are required to register to attend most sessions/activities (excluding Sixth Degree, Lecturer's Program on Friday evening and the Installation on Saturday afternoon). All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Delegates must purchase a ticket and attend the banquet to receive the punch on their Delegate Reimbursement Cards. Lunches are included in the registration fee and the Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Secretary with any question.

## Registration Form

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DELEGATES:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-DELEGATES:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL SESSION** (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00 # of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Registration: \$20.00 # of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATION BANQUET** (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People \_\_\_\_\_ x 30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- ① Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- ② Shrimp Scampi
- ③ Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- ④ Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include a Tossed Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21** (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22** (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Road, P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094

Questions: Please call the State Secretary at (860) 307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and ask for the CT State Grange block.

# Resolutions for the 138th Annual Session

Since the last issue, the State President has assigned all resolutions submitted to the Connecticut State Grange Secretary to date. The four new resolutions are printed in their entirety below. The assignments for Resolutions #1-6 are also printed below.

- 1) **RE: OPTIONS FOR CONFERRAL OF THE 7TH DEGREE.**  
**REF. Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws**
- 2) **RE: GRANGE ROOF REPAIRS.**  
**REF. Legislative/Insurance**
- 3) **RE: OBLIGATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 6TH & 7TH DEGREES**  
**REF. Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws**
- 4) **RE: SUGGESTING PEOPLE FOR ALL OFFICES**  
**REF. Good of Order/Membership/Master's Add.**
- 5) **RE: ELEVATED SURFACES. REF. Good of Order/Membership/Master's Address**
- 6) **RE: GRACE PERIOD FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO STATE GRANGE. REF. Good of Order/Membership/Master's Address**
- 7) **RE: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS** Article XIII, Section 3, Division 7, of the Constitution & By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange reads: "Subordinate Grange Associate Membership. Associate membership may be offered by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange, to any person who is interested in the advancement of agriculture, improvement of rural life and a positive attitude in the betterment of his/her community's welfare, and is sixteen years of age or older.

Applications shall be made available from the Connecticut State Grange within six months after the adoption of this by-law (Oct. 2000). Dues shall be \$25.00 per year, payable to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange of which \$6.25 per quarter will be sent to the Connecticut State Grange with the quarterly report, with \$3.50 per quarter being sent by the State Grange Secretary to the National Grange with his/her quarterly report.

Associate Members will be entitled to all publications and periodicals, to take advantage of any form of insurance, health or otherwise and shall be notified of all open or forum meetings. Associate Members cannot attend regularly scheduled meetings or vote on matters of Grange policy or enter National Grange sponsored contests for Grange members only.

The Connecticut State Grange shall have jurisdiction over Associate Members and Subordinate and Pomona Granges shall send dues notices each year on the anniversary date of their joining. Membership will be terminated when dues are in arrears after one year and they have been duly notified. Associate Members may apply for Grange membership at any time with proper application and required fees."

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Article XIII, Section 3, Division 7 of the Constitution & By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be changed to read "Subordinate Grange Associate Membership. Associate Membership may be offered by a Subordinate Grange, to any person, group,

business, or organization with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life and is fourteen years of age or older (for individual members). Associate Members may apply for regular Grange membership at any time with proper application and required fees.

Applications shall be available upon request from the Connecticut State Grange Secretary. Dues shall be a minimum of \$50.00 per year, payable to the Subordinate Grange of which \$6.25 per quarter will be sent to the Connecticut State Grange with the quarterly report to cover State and National dues.

Associate Membership would include access to Subordinate, State and National benefits, participation in Grange events and sharing Grange communication including Grange events and projects but would not include voting privileges nor serving as an officer, earning degrees, or participation in Grange contests unless open to the public; and are not initiated nor given the word. Subordinate Granges cannot include Associate Members to meet the requirement of at least thirteen members to be a regular Grange or meet as a regular Grange.

Subordinate Granges shall have jurisdiction over Associate Members. The application process will follow the same procedure as regular members per Article XIII, Section 3, Division 2 and Article XIII, Section 3, Division 5."

**SOURCE:** Connecticut State Grange Membership Committee and Board of Directors

**REFERRED:** Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws

## 8) RE: POMONA DUES

**WHEREAS** it's the purpose of the Pomona Grange to strengthen and aid the Granges within its jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Connecticut State Grange by Delegate action realigned and reorganized all existing Pomonas at the time into reasonable equal-sized Pomonas, and

**WHEREAS** these "new" Pomonas are seeing relatively the same attendance as the previous Pomonas, and

**WHEREAS** unfortunately the Grange as a whole, with the exception of a few Granges in each Pomona are struggling with membership growth and relevance in their communities, and

**WHEREAS** each Pomona is responsible to pay quarterly dues to the Connecticut State Grange with \$0.70 from each dollar collected being used for Legislative Activities, and

**WHEREAS** the current financial situation of the Connecticut State Grange is adequate to sustain the current level of Legislative activity of the Connecticut State Grange.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange no longer assess any dues on Pomona Grange members and encourage each of the Pomona Granges to no longer assess dues from their members.

**SOURCE:** Ekonk Community Grange No. 89; Eastern Conn. Pomona Grange #14

**REFERRED:** Good of Order/Membership/Master's Address

## 9) RE: USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

**WHEREAS** because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of the Grange at several levels, State, Pomona, and Subordinate have had to be conducted via electronic media, and

**WHEREAS** there is no current provision in the State By-Laws for such meetings.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Article V of the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be amended by adding the following paragraph:

V.5: A Grange member may participate in a meeting of the Grange by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all members participating in the meeting may simultaneously hear

## 2022 Session Committee Assignments

### AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

*Chairperson: Noel Miller*

*Vice Chair: Roy Harrington*

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Coventry #75          | Greenfield Hill #133 |
| Granby #5             | Senexet #40          |
| Lyme #147             | Whigville #48        |
| Cawasa #34            | Hemlock #182         |
| Eastern CT Pomona #14 |                      |

### GOOD OF ORDER/MEMBERSHIP/MASTER'S ADD.

*Chairperson: Rob Buck*

*Vice Chair: Jaimie Cameron*

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Oxford #194           | Beacon Valley #103    |
| Ekonk Community #89   | Pachaug #96           |
| Groton Community #213 | Killingly #112        |
| Stafford #1           | Redding #15           |
| Ekonk Jr. #101        | MT. Laurel Pomona #15 |

### LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

*Chairperson: Alma Graham*

*Vice Chair: Ruel Miller*

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| Simsbury #197 | Cheshire #23          |
| Vernon #52    | North Stonington #138 |
| Harmony #92   | Bridgewater #153      |
| Wolcott #173  | Higganum #124         |
| Norfield #146 | Preston City #110     |

### CREDENTIALS/CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

*Chairperson: Donald Lanoue*

*Vice Chair: Eloise Osuch*

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| Glastonbury #26   | Bethlehem #121    |
| Cannon #152       | Riverton #169     |
| Stonington #168   | Winchester #74    |
| Hillstown #87     | Hillstown Jr. #87 |
| Nutmeg Pomona #16 | Taghannuck #100   |

one another during the meeting. A Grange member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

**SOURCE:** Cheshire Grange No. 23

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

### 10) RE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

**WHEREAS** currently within the National Grange Digest of Laws and the Connecticut State Grange Constitution & By-Laws, Section 10 of the "Code of all Granges" references Alcoholic Beverages, and

**WHEREAS** Section 10.11.1 identifies that: All Granges are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages either in the Grange Hall or on any Grange property during any Grange meetings, except as provided in Sections 10.11.3. Granges meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange may not allow consumption of alcoholic beverages during any Grange meeting., and

**WHEREAS** Section 10.11.2 identifies that: A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-Laws. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any event where alcohol will be served., and

**WHEREAS** Section 10.11.3 identifies that: All Granges have sealed containers of alcoholic beverages at Grange meetings and activities for use as a demonstration aid, gifts or fundraisers. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity., and

**WHEREAS** Section 10.11.4 identifies that: A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by the non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-Laws. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability insurance., and

**WHEREAS** Section 10.11.5 identifies that: No Grange at any level shall apply for or hold a liquor license except for temporary permits for special events., and

**WHEREAS** the National Grange policies, established in such a way allow each individual State Grange organization to adopt policies from the "Code of all Granges" as they see fit to support all Granges within their organization., and

**WHEREAS** for many years, Subordinate and Pomona Granges have been struggling financially to stay afloat due to the increases in normal operating and ongoing facility maintenance costs, and

**WHEREAS** for Connecticut Granges to financially survive, new and innovative ideas for 'fundraising' type special events should be implemented to allow the permitted sale of alcoholic beverages.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange **adopt the policies** of Section 10.11.1 through Section 10.11.5 of the National Grange Digest of Laws to allow local Subordinate and Pomona Granges the ability to apply for a Temporary Liquor Permit in accordance with the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Commission application requirements and to obtain necessary liquor liability insurance.

**SOURCE:** Lyme Grange No. 147

**REFERRED:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment

# Fall activities

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contact Noel Miller if you can spare time.

A friendly reminder that by now, every CFA Chairman should have sent in their SUBORDINATE and POMONA CFA REPORT FORM 2020-2021 to the State Director.

And last but not least I will be

doing the hospitality room again this year at State Session. If you are not coming and wish to donate items, please give them to your delegates or contact my committee and we can pick them up. Please remember due to COVID we cannot have home baked goods as we cannot have any open food. Anything prepackaged like Family packs, or boxes with individual servings would be great snacks for people. I believe if

anyone wanted to donate Fruit like apples or oranges, those would be acceptable as they can be washed prior to eating. We will also have our 3 baskets and will announce the basket raffle winners after state session. If you wish to purchase tickets, talk with your delegates and they can purchase them for you at 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Good Luck and see you at State Session.

# 2022 Contest Winners

## Class A - Afghan

1- **Cindy Hupper**, Cheshire; 2- Mary Alyce Lee, Cheshire; 3- Irene Percoski, Vernon.

## Class B - Doily

1- **Mary Alyce Lee**, Cheshire; 2- Irene Percoski, Vernon; 3- Carol Nelson, Vernon.

## Class C - Embroidery

1- **Diane Clark**, Cheshire.

## Class D - 3 Piece Baby Set

1- **Lois Evankow**, Lyme; 2- Cinty Hupper, Cheshire; 3- Irene Percoski, Vernon.

## Class E - Plastic Canvas

1- **Joanne Cipriano**, Beacon Valley; 2- Shirley Moore, Riverton

## Class F - Counted Cross Stitch

1- **Mariellen Baxter (BEST OF SHOW)**, Vernon; 2- Sandy Peterson, Lyme; 3- Barbara Foskett, Cheshire.

## Class G - Adult Garment

1- **Irene Percoski**, Vernon; Mary Alyce Lee, Cheshire.

## Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging

1- **Karen Macdonald**, Greenfield Hill; 2- Alma Graham, Coventry; 3- Marilee Manning, Coventry.

## Class J - Stuffed Toy

1- **Jennifer Strong**, Vernon; 2- Pat Duescher, Vernon; 3- Irene Percoski, Vernon.

## Class K - Baby Afghan

1- **Cindy Hupper**, Cheshire; 2- Lois Evankow, Lyme; 3- Irene



Percoski, Vernon.

## Class L - Sewn Adult Garment

1- **Diane Clark**, Cheshire.

## Baking Contest - Pumpkin Spice Cookies

1- **Jane Miller**, Cheshire

## Window Box Contest

1- **Raymond Percoski**, Vernon

## Centerpiece Table Decoration

1- **Karen Macdonald**, Greenfield Hill; Janet Haller, Wallingford; Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown.

## Pumpkin Theme-Needlework

1- **Karen Macdonald**, Greenfield Hill; 2- Barbara Foskett, Cheshire; Lois Evankow, Lyme.

## Pumpkin Theme-Other Medium

1- **Joanne Cipriano**, Beacon Valley; 2- Michelle DeDominicis; 3- Judy Doyle, Riverton.

## BEST OF SHOW:

**MARIELLEN BAXTER**

**Vernon Grange #52**



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# How is your Grange perceived?

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director In looking at the Granges of Connecticut through the eyes of a non-member, what do they see? Do they see a dilapidated old building, screaming for a paint job and with little signage, which rarely has cars in front of it? Do they see a building that they recognize the name of, but know little more about the organization? Or are they familiar with the group and the building, visiting it frequently for events and activities?

For those Granges that do not have a Hall, how is your group perceived by non-members? Does the community even know your group exists?

Here's a few suggestions to help improve the appearance of your Grange Hall / meeting place in the eyes of the community.

- Paint the exterior of your Grange Hall. A coat of paint can go a long way. If the building has siding, a power washing could make all the difference.

- Keep the area around the building clean. Pick up trash, and remove unnecessary items. Keep trees and bushes neat and

maintained.

- Spruce up the landscaping around the building. Make sure the yard is kept neat, and that the lawn is mowed in the summer and the snow is plowed in the winter. Plant a few flowers - or even a community garden!

- Add accent lighting. Solar lighting prices have dropped to where they are very affordable. Line the Grange walkway with solar lights, or even accentuate the sign on the front with a spotlight.

- If you do not have a Hall, perhaps your Grange members can lend a hand to help improve the location where your group is meeting.

- Is your Hall/Meeting Location marked with a clean and easy to read sign with your Grange Name on it? Halls should be well marked with the name of your Grange at or near the entrance to the building. Meeting Locations (such as the Library or Church) may be willing to add a small sign outside the building saying that your Grange meets at that location.

- Does your town have a Grange Town Marker Sign? Affordably

priced Metal Town Marker Signs of the Grange Logo are available through Monroe Classic, Inc., officially licensed through National Grange. Here's the link -- <https://www.promoplace.com/grange/si/741183168/9343/metal-grange-town-marker-sign>

Sprucing up the outside of your Grange Hall/Meeting Location can take your Grange from declining to existing. Or from existing to surviving. Or from surviving to thriving.

When members are actively involved with their Grange - even if that involvement is planting a community garden or mowing the lawn - those members feel a sense of enthusiasm and responsibility toward the organization, believe that their involvement is helping to make a difference, and take pride in the outward appearance of the Grange in the community and particularly that of their building. Non-members will notice the difference, and see a group that they want to know more about, and perhaps even be a part of.

Drop us a line. We're here to help! E-mail: [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) or [information@ctstategrange.org](mailto:information@ctstategrange.org).

## Ellington Grange's legacy

*Vernon Grange submitted the following letter received from Leo Dutkewych, a recipient of the former Ellington Grange Scholarship. While Ellington #46 closed some time ago, their generous scholarship continues to benefit local students. Vernon members were so impressed with the letter they wanted to share it with our readers. (Edited for space considerations)*

My name is Leo Dutkewych and I've lived all my life in Ellington. I have always had a great passion for the natural world and all that it holds, always gardening, growing houseplants, having pets around the house, camping and hiking. Along with this I enjoy drawing, skiing, music and track & field. I

grew up on a small farm where we had goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys and, of course, a big garden. Always looking forward to the spring to start seeds and, of course, the warm summer months to watch the fruits of my labors bloom and grow. As we grew up and the farm became somewhat overbearing with both my parents having to support now three kids in college we did have to downsize, though the one thing that always stayed was the garden. Having fresh fruit and vegetables for my family to enjoy and, of course, always growing more than what we needed, we were able to share our passion for gardening with friends and family as we gave away what we couldn't eat ourselves. In mov-

ing up to Massachusetts to be closer to my parents' work once we got settled my only worry was really about garden space. Though, of course, in the first week being here I was able to contact our landlord and get permission to dig up a corner of sod and begin this new era of suburban gardening. Although not directly related to agriculture, I plan on majoring in environmental studies and doing conservation work in the field. Attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL this fall they have a big campus garden or "food forest" that provides fresh fruit and vegetables for a lot of the students on campus. I plan to apply for a potential job or just volunteer work to help out on the campus farm.

Thank you again.

Sincerely, Leo Dutkewych



**SENEXET GRANGE #40**

*Corr: Diane Miller*

**Sept. 9:** Installation of Officers at Killingly Grange

**Sept. 28:** Back to School Membership Challenge

Activities have continued at our Grange hall. We are making plans for an Awards night program to honor our members that have belonged for a long time.

We had a very successful Locally Grown day on Saturday August 6. Several local farms and other local businesses held open houses and tours. Our Master Amy Monahan organized this event for the town saying the concept was to explore everything that made Woodstock special.

Our Grange held a breakfast to encourage the community to visit our meeting hall and learn more about our programs. We also held our annual Grange Fair with 14 exhibitors and over 50 entries. We were very pleased to be able to have the community see our wonderful exhibits. This was the second year of this Locally Grown event and we hope to grow it every year. We had a wonderful article of this event in the local paper following the day of the event. Other groups continue to meet in our hall. We hold additional work meetings on Thursday afternoons. This helps us bring in members and others who would rather come during the day. We are planning events and dinners for the fall, including dinners and workshops. A welcome ceremony

was held in August for our new members. We hope you will come to visit us and see what we are doing to encourage the community to join our events.

**VERNON GRANGE #52**

*Corr: Irene Percoski*

**Sept. 2 or 9:** In the State of...

**Oct. 7:** Program by Deaf Activities Committee

**Nov. 4:** Hunger Awareness, Grocery Bingo

By the time you are reading this our September program will be history. Plenty of time to sharpen your skills in ASL. Cherry and the Committee will have us learning more about the problems of hearing loss and coping with it at the October meeting. In November as we celebrate Thanksgiving we will be reminded how many in the world are faced with hunger every day. Vernon will also celebrate its 136th Anniversary. If you have any memorable photos or stories to tell, bring them to share.

No one went away hungry from our Picnic in August. It was moved to the A/C Grange Hall because of the heat wave. Hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, and so many other delicious dishes were enjoyed and the piece de resistance was home-baked beans. Oh so good. Discussion was held on the State Session and we will select our delegates in September. A

final vote was taken on raising the dues to \$30.00 per year, with all in the affirmative, beginning with the Grange year of October 1, 2022.

Please don't forget to write cards for servicemen and women. Those are due in November and as always continue to save and collect your canceled stamps. Stay cool and comfortable and have a safe and happy summer.

**N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138**

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Sept. 9:** I haven't got a "Clue"

**Sept. 23:** I haven't got "Monopoly"

We only had one meeting in July due to the North Stonington Agricultural Fair and the New London County 4H Expo being held on our grounds. At that meeting we learned a lot about baseball and baseball players, then we played a rousing game of "Indoor Baseball" before going downstairs to be treated to baseball fare refreshments; hot dogs, apple pie, popcorn and (root) beer.

This year's programs are loosely based on different games. It will be exciting to see what evolves from the interesting topics Sue has listed. And if Mother Nature will just bless us with some much-needed rain to end this awful drought next time we will tell you all about awesome August.



The newly elected officers of Ekonk Community Grange gather for a picture.



**MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

As of this writing, it is the eve of the August meeting of Mountain Laurel Pomona at Bethlehem Grange on the 27th. The Pomona Handbooks have been printed! This is the first time since the first edition was printed back in 2020. Hopefully the 2022 edition will be more useful than the 2020 as much of the calendars of events were cleared due to the outbreak of COVID-19 shortly after the books were distributed to the Granges in our Pomona.

Special Note: The handbook contains all of the information received from Granges. All were asked for the same information. Not all provided complete information. Some meeting schedules only cover the first few months of the new Grange year. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to put this book together due to the slow response from Granges. It is a minor miracle to have as much information in place as we do right now. If you think your Grange should have more information in the book-- talk with your Grange members and make changes for the next edition-- we'll be asking again for this information next spring and hope to have an even better response. All Granges present at the Pomona will receive their books then for distribution at their own meetings. The remaining Granges will be mailed out shortly after the August meeting of the Pomona.

**WINCHESTER GRANGE #74**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

**Sept. 13:** Autumn Leaves, Ref. Pam Wright

**Sept. 27:** Install. of Off.; Ref. TBA

**Oct. 11:** Chill Is In the Air (Potluck at 6 P.M.), All Members

**Oct. 25:** Ghosts & Goblins; Ref. Sue Addison

The 2022 Winchester Grange Fair and Community Tag Sale is now in the history books. We thank all the members and friends of Winchester Grange who entered exhibits, helped set-up and take down, and visited the Fair on August 13. We had perfect weather (for once) and a decent profit was realized for the Treasury. Thank you to every person who helped to make this day possible. It is greatly appreciated.

Our second meeting of the month was held on August 23 with a picnic dinner held prior. It was a stormy night so the hot dogs were cooked on the stove and a delicious buffet of picnic foods was enjoyed in the dining room. Later at the meeting, the Lecturer presented a program and members received awards for continuous membership

As always, guests are welcome at our meetings which begin at 7:00 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Anyone wishing to attend via Zoom can do so by contacting me at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org for the Zoom credentials to log on.

**TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100**

*Corr: Barbara Prindle*

**Sept. 8:** Memorial Service by Debra Tyler, Chaplain.

**Oct. 13:** Installation of Officers

**Nov. 10:** Transition Towns by Chris Hopkins

At our August meeting Casey Flanagan and his wife Megan took part in the Obligation Ceremony and were welcomed as new members. The vote on the paint colors for the interior of the Hall were revealed as Monterey White for the upper part of the wall and Puritan Gray for the bottom half. We received the remainder of the money being

# Winchester Grange Fair



**Candidates for the General Assembly stop by the Winchester Grange membership booth at the August 13 Grange Fair. The booth was staffed by Faith Quinlan, Noelle and Quinlan Maus.**

held by our insurance company from the tree damage on our Hall which will allow us to complete the repairs. We want to again thank all the individual members and the Granges that donated to the repairs as it looks like we will come quite close to estimated amount.

Brent and I were elected as delegates to 138th State Session in Norwich on Oct. 20-22 and will be discussing the resolutions at our next meeting so that we can reflect the wishes of our Grange members.

We will again have a booth at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:00 to 3 or 4:00. Note: the "or 4:00" is because that is when everyone goes to the field where the cow patty bingo is held at 3PM. We will have bubbles again this year at the request from the Cornwall Ag. Committee.



**NUTMEG POMONA #16**

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Our members have been enjoying the summer months and now it's time to get back to work. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 2 at 2 o'clock at Beacon Valley Grange. BVG will provide the refreshments. The main agenda is "Installation of Officers." As we were trying to schedule our next meeting at the last meeting, we found that our members had a busy schedule so we had to go into October. Nice to know that our members are keeping busy and not getting bored.

The new handbooks will be available for distribution at this meeting. Please note: Some Granges have more information than others. All Granges received the same communications. We asked for the officers, committees, programs and members. What is printed in the handbook is the information we received. Heads-up: We will be looking for this same information next July.

Thank you to Robert Charbonneau for all his help in getting the book put together. Also thank you to all who sent in the information.

Nutmeg Pomona did very well at the CWA judging. I was going to make a complete list but I am only listing the names of the winners. See Dawn's Family Activities column for what each person won. Winners: Lyme Grange Lois Evankow; Cheshire Grange Maryalyce Lee, Cindy Hupper, Dianne Clark, Barbara Foskett, Jane Miller and Janet Haller; Greenfield Hill Grange Karen Macdonald and Beacon Valley Grange Pat Fischer and

Joanne Cipriano. Congratulations to all the winners.

**CHESHIRE GRANGE #23**

*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

**Sept 7:** Installation of Officers. 6PM Pot Luck

**Sept 21:** Autumn Has Arrived

By the time this is published, our 137th annual Cheshire Grange Community Fair will be history. With the summer waning, we are anxious to get the new Grange year underway. We are planning a fund raising dinner in September to help our treasury. Our lecturer and assistant have some interesting programs planned. We were well represented with entries at the Family Festival in August at Hillstown Grange.

**HARMONY GRANGE #92**

*Corr: George Ward*

Harmony Grange Agricultural Fair is scheduled for August 27, 2022. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Agricultural exhibits will be judged and cash prizes will be awarded. One of the special exhibits and new this year will be the Masuk High School award-winning Robotics Team.

At the June meeting, six candidates were initiated with the Welcoming Ceremony conducted by State Overseer Rob Buck. There are five more candidates to take the ceremony but they could not make the meeting.

Brother Buck also led the draping of the Charter for the following: Gertrude Wilson, Barbara Standley, James Clark, Val Barrachina and Annice Harris.

Harmony Grange is now meeting each month in the Grange Hall. Please call before attending a meeting as dates and times could change. Visitors are always welcome.

**BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103**

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

As I reported in the last Granger, our piano, which has been a fixture for years was damaged and we were looking for someone to remove it. Our Secretary Marilyn Ventura volunteered her husband and the job has been completed. You immediately

know something is missing when you enter the hall.

Plans are progressing for our Fall bazaar to be held on Saturday, October 15th from 9 to 3. This will be held in our meeting hall and we will have our usual tag sale in the lower hall. For part of the day, we will also hold our open mic. Table space is available. Special rate to Granges and Grangers.

Our September meeting is September 9th and the program is "Teddy Bears." Those attending are asked to bring a toy or something they used as a child.

Our Delegates to the Connecticut State Grange Session are Bob Sendewicz and Ron Gunther.

We will be host to the Nutmeg Pomona Meeting on October 2. This will be Installation of Officers. members of BVG to be installed are: Assistant Steward John Taylor; Secretary Joanne Cipriano; Gatekeeper Ron Gunther; Pomona MaryAnn Nielsen and Flora Pat Fischer.

**HEMLOCK GRANGE #182**

*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*

**Sept. 9:** Installation

**Sept. 10:** Tag Sale at Hemlock Grange, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Grange Hall, 17 Sage Hollow Road (Junction of Rte. 17 and 17A, behind the gas station). Individuals may join in the tag sale and have a space in the parking lot for a \$10 fee. Individuals need to provide their own tables. The Grange will also accept donations. The Grange will accept most items including small workable appliances. No furniture or clothes will be accepted. For more info contact Betty Jane at 860-267-7512. Please leave a message with your name and number. Your phone call will be returned. Thank you.

**Sept. 23:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

**Oct. 14:** Thing We Like About October. Speaker- Annise Dobson-Jumping Worms

**Oct. 28:** Omitted- unless regular meeting is cancelled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

# And the winners are...



**Dave Roberts**  
State Lecturer  
Riverton Grange No. 169  
Lecturer@CTStateGrange.org

As the summer ends and our kids/grandkids head back to school and college, I wanted to share memories of Sunday, Aug. 14, when our Family Activities Dept. chaired by Dawn Percoski and our Lecturer's Dept. chaired by me, co-sponsored the 2022 Connecticut State Grange Family Festival at Hillstown Grange in East Hartford. The day featured food, exhibits, contests and fun for all ages. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out over the two set-up days and to all our judges who had to make some extremely tough decisions over which entries were worthy of first, second or third prizes. And thanks to all who attended!

Our Connecticut State Grange Lecturer's Department sponsored three contests at this year's Family Festival: Photography, Talent and "A Number".

I am pleased to report that the Connecticut State Grange Lecturer's photography contest had over 40 entries in five separate categories this year. And the winners selected by the judges are:

**My America** - 1- Michelle DeDominicis, Hillstown; 2- Shirley Moore, Riverton; 3- Dave Roberts, Riverton.

**Animals** - 1- Dawn Percoski, Vernon; 2- Dave Roberts, Riverton; 3- Barbara Foskett, Cheshire.

**Flowers** - 1- Judy Doyle, Riverton; 2- Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown; 3- Dave Roberts, Riverton.

**Grange Activities** - 1- Dave Roberts, Riverton; 2- Dawn Percoski, Vernon; Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton.

**Family Activities** - 1- Barbara Foskett, Cheshire; 2- Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton; 3- Irene Percoski, Vernon.

Congratulations to all our winners and to all who entered their special

photographs this year. First place winners received a newly designed Blue Ribbon and \$10; second place winners received a newly designed Red Ribbon and \$7; and third place winners received a newly designed White Ribbon and \$3. All winners have been paid their prize winnings and the winning photos will be displayed in the Break Room at Connecticut State Grange Convention this October 20-22 in Norwich. We certainly have many talented photographers among our Grange members!

The "Best in Show" GRAND PRIZE for Photography went to Dawn Percoski of Vernon Grange for her terrific award-winning photo in the Animal Category that I have affectionately titled "Dog kissing Girl!"

The 2022 Talent Contest came roaring back to life following the pandemic and happened on August 14th and the First Prize winner was Lorraine Paul ("Raine Sings") of Riverton Grange. Lorraine has agreed to perform at our Connecticut State Grange convention during the Friday, October 21, Celebration Banquet. You will surely want to attend this banquet and hear what a talented Granger we have within our midst! The "A Number" Skit Contest

was won by Hillstown Grange (\$50 gift card, plaque and blue ribbon) and second prize was awarded to North Stonington Community Grange (\$26 gift card, certificate and red ribbon). Congratulations on the great skits!

Finally, I would like to appeal to all Community Granges in Connecticut to submit a simple one-page letter to Loretta Washington at lwashington@nationalgrange.org to be recognized as a Grange in Action 2022. Riverton Grange has already submitted their nomination and if five other Granges submit a nomination, Connecticut State Grange will be named a State Grange in Action 2022 and recognized at our National Convention in November. The Grange in Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any member of the community Grange can submit a 1-page letter with photos and a brief caption of a least 3 various events/activities with no more 6 pictures. The events should have been held between Sept. 1, 2021 and Sept. 1, 2022. You can e-mail you nomination to Loretta by MIDNIGHT on September 25, 2022. Here are the details: [www.nationalgrange.org/grange-in-action/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-in-action/)

As I close this month's report, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of help or you would like for me to come visit your Grange.



**Nancy Weissmuller & Jeff Barnes in their "George" A-Number Entry.**

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



August Photo -- We heard from George Kotowicz on the August photo -- "On the left is William Peral and his wife Mary. I don't know the others, but they look familiar." We also heard from Kay Ruff -- "Front row, woman with glasses on the right is Gretchen Beckwith. Second row woman on the left in glasses is Mary Pearl. Back row on the left is William Pearl and the next gentleman in glasses is Alfred Beckwith.. The remaining 5 I do not know. Last month also I do not know any of them." Then we heard from Cindy Sposito - "The lady in the front with glasses is Gretchen L Beckwith . The man in the back with glasses(you can only see part of his face) is Alfred C Beckwith (former State Grange Master) husband of Gretchen. They are my grand parents. The man in the dark suit on the left I think is Bill Pearl and the lady in the print dress in front of him is his wife.. We heard from Joanne Cipriano as well - "Woman in front row with glasses is Gretchen Beckwith. First woman in second row is Mary Pearl - (print dress). Back row first man is William Pearl (in a suit) - second man is Alfred Beckwith" And we heard from Ruel Miller too - "I recognize Mary and Bill Pearl with Al Beckwith in back. No idea on the other folks." Glenna Bruno of Killingly Grange said, "The people in the photo I have seen over the years at Lecturer's Conference, the only I can identify are the Pearls. Bill and his wife (I can't recall her name). At 97 years young who can?"





## Beef and Cheddar Casserole

**YIELD:** 4-6 servings

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for the baking dish
- Kosher salt
- 3 cups wide egg noodles (about 5 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- 12 ounces ground beef
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 bunch scallions (white and green parts), finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

- One 14 1/2-ounce can petite diced tomatoes
- 2 cups grated Cheddar

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Oil a 2-quart baking dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the noodles and cook to al dente according to the package directions. Drain and put in the prepared baking dish. Toss with the sour cream, Parmesan and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high

heat. Add the ground beef and cook, stirring, until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Add the bell peppers and scallions and cook until crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Make a space in the pan, add the tomato paste and toast for a minute. Sprinkle with the Italian seasoning and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add the diced tomatoes, stir and bring to a simmer. Cook until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes.

Pour the beef mixture over the noodles and sprinkle with the grated Cheddar. Bake on the middle rack until the cheese is melted and the edges are bubbling, 15 to 20 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

**SOURCE:** <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/beef-and-cheddar-casserole-recipe-2042594>

**TIPS:** You can make this casserole with an alternative plant-based beef product as a substitute, and also using non-dairy cheeses and sour cream as well.



Hello Grange Friends!

It's Fair time throughout the State! From the large Fairs like Durham, Goshen, Woodstock and Brooklyn to smaller Fairs like our many Grange Fairs, it's always fun to see the exhibits and contest entries. There are so many talented people who exhibit! Let's support our Fairs by attending, volunteering and exhibiting. Did you attend our Family Festival? A fun-filled weekend with our Connecticut Grange exhibits and contest entries, as well as the run-offs from the Lecturer's Contests. Congratulations to all the winners.

Let's keep in touch! Visit my Facebook page, and then click the "Like" button to follow my adventures across the state. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SEPTEMBER 2022:**  
"Using Zoom -  
A Refresher Course"  
Thursday, September 15, 2022  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**NOVEMBER 2022:**  
"Words of Wisdom:  
Grange Ritual"  
Thursday, November 17, 2022  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**JANUARY 2023:**  
Promoting Your Grange:  
Tips and Tricks from the  
Public Relations Committee  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**MARCH 2023:**  
"A Special Zoom:  
Update on the  
Connecticut State Grange  
History Book Project"  
Thursday, March 23, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**MAY 2023:**  
"Who Are We?  
The Committees of the  
Connecticut State Grange"  
Thursday, May 25, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**JULY 2023:**  
"Hot Fun In The Summertime"  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 2023:**  
"All You Need To Know  
About The CT State Grange  
Annual Session"  
Thursday, September 28, 2023  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## HEMLOCK GRANGE

Join us on  
September 10  
for a Tag sale at  
Hemlock Grange,  
9 AM to 2 PM at  
the Grange Hall  
17 Sage Hollow  
Rd. (Junction of  
Rte 17 and 17A, behind the Gas Station.)  
Individuals may join in the tag sale and have  
a space in the parking lot for a \$10.00 fee.  
Individuals need to provide their own table.  
The Grange will also accept donations. The  
Grange will accept most items including small  
workable appliances. No furniture or clothes  
will be accepted. For more info contact Betty  
Jane 860 267-7512. Please leave message  
with your name and number. Your phone call  
will be returned. Thank you.



Cannon Grange has been spreading the word about Grange at the Wilton Farmer's Market getting great use out of the State Membership Committee banner.

# Caring for God's Creation



**Charles W. Dimmick**  
State Chaplain

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*And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*  
Genesis 1:28

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.* Genesis 2:15

One fact we keep forgetting is that when God gave Humankind "dominion" over the Earth, it was to establish us as Stewards

of God's domain, not as Masters unanswerable to God for our action. Jesus had several parables about people being placed in charge of resources and of other people and how they were eventually called to account for their activities as stewards of what was put under their control. Perhaps the most familiar is that of the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). A master, about to go on a long journey, gives each of his servants a large sum of money to invest while he is gone. Upon his return two of the servants show how well they have invested and increased the value of what was given them. The third servant has not shown any increase in value of what was put in his keeping, and the master

becomes enraged at his failure.

Just as the master entrusted part of his wealth to each of his servants, God has entrusted the earth to us. It belongs to us as a trust, not as an outright gift.

A more modern analogy is to consider a car which a father gives to his teenage son for the son's use, with the following conditions: the father retains title to the car, but the son is responsible for fuel and routine maintenance and is obligated to not break any traffic laws. Imagine the father's reaction when the son wrecks the car.

When we install Stewards in the Grange they are instructed: "It is required of Stewards that they be found faithful", [echoing St. Paul's admonition in I Corinthians]. They are further instructed "It is also your duty to keep safely and in proper order the property of the Grange". And so, God installed us to be Stewards of the Earth, but requires us to be Faithful and have the duty to keep the Earth safe and in proper order.

## Riverton Grange Fair



The Riverton Grange Hall was a busy place on Fair day in August.

*In Memoriam*

**Milo Bradway, G.S.**  
*Stafford Grange No. 1*

*"Well done, good and faithful servants."*