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A new Grange beginning



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"We ask none to join us who cannot see good in their fellow beings."

These words are in the Grange Installation Ceremony. September is a new beginning with new officers being installed to their stations. The charges give those instructions as to the duties of their office. We should all witness an installation to renew our commitment to the Order. I welcome new officers and wish them success and remind everyone that together we move forward ... working against one another we stall or move in reverse.

I attended the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in Standish, Maine, with nice weather most of the time on Sebago Lake. This year's conference celebrated 100 years of Lecturers meeting to exchange ideas and programs to help educate and entertain Grangers. This was my third conference and I find it challenges everyone to get involved with new ways to make our lecturers programs less dull and more fun. Every Grange should allow their Lecturers time to present their program during a Grange meeting. It is one of our duties to education and make fun, with song or skit for our members. A good program can attract new members where a dull or same old program may cause members to lose interest. Our State Lecturer provides materials for all Lecturers and programs allow neighbors to exchange programs, check them out.

Remember the New England Grange Building Sales Room at the Big E is coming up with jams, relishes, handmade sewing items and a quilt to be raffled off. Grange Sunday is September 27. Members planning to participate in the parade should be on the grounds by 3 P.M. Hope to see you there!

The 131st Session of the Connecticut State Grange is just around the corner, we hope that resolutions will be coming forth, so we have work to do during the sessions. We hope to have many members taking the Sixth Degree. All announcements will be in the Granger so watch for them and reply quickly.

Our National Representative will be James Tetrault, National Lecturer, Jim is from New Hampshire and will bring great excitement and energy to our sessions. Please give him a warm Connecticut welcome during his stay with us.

Our Membership Committee is making arrangements for National Membership Director Michael Martin, to present a program on Mentoring in

the Grange, this will be in October. Keep an eye out for it and mark your calendars.

National Session will soon be here. This year's host will be Lincoln, Nebraska. Election of Officers will be held this year and it will be my first time seeing a full election at National Grange. I think it will be exciting to see how different they do elections.

Camp Berger is Celebrating its 60th anniversary this October, and the Kimberly's are planning to host a Celebration during that month so please come and support the camp and see the improvements that have been made.

Many Community Granges are having their Fairs please take the time a visit them to let them know that we support them and have something to eat there for we all know that Grange food is the best, or a close 2nd to Mother's.

As schools begin we begin to prepare for the Harvest, with all working together the work goes fast, and fun can be found in the tedious task, you just have to look for it and persevere.

West Nile on the rise

NEW HAVEN – The State Mosquito Management Program today announced that mosquitoes trapped in five new towns tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). These results represent the first positive mosquitoes identified in Bridgeport, Chester, Greenwich, Norwalk, and Stratford by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) this year. The mosquitoes were trapped from July 30 to August 5, 2015.

During 2015, WNV-positive mosquitoes have now been identified in a total of 11 towns: Bridgeport, Chester, Darien, Guilford, Greenwich, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford, Stratford, Waterford, and West Haven. Additional WNV detections were reported from New Haven, Stamford, and West Haven during the last reporting period (July 30 to August 5, 2015).

"We are seeing an increase in the number of mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus with expansion into new locations especially in coastal Fairfield and New Haven counties,"

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Jim Tetreault to be National Representative



National Lecturer Jim Tetreault

We are pleased to have Jim Tetreault, Lecturer of the National Grange as the National Grange Representative to the 131st Session of the CT State Grange. Most recently, Jim visited Conn. to serve as one of the Judges for the Talent/"A-Number" contests at Let's Celebrate in June.

Jim became Master of the New Hampshire State Grange in October of 2010 and continued to serve in that capacity until October of 2014.

He has also served the New Hampshire State Grange as Youth Director (4 years), Legislative Director (12 years), and State Lecturer (2 years).

He has also been elected to the following State Grange Offices, Asst Steward, Steward and Overseer.

A member of Arlington Grange #139, in Winchester, NH where he currently serves as Treasurer, and also a member of Cheshire County Pomona #6 serving as Assistant Steward. He is also a member of the First Baptist Church of Keene, NH.

Professionally Jim worked for National Grange Insurance Co. from 1985 until 2005. In 2007 he was elected to the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Winchester where he is serving in his third term. Other professional responsibilities include Chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the Town as well as Chairman of the Towns Joint Loss Committee (Safety Committee). He also works for Weight Watchers as a meeting leader since 2001.

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October



A part of the National Grange
*American Values,
Hometown Roots*

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Plan to attend all or part of State Session

sent in to the Central Office as soon as your Grange is able to select Delegates for the Session. Also, please be sure you give your delegates the card they are required to turn in when they check-in at Session. (Please make sure they are filled out and sealed by the Secretary).

The State Master has completed the Session Committee assignments and they are also included in this issue. Unfortunately, we do not have a great deal of resolutions to present to you in this issue. The full docket of resolutions received by Sept. 15 will be printed in the October issue of the Granger allowing committees the

opportunity to review their committee work ahead of time.

If you have been considering writing a resolution but haven't done so, please think about doing it this time around-- so far the numbers are small so it may be the perfect time to submit your resolution.

If you need assistance in writing your resolution, please Sister Alma Graham, or Brother Gordon Gibson for help. You can also contact me at the Central Office and I will put you in touch with them.

A BIG THANK YOU to all Secretaries for sending in the Directory and mailing list

information as requested. There are still quite a few Granges that I have not heard from but we are off to a good start. I would like to have the new Directories in all Granges shortly after State Session but that will only be possible if I have your officer and committee information soon. If your Grange did not receive a form, please let me know and I will get one out to you. You can call me at the Central Office on most Tuesdays and Thursdays at 860-633-7550 or my cell at 860-307-1522 anytime.

We ran an ad in the last issue of the Granger promoting the new Calendars

that will be made available for the first time at State Session. The calendars will feature historical pictures of CT Grange halls and meeting places.

I thank Sister Edith Schoell in advance for volunteering to be our "Storekeeper" for State Session. There's a lot of wonderful jewelry and Grange supplies available so stop by and say "Hi!"

We will also have a couple more new items for sale in the Grange Store at State Session that I think you will all love. So why not bring a little extra spending money to State Session and stock up on Christmas gifts!

Planning for the 2015 State Session began back in February with our initial meetings with the Sheraton staff. As of this writing, the menus have been finalized and the block of rooms is open and ready for all members to begin making reservations. As always, we remind you to mention the State Grange Convention when making your reservation to receive our special rate of \$89.00 (plus tax/per night). Let me know if you have any difficulties and I will make sure your room is reserved properly and for the correct rate.

On this page you will notice the registration form for this year's session. All rates and fees have remained the same. Please send in your registrations as soon as possible, making sure you indicate your meal choice for the banquet (if attending).

As I mentioned last month, the Board of Directors has decided to absorb the increased meal costs for this year, but please expect a higher banquet cost next year.

When sending in your reservations, please make sure your checks are made payable to the CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE. Please do not make them payable to me or any other individual. This would require us to deposit the money in our personal accounts and reimburse the State Grange or to have you issue a new check. For some unknown reason, this has been happening more frequently lately.

Several weeks ago, a mailing went out containing the registration materials for Session, Dues Receipts, the 2014 Journal and a reminder of items needed in the Central Office. I would ask all Secretaries to review these items carefully and respond promptly.

It is also very important that the Delegate cards are



131st Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. All members are encourage to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the previous year and start a new Grange year inspired and energized.

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

REGISTRATION

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____

FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

Adult Registration - \$30.00	# of Members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$20.00	# of Members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (Saturday Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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

- 1) Chateau Steak - Herb Marinated & Grilled
- 2) Stuffed Chicken Breast with Cranberry Stuffing
- 3) Grilled Salmon - Sundried Tomato, Basil, Balsamic Glaze
- 4) Grilled Polenta with Roasted Fall Vegetables (*Vegetarian/Gluten Free*)

All entrees include Salad, Rolls, Chef's selection of Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee & Tea

THURSDAY, OCT. 15 & FRIDAY, OCT. 16 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$10.00	# of Jr. Members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$10.00	# of Jr. Members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Questions: Please call the Central Office at 860-633-7550 or the State Secretary's Cell 860-307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel at 860-257-6000 (mention the Connecticut State Grange to receive our group rate)

2015 Session Schedule

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Introduction of National Representative
James Tetreault, Lecturer of the National Grange & Past Master of the New Hampshire 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
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Noel T. Miller
Report of Overseer
Report of Lecturer
Reports of Secretary
Reports of Treasurer
Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins
- Friday, October 16, 2015**
- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of two members of the Executive Committee
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
Report of Camp Berger
- Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
- Lyn Kimberly, Camp Director
Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Hosts: T.B.D.
- Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Family Activity Presentation & Awards
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representative
James Tetreault, Lecturer of the National Grange
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
- 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
- 3:30 P.M. Report of New Grange Building Trustees
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
(*Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required*)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests & Past Voting Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Rose Drill
- Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
- Community Service
- Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table - Officers and Court

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, by 7:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Friday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Saturday, October 17, 2015

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
Junior and Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Representative
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon (*Restaurant*)
Hosts: T.B.D.
- Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 2:00 P.M. Business Session
- 5:00 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
2015 CT State Grange Granger of the Year
Lecturer's Program & Past Deputies Raffle

Join us for the 131st Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be present for roll call on Thursday evening and we encourage ALL members to be present for all or part of the session.

Reserve Your Room



Please make your reservations early by calling the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel at **860-257-6000**. **Make sure you mention the Connecticut State Grange** to receive our group rate (\$89 plus tax) for the Convention. If you have any problems making a reservation or have any questions, please call or email me.

Sixth Degree

The annual conferral of the Sixth Degree will be held on Friday evening, October 16 beginning at 8 P.M. Candidates should arrive at the Sheraton Hartford South no later than 7:30 P.M. Applications for the Degree are available in advance through the Central Office or anytime during the Session. Cost is \$10 per member. Candidates for the Sixth Degree must be 4th and 5th Degree members and should have the words for those degrees to gain admission.

For more info call the office at 860-633-7550, my cell at 860-307-1522 or email at *secretary@ctstategrange.org*.

Session Committees

Sessions Committees are appointed by the State Master to handle the resolutions submitted during the year by Connecticut's Community and Pomona Granges. Your committee assignment indicates the general subject area of resolutions that will be assigned to your committee. Resolutions in by the deadline will be printed with their committee assignments in the October issue of the Connecticut Granger to allow delegates time to consider and discuss the resolutions prior to Session.

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

- Chair: Mountain County Pomona #4
- Vice Chair: Central Pomona #1
- Granby #5
- Manchester #31
- Cawasa #34
- Whigville #48
- Colchester #78
- Hillstown #87
- Simsbury #197
- Taghannuck #100
- Lyme #147
- Oxford #194

Good of the Order/Membership

- Chair: Quinebaug Pomona #2
- Vice Chair: Jody Cameron, Membership Director
- Stafford #1
- Wallingford #33
- North Haven #35
- Senexet #40
- Hillstown Jr. #87
- Pachaug #96
- Beacon Valley #103
- Killingly #112
- Hemlock #182
- Litchfield #107
- Ekonk Comm. #89

Constitution & By-Laws

- Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5
- Vice Chair: New London County Pomona #6
- Redding #15
- Glastonbury #26
- Southington #25
- Meriden #29
- Winchester #74
- Cannon #152
- Bethlehem #121
- Stonington #168
- Riverton #169
- Echo #180

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

- Chair: Excelsior Pomona #7
- Vice Chair: Fairfield County Pomona #9
- Wolf Den #61
- Coventry #75
- Ashford #90
- Preston City #110
- Higganum #124
- Greenfield Hill #133
- Prospect #144
- Norfield #146
- Norwich #172
- Wolcott #173
- Groton Comm. #213

Legislative/Insurance

- Chair: East Central Pomona #3
- Vice Chair: Alma Graham, Legislative Director
- Cheshire #23
- Vernon #52
- Eureka #62
- Harmony #92
- Putnam #97
- Beacon #118
- N. Stonington #138
- Enfield #151
- Bridgewater #153
- Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101

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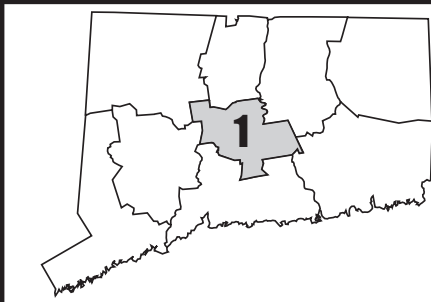
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Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

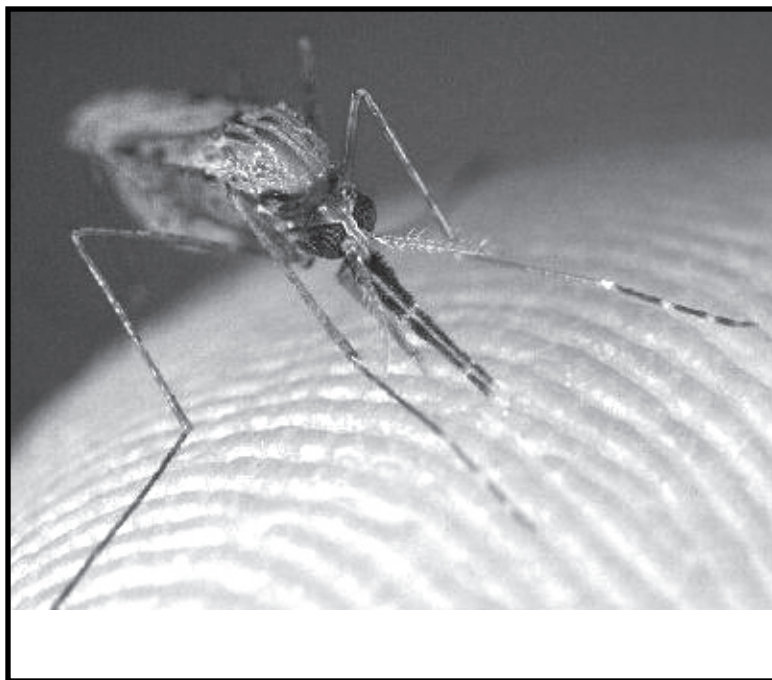
Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 11: Historical

Sept. 25: Welcome Fall

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

West Nile on the rise



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said Dr. Philip Armstrong, Medical Entomologist at the CAES. "This is the most critical time of summer when virus activity reaches its peak in the mosquito population."

"August and September are the months when people are at greatest risk of West Nile virus infection," said Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director of the Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases at the CAES. "With higher temperatures and recent rainfall this past week, we anticipate further build-up of the virus in mosquitoes. We strongly encourage people in affected communities to take simple steps to prevent mosquito bites, such as using insect repellent and covering bare skin, especially during dusk and dawn when biting mosquitoes are most active."

The State of Connecticut Mosquito Management Program is a collaborative effort involving the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, and the University of Connecticut Department of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science. These agencies are responsible for monitoring the potential public health threat of mosquito-borne diseases.

The CAES maintains a network of 91 mosquito-trapping stations in 72 municipalities throughout the state. Mosquito traps are set Monday – Thursday nights at each site every ten days on a rotating basis. Mosquitoes are grouped (pooled) for testing according to species, collection site, and date. Positive findings are reported to local health departments and on the CAES website at <http://www.ct.gov/mosquitotesting>.

For information on West Nile and eastern equine encephalitis viruses and how to prevent mosquito bites, visit the Connecticut Mosquito Management Program Web site at www.ct.gov/mosquito; <http://www.ct.gov/mosquito>.

Got resolutions?



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
Legislative@ctstategrange.org

15th. It is not too late to send a resolution in.

We have had many discussions this last year on possible resolutions. Remember tolls? The Governor is looking for additional ways to fund our transportation infrastructure. One of his proposals was adding tolls back to our highways. Tolls will probably appear again in future budget proposals. If tolls can be done with minimal impact to the drivers using new technology, would that be acceptable? We would need to see what type of technology the states around us use for collecting these tolls. It would not be good for CT to have a different system than our neighboring states. What are your feelings on tolls? Should we have tolls at all?

What about the Governor taking monies out of the Community Investment Act (CIA) to fill in the General Funds. The CIA funds support farmland preservation, restoration of historic buildings, support affordable housing and many agricultural projects. Not all of the funding was taken this time but it may be looked at again in the future. How do you feel about that?

This year there was a large data breach in Anthem Health Care which affected many

Have you submitted your resolutions to the State Grange yet? The deadline for submitting resolutions for the 2015 session is September

Connecticut residents. Do you have any thoughts on protecting the public from these data breaches? What about other identify protection issues? One of the mailings that I recently received from one of my local legislators mentions three upcoming bills for the 2016 Legislative Session. One is SB 1042 requiring insurance companies, health providers and pharmacies to encrypt personal data. The second bill is SB 589 which would require companies to notify you if your personal information has been compromised. The third bill would waive the fees for credit reporting agencies if you are a victim of identity theft and need to freeze your credit.

A bill was presented last year that would exempt the value of lands under the 490 farm and agricultural land use program from being included in the person's estate in calculating the amount of inheritance tax that the survivors must pay. It died in committee last year but may be seen in the future.

The legislature also looked at expanding the bottle bill to include beverage such as iced tea and sports drinks. Should that be expanded? Do we need to bottle bill anymore? Now that communities are required to recycle is there a need for the bottle bill? We could reduce the costs to consumers of beverages by removing deposit costs. The state may not like it as they would no longer get the windfall from the unclaimed deposits.

These are just a few items that may appear in the coming year's legislative session.

Reserve your copy now!



A scene outside Lyme Grange Hall in the late 1800s.

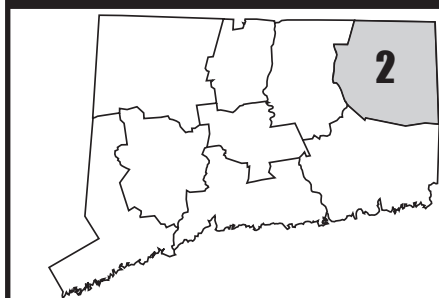
Available in October- a calendar featuring photos of Connecticut Grange halls and meeting places through the years. See how many you remember, or maybe weren't even aware of. You might even find your own.

One full-size picture each month, B/W or color, in a spiral-bound, high-quality 15 month calendar ready to use in October 2015. Would make a great gift or addition to your hall or home.

Quantities are limited, so order in advance through the State Office. They will also be available for sale at State Session.

This is a new project and if interest prevails this will be the first in a series which will eventually include nearly all of the meeting places throughout the history of the Grange in our State.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Sept. 16: "Those Apples are Good"

Sept. 19: Grange Fair

Sept. 26: Celebrating Ag at Woodstock Fairgrounds

In August we held our special awards night program and awarded scholarships to six graduating seniors from Woodstock Academy – 1 from the VoAg program at Killingly High School and the daughter of a member already in college.

We are busy planning our exhibit for the Woodstock Fair as well as our great food booth concession at that Fair.

We sent Joan Perry to the New England Lecturer's Conference in Maine.

Our hall is being used this summer for an art project.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

Aug. 12: What's new – Membership Comm.; Ref. All

Aug. 26: Potluck, 6 P.M.

Sept. 9: Fall Harvest

The Grange Hall and Senior Center has had some work done with the walls painted, shades & curtains washed.

The gardens are producing peas, lettuce, yellow squash and swiss chard. Strawberries are gone and blueberries are coming in. We are making donations to CWA charities.

A lot of backyard activities are going on now- please be extra careful with barbecue, and little ones near pools.

We hope to enjoy our picnic night out. Gas

prices have gone up again. Enjoy the summer.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Let me start by thanking Katie Molodich for all of her service to Ekonk Community Grange as our President this past year. You did an outstanding job and we cannot thank you enough for your leadership.

We just finished another successful Fair and we want to thank anyone and everyone who had a hand in its success. Great job everyone.

September brings us to another busy month, we have a Peach Supper on September 19th. Fresh Peach Shortcake with real whipped cream for dessert.

Our next meeting is September 21st, we skip the first Monday because of Labor Day. Come to enjoy Link Cooper's first program as Program Director. I have been told we don't want to miss this.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

On July 20 Killingly Grange held their annual summer "get together" picnic at the Grange. As usual, it was a really hot night. It was also a special occasion as there were (4) four members who have belonged to the Grange for 50 years or more. The latest member, Glenna Bruno, was presented her 50 year certificate by State Master Noel Miller who congratulated her for her many years of service.

It was also a special week for Glenna as she had just had a big birthday celebration given by her

family on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

In Glenna's Grange life she has held positions of Master of Killingly Grange (8) years, Overseer for at least four and was Pomona for several years also. She has been affiliated with Wolf Den Grange #61 as Ceres for several years and filled the chair of Lecturer at the former Brooklyn Grange #43.

Quote: "Of my many years in the Grange I have seen many changes – some good and some not so good. Years ago- the Granges would visit other Granges within the State and also visit Granges in other states nearby. Often we had a couple of carloads meet at Killingly

Grange then go to RI or Mass. for a meeting and bring "entertainment" in the form of a skit or other activity as part of the Lecturer's program.

Glenna has been the Killingly Grange correspondent for many years which she enjoyed. Will she rest on her laurels? Well, hardly! She will sit on the sidelines and fill in where needed.

Of the 50 year plus members, Cranston Briggs, Josephine Stenback, Eleanor Davis and Glenna Bruno have all held offices at one time or another.

Hank the Burro was also in attendance at the meeting and congratulated Penny Harris and John

Bennet on their upcoming marriage in August. Best wishes also from Killingly Grange members.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept. 8: Harvest Time

Sept. 22: A New Grange Year

Betty Lussier delivered several squares and bags full of miscellaneous items to "From the Heart." Dale Dyer presented them with our \$50 penny collection. We have several of our members in nursing homes.

We will be serving our Ham and Bean Supper on Sept. 19th from 5 to 7 P.M. Come and join us.



Benefits of photos in promotion

by Terri Fassio, Public Rel. Co-Director

The old adage "a picture is worth a thousands words" still holds true to this day. Quality photos can be a useful promotional resource for your Grange.

Studies show that social media posts that include a photo or graphic with them have 94% more views than just plain textual posts. (1)

Outside of the social media realm, photos and visual imagery continue to play a part of our everyday lives. Magazines, some books and newspapers are chock full of photography and visuals. Exhibits, product displays, murals, bulletin boards, promotional booths, greeting cards and more are just a few of the examples we find where photography and visuals plays a part of our daily lives. Granges can easily boost their presence to the public by utilizing the power of photography.

When combining words and images, visual communications tell a story to the audience. That story might be a Grange member receiving their 65-year membership seal or the Grange presenting dictionaries to local third-graders. The story could even be conveying the benefits of being a Grange member to prospective members. Photos and graphics not only inform and engage the public, but they also entertain.

So how can my Grange take advantage of photography and visual communications?

Take photos. Lots of photos. Bring a digital camera - or even your cell phone - to every Grange meeting and event, then share the photos with your members. Hang the photos on a bulletin board in your hall.

Make a Grange Scrapbook and bring it to your meetings to share with your members and visitors. Post the photos on your Grange's Facebook Page and website, and send them to the CT State Grange website to be added into the Virtual Scrapbook. Send the photos to the CT Granger for publication. E-mail the best of the photos and a well-written caption to your local newspapers.

Create a poster using the photos to promote upcoming Grange events. Integrate the photos into a presentation. Print out the photos for a Grange display that can be used in the local library, at a local Agricultural Fair, or even at a trade show or Chamber of Commerce meeting. Enter the photos in the Lecturer's Photo Contest or exhibit them at your local Ag Fair.

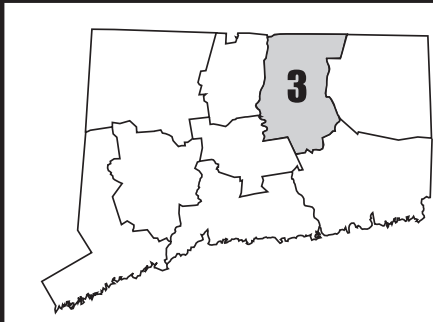
Need help? Photography and videography services are available from the Public Relations Committee for awards nights, special meetings, programs and events at your Grange. All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs.

Tell your Grange story with visuals, capture and retain the public's attention, and reap the benefits.

Contact any member of the committee, or e-mail us at information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org for more information.

(1) "5 Facts Prove Visual Content Is A Guaranteed Winner!" by Heidi Cohen (<http://heidicohen.com/5-facts-prove-visual-content-is-a-guaranteed-winner/>)

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 12: Plus and Minus –Host if Coventry

Back to work summer is over, reminding members to bring new members to Pomona Fifth Degree on Oct. 3, many hands make light work. See you at Good Will!

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Charle Smith

Granby Grange #5, serving the towns of Bloomfield, East Granby, Granby, East Hartland, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks is sponsoring a chicken barbecue dinner on Friday 04 SEP 2015 (Yes, it's Labor Day Weekend) with continuous service from 4:30 until 7:00 PM in the handicapped accessible basement dining area. The price of tickets is \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years (5 and under eat free) when the ticket is purchased at the door. For advanced sale tickets and reservations for tickets, a discount (of \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for children 6 to 12) is offered.

The menu includes a half barbecued chicken for adults or a leg quarter for children with side orders of potato salad, pickled beets, corn on the cob and baked beans. (Hot dogs can be provided for the 5 and under set if preferred.) Desserts will be an assortment of home-made pies and cakes, and cookies.

The Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers will, once again, be providing entertainment from 4:30 until 7:00 PM. Contact Charle Smith (860-966-6592) or RoseAnna Smith (860-816-2721) for advanced ticket reservations or answer to any question.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Where has the summer gone. Here I am typing up an article for the September issue of the Granger.

Glastonbury will meet September 3rd at 7:30 p.m. It will be Installation of Officers. Refreshments are "Pot Luck Dessert". This sounds interesting. Fall Grange activities are beginning. Our Monte Carlo Whist Card Parties begin October 10th. Put that date on your calendar and bring a friend or two with you.

We also have something new on our calendar of activities. Oct. 3rd a Foodless, Bakeless Sale. Hope everyone can help us with this fundraiser.

I don't like to be the bearer of bad news but as I am typing this article we are short on income this year. Our expenses remain the same and the income is down. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. I will give you the dates for our November and December card parties. November 14th and December 12th.

Have you thought of any neighbor or relative that might like to join the Grange? We do need some new members. There was a time when our membership was way over 100. It is now down to 50. Give serious thoughts to who we could contact to become a member. You can give the name and address to me, Kay Ruff, Secretary 860-315-5336 and I would gladly contact the prospective member. See you at the September 3rd meeting 7:30 p.m.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

Sep. 1: Slates or Skates

Sep. 15: Surprise

After a good summer

break Manchester Grange is ready to begin another year. We are hoping to gain some new members. On September 1 our program will be "Slates or Skates" with everyone helping with the program. September 15th will be a surprise.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Sep. 3: Cancelled due to an Installation date.

Sept. 17: Back to School

Fall is coming – getting ready for changes in the weather, clean up out back complete, hope to seed new grass to overcome the weeds and fix the bank on the brook. Community Garden is going well and the second planting in front of the Grange Hall should bring out the fall colors.

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 12: Indian Summer

Oct. 10: Harvest Time

July went by like an active child. Too soon the leaves will turn and Indian Summer will prevail. Now is the time to enjoy the picnics and activities the weather allows. Bring those memories to our September meeting to share.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Integrity of "Connecticut Grown" reinforced by State

by Christina DiMartino, *The Produce News*

State-supported locally grown initiatives have gained tremendous momentum during the past decade. Consumers are increasingly aware that buying food produced nearby supports local farms, boosts local economies, builds stronger communities, requires less transportation, reduces waste, results in fresher produce, is good for the soil and attracts tourism.

It's been a learning curve for many states, and refinement continues today in nearly every initiative.

Connecticut is among the states that are tightening laws and increasing scrutiny in an effort to boost the integrity of the Connecticut Grown initiative.

On July 21, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture issued a release advising farmers, food producers and consumers of recent changes in state law that refine use of the "Connecticut Grown" brand and logo at farmers markets.

As of Oct. 1, all products sold at farmers markets as "Connecticut Grown" must be accompanied by a sign that identifies the name and address of the farm or business where the product was grown or made.

Under the bill, which was passed unanimously by the General Assembly and signed into law in July by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, "Connecticut Grown" signs at farmers markets must be readily visible to consumers; be at least three by five inches in size; have lettering in a size, font or print clearly and easily legible; state something substantially similar to "This farm product is Connecticut-grown," or "This farm product was grown or produced by the following person or business;" and must include the name and address of the producer. The sign also must be in the immediate proximity of the offered product.

The Connecticut Grown program was developed in 1986 to identify agricultural products grown in-state. Studies have shown the brand to be readily identifiable in the marketplace and that consumers look to buy from Connecticut farmers.

It is also linked to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Market Nutrition Program, which provides federal funding for lower-income residents to purchase "Connecticut Grown" produce and qualifying products sold at certified farmers markets.

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said in the press release, "It's a matter of fairness and of truth in advertising. Consumers have the right to know what they are buying and ethical producers who play by the rules deserve to be protected from unfair competition by those looking to falsely use the 'Connecticut Grown' label."

He noted that these programs create an expectation that the use of the label and associated funds are in strict compliance with the law, and that the change is intended to ensure the integrity of the "Connecticut Grown" brand, for both the benefit of consumers and producers.

While fraudulent use of the label is not

believed to be widespread, Reviczky said the department typically receives numerous complaints per year about alleged deceptive practices.

The changes in the law will be reflected in "Connecticut Grown" pricing signs issued free to growers and producers by the department of agriculture.

A space for the name and address of the farm or business will now be included on the five-inch by seven-inch signs, which also bear the "Connecticut Grown" label and logo. Producers also may make their own sign containing the required information.

The agriculture department's Bureau of Regulation & Inspection will enforce the new law by making unannounced visits to farmers markets on a random basis, as well as in response to complaints.

Strolling of the Heifers is a nonprofit organization with the mission of connecting people with healthy local food and building strong communities. The organization publishes an annual Locavore Index that rates how states perform in their locally produced programs, listing the best at the top.

The 2015 Locavore Index reports that the four top states in the nation this year are Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Oregon, in that order. Connecticut rated No. 10, which is up considerable from its number 20 rating in 2014. New England states all rate in the top 20, indicating a widespread movement being spurred by state governments, producers and consumers alike in the region.

The new Connecticut law also increases the fine for violators; from \$25 to \$100. Reviczky said first-time violators usually receive a warning.

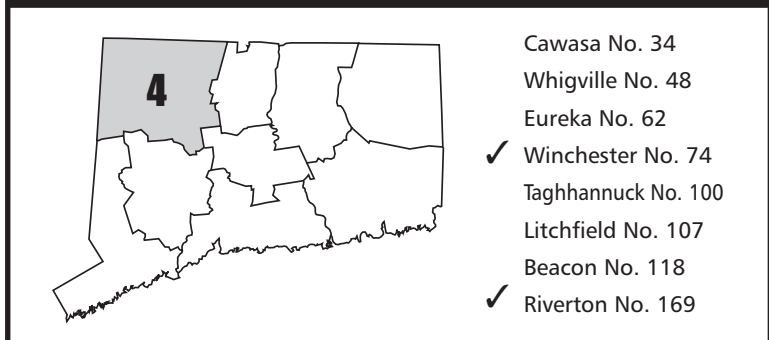
"The goal is not to prosecute people," he said. "It is to ensure that only products grown in Connecticut soil can carry the 'Connecticut Grown' label that supports the hardworking farm families in our state. Unfortunately, the new law does not apply to farm stands or grocery stores."

Products grown or produced in Connecticut or within a 10-mile radius of the point of sale may be labeled as native, native-grown, local, or locally grown, but are only subject to the new law if they are labeled "Connecticut Grown."



An "old style" Connecticut Grown sign.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MISSION STATEMENT

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

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 14: Installation of Officers @ Riverton Grange, 7:30 P.M.

The officers of Mountain County Pomona will be installed on Monday, Sept. 14 at Riverton Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. This evening will also feature the annual Gift Card Drawing so all members and officers with tickets are reminded to bring them and the money to the meeting.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 8: Meeting Omitted

Sept. 15: Installation of Officers

Sept. 19: Winchester Center Day, 10:30 to 2:30

Sept. 29: Regular Meeting, Potluck

The first meeting of September has been omitted as we do not have candidates this time around. There are three scheduled meeting dates this month, however, and the Sept. 15 Installation of Officers will be conducted by the Barnes/Cameron Team as scheduled. The fourth Tuesday, Sept. 29 has been changed to a regular meeting.

Winchester Grange is participating in the annual Winchester Center Day celebrations again this year. Doing things a little differently, the Grange hall will feature art exhibits open to all area artists. The Grange will also offer craft vendors, apple crisp and a hot dog/lunch stand. Also new this year will be a Passport Scavenger Hunt for kids. Any child wishing to participate will

be given a passport which will guide them towards finding specific items at the Church, Grange Hall, Fire Dept., Historical Association and the Winchester Center green. The Fire Department will over displays of their equipment along with a foam demonstration. The historical association will feature a blacksmithing demonstration and the church will have a car show and snack bar. It should be a wonderful early fall day in the beautiful Litchfield Hills. Please join us. As always, admission is free and parking is also free.

Looking ahead, Wincheser Grange again will sponsor Iceland Affair at the Grange Hall and on the Green on Saturday, Oct. 17. This will be the third year this unique event will be held in Winchester Center. For more info, please watch the Granger or visit www.winchestergrange.org.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Shirley Moore

Sept. 18: Regular Meeting; Program: Installation of Officers; Ref: Mary Lou & Peter Keefe, Shirley Moore

Oct. 2: Regular Meeting; Program: Diligent Labor; Ref: Maureen & Phil Prelli

June was a busy month for our grangers. Chaplain Cindy Prelli presented a meaningful program in memory of the following members who are no longer with us: Virginia Butler, Willard King, Louise Jasmine, Rujo Moore and Albert Yadach. The candle ceremony was very impressive. Our election of

officers was held in June with Sue Belle-Isle elected Master; Sharon Russell, Overseer; Dawn Anstett, Lecturer and Peter Keefe was elected for a three-year term on the Executive Committee. We congratulate all those who accepted an office at our grange and wish them a fruitful year. Members and friends are encouraged to attend in support of our new officers.

June was also Dairy Month. Members Amanda & Rachel Freund prepared and hosted a dairy dinner at our grange on June 13. They also presented much information about new technology at the Freund Farm in Canaan. It was a fun evening with excellent food (all dairy, plus chicken), entertainment and much education.

During July and August we changed our by-laws, hosted our annual grange fair and held planning meetings for the ensuing year. The bylaw change requires one business meeting per month rather than two. Other meetings and special events will be announced and advertised via our newly formed Publicity Committee.

Please watch for grange events via Channel 13, newspapers, email, telephone, and Facebook. The changes are reflected in the newest Pomona handbook. The annual fair under the direction of Dawn Anstett had many entries especially in the flowers and vegetable departments. Thank you to Jon Krish for providing an educational piece on master gardening.

All are invited to attend our Installation of Officers on Friday, September 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The Prelli Installing Team under the direction of Gail Prelli will install our new officers. Gail always does a beautiful job, as do her associates. Our own George Russell will be installed as Pomona Master at Riverton Grange, on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Grange to participate in Winchester Center Day

Take a trip to the heart of historic Litchfield County, Connecticut and experience the sights and sounds Winchester Center Day on Saturday, September 19th, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Winchester Center is a quaint New England community, complete with tree-lined roads and a town green surrounded by the Congregational Church, Grange Hall and historic homes. The numerous organizations of Winchester Center have each planned events as part of this special community day.

The town green will come alive for Winchester Center Day with an Antique Car Show, and music in the Gazebo.

The Winchester Center Congregational Church, established in 1771, will host an open house with guided tours showcasing their history, children's games and activities and more.

Winchester Grange will host a Craft and Gift Sale with over local vendors inside the lower Grange Hall and an art show in the upstairs hall, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Winchester Grange will also be offering a Passport Scavenger Hunt for children during the day's festivities.

The Winchester Center Historical Association will have it's museum open throughout the day, giving tours of the Old Chapel with many items on display, and will be showcasing a blacksmithing demonstration. While visiting the museum, be sure to note the old chimney which marks the home of the first settler, Caleb Beach, in 1750. The Historical Association is a volunteer organization with members working to promote awareness of the area's rich history.

The Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Department, organized in 1948, located behind the Grange Hall, will be participating in the festivities by having its firetrucks on display, and a firefighting foam demonstration.

Food will be available for purchase throughout the day at the Church, the Grange Hall, and the Historical Association.

The small village of Winchester Center lies about 4 miles southwest of Winsted, or approximately 6 miles northeast of Torrington, at the intersection of Route 263 and Newfield Road.

Time to nominate your Granger of the year!

A reminder to all Granges that applications for the "Granger of the Year" contest are due to the Social Director Joanne Cipriano by September 19th. Applications were sent to each Grange Secretary a few months ago.

Also our "We Reach Out" project. For this project we are asking each Grange to fill a shoe box with items to be given to the West Haven Veterans Hospital. We have received a number of items so if you would just like to donate a couple of things a few suggestions are: combs, playing cards, stamps, deoderant and greeting cards.

We thank you most sincerely for your help.

So. Conn. Past Masters

The Southern Connecticut Past Masters will hold their September 19th meeting at Cheshire Grange. This is a change from the original. All meetings have been changed to a handicap accessible hall. Meriden and Harmony Granges will assist with the arrangements.

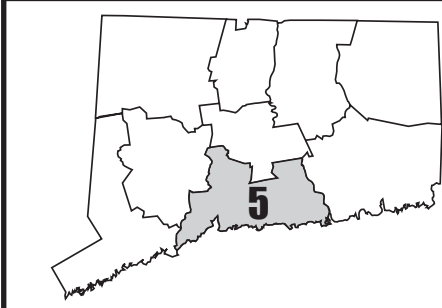
The program is "Health Program" in charge of Vice President Marge Sendewicz.

As usual we will enjoy a potluck supper before the meeting.



Judging underway at the Riverton Grange Fair in August.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Sept. 2: Installation of Officers. Pot Luck Supper at 6PM

Sept.16: From Outer space

Things are slowing a bit during the summer months. We enjoyed our annual picnic on July 15th at the Bernhardt's. We had a good group in attendance and made our program and refreshments plans for the upcoming new Grange year. Monday craft nights continued during the summer with good productivity. Several of our members attended the New England Lecturer's Conference in early August in Standish, Maine.

Atthetimeofthiswriting, we are getting ready for our annual Cheshire Grange Community Fair on the 22nd and 23rd of August. It is a big event and involves a lot of our members in the planning and their actual participation in the fair activities.

Our officers will be installed by Secretary Emeritus, Edith Schoell and her team.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

June 11 – "Planning and Election of Officers". One of the programs in October will be titled "Connecticut Tree Challenge on Oct 8th. This program will be presented by Bill Austin, our in-house tree expert. Some of the topics he will be discussing will be the use of smaller tree species around power lines, home

owner vs. town ownership rights and other topics concerning the planting and care of trees around town.

Dan discussed a June 7th article in the Hartford Courant titled "All Veg: Bad for Birds". What this article talked about was the myth of a vegetarian chicken. Some in the general public may be fooled into believing that a chicken that was raised on a strictly vegetarian diet is good thing for them to consume. What they don't realize is that a non-supplemented vegetarian diet is not good for chickens. Chickens are natural omnivores that will eat bugs or small animals if they can get it, forced vegetarianism can be a disaster for the bird since they need essential proteins that can only get from eating bugs, etc.

Janet announced that the fair book has been finalized and has an additional two new ads.

We had election of officers and there were no changes.

June 25 – Meeting was canceled because of scheduling conflicts.

During this week a strong thunderstorm came roaring through Wallingford bringing down a number of medium size branches on our front lawn and was blocking up the front sidewalk. In the grange's backyard a whole corner of the property was just full of branches and debris that also damaged a fence that borders our neighbor's driveway. Fortunately the

hall had no damaged due to this storm.

July 9 – Our Annual Picnic. We had a beautiful evening. Vern started the hot dogs and hamburgers early and everyone brought a dish to share. Bill and Barbara Austin came to join us who we haven't seen in a while. Everyone enjoyed the good company and food.

July 25 – Our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social. The day was one of the 10 best days of the year. It was a bright, beautiful sunny warm day. The social started at Noon but we didn't get our first customers until a half hour later when a family showed up looking for ice cream. From then on we had a slow steady stream of people of all kinds who stopped to get some ice cream and would sit down and chat for a while.

Meeting and Events in September:

Sept 10 – Fair Work Night. Pizza afterwards.

Sept 19th – 81st Wallingford Grange Fair. Call Janet Haller @ 203-314-6922 for a Fair booklet, to enter or to reserve tickets for our Chicken Barbecue from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$13.00, \$6.00 for children under 12, and it's free for kids 5 and under.

Sept 24 – Installation of Officers.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Sept. 1: Back to School

We haven't melted yet but we came close. We had a pleasant surprise visit from Hank the Burro at our last meeting. He also brought the Millers with him. He was well behaved and so were the Millers. Emily had another great program for us.

Keep cool and perhaps next time I can tell you that I heard the katy did.

Greenfield Hill Tomatoes



You say tomato, I say tomato... calling all gardeners and tomato lovers of all ages. Bring a bit of your harvest to share and we will save some seeds of what you love! Open to the public! \$5 donation to the Grange (help us keep the lights on..). Saturday, September 5 from 10:00am - 12:00pm in EDT. Greenfield Hill Grange, 1873 Hillside Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Cheshire Display



From Cheshire Grange - Our Thanks to Hine Hardware for letting us put up a Cheshire Community Fair Display in their window. The Fair was held August 22 & 23rd at the Grange Hall and surrounding grounds at 44 Wallingford Road.

Granger Shout Out



To Carl and Marge Bernhardt for hosting both the Southern Connecticut Past Master's and the Past Deputies Association picnics. Two Saturdays in a row. A good time was had at both.

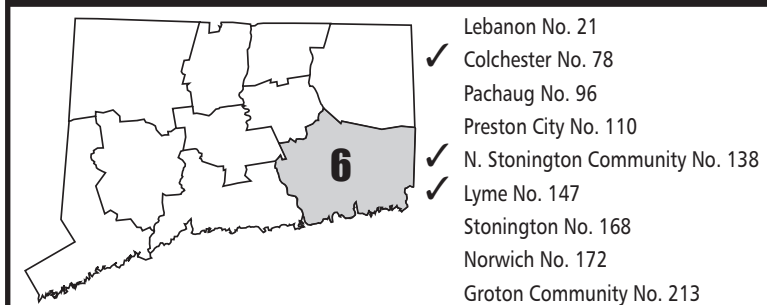
Shout Out to Al "Skip" Maddox and his mom for hosting another great Excelsior Pomona picnic. There were 22 in attendance, the food was delicious and everyone had a good time. Thanks also for the apples many of us got to pick to take home!

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Granger@CTStateGrange.org

Mail to: P.O. Box 1134, Sharon, Connecticut 06069

New London County Pomona No. 6



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 17: Remember Labor Day – Pachaug Grange

Remember to get your tickets for the New London County Pomona Raffle. There are lots of prizes to be won. The drawing will be at North Stonington Grange on November 13 – just in time for winning some presents for the upcoming holidays (to give or to keep). Tickets may be purchased at our September 17 meeting. Come and find out what all the wonderful prizes are. Our program will celebrate Labor Day.

The summer is over and autumn is here.

The leaves are a-changing, the weather is clear.

Too soon will come winter and we'll all be stuck.

So come out to Pachaug and try out your luck.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Bonnie Trecarten

We were pleased to welcome several guests at our July 13th meeting. We were joined by Ted Beebe, Master of Norwich Grange and State Membership, Ann Marie Knochenhauer, Master of Groton Grange, Lecturer and CWA for New London County Pomona, and Co-chair State Youth Committee, Lois Evankow, Lecturer for Lyme Grange, and Flora for East Central Pomona. We were also joined by George Rood who played the piano for us and helped us upgrade our singing to almost good! Thank you George! We appreciate Ted, Lois and Ann Marie's contributions to our meetings. And welcome back to Carol Bourque.

Donations have been made to Bacon Academy Scholarship Funds, and to Camp Berger among others. Always rewarding to give to give our support when we can.

Leonard Farm has donated 60 lbs of vegetables to our senior center food services

so far this season and the fresh produce is very appreciated.

Congratulations to Cathy Russi for her decorated flower pot entry win, and to everyone who entered.

The Grange sponsored hayrides at Zagray Farm in June were very successful and enjoyed by many. Thank you to Chris Bourque for donating his time and the hay wagon.

Plans were made for our donation to the Pomona Raffle and our annual picnic at Leonard's Farm in August.

Something to remember for all Grangers regarding buying produce locally. Our local farmers work very hard to provide the best possible cheeses, vegetables and fruits for our communities and we need to support them by purchasing locally whenever possible.

Any travelers out there don't forget to contact our CWA representative Cathy Russi for trip information.

Hope everyone stays cool and enjoys the rest of summer.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Sept. 11: "Nothing You Can't Handle"

Sept. 24: "Impress Yourself Today"

Our 51st North Stonington Agricultural Fair enjoyed fine weather and good crowds. Everyone said it was a great Fair. The new steps at the front and back of the Grange Hall were completed just in time for the Fair with the wrought iron railings still to come.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in the food booth for the 4H Exposition. We couldn't do it without you.

At our June meeting in July (too many Fairs on the grounds) Ellie Banker told us all about the history of our school system. We started out with fifteen one-room schoolhouses

scattered all over town way back when. One had the interesting nickname "Bloody Six". If you were at the meeting you know why.

Sue says the September programs are a "surprise," but whatever they are they will be good. They always are. This year the titles are based on "A pep talk according to Halls." Come to a meeting and make sure you put your name on the refreshment list for the year. The summer heat will be over and the crisp autumn breezes will be here. And if the little snake that lives in my woodpile will just stop sunning himself in my driveway, next time I'll tell you about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Sept. 3: Best wishes to all our new officers. Installation

Oct. 1: Arm chair traveling. Where have you been this past summer?

Nov. 5: Ag Program. Have you put your garden to bed properly? Guest speaker-Terry Bischoff.

I have been told mail to the Central Office has come up missing. My July report must have been one of them.

I will re-cap part of our July news.

We had a lovely memorial service for our six departed Sisters with roses.

It was voted to send our Lecturer to Lecturer's Conference in Maine.

Our duly elected new Master, Kathy Tefft, stepped down for the good of the Order and Ted Powell is now our Master for the next two years.

State Master Noel Miller, and Deputy Jeff Barnes, were in attendance. A very sad evening.

Our August picnic was a huge success with a great variety of food and desserts.

Our meeting was attended by 17 loyal Grange members. The Lecturer gave her report. By the time you read this our Hamburg Fair will be history. I just hope the man upstairs sends us some nice "Fair" weather. Not hot and stormy but just right.

Hope everyone enjoyed summer and stayed away from ticks and our famous Lyme Disease.



Apple, celery & walnut salad

September is back to school time, and in the Grange, time for Installation of Officers - which means the start of the Fall potluck season! There's no better way to celebrate than with a classic Apple recipe! Epicurious has an easy recipe for Apple, Celery and Walnut Salad.

- 2 Fuji apples, diced
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Toss the apples with the lemon juice in a bowl. Add celery, walnuts, and raisins, then toss. Combine the mayo and sour cream in another bowl, then fold into the apple mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pack in a tightly covered, plastic container.

Chill and serve.

Source: <http://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/apple-celery-and-walnut-salad-351449>

Avery Reunion



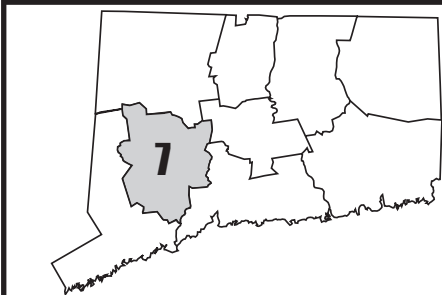
Carol Nelson (Vernon Grange), Debbie and Jeff Barnes (North Stonington Grange), and Masako and Myron Avery (Stafford Grange) at the Annual reunion of the Avery Memorial Assoc. We all belong to the Avery Clan of Groton, by our lineage. Guess we found we have more in common than just Grange.

Cameron installed



In August, Jody Cameron was installed as the new Master of Ekonk Community Grange No. 89 by Jeff Barnes and team. Jody is a Past Master of Ekonk and is currently Treasurer of the CT State Grange.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 121
- Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

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

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our September meeting will be held at the 11th. Our program in charge of Lecturer Cindy Legg is titled "Welcome Back Kotter". This ends our programs with a television theme. Also ending will be our "Attendance Incentive Award."

Our officers remain almost the same with Joanne Cipriano Master; Cindy Legg Lecturer and Gloria Meholik Secretary. Our changes are Lady Assistant Steward Sandy Fitzner and Ceres Judi Reynolds.

As I write this we are planning an Open Mic afternoon and a tag sale both in August.

We had our share of picnics. Good time had at all of them. We all look forward to another busy year.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Skip Maddox

Sept. 28: Installation of Officers.

We are pleased to welcome 2 new members, Dwayne White and Maggie Buck.

We are planning on exhibiting at the Bethlehem Fair.

Don't forget our Holiday Flea Market on Sat., Nov. 21, 9 to 1 P.M.

Table space may be obtained by calling Linda at 203-264-8151.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

The Bridgewater Grange will have a stand in the Farmers Market area of the Bridgewater Fair on Friday August 21 to Sunday August 23. The Farmers Market will be active from 10 to 2 Pm on Saturday and Sunday. All the farmers are supporting the Granges upcoming "Fresh from the Farm" Harvest Celebration on Saturday Sept 12th. Tickets can be purchased at the Grange tent.

This event will be a Farm to Table dinner at the Bridgewater Recreation Area. It will take place at the pavilion off of Sarah Sanford Road East. It will start at 4 PM and continue to sunset. There will be a menu of fresh local produce and chicken

kabobs. There will also be music and door prizes. The price of tickets will be \$25 for pavilion seating, \$20 for picnic box lunch and \$10 for children twelve and under. For further information contact Nancy Mascio 860-354-2028 or Riva Martin 860-488-4369.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Josh Mears

Wolcott Grange has begun its well needed renovations with the bathrooms getting re-done with handicap modifications for the men's and women's. The main hall has a new fresh coat of white paint- the baby blue is gone. We have some rentals scheduled in September. Hopefully the work will be done in time for the September rentals. If you would like to send a monetary donation, please send to Wolcott Grange #173, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott 06716, Att: Sheila Smith. Thank you in advance from the Brothers and Sisters of Wolcott Grange #173.

Farm to Table Celebration in Bridgewater

Bridgewater Grange will be holding a Harvest Celebration on September 12th at the Bridgewater Pavilion at 2 Sarah Sanford Road East from 4:00 to sunset.

Be there to enjoy music and a gourmet feast. A delicious menu made from fresh in season ingredients grown on our neighborhood farms. Enjoy the company of your community and very special door prizes.

Cost:

\$30 for adult seating in the pavilion (100 seats available)

\$25 senior seating in the pavilion

\$20 for takeout or picnic meal (bring chair/blanket)

\$10 for children under 12 years old

Tickets can be purchased at the Bridgewater Grange Farmer's Market Tent during the Bridgewater Fair on August 21, 22 and 23. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event but remember there are only 100 seats in the pavilion.

For more information contact: Nancy Mascio 860-354-2028 or Riva Martin 860-488-4369

100th NE Lecturers' Conference



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

The 100th Annual Northeast Grange Lecturers' Conference is now part of history and with a total of 140 people registered it was one of the biggest ones in recent years. Twenty-three from Connecticut ventured north to Maine for this years conference.

To all who attended or gave me information for the program I say thank you. And, to those who donated toward my gift a special thank you. This was my 13th conference program and for all thirteen years you people have been wonderful. Your support means a lot, especially this year, because of all that all we have been

through the last couple of months.

Now, on to next year. Rhode Island will be hosting the 101st Conference at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. We have been there before and it is a nice campus. The conference theme is "Come Visit Us In...". Our program will be entitled "Come visit us in Connecticut". If you have any skits or numbers featuring spots in Connecticut I would appreciate your sharing them with me. It's never too early to start looking.

With your September - October Newsletter all

Lecturers should have received their Honor Lecturer report form. Please take the time to fill it out even if you don't qualify. This along with your Essays, Complete Programs and Should Auld Acquaintance Reports are due to me by October 1st. This deadline is strictly followed as I have to get them to the judges and then make out the certificates and etc.

Fall is here. Enjoy the cooler weather and enjoy your life. It is too precious to waste even a second of it. Hoping to see you around the State.



A skit being presented by Sue Pianka, Bob & Marge Sendewicz



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends! Vacation is over and it's back to visiting!

I started the month by attending the Norwich Grange Fair on August 1st. They had lovely exhibits, and good food and music too! I met a new furry friend too!

Then it off to Maine for the NE Region's Lecturers' Conference. The traffic on the way up was crazy - but we made it! The conference was fun, even with the noise of thunder storms to fall asleep to and the hail to keep everyone on their toes

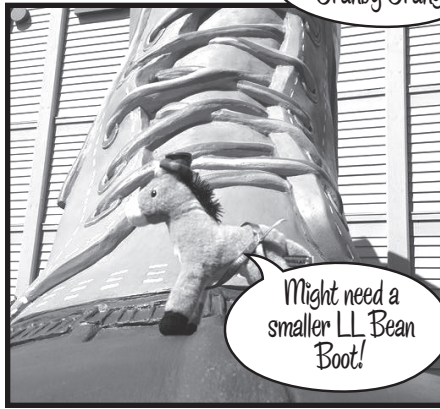
We had the chance to take a side trip to Freeport to take in the sights at LLBean. Wow - that moose is BIG, but that boot is BIGGER!! We also made a stop at Boothbay Harbor for the awesome view.

Once back from Maine, we took a trip to see our friends at North Haven Grange, and also at Preston City Grange. I love meeting new Grange friends!

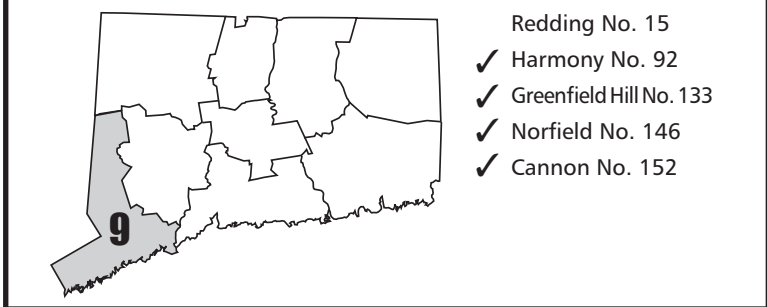
Then we took a trip to visit our friends at Granby Grange. They have an amazing Grange mural on their wall, that was originally from GFox store in Hartford - so of course we had to take a photo in front of it!

If you haven't already liked my Facebook page, please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Be sure to say Hello if you see me around the State!



Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

Sept. 25: Installation of Officers, Refreshments at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30

Our annual Agricultural Fair was held August 15th at the Grange Hall and grounds. Much planning was done at special meetings to make it a success as it is a fundraiser.

Many thanks go to Ron and Gail Bunovsky for the many phone calls and personal contacts to get exhibits of farm equipment to get people to attend and at least have breakfast, lunch or both. Inside the hall we had vegetables, flowers, canned goods, needlework, and others were judged for ribbons and prize money. A member of the Connecticut State Grange Membership Committee, Maggie Buck,

had a membership table to sign up potential new members.

In July we held our election of officers for the next two years. All chairs were filled. Installation of officers will be the fourth Friday in September (25th) by Past State Master and Past First Lady Bob and Marge Sendewicz. The meeting was scheduled for the fourth Friday as both Bob and Marge will be out of town the second Friday, which is our regularly scheduled meeting night.

Harmony Grange has elected one new member and will ballot on three more candidates at our August meeting. Harmony Grange has put much effort in membership and we expect a good increase in our membership for the coming year.

After our Agricultural Fair, we will have special

meetings to prepare for our 125th Anniversary which has been written up in several issues of the CT Granger. As stated previously, we will have a history of the area Granges that make up the present membership of Harmony Grange as well as other activities.. The date is Sunday, October 4th, beginning at 1 P.M., at the Grange Hall. The April issue of the CT Granger had a write-up of our plans.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Sept. 5: Tomato Tasting – 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Sept. 19: Chili Cook-Off- Email Contact Below

Sept. 21: “Fair Remembered” Meeting 7 P.M.

Sept. 26: Cabaret Night, 7:30 P.M.

In July, we had a picnic, with the usual hot dogs and burgers, followed by meeting which focused on planning for our Annual Fair. The purchase of blue ribbons for fair awards was authorized. Finishing fair publicity and other efforts were important parts of behind the scenes activities.

A Chili Cook Off is tentatively planned for

Saturday, September 19th. Contact us at greenfield133@gmail.com for exact details.

The following Saturday, the 26th, we have a Cabaret Night at 7:30 P.M. It will feature Rob Carlson and EC Bradley. A suggested donation of \$15 is requested.

A Pumpkin Carving and a Junior Grange Halloween Party are both in the planning stages for October 24th and 31st respectively. Contact Cindy Wakeman at (203) 243-1887 or email cwak631201@aol.com.

All are welcome to our Grange meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth Hickcox

Editor’s Note: This report was received just prior to printing. Unfortunately a large section in the middle was eaten by Postal Service machines. With no time to find out what was missing, we have printed as much as we could read. Our apologies!

The 48th Annual Norfield Grange Agricultural Fair and Flea Market will be held on September 3rd from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Our Installation of Officers will be held on

September 15th beginning at 7:30 P.M.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Sept 3: Review of Fair and final clean-up

Sept 17: Installation of Officers with reception

Oct 1: Thank You Dinner for our Fair Workers & Award

Winners

Dec 5: Holiday Market (10 AM - 3 PM)

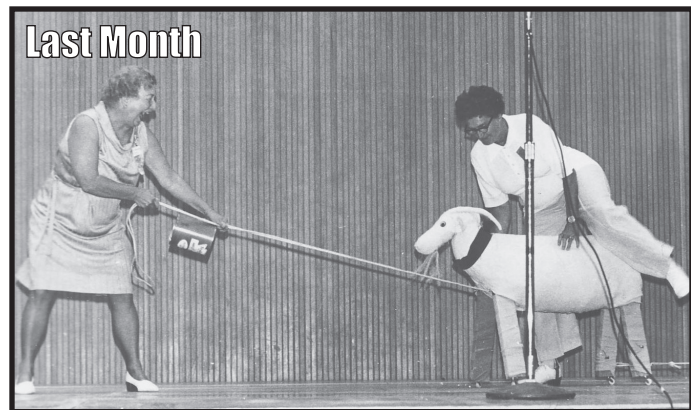
A busy summer with fair preparations and the presentation on August 30th of our 83rd Agricultural Fair. A more definitive review and re-cap will appear in next month’s paper.

We were pleased with the attendance growth at many of our meetings in the previous Grange program year, that we will be continuing with the same theme for our learning-events in the year ahead: Healthy Living.

We are exploring the many ways that children, youth and young adults and adults can pursue an active and varied life that embraces healthy living through. Check our program schedule often to see what we have planned.

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 solve the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



No answers for August Pic. Heard from Janet Haller on the March Window photo. She put on her sleuthing hat and found that the photo was published in the May 1974 issue of the CT Granger. According to the caption, a 50-year citation was presented by State Chaplain Carlton Platt to Sterling Mills (left) and Marian Mills at Indian River Grange. Not present for the photo was Miss Bessie Hubbard.



Fairs are "in his blood"



Charles Dimmick supervises a pie eating contest at the Cheshire Grange Fair

By Joy VanderLek – *The Cheshire Citizen*

Cheshire's Charles Dimmick wears so many hats, he is widely known throughout town for his many activities.

Some may know the 75-year-old as a retired Central Connecticut State University geology professor, he's also a certified geologist. Others may know him as the father to Wesley and Edward. Then there's his work in creating and sitting on the town's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission board for four decades.

Some may connect with him from one of his speaking engagements—his presentations have been booked with numerous organizations, clubs and functions.

One hat you may have missed? The hat Dimmick wears as an agricultural fair inspector. Dimmick is a member of the non-profit Association of CT fairs, and chair of the Classification Committee. The association provides oversight to its member CT Agricultural Fairs. It's a group that's been around 100 years, said Dimmick. His qualification for working with the group is simple. According to Dimmick, "I'm upright and breathing," he said laughing. He also explains that it is a volunteer position.

"I love fairs," Dimmick said. "It's in my blood," he added, waxing about his youth and his initiation into agricultural fairs. Living in New Jersey for a time when he was a young boy, Dimmick remembers being the youngest member of the Rabbit and Cavey Association. At the tender age of nine, he was recruited as the night watchman for the Dutch rabbits during the Morris County Fair. He recalls spending his time chasing after escapee rabbits and putting them back into their cages.

When settling in Cheshire in the early 1970s, he eventually found himself joining the Cheshire Grange, due in large part, because they had a fair. He, of course, became to be put in charge of the rabbits.

In Connecticut, July through October is "fair season". That's when Dimmick is busiest. In his job, he "dives up the work" among those inspectors to make sure all the fairs are covered. He inspects at least 13 fairs himself.

Fairs vary in size and needs. Dimmick counts 20 major fairs, five district fairs and

25 local fairs in state. Different sized fairs have different requirements. The Lebanon Country Fair, Durham Fair and North Haven Fairs are major fairs. These fairs must follow strict rules of compliance when it comes to numbers and requirements. Major fairs must have rides and a certain number of them. Major fairs also adhere to a minimum number of animals exhibited and/or entered into competitions—sheep, cows, chickens, rabbits, et cetera. They also comply with a certain number of overall contests, competitions, and exhibits. The larger fairs are where people will find animal and tractor pulls, a midway with rides, commercial vendors, a home arts section with baked goods, vegetables, canned items, needlework and the like for exhibit and judging.

Local fairs include the Cheshire Grange Fair. While requirements mimic those of major fairs, the rules are not as strict or extensive. Dimmick also wears many hats at the Cheshire Grange. One position, that of chaplain, is one he's held since 1995. He and his sons are heavily involved in the Cheshire Grange, and its annual Ag Fair, held this year Aug. 22-23. It's a lot of work in the small span of time that is the fair season. Why does he do it? "We do this for the fun of it. We put on a good show for the people." Who could ask for more?

Camp to celebrate 60 years!

SAVE THE DATE...PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Announcing: Camp Berger FALL CLEAN UP Weekend Saturday, Oct. 24th & Sunday, Oct. 25th at 10 am - 4 pm (til dark) please come help...bring gloves and rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, etc. Come prepared to work! Please bring your own lunch - water and snacks will be provided.

CAMP BERGER 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER!!!!

Date: Saturday, Oct. 24th (AFTER Day 1 of Fall Clean Up) - Starts at 6 PM.

Barn/Contra/Square Dance & Farm-to-Fork Supper

Tickets \$25 per person. ALL are Welcome!

Please Mail Checks to: Camp Berger, P.O. Box 181, Winchester Center, CT 06094 - Please write in the Memo Line - Camp Berger 60th Celebration.

Or pay online via PayPal or Credit Card at the Camp Berger Website: <http://www.campberger.com/camp/CampRegistration.asp>.

Please make a note in the memo or notes area: Camp Berger 60th Celebration.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Proceeds will go towards - Camp Program Wish List, Maintenance & Camperships/Scholarships.

If you can't join us Donations are Welcome!

Questions: Call: 860-238-7949 &/or Email: CampBerger@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Kristen Reynolds	Senexet #40
Russell Hibbard, G.S.	Senexet #40
Pamela Smith	Senexet #40

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

State Chaplain

Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain

It is my impression that too many people look on religious observance as a list of things that they should not do, rather than a guide as to what they should do, and thus construct for themselves an image of an avenging God who is looking for an opportunity to condemn them to everlasting hellfire. To them religion is "Thou shalt not", whereas even moderate familiarity with scripture will show that the proper emphasis is on "Thou shalt". After all, when Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment his answer was "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and then added "and the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

These two "thou shalt" rules cover everything, including the "shalt nots". If you strive to follow these by giving yourself to loving God and loving your neighbor you will no longer have inclination or motivation to run afoul of the shalt nots. If you truly love your fellow human beings you will not lie, cheat, or steal or even covet. As for the seven deadly sins: wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, and gluttony, they are pretty much covered also. How can you love your fellow human beings and yet have room for wrath, greed, lust and envy? Sloth, pride, and gluttony may not at first seem to be covered in this, but they are an outcome of not fully embracing both basic commandments. Sloth and gluttony, especially in combination, are bad for your health, and may lay the foundation for a heart attack. "Love your neighbor as yourself" includes loving yourself to the point of at least taking care of yourself, and not voluntarily letting your health deteriorate to the point of becoming a burden to others.

Pride is a little trickier, at least because in English the word pride has several different meanings. The opposite of pride is humility, but even here one has to be a bit cautious. Pride expressed as boasting and thinking of oneself as better than others is harmful and certainly not an example of loving one's neighbor. But false humility, pretending that one is humble or acting humble when you don't really mean it, is also harmful. St. Paul deals with this in Colossians 2:18-23 (I'll let you read this on your own as a homework assignment). What one needs to aim for is humble pride. In God's eyes you are no better than anyone else, but also you are no worse than anyone else. Finally, remember what the prophet Micah said: "what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"