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From the Master's Desk



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As I write, fall is beginning with shorter days and cooler nights. The trees aren't so much turning color yet as losing leaves due to earlier periods of low rainfall. It brings to mind the season of Harvest as represented in the Third Degree of the Order. Likewise, fair season is upon us and I have been to the Hamburg Fair and Greenfield Hill Grange #133 Fair. For about ten years now, I have been helping out the folks at Greenfield Hill by displaying antique items of interest to the fair goers. It seems to attract curiosity and attention and I enjoy talking to people.

In my corner of the state, Cheshire, Cannon, Harmony, Norfield, and Wallingford Granges have had their fairs (plus some others in other areas) and I apologize for being unable to attend. Like Greenfield Hill, they show products from the garden, edible and decorative, as well as baked goods. Hank was eyeing the cakes at the Hamburg Fair. I had to remind him that equines don't eat wheat! Activities for kids, dinners, arts and crafts, rummage sales and contests round out these community events. I

want to thank all the hard work of Grangers for these fairs that spread the name of the Grange across Connecticut. May look forward to coming to out fairs every year.

I have just completed my first weekend working in the New England Grange Building and had a great time. I enjoyed the camaraderie of Claire and Steve Logan from Rhode Island, Judy and Jim Meserve as well as Mike

Griffin, all from Maine, and our own Noel Miller, building manager. We sold quite a bit of goods over the weekend. Ted Powell and Noel built a platform (Thank you gentlemen!) for the vaccination booth (RSV, Influenza, and COVID) which was part of a National Grange partnership with Merck. They set up a ten by twenty foot space outside the Grange Building in which vaccines were administered by trained pharmacists. Well over a hundred were administered each

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A history of the Connecticut Building

As another Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) comes to a close we thought it would be appropriate to explore the origins of the Connecticut Building on the Avenue of the States. The following history of this building was written for "Today in Connecticut History."

One of the most enduring and beloved examples of New England regionalism is the annual Eastern States Exposition fair, colloquially known as "The Big E." Whereas most other states in the U.S. feature their own state fairs in the summer or fall seasons, the Big E represents all six New England states in one giant, multi-week event that ranks among America's largest annual fairs, both in size and attendance. First held in 1916, the Eastern States Exposition began as a showcase of agricultural innovation with the hopes of encouraging young people to work in farm-related careers. Today, over 100 years later,



The Connecticut Building

the 17-day extravaganza, located on the expansive fairgrounds in West Springfield, Mass., still features agricultural shows and contests alongside tourism booths, a recreated 19th century New

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day of the first three days. I got my flu vaccine and the new COVID booster. These are covered by insurance (Medicare or private) though the uninsured would not be turned away.

The Grange building also has a new 70" TV on the stage, thanks to Glenn Gibson, President of the Massachusetts State Grange. It runs a continuous loop of videos

submitted by the northeastern Granges. Thanks to Terri Fassio for assembling the Connecticut video on rather short notice. There was also a table with materials on the ACP, Affordable Connectivity Program, another National Grange partnership, this one with the Oregon Institute for a Better Way. ACP aims to provide reduced rate or free internet to those meeting eligibility requirements. This is a great community service. Our National Grange President Betsy Huber was in attendance at the Big E over the weekend to launch this program.

As the Grange tries to attract new members, there are a growing number of membership categories: adult, junior, junior+1, affiliate, associate, family and student. Some of these we don't get much of here in Connecticut such as the associate one. The family membership has caused some confusion, and I won't go into detail here but advise you to check the yellow information page distributed by Secretary Todd Gelineau. You can also check the National Grange Digest of Laws for definitions of these categories. Digests are in the possession of all Granges.

Some of the newer and reorganized Granges have asked about conducting Grange business in between meetings when tough

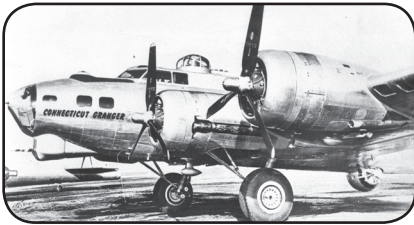
situations arise. This is what your Executive Committee is for. The Committee should be three elected members with staggered terms and the President of the Grange. They can consult between regular meetings to take care of issues with your buildings like repairs and bill payments. This will also avoid Grange members making unilateral decisions in the name of the entire Grange and thus forcing expenditure of Grange funds without proper approvals of the membership.

I continue to visit Granges and appreciate that no two Granges operate exactly the same. Some are more into the ritual and some not so much. Some meet in formal setup mode and some less formal. However, across the board, I see dedicated Grangers doing projects and fundraisers, proud of their Granges, and having fun with each other. Sure, there a few frictions between people at times, but I hope we can work past these and get along by remembering our solemn pledges of honor. For some of the newer members (and even the older ones that haven't witnessed a degree recently) that have not seen all the degrees, pick up a Blue Subordinate Manual and read some of the ritual sometime, especially the Obligations. I charge anyone willing to do this and hope that many will look back over these parts.

Until next time...

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Third Degree: Chaplain



The Big E

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England village, a midway, and hundreds of food and souvenir vendors.

One of the biggest attractions of the Big E is the Avenue of the States, which features six replicas of historic state houses - one from each New England state. On September 20, 1938, Connecticut became the fifth New England state to join the Avenue of the States when Governor Wilbur Cross laid the cornerstone for the Connecticut Building, which would be modeled after the Old State House in Hartford. The Connecticut General Assembly had approved the construction of the Connecticut building the year before, with the stipulation that 2/3 of the building costs must be privately funded- a challenge handily met by groups including the Connecticut State Grange, the Farm Bureau, and other community organizations.

The Connecticut Building opened to the public in 1939, only to be closed two years later when it- and much of the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds- was commandeered by the U.S. military and used as training grounds during World War II until 1946.

Each New England State owns both its respective state house building and the land it sits on along the Avenue of States, and Connecticut is no exception- during the 17 days of the Big E fair every year, the grounds of the Connecticut Building is staffed by Connecticut state troopers. Today, the Connecticut Building serves as a state embassy of sorts, proudly showcasing Connecticut-made products and food vendors and serving as a home away from home for Connecticutans who visit the Big E.

Editor's Note: For those not familiar with the Big E, the six New England Grange States own their



The New England Grange Building at the Big E.

own building on the grounds called the New England Grange Building. It's located on the Avenue of the States across Rhode Island state building. Operating for the full 17 days of the Fair, the New England Grange features its country store of

jams, jellies, sauces and dressings along with items handmade by Grange members throughout New England. The building also spotlights the New England Needlework Contests among the New England states.

Northeast Needlework Winners



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I want to make a correction for the State Contest for Latch Hook. My apologies to Judy Doyle from Riverton Grange for winning 1st Place. It was not listed in my last article. Congratulations to all of the winners who went on to the Eastern States

Exposition. By the time you are reading this, all ribbons and prize money will have been given out at State Session. If you are still looking for any of your entries, please send me a note to track in down for you.

Results of the New England Needlework Contest at the Eastern States Exposition:

- Class A - Afghans: 3rd Place
Maryalyce Lee, Cheshire Grange #23
 - Class D - 3 Piece Baby Set: 3rd Place
Shirley Moore, Riverton Grange #169
 - Class E - Plastic Canvas: 3rd Place
Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley Grange #103
 - Class F - Counted Cross Stitch: 1st Place
Mariellen Baxter, Vernon Grange #52
 - Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging: 3rd Place
Alma Graham, Coventry Grange #75
 - Class M - Craft Contest: 2nd Place
Pat Fischer, Beacon Valley Grange #103
- Congratulations to all of the award winners!



Additional State Session Resolutions

The following are resolutions received since the last issue of the Connecticut Granger and will be presented for action at the 139th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, October 19-21, 2023.

RES. #14 RE: USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING TO INSTALL GANTRIES FOR FUTURE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ON I-95 AND I-84

WHEREAS the Federal government has funding available for highway projects under the “Build Back Better Plan”, and

WHEREAS Connecticut does not have tolls to collect revenue for road repairs, and

WHEREAS installing gantries now would enable the Department of Transportation’s ability to install cameras, license plate readers, and future toll devices for cars, trucks, and electric vehicles to help pay maintenance to these highways.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Governor and State Legislature to use federal funding to install gantries for future highway projects on the entrance points of I-95 and I-84.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern CT Pomona #14

REFERRED: Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws

RES. #15 RE: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BOTTLE REDEMPTION CENTERS

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut wants people to return bottles and cans for refunds, and

WHEREAS many organizations, clubs, youth groups, civic groups, and fire departments sponsor bottle and can drives to raise money to donate back to the community, and

WHEREAS many homeless and lower income families collect bottles and cans to earn as income, and

WHEREAS many return centers at local markets do not take all bottles and cans, and a number of redemption centers have closed due to the decline of recycling exports in this country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge our Legislators to develop a plan to increase the number of bottle and can redemption centers in Connecticut to aid in the recycling of bottles and

cans to help keep our state clean.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; Eastern CT Pomona #14

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

RES. #16 RE: HEALTHCARE SECURITY

WHEREAS the recent cyber-attack on Prospect Medical Holdings crippled healthcare in the Eastern Connecticut Healthcare Network (ECHN) and healthcare in many states where Prospect has holdings, and

WHEREAS for almost a month the attack has halted many hospital services, diagnostic testing, surgeries, and access to medical records by health care providers and patients due to computer systems being down, and

WHEREAS many laboratories, diagnostic facilities and providers were forced to halt providing services, and

WHEREAS denied access to healthcare can be life altering, even life threatening, and

WHEREAS protected healthcare information has been obtained by hackers in a massive data theft, and

WHEREAS the safety of our medical records and health care computer systems are the safety of our health, and

WHEREAS the Federal Department of Health and Human Services warns that Rysida (the known worldwide cyber-extortion group) has proven itself to be a significant threat to organizations worldwide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge Congress to enact legislation requiring all health care providers and medical companies have tight security measures in place to protect the safety of healthcare, health records and that there be strict penalties in place due to negligence to comply with this law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to National Grange for their support for action.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern CT Pomona #14

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

RES. #17 RE: EMAIL DELIVERY OF CT GRANGER

WHEREAS the Connecticut Granger is mailed to every Grange member in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS postage and printing fees are increasing, and

WHEREAS many members do not receive the Connecticut Granger in a timely manner from the U. S. Postal system, and

WHEREAS many members rather read the Connecticut Granger online vs print format.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we urge the Connecticut Granger to offer an email option to all members.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern CT Pomona #14

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

RES. #18 RE: CREATION OF RECYCLING EDUCATION INCENTIVE TO CT TOWNS

WHEREAS every town in the State of Connecticut has different recycling rules, and

WHEREAS residents are constantly confused as to what can be recycled, and

WHEREAS countless money is spent to sort recycled material and many items damage recycling machines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the General Assembly to establish incentive grants to towns to establish a recycling education program which includes recycling instructions for that specific town’s recycling bins as well as educational flyers to go to every resident in the town that includes specific instructions to the town’s recycling plan.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern CT Pomona #14

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REFERRED: Agriculture/
Conservation/Environment

RES. #19 RE: AGE LIMITS IN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS the Age Discrimination Act of 1967 discriminates against employment of persons aged 40 and older which has allowed this to extend to all persons seeking government office, and

WHEREAS Americans over 60 hold many of the highest offices in the U.S. government, the average age for Senators is 64, and house members is 58, and

WHEREAS many companies and unions do have a mandatory retirement age, e.g. airline pilots is 65 as is judges in most U.S. States, and in Canada, Senators may hold office until age 75.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all government offices, whether elected or appointed, have a retirement age of 75, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no person who would attain the age of 75 during a term in office be allowed to run for that office.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern CT Pomona #14

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

RES. #20 RE: PAPER RECYCLING

WHEREAS Connecticut State law requires the recycling of three types of paper: high grade white office paper, corrugated cardboard, and newspapers; and

WHEREAS people place their paper into the recycling receptors along with all the other recyclable materials such as glass, plastic, and cans, and

WHEREAS wastepaper recovered from mixed municipal waste generally does not meet industry specifications for use by paper mills in the United States, and

WHEREAS the best results are achieved through source separation programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Connecticut should be encouraged to design a source separation program to maximize quantity of wastepaper for residential members, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Connecticut should be encouraged to return to collecting paper items in separate recycling bins to avoid contamination in products.

SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; Eastern CT Pomona #14

REFERRED: Agriculture/
Conservation/Environment

RES. #21 RE: POMONA OBLIGATION CEREMONY

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has prohibited the use of the Pomona Obligation Ceremony except when deemed necessary by the Master of the State Grange, and

WHEREAS the limited number of meetings and even more limited number of Fifth Degree conferrals has likely deterred members from advancing to the Sixth and Seventh Degrees, limiting the new members coming through the ranks necessary to ensure the future of both the State and National Granges, and

WHEREAS the Fourth Degree Obligation has worked well in giving applicants almost instant membership status.

T H E R E F O R E B E I T RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange authorize the use of the Pomona Obligation Ceremony by Pomona Granges and the Master of the Connecticut State Grange when deemed necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED obligated members be encouraged to attend a Fifth Degree conferral within the year following their obligation.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange No. 169

REFERRED: Credentials/
Constitution & By-Laws

RES. #22 RE: LIMITATION ON SUBORDINATE GRANGE MEMBERSHIPS

WHEREAS the National Grange prohibits Fourth Degree members from being a member of more than one Subordinate Grange at the same time, except that Fourth Degree members may be elected to membership in one additional Subordinate Grange only as an Affiliate Member, and

WHEREAS some Fourth Degree Grange members have ample time,

skills and resources to serve as an Affiliate member with more than two local Subordinate Granges, and

WHEREAS the limitation on multiple Affiliate memberships has limited the ability of Fourth Degree Grange members to help revitalize closing Subordinate Granges or promote the growth of new Subordinate Granges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange send this resolution to National Grange asking to remove any restriction on the number of Affiliate memberships a Fourth Degree member may have in Subordinate Granges.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169

REFERRED: Good of the Order/
Membershi/Master's Address

RES. #23 RE: ASSEMBLY OF DEMETER TITLES

WHEREAS the Assembly of Demeter and its officers are clearly defined in our National Grange Constitution & By-Laws, and

WHEREAS the concept of the Assembly of Demeter is difficult to understand especially by those who are not members of our Order, and

WHEREAS the titles of the officers are not easily explained to the public and can bring confusion by the public of the general principles of our Order, and

WHEREAS several years ago the National Grange approved the use of alternative titles for several officers including President for Master, Vice President for Overseer and Board of Directors for the Executive Committee to better explain the functions of the office, and

WHEREAS though considered National Officers, the elected officers of the Assembly of Demeter are not shown on the National Grange website and it difficult for members to contact them.

T H E R E F O R E B E I T RESOLVED that for use in outside publications including any official website, the Alternative Title of "Division of Heritage and History" may be substituted for the Assembly of Demeter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

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the following paragraph be added to 4.10.1 (B) Designation of Officers:

“The following alternative titles may be used in communications and publications for use outside the Order: Director for High Priest, Vice Director for Priest Archon, and Recorder for Priest Analyst; of the Division of Heritage and History. The alternative titles will not be used during official business of the Assembly of Demeter.”

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169

REFERRED: Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws

RES. #24 RE: ELECTRONIC STATE GRANGE QUARTERLY REPORTS & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

WHEREAS the corporation paperwork is required to be filled out online and paid electronically, and

WHEREAS there’s a late fee for CT State Grange quarterly reports not turned in on time, and

WHEREAS the USPS mail process seems to be getting slower and slower, and

WHEREAS electronic mail and

electronic payments are instantaneous.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange develop a way of offering both an electronic way of filling out quarterly reports and paying dues electronically, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this will only be an additional method so as not to alienate the Granges without this capability.

SOURCE: Groton Community Grange #213

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

Legislatively Speaking



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In September, the United Auto Workers went on strike at all three American automakers. Over the years, members have given up raises, cut pensions, scaled back health insurance to save a dying industry. Yet over the years, the top officials have received huge pay raises for the profitability of the companies by layoffs, plant closures, and subcontracting work to increase stock prices, which they use as the standard to calculate the company’s worth. The UAW is seeking fairness for the men and women who work hard to build quality products which boost the company profits. Fairness is the value that the Grange has fought for over the years, honest wages for honest work. Why should a family starve so the CEO of these companies make millions of dollars? Henry Ford started fair wages, 40 hour work weeks, vacations, and pensions because he knew that by taking care of the working man, the company will grow.

Recently, CNBC anchor Jim Cramer spoke about the pending strike, stating the unions would break the stock market and kill the economy. We have heard this song and dance before. Let’s go back to

2008, where Mr. Cramer begged us to buy Goldman Sachs stock because this was a strong company and you could make lots of money. People bought stocks and the CEO’s cashed in their holdings and the stock crashed leaving the new stockholders without their shirts. In 2022 Silicon Valley Bank was in trouble due to the Feds raising interest rates. Again, Mr. Cramer was on the air promoting what a great investment this bank was. Again, people bought in to prop up this bank, the CEO withdrew his investments and the bank crashed and the new stockholders lost everything again. Mr. Cramer seems to have a pattern in his picks. Shame, shame for anyone taking his advice for you will lose your shirts.

Our Republican Congresspeople are going on a fishing trip. They failed and wasted thousands of dollars trying Hunter Biden, son of the President, for making money and doing dumb things in his life. They got nothing so they plan on going for the big fish. Impeachment investigations are underway for the “Biden Crime Family.” A fishing they will go. Hunter Biden’s hearings were nothing but Republicans flashing nude photos of a private citizen, Hunter Biden, with an escort and whistle blowers who all fell flat on their faces without any real evidence of guilt. It seems the Republicans preach how religious they are, yet at hearing after hearing they read to us sexual events of young men,

and flash nude pictures of Hunter Biden in a public hearing where young people are forced to witness these photos. They are the law and order party that backs the blue. Yeah, they showed that on January 6 when Pres. Trump told his crowd of followers to march to the Capitol and take back our country. Hey GOP, clean up your house first, as the Bible says, ‘let he of no sin throw the first stone.’

We have to look at the members that are serving in the Senate and the House as to their age and health issues. Legacy is a valuable trait for any person, but there is a time when you must step down. It is better to be known as that great Legislator than that person who died in office. It is time for term limits for our Legislators. We have witnessed new members who are young rising stars and many more who are waiting to serve the people not the special interest groups.

This fall many things will be happening so we all must look and listen to the FACTS, trials will be all around and we must be witness to these events. This is the only way the truth can come forward. Witness for yourself and don’t rely on television stations that promote fear, hate and lies. It is time to face the truth and it will set you free.

The crystal ball is warmed up and I see a government shutdown by Christmas, and go buy Bass Pro stocks because the Republicans will be fishing for a long, long time for a lot of nothing. You listening, Mr. Cramer? Thank you all for listening and reading my articles.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CALL FOR DONATIONS



For the 139th Annual Session of the CT State Grange

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Water and snacks are welcome as well as fresh fruit like apples or oranges. Things that people can wash up or peel should not cause any issues but still no baked goodies are allowed.

For more information: familyactivities@ctstategrange.org

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE LECTURERS' ROUND UP



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
• 7:00 PM •



Let's gather VIRTUALLY on ZOOM to discuss the latest news and details from the Lecturers' Department.

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TAG SALE

Greenfield Hill Grange # 133
1873 Hillside Road ~ Fairfield, CT

Saturday, October 7, 2023
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

To sell: or for info:
Call Cathy
203-259-4658
\$ 25 per table

Members and Friends TAG SALE

Come SELL or SHOP

The Greenfield Hill Grange # 133
will be hosting a
HUGE Tag Sale
It will be in- house members
and friends.

All are invited.

Refreshments will be available.



National Grange Vax Tent at NE Grange Building



National Grange President Betsy Huber gives an interview to Springfield's Channel 22 outside the New England Grange Building at the Big E. National was on hand for the full 17 days of the fair providing a vaccination tent for COVID, Flu, and RSV Shots.



GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff

Oct. 1: Semi-Annual Bakeless/Foodless Sale

Oct. 5: “Boo to You” 7:30 p.m. Ref. Ann Gilnack, Priscilla Schmartz

Nov. 2: Giving Thanks 7:30 p.m. Ref. : Kay Ruff & Marycharles Howe

At our September 7th meeting Sister Ann Posuniak presented her Aunt, Doris Monaco, with her 75 yr. certificate from the National Grange. It certainly was a warm evening and we all wished Doris, best wishes for achieving this milestone.

We also held a brief Installation of Officers and are looking forward to 2024.

At our Oct. 5th meeting Robin Hettrick, from the State Grange Membership Committee has been invited to attend and bring us some ideas on how we may attract some new members. We all look forward to hearing what Robin has to offer us.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Oct. 25: Preparation for fall

We have been active with regular meeting and a lot to discuss. We worked on plans for the Grange exhibit at the Woodstock Fair and planned on all the requirements that were necessary. Many members gladly contributed to this exhibit. I show what the grange means to our community and the results of our labor. We performed the Welcoming Ceremony for a new member Danielle Duquette. We are glad to have her back. Several other local members

of the local towns have expressed interest in joining. At the last meeting we received a letter from the National Grange regarding various USDA related legislative issues. Several members of our Grange are returning to school the fall and one is going on to college. We further discussed the CT State Grange and the National Grange annual meetings.

Our members continue to provide community service to the town including the distribution of food to the town and volunteer for the local Community Kitchen.

A letter will be sent to all members for annual dues.

We will be preparing and serving monthly comfort food dinners to the public. All are welcome. Dates to be posted on Facebook.

Another year has started for the organization and we hope that we can continue to be an asset to the community.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Irene Percoski

Oct. 5: Vernon presents at Coventry-Witches Seen, Tis Near Halloween

Oct. 6: Coventry presents at Vernon, Ref. by Joyce

We had a very successful and productive meeting in September with 5 resolutions approved to be sent on to Pomona. Cheri had asked us to put on our thinking caps and we sure did. Hopefully, the members of Pomona will pass them on to State. We had a total of 9 members and 2 guests, Noel and Marcia Miller. Next month we go to Coventry Grange to present the program “Witches Seen”, and the following night the members of Coventry Grange will visit us here in Vernon to present their program. This continues as we try to stay connected with our neighbors.

Our Community Service report was finished and sent on to the Overseer. Long time member Elizabeth Robertson has moved to Sarasota Fla. We miss you and hope to see you on Zoom. Claudia Sopstyle has had a hip replacement and will be out for a while. Get well soon and best wishes to both you and Elizabeth. While the

good weather prevails we will have meetings in person and love to have visitors. The door is always open and the light is always on. If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Oct. 5: Vernon Grange Visits

Vernon Grange will bring a program to Coventry Grange #75 and we will return in May 2024. Getting ready for winter as the Farmer’s Almanac states a cold and blistery winter. Let’s hope they are wrong.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Frank Forrest

Hillstown Grange is holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Doors open at 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM. Breakfast of Pancakes including sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$6, \$3 for kids under 14. This month’s special pancake is “Salted Caramel Apple” pancakes along with our regular and chocolate chip pancakes.

The upstairs library and game room will be open during this event. Books, Puzzles and games are free or by donation to our building fund.

Come to browse, eat, or just visit the historic Hillstown Grange Hall. Free Admission.

Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. For more information on this event: Frank at 860-690-2945 or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Oct. 13: The Beaver Wars - Really?

Oct. 27: All Ghosts and Goblins invited to the Halloween Party at 7:30

At our August 4 meeting we learned about many different “Operations” (other than the game by that name), and on August 25 we played a rousing game of Battleship and Charlie Pianka gave an interesting history of American Battleships.

The information contained in each issue of The Connecticut Granger is for informational purposes only. The Connecticut Granger assumes no liability or responsibility for any inaccurate, delayed or incomplete information, nor for any actions taken in reliance thereon. The information contained about each individual, event or organization has been provided by such individual, event organizers or organization without verification by us. The opinion expressed in each article is the opinion of its author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Connecticut Granger. Therefore, The Connecticut Granger carries no responsibility for the opinion expressed herein.

Brian Rathbun, a Golden Sheaf member and a talented craftsman, presented the Grange with a beautifully carved plaque titled "Best in Show". It will be placed on the wall of the hall. Thank you, Brian.

Come in costume and bring all the kids to our annual Halloween party. No meeting, just fun and games and great refreshments.

Dues will be due starting October 1st. As there has been an increase in dues to State our dues have been raised to \$40.00 a year. A letter will be sent out soon to all members stating an important change in dues policy. And if those pesky hurricanes that keep popping up in the Atlantic will just stat away, next time we will tell you about super September.

EKONK JUNIOR GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

We held elections at our July meeting. Congratulations to Hunter Coderre, who was elected as President. Congratulations, as well, to our other elected officers. Our 2023-24 officer team looks promising, and has a few new faces!

Members Arilla and Lilly Bessette and Brianna Gervais have aged out. We will miss these girls, but are excited to see what is in store for their future.

We had taken down 3 of our raised garden beds, and rebuilt the 4th one. The one that was rebuilt is our pollinator bed. We purchased a small load of soil and filled in where the original garden beds were.

Our fair was in August, and we secured a dunk tank and paid for an additional animal program. The proceeds from the dunk tank were divided between our Grange, the Ronald McDonald House, and Canines for Disabled Kids.

The Juniors raised a total of \$171.00 at our Grange Fair, with the dunk tank. Plus, they had a grand time being dunked!! The children have asked that we do the dunk tank again! \$42.75 was donated to each charity: the Ronald McDonald House and Canines for Disabled Kids, the balance raised went towards the cost of the dunk tank.

"Animal Friends" was a program put on by the Denison Pequotsepos

Nature Center. The Nature Center rescues injured animals, releasing those who can live in the wild, and utilizing those unable to return to the wild as 'ambassadors'. The instructor educated attendees on ways to help protect local wildlife, and shared how they lived; what they

needed to be safe. The indigenous animal that she brought included a turtle, a snake, and an owl.

Installation will be held in Sept. We are anticipating an active fall. We would enjoy having visitors, should anyone care to attend.



Tis the Season for Garnering Publicity

by Terri Fassio, Co-Director of Public Relations

The holiday season will soon be upon us. This is the perfect time for Granges to make a move to catch the attention of the public and the media. The holiday season is the biggest time of the year for organizations to promote themselves, but instead of saying "buy" like their retail counterparts, they're saying "support us and give." Does your Grange promote itself during this time of the year?

From Halloween through the end of the year, there are many opportunities for Granges to host special events, from Bazaars to Festivals to Christmas Parties and more. This is also the time when Granges should begin their new community service projects - such as having a drive for non-perishable food items, collecting toys for underprivileged children, making holiday favors for nursing homes, hosting a carol sing for the elderly, and more. This is the perfect time for Granges to reap the benefits the holidays provide and promote their activities and efforts in the process.

Some interesting holiday facts:

- 86% of Americans plan to attend events and gatherings during the holiday season.
- The average holiday shopper buys presents for eight different recipients.
- Women give gifts to far more recipients than their male counterparts.
- Over 40% of people purchase presents for their pets.
- The average holiday budget is \$700.00.
- 25% percent of gift shoppers make their purchases right before the holidays – at 'the last moment'.
- 47% of U.S. donors give money to three to five organizations, and 15% give to six or more.
- 97% of donors cite the impact of their gift as their main reason for giving, not the tax deduction.
- The average age of a donor in the U.S. is 62.
- Over 1 million employees are hired each year throughout the United States to compensate for the holiday rush.

The holidays are the most memorable season of the year. Granges should be taking advantage of these opportunities. What better time to get your Grange into the media and into the eyes of the community! Don't forget to get the word out too - by utilizing the resources that are available at little or no charge — mass emails to members, press releases, posters, a sign in front of the hall/meeting location, social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and old-fashioned word-of-mouth.

Need help? The Public Relations Committee is ready to lend a hand. All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs. information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org for more information.



MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Mountain Laurel Pomona doesn't meet again until December but we do want to remind members we are accepting donations of gloves, mittens, scarves and underwear at our Dec. 2 Christmas meeting at Winchester. The underwear should be in their original packaging.

The meeting will begin with a catered lunch at 12:30 PM. All members planning on attending should contact Todd Gelineau at 860-307-1522 or Secretary@CTStateGrange.org to be added to the list for lunch. We want to be certain to have enough food for



Some of the many entries at the Granby Grange Fair in Sept.



Taghannuck Grange No. 100 in Sharon, CT is co-sponsoring COWntry Dances (Traditional New England Squares, Circles, Contres) to the Jigs and Reels of the live band, Relatively Sound. The dances will be held on the following dates (1st Saturday of each month):

- Oct. 6:** Cornwall Town Hall
- Nov. 4:** Grange Hall, Sharon
- Dec. 2:** Cornwall Town Hall
- Jan. 6:** Cornwall Town Hall
- Feb. 3:** Grange Hall, Sharon
- Mar. 2:** Cornwall Town Hall

The events are organized by Taghannuck Grange and Motherhouse, Inc. of Cornwall.

everyone that day.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Dave Roberts

Granby Grange held a successful Grange Fair on Sept. 9 with over 100 exhibits/entries, a bake sale, teacup auction, mum sale, tours of the hall and community garden, outdoor hay bailer display, historic tool display, beekeeping display, and our educational program presented by Kim Becker on mental health awareness. Over 70 people attended the fair. We participated in the Granby Open Farm Day on September 16 with an open house, mum sale, tag/book sale, tours and a chili cook-off.

Wutka Home Improvements has been selected to install our new handicap ramp and unisex bathroom on the main level. The project is being funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Pomeroy Brace Fund and the Connecticut State Grange Foundation.

On Sat., Oct. 7, members will be participating in Stony Hill Village Community Serve Day to help spruce up the grounds.

On Oct. 14 Granby will be participating in the Salmon Brook Hist. Soc. Flea Mkt. Mums will be offered for sale and members will be sharing updates on Granby Grange. The event will be 9-3.

On Oct. 30 & 31 Granby Grange will be participating with other community and Pomona Granges in the Conn. State Grange deaf awareness event at the American School for the Deaf. A Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct. 30 from 6 to 7. On Oct. 31 there will be a Halloween Maze and Costume Parade distributing Grange and other materials to students and increasing deaf awareness among community members.

Next meeting will be in Oct. and will be our installation of officers. A date will be announced.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Oct. 9: Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Oct. 23: Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

The cold and wet weather on Sept. 23 resulted in an unplanned rental for the Grange hall as a family reunion needed an indoor location for their celebration.

Our officers were installed at our Sept. 26 meeting by Todd Gelineau and Peter Keefe. Congratulations to all of the officers, especially the new ones learning their new roles.

As always, guests are welcome to attend our meetings either in-person or on Zoom. If you would like to attend on Zoom, please contact Todd at Secretary@CTStateGrange.org for

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the Zoom info.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Oct 12: Installation of Officers/ Halloween Eve Party & Ref: by Debbie Hanlon. NOTE: Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Nov 4: Grange Dance 7pm-9pm by Dance committee Ref: ALL

Nov 9: Changes by Chris Hopkins Ref: by Barbara Prindle

Dec 14: Cookie Exchange (bring 4 doz. cookies of 1 kind) Ref: ALL

Refreshments and Social Time begins at 7pm and Meeting at 7:30pm unless specified otherwise.

Since my last report as is usual our members signed up for a meeting month that they wanted to create a program and give it at that meeting. We also voted on and welcomed Dennis Jasmine as an Affiliate Member and promptly put him in an Officer's Station as will be done until our October 12 meeting when he becomes Assistant Steward. Our August dance was very well attended by 33 people and this time we made money after paying the caller and band. Our next Square/Country dance is November 4th from 7pm-9pm at our Grange Hall. All dances are taught and all ages are welcomed.

We had a booth at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on Sept. 9th. The forecast was for rain almost all day but it never rained and it looked like the largest crown that I have seen there these many years. We would like to thank Terri Fassio and Todd Gelineau for getting the customized Grange applications for membership to us in time for the Fair. Our booth with the free "raffle" that consisted of one ticket to each person and needed to include their name, email and phone number to enter and then drop into one of the prize boxes. There were three spaces underneath their information where they could check if they wanted to be contacted about "Grange Information", "Grange Programs" or

"Dance Information". We then put them on the corresponding email lists that we are building. Surprisingly or maybe not the majority checked at least one of these choices. Also a fair attendee signed up with the application and membership fees on the spot. We voted him in at our September 14th meeting. We also had 2 of our dedicated members, Bill & Diane Palmer, join that meeting via Debbie's phone and take part in the meeting which added to the fun during the Lecturer's program.

Taghhannuck is putting the \$1000 capital grant from the State Grange to good use in our Hall. Now that it is newly painted our building committee is putting things up on the walls and getting new curtains to put in all the windows that will not only deaden the echoes but will help insulate the Hall during the winter months.

The Stanford Grange #808 from Stanfordville, NY will come with their degree team to do the installation of our officers at our Oct. 12th meeting at 7:00pm starting time. It is also a Halloween themed program so you are welcome to attend in costume if you so desire.

Our Grange is actively working on the NACP (National Affordable Connectivity Program) by having had information available at the Cornwall Ag Fair. Our President also participated in the Zoom meeting that was set up by our National Grange. This ties in very well with our ongoing commitment to people having access to affordable broadband internet.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Dorothy Fairchild

Bethlehem Grange donated to the Grange Plot project at People's State Forest. The plot was recently re-located. I enjoyed reading our State Lecturer's article about it in the Aug. issue.

With Halloween around the corner, the State Lecturer's Trunk or Treat project at the American School



Kim Becker presents a program on Mental Health Awareness at the Riverton Grange Fair in Sept.

for the Deaf will receive a donation from our Grange as well.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

Carol Wilbur thanked all the Grange members for helping at the Bridgewater Fair on August 18,19 and 20. Carol is an active Grange member as well as being active at Saint Marks Church and the Bridgewater Fire Department. She was a recipient of the Grange Community Service Award before joining as a member

Some things we decided for the upcoming months.

We did not have a food stand at the Bridgewater Beer and Wine Tasting on Sept 16, at least this year.

We did plan a cleanup of Grange stuff at the town's storage barn and organized our stuff in Saint Marks on Sept 23.

We will start volunteering for the Loaves and Fishes program in New Milford again. Possible date is Oct 7. We will do it on the first Saturday of each month.

We WILL be having a roast beef dinner on Saturday Oct. 21 2023. Unfortunately this conflicts with the
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Connecticut State Grange session. But it was the best available time. We will have an eat-in roast beef dinner and some music at Saint Mark's fellowship hall.

We plan on another big Halloween event at Saint Marks on Tuesday October 31st. Witches, ghosts, goblins and more will be passing out candy to kids for the Bridgewater Trunk or Treat. Elvira promised to come. We will also have the Phantom of the Opera playing the organ.

In November we will do our Thanksgiving baskets and visits to the elderly and homebound.

In December we will do the Christmas tree lighting. We will serve refreshments. Santa and his helpers will be there again.

The Bridgewater Grange continues to be active in the community.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: David Roberts

Oct. 6: Vet. of the Month (Barkhamsted Sr. Ctr.), 6:00 P.M.

Oct. 13-15: Riverton Fair

On Friday, Sept. 15, Riverton Grange met and four applications for membership were received.

The Community Service Committee announced the 26th Veteran of the Month successfully honored WWII Gunnery Sgt. (100 Yrs. Old) Ted Marolda and Afghanistan Vet. MSgt. Jason Alan Hill.

On Sat., Aug. 19 Riverton hosted its 34th Annual Riverton Grange Fair chaired by Judy Doyle. The Fair hosted a large increase in entries with an educational program taught by Granby Grange member Kim Becker on mental health awareness. We had a bake sale. The Community Service Committee presented the Community Citizen of the Year Award to Riverton American Legion Post #159 Commander Tim Sweeny for his work with a number of community groups.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Marguerite Smith

September 6th - monthly grange meeting - Topics discussed: New membership chair, Sue W. with suggestion of having membership information at each event, building maintenance/renovation, sending delegates to the state session, attendance at other grange fairs, community composting, volunteer Halloween opportunities at The American School of the Deaf, potential music programs in the next 6-8 months, thank you note from local family in need.

September 14th - We hosted the fourth of five Beaver Pond Wildlife films by Ray Aselin at 7:00pm at our grange hall. Our local library partnership is going well as evidenced by 40 people in attendance and 3-4 potential new members. Each film highlights what you'll see at a northeastern beaver pond at that time of year. If you missed it, you can still get in on the fun at our 5th and final film on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00pm. Here's what we'll see:

Foliage turns in time-lapses from green to blazing autumn colors. Wildlife is now preparing for winter, beavers building food caches, snow arrives, ponds are capped with ice, but beavers are still actively feeding and maintaining lodges. Muskrats find acorns on the ice, otters roll

in the snow. Beavers are heard vocalizing in the lodge, a merlin hunts by the pond, and an otter feeds on fish. The general ecology of beaver pond habitat is discussed, including the eventual change from pond to meadow, and the large range of wildlife that the habitat supports.

Join us at 6:00pm for a social hour before the film. Community members are now bringing food to share which will include a Tex-Mex casserole, Beaver Lodge cookies, shrimp, cheese, crackers, grapes and more! Next meeting - Oct 26th at 7:00pm



Albert the Owl

Register today!

157th National Grange Convention
November 14-18, 2023
 Niagara Falls, New York
 Niagara Falls Convention Center & Sheraton Niagara Falls
 Register today at grange.biz/Convention157

General Registration is Open now through October 20, 2023 (\$37)
Late Registration (no meals) is Open Oct. 21-Nov. 14 (\$42)



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

It seems every time I go to write Nutmeg's news our meeting is a week away and I can't report on it. I checked my crystal ball and it was a little fuzzy but it did show the members enjoying the 5th year celebration of the Pomona.

Also that the 2023-24 handbooks were distributed and that Family Activities Chairman Jane Miller was congratulating the winners from Nutmeg in the state contests: from Cheshire: Jane Miller, Maryalyce Lee, Diane Calabro, Sarah Douyard and Janet Haller, Beacon Valley Pat Fischer and Joanne Cipriano, Lyme Sandy Paterson and from Greenfield Hill Karen MacDonald. We sure had a lot of winners.

Our next meeting will be held at Cheshire Grange on December 3rd.

"Holiday Party" \$5.00 gift exchange – refreshments in charge of Cheshire and Hemlock Granges.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Oct. 4: October Potpourri

Oct. 18: Omitted-State Session

Our Cheshire Grange Community Fair held the last weekend of August was a huge success with a decent number of attendees all of whom were exceptional spenders. Good weather was a big factor, as the public enjoyed our various entry exhibits and the contests held out on the grounds.

The Sunday roast beef dinner along with the Country Store and the raffle drawing went very well. We thank all of our fair workers for their contributions in making our fair a success. We hope to have a fund raising dinner lined up for November



Norfield Grange Weston High School Scholarship Winners: (L to R) Karl Schulz (\$500), Ray Fitch (Grange President), and Dylan Mondrus (\$200).

shortly. Cheshire Grange is looking to move forward as we enter the new Grange year.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

I will start off this column by the way I ended last months by thanking the members for all their help in my absence. I have now missed two meeting in a row, something I don't recall ever doing. Special thanks to Ron Gunther for taking over as Master and Pat and Ron Fischer for seeing that the hall is opened and securely closed.

Community Service Chairman Jean Meehan collected a truck load of child's riding cars and scooters and two boxes of supplies that were delivered to Tender Year's preschool by Tim Meehan. The cars were a donation of Marilyn Maxwell.

Our monthly tag sales (the third Saturday of each month) continue to be profitable thanks to Pat and Ron Fischer, Marie Sousa and Bob Sendewicz. Donations are always appreciated.

Attendance and participation at Open Mic continues to grow. Ron Fischer serves as emcee. This is a full day at BVG with the Tag Sale from 9 to 3 and Open Mic from 2 to 5.

Our October meeting is on the 14th. Program "Ornamental Corn" Carol Brooks in charge with refreshments served by Maria Sousa.

With sadness we report the passing of Florine Wheeler. Florine

was an 82 year member. She joined Prospect Grange in 1941 and became a member of Beacon Valley Grange when they merged with us. Though not an active member, a Prospect she was very active and generous. Her legend will live on.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

Autumn Greetings! At our August meeting we held a welcoming ceremony for new 7 members. Thank you for being an integral part of the Greenfield Hill Grange!

Our 130th Agricultural Fair was held on August 26 with weather turning favorable, it was a wonderful day!

Thank you to all who helped. A big thank you to State Grange Master and friend Rob Buck for his presentation of Native American artifacts.

Save the following dates for:

Oct. 7: Members & Friends Tag Sale

Oct. 28: Halloween Party & Dinner

November 8 -- Holiday Boutique

Happy Harvest & See you at the Grange!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Steve Porter

Oct. 5: Harvest Fest + Monthly Meeting

Nov. 2: Give Thanks Members + Monthly Meeting

Dec. 7: Holiday-Celebration +

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Monthly Meeting

It's been a busy summer and early fall at the Norfield Grange. We wrapped up the school year at our June meeting by hosting a Celebration BBQ to honor our two WHS Grange Scholarship Winners: Karl Schulz (\$500 recipient) and Dylan Mondrus (\$200 recipient). In July we hosted a successful "Stay-Cation" Paint & Pizza Night too hot outside for Plein Air Painting but cool paintings were created inside. August was filled with Fair Meetings preparing for the big day. Unfortunately, it rained on our Fair Day - Sunday, Sept. 10th... but that didn't dampen the spirits of the Grangers or Fairgoers who came out and generously shared their bounty with us to the tune of \$1,792 in profit - a whopper of a year!! The proceeds came from an amazing curated raffle, the comeback

of our snack bar including baked potatoes with the works and the introduction of the slime machine + plus our Best in Show Winner at the Fair was Past President, Roland Poirier who grew in his backyard "Mexican Sunflowers"!! Two days later on Sept. 12th our esteemed State Grange President Bob Buck and his wonderful wife Maggie came to join us for our monthly meeting and helped us to "Welcome" two new members Kate and Chloe Worrell plus the two youngest in the family - Dean and Flynn have become +1 Grangers as Junior Affiliates.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Nov. 2: Meeting

Dec. 7: Meeting

Jan. 4: Meeting

We had a successful fair. The Man Upstairs sent us nice weather,

no rain, and no excessive heat. However, attendance was down from last year.

We have two delegates to State Session, Steven Evankow and David Roberge. We also now have a president and a vice president.

We are thankful for all the members of our community for volunteering without their help, the fair would not be possible. The fair also produced two prospective new members.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Oct. 13: Halloween Costumes

Oct. 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

Nov. 10: Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 24: Omitted for Thanksgiving

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



There were no answers for the September photo. Please contact us if you have any info on this month's or any of the previous month's photos.

Such a busy time of year



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

The Connecticut State Grange Lecturer's Department received a grant from the National Grange Foundation to promote a Connecticut State Grange deaf awareness event at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford.

We will help to present a Trunk or Treat on Mon., Oct. 30 (any Grange member can participate) at the American School for the Deaf in the front parking lot. Participants are asked to arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 PM to set up their "car trunk" for a 6:00 PM start time. It is anticipated that the event will last for about one hour and that 60 students from the American School for the Deaf, their parents and siblings, will participate. Please let event co-chair Dave Roberts know if you or your Grange would like to participate in Trunk or Treat. It

is permissible to distribute candy or other wrapped goodies at this event. A few children are not able to consume candy, so having a small amount of alternative items (pens, pencils, stickers, books, comics, etc. is advisable).

The following day (10/31) from 1:30 to 2:30 we will host a Costume Parade and Library Maze for the students and teachers. Grange themes and images will be worked into this fun event to help students in Pre-K through Grade 5 celebrate Halloween. The Grange will host a table of goodies (comic books, stickers, etc.) to hand out to the students in the maze. Volunteers are needed and many of the duties can be done sitting down. Please contact Dave Roberts to volunteer.

One positive outcome of this grant is that Mountain Laurel Pomona has added "Deaf Awareness Committee updates" back to the normal Pomona meeting agenda to hear any updates on this event or any other deaf awareness related events.

If you would like a recording of the September Lecturer's Roundup please

email me at Granbydavidroberts@gmail.com or call me at 860-469-5067.

It is time to look forward to our State Convention in Norwich from Oct. 19 -21 and the State Grange Lecturer Awards. Here is a summary of our two Awards Programs:

LECTURER'S APPRECIATION AWARD (In 2021-2022, seven Granges earned this award!)

HONOR LECTURER AWARD (In 2021-2022, six Granges earned this award!)

If you think your Community or Pomona Grange qualifies for either recognition or need more information, please drop me an email or call me to let me know.

Many of you have heard that we have FOUND the Grange Plot in Peoples State Forest and (working with CT DEEP) are raising funds to place a bronze plaque on a boulder on The Grange Plot. We are close to raising 75% of the needed \$2,000 for this project. Any donations are welcome and checks should be made out to: Connecticut State Grange, 100 Newfield Rd., P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094. All donors will be recognized at the dedication ceremony and you will be part of preserving this important history. See you in Norwich.

REDDING GRANGE 2nd ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR
Sunday October 22 • 11am to 3pm • 399 Newtown Turnpike

WIN RIBBONS! JUDGING CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Most (made) On The Grange Cookie
- Most Magnificent Egg
- Most Beautiful Feathered Poultry
- Fruit Pie
- Veggie (Vegetarian) free Homemade Bread/Dough
- Most Impressive Produce
- Seasonal Flower Arrangement
- Jam On
- Locally Produced Maple Syrup
- Needlework
- Photography
- In A Pickle

Pre-registration available for NON-perishable items on Friday 10/20 from 4-7pm and Saturday 10/21 from 9:30am-12:30pm

On Sunday 10/22, entry registration and set-up from 9:30-11am. Judging starts at 11am. Entries released for pick-up at 3pm.

Contact community@reddinggrange.org for more information

Thank You!

To the Granges, Grangers and friends of the Grange who donated to the fund to place a new plaque on the site of the Grange Plot in People's State Forest.

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| Beacon Valley Grange #103 | Nutmeg Pomona #16 |
| Susan Belle-Isle | Riverton Grange #169 |
| Bridgewater Grange #153 | Riverton Lions Club |
| Joanne Cipriano | David Roberts |
| Charles Dimmick | Deborah Roberts |
| Glastonbury Grange #26 | Joan Smith |
| Granby Grange #5 | Carol Swanson |
| Laurie Guptil | Winchester Grange #74 |
| Janet Haller | |
| Hemlock Grange #182 | |
| Higganum Grange #124 | |
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**Donations
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Charles W. Dimmick
State Chaplain

Cheshire Grange No. 23
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Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.
Ecclesiastes 11.1

Kindness to the poor is a loan to
the LORD, and He will repay the
lender. *Proverbs 19:17*

Let us not grow weary in well-
doing, for in due time we will reap
a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

There are two common
misunderstandings among people
that are indirectly addressed in
the above quotations. The first,
and perhaps worst, is “Why give
anything to the poor? There is
nothing in it for me.” And the
second is “Why give anything to the
poor? It never does any good in the
long run.”

In my eyes, the problem with
both these viewpoints is an
inability to rid ourselves of an inner
selfishness, too much “me”. Our
mission as God’s people is to serve
God by serving our fellow humanity,
in whatever way we can, whenever
we can, and not weigh the possible
value of what we do. God had given
each of us gifts of time, talent, and
treasure, and whatever of that is
left over after we take care of our
own needs and the needs of our

Cast Your Bread Upon the Waters



and to various causes
the more I seem to get
in return. I am not
talking about being
paid directly for what
I do, but rather that at
the end of the year my
bank account does not
shrink and my store of
needed worldly goods
does not diminish. It
is a mystery that I
cannot explain, except
that God’s hand is in it
somehow.

Glory be to God.

families ought to be given freely
whenever and wherever there is a
need.

I had a long-time good friend,
now deceased, who frequently
said: “Cast your bread upon the
waters” when asked about various
unselfish good works he did for his
community and the people in it.
The first few times I heard him say
it, I didn’t really grasp his meaning,
but I gradually came to realize that
he meant that the results of what
we do are in God’s hands, and we
don’t know when we ourselves
may be in need of someone else’s
generosity.

The older I get the more aware
I have become that the more I
give unselfishly to other people

Cards & Prayers

George Creamer, of Cheshire
Grange, has asked us to let members
know that his brother, Stanley, has
passed away. Cards and notes can
be sent to: George Creamer, Wade
Home, Room #41, 118 Clinton
Ave., New Haven, CT 06513.

In Memoriam

Florine Wheeler
Beacon Valley #103

Shirley Goss
Lyme Grange #147

“Well done, good and faithful servants.”