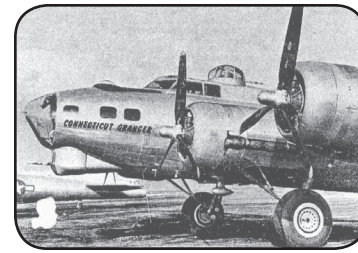




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The joys of summer



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Haying in 1910 - Minnesota Historical Society photograph

"Friends, the Grange is a great fraternity, and the lessons of its ritual are expressed by the use of symbols drawn from the field, the farm and the farm home." This quote is from the Overseer's charge in the First Degree to remind us of where our ritual comes from. The summer is what I have enjoyed the most on the farm. Haying time has always fascinated me when I cut hay on the sideline. I enjoyed the smell of fresh mowed hay, the birds darting in and out to catch the insects that were stirred up by the haybine. The sound of the tedder fluffing up the green hay, to get it to dry faster, the sound of dry hay as it goes through the tedder sounds like sizzling bacon in a hot pan. The solitude of a hayfield where it gives you time to think, reflect, recite degree parts over and over again. Then the time for bailing depending on the type, you can drop on the ground to pick up later. The kicker which shoots bales into a wagon or bale basket, a trailer that follows the bailer and the bales go up a chute and fall into a big basket type wagon.

The best thing is to see people watching the haying activities being

performed by you in the field. I always enjoyed the field work but the task of stacking and tossing sticky, dusty bales into a hot, humid loft makes this event a bummer. I have found that the older you get the less tolerant you become to hot weather. I can't take the heat like I used to.

June is a busy time in the Grange. Hope to see you at "Let's Celebrate." Judging is on June 10 and Grange Sunday on June 11 at Cheshire starting at 11:00 A.M. with lunch of soup and sandwiches provided by the Youth and Junior Committees and the talent contest at 1:00 P.M. Come and join the fun for the day.

New England Grange Sunday at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH is always a nice event and is located in a beautiful place with grand views of the mountains of New Hampshire.

I was able to visit most of the Pomona Granges to see the conferrals of the Fifth Degree. I like this degree over all the others because of the Specter and the Storms. Yet its lesson is one that we all can relate to every day of our lives.

We are getting closer to the redistricting of the

Pomona Granges. We are looking for a strong group of Granges to make these new Pomonas so they will be able to grow rather than fail and have to do a do-over again. It looks like the number is 3, at this time.

Inspection forms are arriving already and I want to remind Community Granges to mail in your Survey Forms before the July 1 deadline.

June is the time for families, graduations, weddings, reunions, and vacations. It is always fun to get away with families and friends. Enjoy these times for they are the best of the Grange, our history in the community is the best resource for local history, we know where the skeletons are buried! Pass on the stories so the next generation of Grangers can pass them on to the next.

Remember Father's Day and have a wonderful summer.

Let's Celebrate!

June 11th • Cheshire Grange Hall, Cheshire, CT

The eighth annual Connecticut State Grange Let's Celebrate Day will be held Sunday, June 11th at Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Rd. (one block east of the Town Hall), Cheshire. The Hall will open at 10:00 AM for viewing entries. Admission to this family-fun event is free, and parking is free.

The event will feature contests and displays including needlework, baking and crafts, and photography, in both the adult and junior categories. There will be many activities for the whole family to enjoy. The day will feature a non-denomination service at 11:00 AM performed by Connecticut State Grange Chaplain Charles Dimmick, followed by a Luncheon by the Connecticut State Grange Youth and Junior Committees, and then an afternoon of fun. An entertainment program by the Connecticut State Grange Lecturer Marge Bernhardt will feature the Talent and "A Number" competitions which will begin at 1:00 PM. Tickets for the luncheon will be available at the door.

All Judging for the State CWA / Family Activities and Lecturers' Department Contests will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Entries must be dropped off before noon. Winners will be on display on Sunday morning June 11th, and can be picked up after lunch.

The many departments and committees of the Connecticut State Grange have been working together for over a year to ensure this event is a success. More information and complete contest rules are available in the 2017 CT State Grange Program Book, by contacting the Connecticut State Grange Central Office at 860-633-7550, and by visiting the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org.

Correction:

In the May issue we printed a story on the front page entitled, "Talking to Veterans." The article was written by Bonnie Trecarten of Colchester Grange and the photo was provided by Catherine Russi of Colchester Grange. We apologize for this error and want to make sure both get proper credit for their work.

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

HAPPY JULY 4th!

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“Hamming It Up”



Members of Bridgewater Grange #153 sell tickets to their recent Ham Dinner.

So. CT Past Masters

The June meeting of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters Association will be held at Bethlehem Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 17th.

In place of the usual potluck supper we will have a pizza night with those attending sharing the cost. Supper is served promptly at 6:30 P.M. followed by the meeting as soon the dishes are done. The meeting will include our usual country store and a program in the charge of Barbara Robert.

Summer Meal Program helps Conn. children



Photo Credit: USDA.gov

By F.Q. Maus

My family lives in a rural area where incomes range dramatically from the very wealthy to people living just above poverty. Across the border in New York the towns are much the same. The cost of living is high but full-time employment is very difficult. Many children qualify for the free meal program offered by the public schools. A nutritious breakfast and lunch are offered for free or at a discount. In recent years the USDA has expanded the program to include these same children and children within the community, into a summer free meal program. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps low-income children in communities (rural and urban) where at least half the school age children who received discounted or free meals during the school year, can receive free breakfast and lunch during the summer.

As I research more about how and where it is offered I find there are various sites in Connecticut. I encourage you to look into the program and see if your community qualifies. You and/or your Grange can help just by sharing the message. They often need volunteers to help with preparation and delivery of the meals to the specified sites, usually town camps. If your Grange feels particularly ambitious you may also consider looking into sponsoring and hosting this program.

My very favorite part of the program is that they incorporate local farm food into their menus. They work together with Food Corp. www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program

Famous Grangers



Eleanor Roosevelt



Krist Novoselic



Norman Rockwell



FDR



Harry S Truman



William Saunders

Col. Joseph H. Brigham: From Ohio; served on the National Grange Executive Committee; was appointed by President McKinley to serve as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. He later became National Grange President in 1888.

Sen. Arthur Capper: From Kansas, co-sponsored the Capper-Volstead Act.

Charles Curtis: Served as the 31st Vice President of the United States under President Herbert Hoover.

Sherman Lowell: After serving a term as National Master, Lowell was personally appointed by President Calvin Coolidge to serve as a member of the U.S. Tariff Commission.

David Lubin: From California, started the International Institute of Agriculture, the first international organization supporting agriculture. He met with world leaders for their support, including King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

Krist Novoselic: Co-founder and bassist for the band Nirvana.


Norman Rockwell: Famous artist was a Grange member and presented a portrait of the National Grange President at the 1953 National Session.

Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the United States.

Franklin D. Roosevelt: 32nd President of the United States.

William Saunders: One of the 7 Grange Founders, he was a famous landscape architect who was personally appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to design the Gettysburg Cemetery and sat on the platform near President Lincoln when he gave his Gettysburg Address.

Harry S. Truman: 33rd President of the United States.



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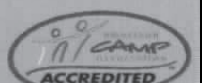
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State Secretary



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Summer is finally here and that means planning is underway for State Session – October 19-21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Norwich. As you know, the attendance for the Celebration Banquet was not as good as it should have been last year. As a result, the State Grange had to pay for the balance of meals not purchased. Your

Executive Committee is currently working on plans to make the banquet better attended and to “fine tune” the schedule. More information on registration and reservations will be included in the next issue.

I spoke about the mailing to Granges in the last issue but I need to remind you to return your Inspection Forms to the State Master and the State Directory Form to the Central Office. With the Pomonas going through reorganization, it is unlikely there will be handbooks at least until 2018 making it extremely important that every Grange return their forms so at least the State Directory has the most complete and up to date contact information.

A note will go out to each Grange shortly regarding the 2017-2018 Dues Receipts. Please feel free to let me know what your Grange needs for Dues Receipts as soon as you can—mail me a note, send an email or give me a call. Waiting for the mailing isn't necessary—let me know.

As you know, there is limited storage space at the Central Office. I have received questions from various Pomonas regarding regalia. At this point my best advice is to get your property and regalia in order. Create a new or updated 2017 inventory and wait for further instructions from the State Grange. Before long we will be in touch with all Pomonas to let you know specifically what we will need to have turned over to the State Grange and what can be dispersed in other ways.

The current plan is for all Pomonas to provide their financial information, inventories and other information in July. You will receive written instructions in advance. The Executive Committee has been meeting monthly working on planning and ironing out the details involved in this process. As always, please feel free to contact the State Master or any member of the Executive Committee with your questions and/or concerns.

Past State Master Louis Tolles



Louis G. Tolles was born on May 6, 1885 in the Town of Southington, Connecticut. He was the son of Charles Henry Tolles and Sarah Elizabeth (Andrews) Tolles.

He received his education in the local grammar schools, high school and Business College.

He married Harriet J. Hoadley on November 17, 1906. She was the daughter of Benzil Berwill Hoadley and Anna (Mockley) Hoadley of Southington, Conn.

To them were born the following children: Marshall; Ruth; Ethel; Louis G. (Jr.); and Berwill Granis Tolles.

He has been very active in Town and Community affairs, such as president of the Highway Users Conference since its inception; a member of the

Advisory Council of Governor Cross; he was the first Vice President of the first County Farm Bureau to be organized in Connecticut (Hartford County); founded the Rural Roads Improvement Association and served as its President since 1930; served as Selectman of his Town; and represented the Town of Southington in the General Assembly.

He has held many Grange offices such as Master of his local Grange; Master of Central Pomona Grange; Deputy of Central Pomona Grange, Assistant Steward, Steward, Overseer and 14th Master of the Connecticut State Grange along with being a member of the State Executive Committee. He served as Priest Herald of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange. Sister Tolles held many offices including Master of Union Grange. She will be long remembered for her sweet disposition and winning smile. Brother Tolles had a wonderful gift in being able to whistle in such a manner as to produce chord music and needless to say he was much in demand as a popular entertainer.

One of the outstanding and probably the greatest event of importance during Brother Tolles administration was the "Get Connecticut Out of the Mud" movement which he started and succeeded in getting it put through the Legislature. (The account of this program has been printed in the Granger in previous years). In recognition of his efforts to improve the roads of Connecticut for all citizens, a section of Route 10 in Southington was named the “Louis G. Tolles Memorial Highway.” During Bob Sendewicz' term as State Master this section of road was re-dedicated in Brother Tolles' honor with the help of his grandson Don Florian and his wife Nancy.

He was a member of the Masonic Order, the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias and the Past Masters Association of East Central Pomona. His name has been listed in "Who's Who!" in New England. By faith he is a Congregationalist; and by politics a Republican. He is a director of the National Grange Mutual Liability Company of Keene, New Hampshire.



Don and Nancy Florian (center holding sign) receive a commemorative copy of the sign posted in honor of Don's Dad, Louis Tolles.



Deadline for the Next Issue is EXTENDED!

Articles will be accepted until June 15 for July's Issue

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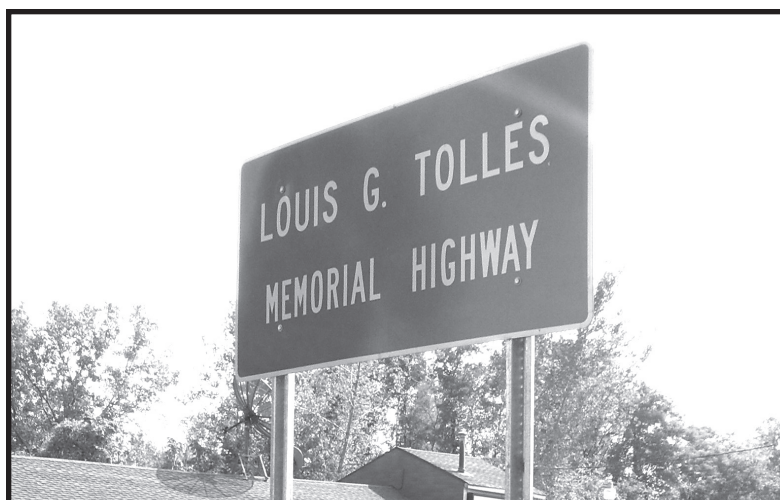
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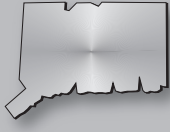
Central Pomona No. 1

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Since November 30, 1886

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182*Corr: Maureen Sanborn***June 9:** Memorial**June 23:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1 Granby #5 Glastonbury #26 Manchester #31 Vernon #52 Coventry #75	Hillstown #87 Ashford #90 Enfield #151 Echo #180 Simsbury #197
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Since September 7, 1887

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3*Corr: Noel Miller***June 3:** Strawberry Time. Host- Hillstown, Granby, Echo

This meeting will be at Vernon Grange, which is handicapped accessible. We had decided on the future of Good Will Grange Hall and sent our decision to the State Grange Executive Committee for their approval. We hope that this hall will continue to be used by a Pomona Grange. After this meeting we are off for the summer and will see you in September.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

June 1: Election of Officers - Planting Tips
June 10: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party

July 6: Sparklers Galore

Here it is May 1st and time to write an article for the June paper. Time sure flies by fast. It doesn't seem possible it is time for the Election of Officers. Some of our current officers have had health issues this past winter. I wish all our brothers and sisters good health for the coming summer season. It is no fun when you have to lay low and look at the dust bunnies accumulating under your furniture.

I hope the folks that are making something for the Needlework Contest have their entries completed and ready for the Pomona Judging May 31st at Good Will Grange Hall. The State Judging will be on

June 10th at Cheshire Grange Hall followed by Grange Sunday on June 11th. The hall will open at 10:00 a.m. for folks to view the exhibits. State Grange Chaplain's service will begin at 11:00 a.m.. Plan on spending the day and enjoy viewing the exhibits, attend the State Chaplains service, lunch by the State Youth and Junior Committees and then at 1:00 p.m. the State Lecturer's "A Number and Talent Contest" will begin. It will be a fun filled day. Hope to see you there.

VERNON GRANGE #52*Corr: Nancy Strong***June 2:** Neighbor's Night with Manchester Grange at Vernon

We took our chicken program to Manchester in March, so now Manchester Grange "chicks" are coming to Vernon to do a program for us. Come join the fun at 7:00 P.M. at Vernon Grange Hall/Vernon Historical Society.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75*Corr: Noel Miller***June 1:** Flag Day, Ref. By Noel Miller**June 15:** Father's Day, Ref. By Judy Hill

At our last meeting, we draped our Charter for Richard MacRobbie who lost a hard battle with cancer on April 14, 2017. His funny jokes and stories of metal detecting trips will be missed by us all. On June 1 the CWA will have its Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Contest, so we hope our

bakers will stir up a fresh batch for this meeting. Our last meeting we also had a Memorial Program for those members who have gone to the Great Creator.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89*Corr: Sue Gray*

Our annual Awards Luncheon was fantastic with special guest of honor, Edith Remington, honored for 80 years of service to our Grange. She also served a Grange in Florida for several years, maintaining joint membership.

State Senator, Mae Flexer, presented Edith with a citation from the State General Assembly, co-sponsored by Senator, Heather Somers and our State Representative, Kevin Skulczyck. Russell Gray presented Edith with a framed citation, naming Sunday, May 7th as Edith Remington Day in Sterling. National Master, Betsy Huber, sent a letter honoring Edith for her Grange dedication. When Edith spoke, she told several fascinating stories from her early days in Grange, highlighting the service Grangers did and continue to do to make the lives of folks better. One fact she recalled was that our Grange Hall served as a bomb shelter during the War. She and other ladies sewed black curtains to cover all of the windows. Our hall had access to water, had electricity, lots of blankets and bedding was donated. We had a wood furnace, wood stove and even had a 5-seater outhouse. She continues to create beautiful afghans, donating them to American Legion, veterans and our Grange for fundraisers!

We also presented Deborah Sharpe with her 25 year certificate and Jody and Jodi Ann Cameron, Neil and Marlene Cook, Jane Eaton, Rebecca Gervais and Betsy Molodich with their 30 year certificates. 40 year certificates were presented to Albert Exley, Alan Champagne, Charles Cole, Amos Cornell Jr., James Larkin Sr. Michael Molodich and Janet St. Jean. R. Wesley Hopkins was recipient of his 50 year, Golden Sheaf certificate, while Lorraine Thurlow was awarded recognition for 55 years

of membership. Last but certainly not least, Marie Exley received a seal for her 60 years of Grange membership. Paulette Craig delivered Ron Coty with his 60 year award at "The Colonial" and Russell Gray delivered George and Louise Molodich their 50 and 25 year certificates respectively. The remainder of the recipients (15 in total) will have been delivered by the time that you read this.

Our Juniors did several humorous skits during the afternoons' program as well as Jenna Wesa (trumpet), Brianna Gervais and Lillian Sharpe (piano). The Juniors raised \$1,100.00 on their "May Calendar" fundraiser. They plan to donate all this money! They have 4 Juniors planning to attend Camp Berger this summer.

Finally, two former Junior Presidents, Carly Sebastian and Trevor Gervais, were awarded the annual Scholarships from our Grange at the awards luncheon! Carly plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State University majoring in early childhood education and Trevor has been accepted at Lincoln Technical Institute, where he will major in Diesel Mechanics. Both have held various offices in Subordinate Grange too as well as being part of the Ekonk/CT Youth Drill Team for several years.

Our exchange with Richmond was extraordinary as usual and they presented "The Gong Show" to everyone's great delight. We were especially pleased to have Beckett Truppa Gagas (6 months) join us with proud new parents Andrea (our LAS) and Christian! Visit Ekonk anytime--every first Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151*Corr: Irene Percoski***June 10:** Strawberry Time**July 8:** Picnic Time

Strawberries come ripe in June, and our program will have all the information you could want to know about them. My mouth is watering already. Our first fund-raiser of the year was held at the end of April as we participated in a Spring Craft Fair at a local Church. It was a very good way to get over our cabin fever and get us ready for

this summer's Farmer's Market. Meeting's start at 10:00 a.m., please come for our meeting and stay for lunch.


SIMSBURY GRANGE #197*Corr: Susan Masino*

The Simsbury Grange had another successful electronics recycling event on Saturday May 13. Once again the Boy Scouts from Troop 76 were a big help. We are now doing this event twice a year and everyone who comes is so grateful to be able to recycle their electronics responsibly. Our next electronics recycling event is Saturday, October 28 from 9-12. Mark your calendars and save the date to recycle responsibly!

At our regular May meeting we devoted some time to pay tribute to and remember Betty Jane Gardiner. We know many Grangers at the State level knew her and her husband for many years. It felt really nice to share some thoughts and stories and sweets in her honor.


Also in May we submitted a Neighborhood Assistance Grant that would enable us award large tax benefits to those who want to donate to energy conservation projects, other upgrades, and job training opportunities affiliated with the Grange. There will be a public hearing in Town on June 12, and pending a positive vote our application will be forwarded to the State for consideration. We will keep you posted and are happy to share our application and experience with any other Grange that might want to apply next time.

Looking ahead - we are already gearing up for our awesome fair on Saturday September 16 from 10-3. Where else can you sit in a Lemonade Garden (like a Beer Garden, but no beer) and sip a large cool cup of lemonade and listen to live music with fellow Grangers for a total cost of 50 cents? Back again this year: we will open the Fair at 10 am with live bagpipes from the Talcott Mountain Highlanders! Hearing the sound of bagpipes rolling across the farm fields and throughout our little Grange Fair is not to be missed. We also have Irish step dancing and so much more. Hope to see you there!



Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghhannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 26: Meeting at Taghhannuck Grange, 7:30 P.M.

Mountain County held its last conferral of the Fifth Degree for Inspection at our May 8 meeting with Cindy Charbonneau as inspecting Deputy. We thank her and Brother Bob for trekking to Winchester from Meriden on a Monday night.

Our next meeting will be held at Taghhannuck Grange Hall just off of Route 4 in the Ellsworth section of Sharon (Dunbar Rd.). There are few turns on the trip out to Sharon but the scenery is well worth the trip (as is the Grange meeting at the other end). Please join us. We would love to see you.

For those members of Pomona who have not been to a meeting in a while and are not certain of what will be happening with their memberships come October, the answer is simple. All members who are currently on the rolls of Mountain County Pomona will automatically become members of the new Pomona which has jurisdiction over your particular Subordinate Grange. Additionally, all members of the new members become Charter Members of these Pomonas as they are being created

under brand new charters. It's an exciting time for the long-term health of Connecticut's Pomona Granges and we would love to see more of our members become more active in the organization.

The excitement for new Pomonas is bittersweet as it also means that Mountain County Pomona, as it has existed for the last 129 years will close come October 31. The memories of Mountain County will still be there, of course. If we are all able to carry the "spirit" of Mountain County to our new Pomona(s), then the new Pomonas will be that much more successful. Our Pomona has a long and storied run that will go down in Grange history as a training ground for many of Connecticut's leaders through the decades. The names of Beecher, Prelli, Peck, Ives, and many others are examples of the great people who have risen through the ranks to become leaders in the Pomona, State and National Granges.

Our last meeting as a Pomona will be held on September 11. The location will be determined at our June 26 meeting and will be printed here in the following Granger issue. We would love to close the Pomona with a full hall that

evening.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

June 13: Election of Officers, Ref. Shirley Lemieux

JUNE 18: STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, 2:30 P.M., Grange Hall

June 27: Dads & Strawberries, Ref. Potluck at 6 P.M.

July 11: Vacation Time-Country Store, Ref. Sue Kline & Bill LaTulipe

July 25: Is It Hot or Cold, Ref. Men- Todd Gelineau, Chr.

We start this column with a thank you to a friend of Winchester Grange. For many years (at least 20), Mr. John Dwan, owner

of Winsted Super Saver has generously supplied the Strawberries for our Strawberry Festival on credit until after our Festival was held. All we had to do was stop in or give him a call and we would be certain the berries would arrive at his store two days before Father's day, ready for hulling. Even before he handled the strawberries for Winchester, he worked with Marion Beecher to supply much of the food used in the old Mountain County Food Booth at the Connecticut Agricultural Fair at very affordable prices. Early this spring it was announced that Mr. Dwan would be retiring and

closing his store in Winsted. He greatly deserves the rest and we wish him well in his retirement. We have a relationship with a different hometown grocer and the festival will go on this year without a hitch.

All of this leads perfectly into a pitch for our June 18 Strawberry Festival at the Grange Hall in Winchester Center beginning at 2:30. We serve the area's largest servings of Strawberry Shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and just-in-time fresh whipped cream. Dine-in or take-out. Join us for a Winchester Center tradition!

Taghhannuck Citizen of the Year



We all had a great time at our Citizen of the Year dinner last night. We honored Bob Bauer from Kent as our Citizen of the Year with the Grange certificate and paper weight. He also received a Legislative Citation from the Connecticut General Assembly.

Plant & Rummage Sale in Sharon



Taghhannuck Grange in Sharon, CT is happy to announce that we will again feature the vast array of plants, both flowers and vegetables, as part of our annual fund raising rummage sale. Many people come long distances for our plant sale alone. We have a large variety of flowers and vegetables at very good value. This year our rummage includes exceptional donations of clothing (14-16), housewares, knitting, crystal and much more. On Saturday, June 3rd from 9am to 2 pm at the Sharon Grange Hall which is located on 7 Dunbar Road, off Route #4 behind Ellsworth Hill Farm the Grange will be holding a Rummage sale inside the hall and a plant sale outside the hall. The plant sale features large healthy plants ready for your garden including heirloom varieties. The rummage sale has something for everyone at bargain prices.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Hall on Tuesday, May 30th and Wednesday, May 31st from 10am to noon. We also will receive donations Thursday evening June 1st from 6pm to 7 pm. Everything should be clean and in working order. Please no furniture or televisions. If you can not donate during the posted hours or have any questions about the sale call Brent Prindle at (860) 364-5373. All funds raised benefit our numerous community service projects, donations, and future programs and activities of Taghhannuck Grange including the Dictionary Project where we give dictionaries to each 3rd grade student in the towns of Sharon, Cornwall, Warren and Kent. This year we also gave out copies of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Take Dad Out For Dessert!

Winchester Grange STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL


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New Haven County Pomona No. 5

Cheshire #23
Wallingford #35



Since December 4, 1888

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5*Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch*

June 12: Regular Meeting at Cheshire, 7:30 P.M.; Program: "Young at Heart"

By the time you read this article, we will have held our last Fifth Degree, our last Inspection of Pomona with Donald Lanoue, Master.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

June 7: Election of Officers, Memorial Program, Potluck 6:30

June 21: June National Holidays

We recently honored several members with 50 and 60 year member certificates at our awards night in April. Others were mailed to our out of state members. It is always a pleasant exercise to remember our Brothers and Sisters who have served the Grange over these many years.

Our annual Ballroom Fever Dance Program was held in early May with many dance demonstrations and audience participation. The CWA Committee presented a very informative program in May with Cheshire's Animal Control Officer speaking to us. Attendees brought in items for their use in the shelter. A Teacup Auction followed the program.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33*Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach*

June 8: "Summer" Program: Dan. Ref: Marcia

June 22: Election of Officers and Planning Meeting.

Meetings in March:

March 9 – Janet Haller put on a CWA program titled "Down on the Farm". We learned what state programs, projects: grange trust fund, scholarship fund and camp Berger Maintenance fund, My Sisters Place and contests: NE Needlework will be for this year. Did a word find out of this year's themes. Also had a round-about reading by picking a topic by opening an egg from a basket of Easter Eggs that contained topics from this year's programs, projects and contests. At our April 27 meeting we will bake some oatmeal cookies using this year's state recipe.

March 23 – Jim

Lamoureux put on this meeting's program titled: "Connecticut Maple Sugaring". The traditional sugaring season in Connecticut runs from early February to late March. The ideal weather for the sugaring season is warm sunny days for maple trees to start yielding sap and yet stop the sap at night when the temperature drops below freezing. The sap is a colorless liquid that contains about 2 to 4 percent sugar. The sugar-makers as the maple syrup producers are called collect this sap and boil it down. Usually it takes about 40 gallons of raw syrup to get 1 gallon of maple syrup. Once the season begins the sugar-makers work at it almost around the clock since the sap will keep flowing during the season and it needs to be boiled down as soon as possible because otherwise it will spoil.

April 13 – Meeting was canceled due to the holiday.

April 27 – Janet Haller sent out the ad information for our fair in September. We also talked about the upcoming Mother's Day Flower and Plant sale on Saturday May 13th, the day before Mother's day. We plan on having the sale from 8am to 1pm. Dan reported that the upper hall was used by his sailing group so they could spread out and check out their sails for the upcoming sailing season. A "Baking" program by Daniel Lauttenbach. Rather than trying to come up with something to bake, I decided on whipping up a batch of oatmeal cookies using this year's CWA's recipe. I found that there was fair amount of ingredients but it was easy to do and towards the end you had to have a strong arm to get them all finally mixed. Using the Grange's gas range at the recommend temperature they baked fast. I found that you have to watch them just before they are ready to be sure they are not burning. So the first batch had a few dark bottoms and tops but I like them that way anyway and so did more than a few members; especially

because they were fresh out of the oven. I used an actual tablespoon measurement to place them on cookie sheets so they made at

least 2 dozen plus cookies. There were three spices that you normally don't find in regular oatmeal cookies and everyone remarked

that they had a nice flavor and tasted that they tasted good.

Cheshire learns about Animal Control



At Cheshire Grange's May 17 meeting, CWA Chairman, Jane Miller, presented Cheshire's Animal Control Officer, April Leiler, a check plus goodies donated by members for both dogs and cats. All learned a lot about her duties and the animals that come through her facility.



Jeff and Andrea Dunn joined Cheshire Grange's Kent and Lu Marshall to show off their dancing skills at the May Grange meeting



These bright table/tray favors have been delivered to Cheshire's Marbridge to help cheer up the residents.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Grange Essentials: Visibility & Communications

By Terri Fassio, PR Co-Director

Visibility is vital to the success of the Granges across Connecticut. You may have heard "I see the building every day but never knew what it is used for," or "Aren't they a group of farmers?" No matter how important you personally feel the Grange is to your community, you should not expect that everybody will know what the Grange is, or even know that the Grange exists.

The more visibility the Grange has, the more positive community support it will attract, the more pride the membership will have in the organization, and ultimately the more members it will gain. It's a simple formula.


Communication is essential to Grange success, both internally and externally. Favorable media exposure means recognition in the community, acknowledgement of Grange activities, services and accomplishments and a higher profile of your Grange among potential members. Internally, it will help build pride in membership that will grow a more successful Grange. From building awareness and credibility to supporting fund-raising efforts, well-executed public relations efforts can make the difference between achieving the Grange's goals or falling desperately short of them.

Granges need to explore different communications methods, and implementation strategies that will deliver the greatest impact. With a little advance preparation, each Grange can ensure that they are ready for any community opportunity that comes along.


Central Pomona Degree Conferral



Central Pomona conferred the 5th Degree with a special trio on the Executive Comm: P.V. Delegate Robert Sendewicz, Mildred Bell, and State Ex. Comm - Ruel Miller. As someone said, "A Rose Between Two Thorns."



New London County Pomona No. 6

Senexet #40	Killingly #112	
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138	
Colchester #78	Lyme #147	
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168	
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172	
Preston City #110	Groton #213	

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NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
June 1: "Local Parks and Recreation"- Pachaug Grange Hall

At our June meeting our Lecturer, Anne Marie Knochenhauer will tell us all about the amenities to be found at some of our local parks.

Please don't forget to bring your needlework to Norwich Grange at 1:00 on June 4th for the Pomona judging.

As summer approaches and the weather gets warm,

And we struggle to get into bathing suit form,

Please come to Pomona to hear where to play,

And find the most fun on a warm summer day.

SENEXT GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller
June 21: Picnic at 6 P.M.
June 10: Tag Sale

We continue to work to upgrade the hall. At our last meeting we voted to be part of the town wide tag sale on June 10 and will try to sell items we no longer use as well as have members set up tables to sell.

We discussed having fundraisers to use locally grown fruits in season.

The Happy Herdsmen 4H continues to meet in our hall as well as the local AARP.

The upstairs is being used to do some work by a private firm to restore an organ and pipes.

We welcome visits on the 3rd Wednesday.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno
June 5: Elections. Cookie Contest.
June 19: Dairy Month-Speaker, Graces
July 3: Before 4th- Chili for RWB
July 17: Picnic- Eat out 6 P.M. Somewhere?
Aug. 7: Summer Fun-Speaker

All meetings have been held and at the May 1st meeting, 10 members were present. Joan Perry sat in for Linda Harkens,

Overseer. Joan is Master of Senexet Grange #40. Several other officers were absent. The Baking Contest is coming up June 5th. The recipe in the Blue Book can be received from the Lecturer or Master of your Grange.

Killingly's Silent Auction will be held on June 30. Businesses in the area have been notified and contacted. If interested call Nancy Arena at 860-455-5083.

We will again be participating in the town-wide Tomato Festival in September. We all look forward to that event as it involves lots of children who decorate tomatoes. Fun time.

Dairy Month is upcoming. Make a goodie with something of a dairy product in it such as a cake (milk), cookies (butter), pie crust (butter). So far this is the third copy I have made and corrected, deleted or added to. Looking out my window I see a lovely branch of apple blossoms from a small tree. I always try to look on the bright side. By this time I should know how to do this report. Maybe next month? The sun is shining.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
June 9: "Variety is the Spice of Life"
June 23: "All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy"

We were happy to welcome State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt and State CWA member Mary Lou Raymond to our meeting on April 28. Marge helped us present awards to our Community Citizen, Mike Riley, President of the North Stonington Agricultural Fair, and longtime members Charlie Burger III (40 years) and Jeff Barnes and Michael Ames (Silver Star). We laughed as Jeff portrayed Mike struggling to get through a typical fair; and a few of us were entranced to hear the call of a whip-poor-will outside our hall.

There will be a short program on spices at our June 9 meeting; but the important business of the evening will be election of officers. On June 23 we will hold our annual picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and soda are provided by the Grange. Please bring a dish to share. Sue will have lots of games for the youngsters; and we oldsters can sit around and watch the sun set over the fairgrounds and listen to the laughter. Festivities begin at 6:30 under the pavilion. Please come. And if those darn gypsy moths will just move out into the Atlantic Ocean, next time we'll tell you all about the merry month of May.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow
July 6: Fireworks & Sparklers
Aug. 3: Picnic at 6:30, Getting Ready for the Fair
Sept. 7: Installation & Congrats to our new officers

The weather cooperated for our May meeting. We have a campaign to collect ratty towels, blankets, leashes, collars and food for the Old Lyme Animal Rescue Shelter, as requested by CWA Director Irene Percoski. As the Steward's charge in the first degree directs, we are protecting animals. We are sure doing that. The response has been wonderful.

Our Overseer, Kathy Tefft, has been sick with pneumonia and now has a broken foot which will require surgery.

Hamburg Fair plans are well underway.

The Town of Lyme held a "Come to Volunteer Day" at the firehouse in Hamburg. Lyme Grange had a wonderful display Showing the public all the things the Grange does and volunteers needed for our Fair.

Three people signed up as prospective Grange members and 15 signed up to volunteer at the Fair. We are very grateful and need all the help available.

In May, our food and plant sale on the same day as the Church's rummage sale should produce more items for the animal shelter as the church folks have said we could have leftovers from the rummage sale.

Neighbor's Nights aren't what they used to be. No one came. People do not realize what they are missing by not visiting.

Colchester Grange plans trip to California



The Colchester Grange is happy to announce a new trip and an exciting way to celebrate the New Year.

California New Year's Getaway featuring the Tournament of Roses Parade December 29, 2017-January 2, 2018

Colchester Grange #78 is promoting an exciting trip while supporting the local scholarship fund for Bacon Academy.

The trip includes: Pick-up in Colchester, round trip Air from Bradley, hotel transfers, viewing of the floats in their final stage of decorating, attend Bandfest featuring the bands that will perform in the parade, special New Year's celebrating, and enjoy reviewing the parade in your reserved seating. Cost is \$2,829--book now and save \$100 cost per double \$2,729 per person. Contact Cathy Russi for more information 870-887-9621 or crussi45@sbcglobal.net. Deposits are due by July 25, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me : Cathy Russi; crussi45@sbcglobal.net or 860-887-9621

Thank you for coming



Joanne Cipriano
 Social Connection Director
 Social@ctstategrange.org

In the last Granger I said we would report on our "Around the World" Dinner. I also said I hope everyone will be saying they had a good time. I think that statement is true. We had a good variety of food from different countries, a good attendance and a fun program.

Our menu included: Ziti and Meatballs prepared by Chef Barbara Robert, Polenta by Maureen and Phil Prelli, Italian dish by Patty Tarca,

Irish Stew Pat Fischer, Spanish Rice Jean Meehan, Philippines Dish Beverly Percoski, Rippchen mit sour kraut Judi Reynolds, Stuffed cabbage Harriet Sawczuk, French Meat Pies Georgette Bisson, Queso Dee'as Marcia Gaspar, Portuguese Marco Gasper, Swedish Meatballs Linea Erickson and Mac and Cheese Eloise Osuch.

The desserts and breads were prepared or donated by Carol Swanson, Joanne Ritchie, Tracey Marsala, Jodi Ann Cameron, Barbara Robert, Carole Mancini and Cindy Legg.

One of the numbers on the program was "Last Man Standing or Majority Rules". We had to change the name as the winners were two ladies Maureen Prelli and Jaimie Cameron. Marcia Gasper was the most co-ordinated in that contest, Ruel Miller and Pat Bisson were the only ones who knew the words to the song "Around the World."

And we found that Wesley Dymonk knew how to tell time.

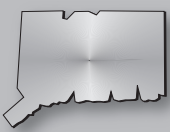
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Beacon Valley #103	Bridgewater #153
Bethlehem #121	Wolcott #173
Prospect #144	Oxford #194



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BEACON VALLEY #103*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Time to celebrate again. On June 9th we will be celebrating our 128th anniversary. Meeting starts at 7:30 not our usual time of 7:00. This will be an open meeting with everyone invited.

We have many members getting membership awards. Pat Bisson 65 years, Connie Brush 60 years, Thelma and Joseph Wojtczak 60 years, Joan Reed 55 years, Franklin Behlman III 65 years and Michael Kirk 40 years.

We will also be holding our "Citizen of the Year" for Omari Solomon.

We miss our Secretary Gloria Meholik who had hip surgery. She is back at home recuperating. We miss her and hope she will be back at our meetings soon. Also on our sick list is Charles Brush. He has been in and out of the hospital. We wish him well.

We have been having monthly "Open Mics." Our next one is June 17th. Any questions, please contact Ron Fischer. Come and enjoy the music or participate and enjoy a snack with us.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121*Corr: Al Maddox*

June 26: 7:30 P.M. Meeting

On April 25 we honored Vera Rosa as our Citizen of the Year with 75 Grange members and townspeople present. Years of membership were recognized. Joe Shupasin presented the program.

Our baking contest was held at our May 22 meeting and a Memorial Service was held.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153*Corr: Charles Perry*

The Bridgewater Grange gave a Community Service Award to Scott Benjamin and the Roxbury Running Club. The award ceremony was on Friday April 28th at 7:30 PM at Saint Marks Church in Bridgewater Connecticut. The Bridgewater Grange meets there for meetings, dinners and special events.

Nancy Macsio and Dean

Perry of the Bridgewater Grange awarded the Grange Community Service Award for 2017 to Scott Benjamin. They also presented two public service awards from congresswoman Elizabeth Esty. One was for Scott Benjamin and the other for the Roxbury Running Club. They have done a fine job running a series of 40 something fun runs and races through the years. They also give back to the community. They have donated money to various local high school track and cross country teams. They have helped organize fund raising races for the Cancer Society, research for autism and juvenile diabetes and Lyme Disease Awareness. They also raise money for local park improvements and a local soup kitchen, Loaves and Fishes.

The Roxbury Runners meet at Hurlburt Park in Roxbury every Saturday morning at 8:30 for a fun run/race series with distances from 2.4 to 11 miles. They also have a half marathon and full marathon in the Fall.

OXFORD GRANGE #194*Corr: Robert Buck*

June 2: Election of Officers (2 year terms)

June 16: Painting Party

Now that the fund raising is done for the handicapped ramp, and hopefully construction has started by the time this goes to press, we should soon see this project completed for the betterment of the Oxford Grange. Our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off in April was wildly successful and raised over \$600.00. Thanks to all our supporters and helpers who worked, cooked chili, and brought food to share. Donations received and earmarked for the ramp total almost \$1700.00.

We still hold occasional open mic programs, but the newest entertainment project the Grange has become involved in is called G.O.M.A.D., short for Grange of Oxford Music and Dance Party. It is a continuation of B.E.M.A.D., started years ago by dance caller Billy Fischer of Bethany. It is held the

last Friday of every month 7:30 PM, and goes to about 11:00 PM. Attendance has been impressive, and interest in the Grange inspiring. Almost \$250.00 in donations to the Grange were made at the event in March, and many were asking how they can help the Grange.

In May on the weekend of the 19th-21st, the Grange once again hosted part of the Oxford Cultural Arts Commission's Festival of Arts, Culture, and Entertainment. This is a long running weekend long festival highlighting the visual arts, music, poetry, and comedy. The

participants are first rate entertainers, the art show at Stephen Church Memorial Town Hall is spectacular, and the entire event quite enjoyable. Among the organizers are Commission members and Grangers Dorothy Peebles-Pelley, as well as Karen and Martin Earley.

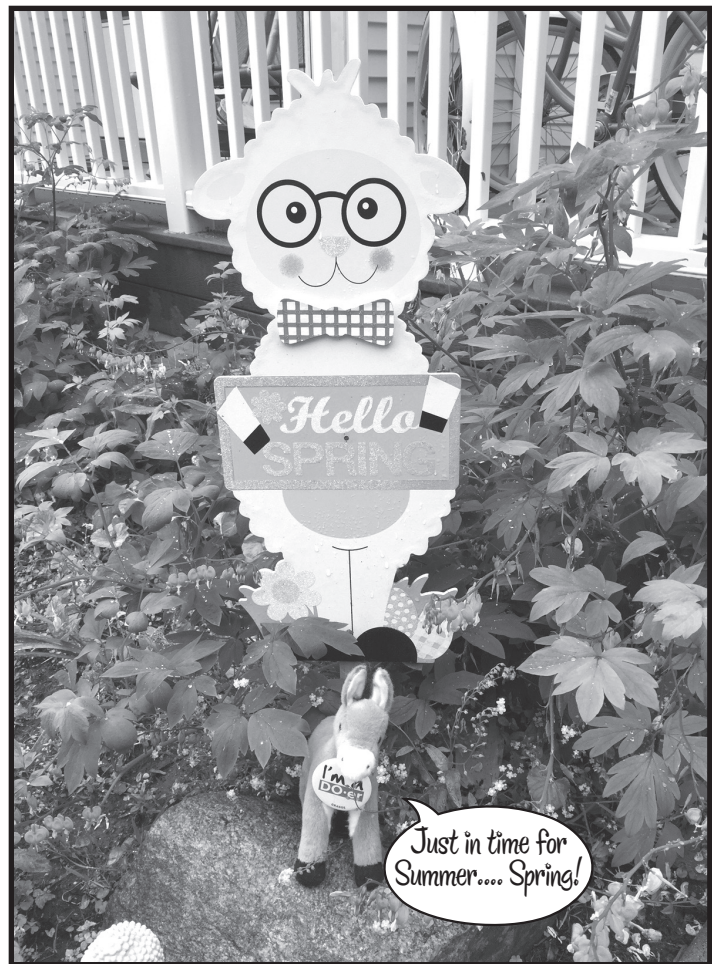
**by Hank the Burro**

Hello Grange Friends!

We ended April by attending the Fiddlers Concert at Hillstown Grange. It was great to see Chief Ken Smith out and about at 95 years young! We won on the raffle too.

We then had a nice Mother's Day in May with the family! I may have filled my Easter basket with an egg or two. I am excited for the upcoming Let's Celebrate Day on June 11th at Cheshire Grange Hall - will you be attending?

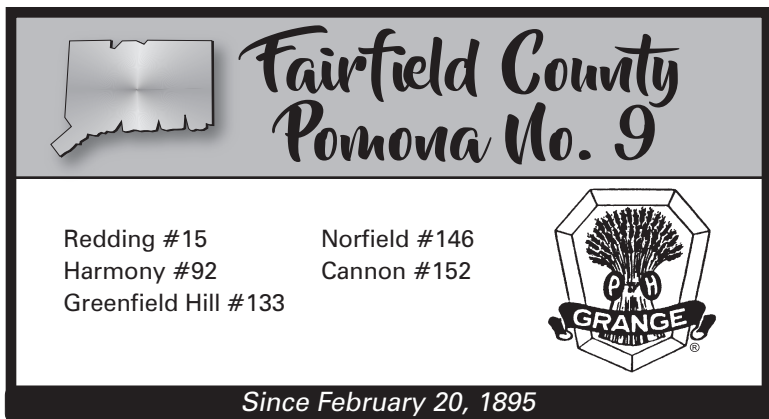
Be sure to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. You never know where we will visit! Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



Oxford's Community Citizen



Last night at our regular meeting, we presented Selectman Jeff Haney with the 2017 Community Citizen Award for all his work for the town of Oxford. He built a new dog pound in the last couple of years, and now is building us a handicapped ramp. All his labor is donated-for us, we pay just the materials cost. The picture shows Jeff, Master Maggie Buck, and Treasurer Raye Hodgson. Jeff was unable to make the chili cook-off when we wanted to make the presentation to a much more impressive crowd. However, he was pleasantly surprised and appreciative of the award. He certainly deserves the award. Thank you Jeff for all you do for Oxford!



**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133

Since February 20, 1895

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Marge Sendewicz
June 7: 6 P.M. Potluck Supper. Hosts- Cannon & Redding, 7:30 P.M. Meeting

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz
June 12: Father's Day
June 26: Graduation

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Lori Burany & Jim Golias

Our April meeting brought in four new members. Our welcoming ceremony was presented by Bob and Marge Sendewicz of the Redding Grange.

Our Secretary Cindy Wakeman cooked up a welcome dinner prior to the cemetery, and it was delicious. Thank you! We welcome our new members -- Tony, Pat, Bill, and Nancy.

The Grange hall was filled with old and new treasures when we held our "Pitch it Flea Market" on April 22. Many thanks to member Stephanie Thompson for donating the profits from her table to the Grange.

A Mid-Spring Buffet dinner is planned for May 20. The menu includes Chicken Francaise, Buttered Noodles, Stuffed Cabbage, vegetables, dessert, and more.

For info call Jim 203-259-8023. Also, a barbecue is planned for June 3, 2017. For info on BBQ call Cindi Wakeman 203-243-1887.

Best wishes for a happy Spring. Happy Planting!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

June 1: Business Meeting & Election of Officers (Cannon members only)

June 15: Legislative Program - Our state legislators join for a Wrap-Up of the recent Legislative Session in Hartford

July 6: Business Meeting

July 20: Business Meeting

Aug. 27: Agricultural Fair (10 AM - 4 PM)

Our headline celebration of Grange Month on April 20th featured our very own Pam Lillis who gave a terrific program on Small Batch Canning. Pam

expertly worked her way in the kitchen sharing all the ins and outs of creating a rhubarb-strawberry compote before the eyes of a rapt audience. We saw how much fun, and actually, how easy it is to do small batch canning. Pam shared with us the equipment and supplies necessary to make a successful and healthy batch, including recipes. We hope to feature Pam in future canning events in our kitchen for the public throughout the months ahead. Pam is a certified nutritionist and health coach and we are fortunate to have her as a member at Cannon Grange!

Also, as part of our Healthy Living themed programs this year, Grange Month was celebrated with continuation of Tai Chi classes on Wednesday mornings (10:30 AM) and evenings (7 PM) led by our very own Bil Mikulewicz. Bil is a certified Tai Chi instructor and he is expertly sharing his knowledge of balance and relaxation.

All classes are \$5 each and attendees can simply drop in. Come and give it a try! We have children and older adults enjoying Tai Chi.

Two of our members are busy in their respective greenhouses raising tomato plants for sale. BillieSue Hollingsworth reports she has more than 300 plants going, and Don Offinger reports his greenhouse has more than 1600 plants.

Our Legislative program on June 15th will be coordinated by Gail Lavielle, our State Representative and member of Cannon Grange. This wrap-up session will have lots of interesting updates from the budget process, transportation issues, sales tax and more. This program always attracts a large audience to hear from our local state representatives and state senator. We're appreciative of Gail's efforts in hosting this event.

And of course, we invite all to attend our 85th Agricultural Fair on Sunday, August 27th. Lots of fun activities for the family are planned. We hope to see you then!

Greenfield Hill Grange #133



Greenfield Hill held its "Pitch It Flea Market" on April 22. Above, a customer looks over the items on a vendor's table.

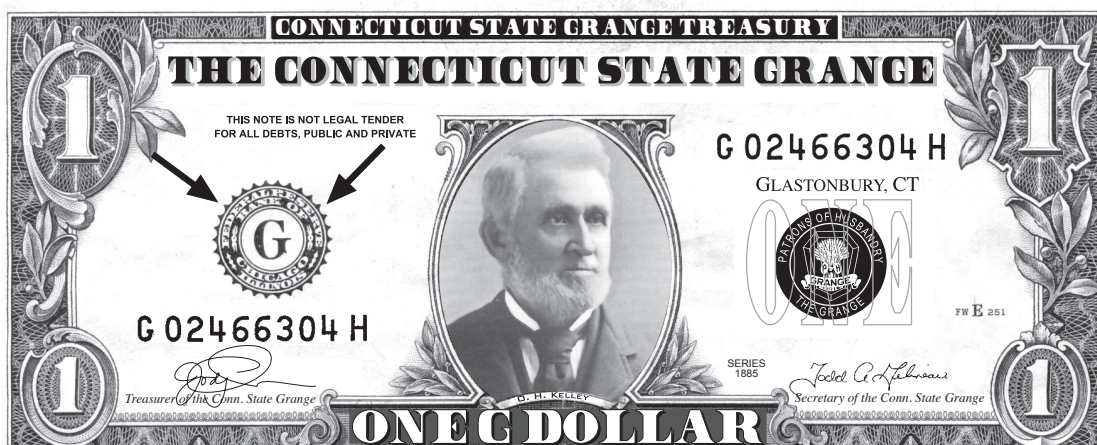


Above, customers peruse the vinyl album offerings... they're making a comeback!



The Grange Hall was filled to the brim!

G Note Leader Board



Keep looking for those G-Notes and help us defray the cost of future National Grange conventions.

Write a resolution



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
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officials. You could also show your support of other organizations, projects, and special recognitions by using resolutions.

Resolutions need to be written in specific way. You first should have a title. The next section is the WHEREAS sections. This is where you list concerns and details educating the readers about the topic you are writing about. The next section is the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED sections. This is where you state what actions you wish to happen. This section should be able to stand alone when the WHEREAS sections are removed. It needs to state the topic of concern and the recommended actions. If it is a national issue and you wish it to go to National Grange state that in one of the resolved sections.

If you need any help with your resolutions you can contact any member of the Legislative Committee. There is also information on how to write a resolution on the Grange Website, ctstategrange.org. Look under Grange Information – State Grange Information – How to Write a Resolution. (<http://www.ctstategrange.org/HowtoWriteResolution.asp>)

Now is the time to start working on your resolutions for the next State Grange Session. Remember that all resolutions that you plan on sending to State Grange need to be sent from your local Granges to your Pomona Grange for action before being sent on to State Grange. The deadline for submitting resolutions to State Grange is September 15th. Many Granges and Pomona’s limit their meetings during the summer months and waiting too long may not allow enough time to pass the resolutions through proper channels. This also allows resolutions to be considered by a larger audience and to educate others on the intent of your resolution.

Your resolutions do not need to be only of a state or national issue. Resolutions concerning local issues may be presented by your local Granges to your local

Plan to be in Spokane

Please join us for the 151st Annual Convention of the National Grange hosted by the Western Region! Come join your Grange friends from across the nation at the RL Hotel (Red Lion) at the Park located in Spokane, Washington November 7-11, 2017.

Sign-up before September 1st and save \$5 with the early bird registration. Online registration ends October 20th. See you in Spokane!

Please visit the National Grange website for full details.

Hotel: RL Hotel (Red Lion) at the Park Hotel, 303 W. North Drive, Spokane, WA 99201; (509) 326-8000.



Karen Mowad accepts a donation from Girl Scout Troop 64701 who donated \$300 to Wolcott Grange #173. They were thanked by the Grange for their generous support.

Ekonk Community Jr. Grange



We went to Stonewall Farm in Keen, New Hampshire for their annual sap run. 7 Juniors and their families went. We saw teams of horses sledding through the woods collecting the sap buckets. (Filled with water for then event.) They also have a dairy farm. It was worth the drive!

Plant Seeds for the Future

Consider leaving a planned gift for the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc.* The size of your gift does not matter. What matters is that we all participate and support the future of the Grange!

Please contact us if you need assistance.

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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.

This Month



Last Month



We had a number of responses to the May Window to the Past photo:

From Janet Bell Wilcox: "The picture in the May 2017 issue is four generations of Grange members – my late grandmother, Lea Hourigan, a former member of Meriden Grange, my mother, Mildred Bell, a member of Southington Grange (she will be 100 in December), my late sister, June Bell Fiondella who was a member of Southington Grange, and her daughter (my niece), Kim Fiondella Relihan, also a member of Southington Grange."

From Carole Crudi: "This month's picture in the Connecticut Granger is four generations of a family. They are right to left: Lea Hourigan, Mildred Hourigan Bell, June Bell Fiondella, and Kim Fiondella. Mildred is Lea's daughter, June is Mildred's daughter and Kim is June's daughter! – Carole Crudi (also a daughter of Mildred).

We also heard from Bill Bell and Janet Haller.



June ushers in Blueberry season in New England. Blueberries are a versatile fruit, and appear in recipes from muffins to cakes, smoothies to salads, and more! The Blueberry Council is a great source of recipes for this tasty treat. This recipe for Blueberry Thyme Scones is a great idea for Grange refreshments or potlucks!

Blueberry Thyme Scones

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons cold butter, cut in small pieces
1 cup frozen blueberries
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/4 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
1/2 – 2/3 cup milk
1 egg, lightly beaten

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using pastry cutter, or two knives, cut in butter until mixture is size of very coarse crumbs. Stir in blueberries, thyme leaves, lemon zest and cracked black pepper. Stir in 1/2 cup milk until mixture just holds together, add remaining milk if mixture is too dry.

On lightly floured surface knead dough and shape into an 8-inch circle, about 1-inch thick. Cut into 8 wedges and transfer to prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with beaten egg and bake 20 minutes or until tops are golden.

Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Transfer to wire rack and cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature.

YIELD: 8 scones

SOURCE: <http://www.blueberrycouncil.org/blueberry-recipe/blueberry-thyme-scones/>



Welcome the Stranger



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"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

One of the biggest differences between the culture of Biblical times and our modern western culture is in hospitality to strangers. In at least a dozen places, scripture tells us to welcome strangers, and until recently this was a mandate for almost all cultures in the Middle East, whether Muslim, Christian, or Jewish. In Leviticus we read: "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for

you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God". This is reinforced in Deuteronomy, where we are told: "You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

A famous example of showing hospitality to strangers is found in the 18th chapter of Genesis, where we find Abraham resting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day when he looked up and saw three strangers standing nearby. He instantly ran from his tent to greet them and urged them to join him for something to eat and to drink. Unbeknownst to him these were messengers from God, and they brought blessing upon Abraham and Sarah his wife. But Abraham had no way of knowing that such blessing was forthcoming from his actions. He was merely following the customs of his time and his culture.

JesustellsusinMatthew: "You have heard that it was

said, 'you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you.." In telling the parable of the Good Samaritan He shows another example of kindness to strangers, even those who might be considered enemies. Jews and Samaritans generally despised each other at this time in history, but the Samaritan in the story showed great kindness, generosity, and brotherly love to the stranger Jew he found robbed and beaten. Paul tells us, in Romans: "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." And in the Letter to the Hebrews we read: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

It is of great sadness to me that we, today, have moved so far away from these ancient Biblical standards of hospitality.

In Memoriam

Richard MacRobbie
Coventry Grange #75

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

See you in Castleton!



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The 102nd Annual Northeast Grange Lecturers' Conference will open on Monday, July 31st at 3:30 p.m. at Castleton University in Castleton, Vermont. Castleton is about 20 minutes west of Rutland. Most of us will be able to make it in less than four hours. Registration will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Connecticut's attendance has been slipping the last few years and I hope people can make it up to Vermont. It is a nice picturesque ride. I recommend stopping at the Vermont Country Store while in Vermont for a chance to reminisce about the days gone by.

The theme of the conference is "School Days". Connecticut's program is on Phys Ed. We will present it on Tuesday. Other programs include Geography, Arithmetic, Drivers Ed, Home Schooling, Technology and Vocational Ed. Come and learn and enjoy time with friends.

Spirit Night will be held Tuesday night with shakers, noise makers and lots of Good Grange Spirit. Workshops will include Getting To Know You, Technology, Crafts, Wellness, Agricultural Ed, Meditation, and Sign Language. Maps and complete information will be sent to all who register. Everyone should have received their information by now. If you want to come but didn't get it, please let me know and I will get it right out to you.

Hope to see you around the State and in Vermont.



Oliver Hudson Kelley

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