

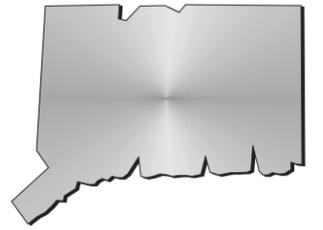


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## State President



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Connecticut State Grange

Sister Marge and I just returned from the Northeast Region Lecturers Conference and what a great time we had. You may have noticed that the name of the conference has changed. Most of you remember it as the New England Lecturers Conference. Well we have a new member to our region and it is the New York State Grange. This was their first Lecturers Conference although they have been a part of us for awhile. Although this was new to them and they were small in number they had a great program and fit in with us perfectly. They enjoyed themselves and promised to return next year with a bigger group. As usual sister Marge Bernhardt had a terrific program for us to perform and I think we did Connecticut proud. I hope there are pictures in this edition to show us

off.

I mentioned in an earlier edition that I was looking into a project to provide assistance to some of our struggling Granges. Well I assembled two groups of people, one from the east and one from the west of the state. We met on two separate nights in June with brother Rusty Hunt, the Membership/Leadership Director of the National Grange. He met with each group asking questions about our Granges. He was trying to find out about us and what some of our particular problems are. He was impressed with the two groups and liked our attitude and said with instructions from his team we could accomplish our objectives.

Because of the scheduled activities in August and September and our State Session in October and National Session in November, the soonest he and his team can visit us again for instruction will be the middle of January 2009. We are looking forward to their help as their methods have been successful in other areas.

In the meantime our groups will be doing preliminary work, mostly unseen because we are not yet ready.

Lastly for now, we have a great opportunity to

educate the public about the Grange. I am talking about the New England Grange Building at the Big E. Because of the success of the country store that is in the building we have made some very good profits over the last few years. These have made it possible for the Trustees to make repairs and improvements to the building. Addition of a gas fireplace, a fire alarm system tied into the local fire house, repainting the building and numerous cosmetic changes inside has made our building one of the most popular at the fair. This is all due to the few who actually run the store. Sister Betty Jane Gardiner has a dedicated staff to help her but there are several times when the store is understaffed. I am asking anyone who might be able to help to contact Betty Jane. She and I will appreciate it.

The group of Grangers from all of New England that marched in the parade last year, on Grange Day, was such a success that we will be doing it again this year. If you can attend that day I will give you tickets and parking passes for the fair and all you will have to do is march with us in the parade. The date is Sunday, September 21.

Enjoy what is left of the summer and to help you enjoy it visit a local Grange Fair.

## The big business of campaign finance



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Campaign financing is big business. Each can-

didate for Congress will spend more than one million dollars in their bid to win a seat. The candidates for President will each spend hundreds of millions of dollars in their bid for the White House. All of this money must be raised through donations. Lobbyists and special interest groups donate a large portion of this money with the hope that if their

candidate is elected, they will have their senator's or representative's ear when they are promoting their cause. Some special interest groups will even contribute to both major party candidates for the same office so that no matter who wins the election, the group will have an "in" with the winner.

This year, for the first

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## Farewell to our friends at the Lakeville Journal

This issue of the *Connecticut Granger* closes one chapter of this publication's history and opens a new one. For over 18 years the Lakeville Journal Company in Lakeville (Salisbury), Connecticut has published this paper. We have enjoyed a great working relationship with Karen Dubray and all of the staff at the paper. Unfortunately, during our summer hiatus the decision was made by the management of the Journal to close their print shop and sub-contract the printing of their various publications. Over 15 people are now in search of jobs and we wish them the best of luck in finding new employment.

Thanks to the efforts of PrintMaster in Torrington, the *Connecticut Granger* has a new publisher beginning with the issue you are now holding in your hands. Kwik Print of Great Barrington, Massachusetts will now print the Granger at a price that is a small amount more than we paid in Lakeville. The new paper is slightly larger (at least the print area is) than the old one and you may see a surprise or two in upcoming issues.

Beginning with the July/August issue you may have noticed changes in type, layout and design. More changes will be made as the months go on. Please let us know what you like and dislike.

The October issue will feature detailed information on our upcoming State Session at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. In addition, we will include a special pull-out section with detailed information about the National Grange Convention, also to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell.

Because the registration deadline for the Convention is early in October, we have included the form in this issue. Please be aware that **ALL** members (except candidates attending the degree conferrals) are required to register to attend all functions at the convention.

## All Roads Lead to Connecticut!

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2 1/2 Months

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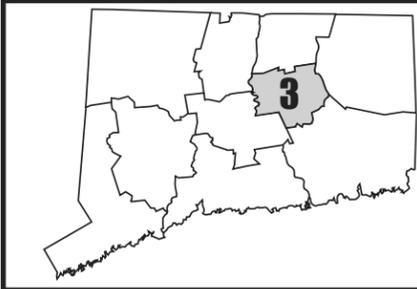


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### East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

#### EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: John Waterhouse  
Sept. 6: Installation, 6:30 P.M.

Oct. 4: Meeting, 5:00 P.M.; Potluck Supper, 6:00 P.M.; 5th Degree, 7:00 P.M.

Well, in June we held our election of officers- the only change was- we now welcome Kay Ruff as a member of the Executive Committee for a three year term.

Over the summer months it is so rewarding to see our beautiful hall being used by many groups and organizations.

See you on September 6 at 7:30 P.M. at Good Will Grange Hall- we enjoy seeing visitors.

#### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff  
Sept. 4: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Installation of Officers; Refreshments chaired by Jean and Mario Accornero and Kay Ruff

Oct. 2: Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M., Harvest Time, Refreshments: by Doris and Bob Nordstrom and Mary Baribault

Oct. 4: All Members Please TAKE NOTE-YOUR HELP IS MOST WELCOME - Food Sale and Unique Boutique 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

This is one of the ways we raise funds to accomplish the various community service projects that we carry out. The Card Parties that will begin October 11 is another fundraiser. Join us at our monthly card parties and bring a friend. It is a fun evening

with plenty of delicious refreshments.

Glastonbury Grange welcomes 2 new members: Ann Gilnack and Martha Zink. At our August meeting we will be setting a date to hold a "Degree Day."

Hopefully we can pick a date in September. That way the members can take the Fifth Degree in October at Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury. The Sixth Degree will be will be conferred in Cromwell later in October and again at the National Convention in November. The Seventh Degree will be conferred in Hartford at the Bushnell Performing Arts Center in November. What a great opportunity for all to be able to experience all the degrees so close to home.

It is now time to complete the various year end reports, and think about what we may wish to accomplish in the coming year. Our first project for the new year is the Dictionary Project. The dictionaries have been ordered and will be shipped after August 16th.

I hope all are enjoying their summer and looking forward to beginning a new Grange year. I look forward to seeing you all on September 4 at the Installation of Officer. It is a very nice ceremony and Jody Cameron and his team make a wonderful presentation.

#### HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer

Sept. 11: "Harvest Time"

Sept. 13: "Harvest Fair"

October: Will be our annual Halloween Night

I just can't believe that summer is almost gone and the harvest is full speed ahead. Everyone knows what's coming next.

We are preparing for our Harvest Fair and Bake Sale. Our work is never done.

There wasn't activity for the summer. Our Lecturer did attend the Lecturer's Conference in Maine. Hope they get some new ideas.

Our active members are all on the mend, waiting for cooler weather.

Hillstown Grange has organized a Junior Grange and will be looking for members 5 to 14 years of age. Best wishes to the leaders.

Not much news until next month when State Session occurs and later when National Grange comes to Connecticut. We welcome them all and hope they enjoy their stay in Connecticut

#### MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth Posuniak

Sept. 4: Regular meeting - Time: 11:00 AM - Marlborough Cong Church New Youth Room; Ref: Ruth Posuniak

The Grange Mystery Ride Was held on July 20th. The ride ended up at Charter Oak

Landing in Hartford. All boarded the "Belle Cruise Boat" and toured the Hartford area. After the cruise the Mystery Ride continued to HomeTown Buffet in Manchester for supper. Seven Marlborough Grange members attended and 7 guests.

Marlborough Grange held its annual picnic on Aug 10th at Blish Memorial Park in Marlborough from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. It is hoped we had good weather and that all who came had a good time.

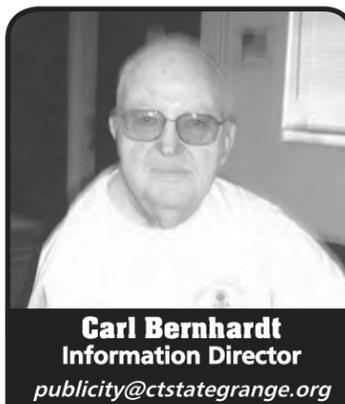
## Campaign Finance

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time in history, candidates for the Connecticut General Assembly can receive funding from the Citizen's Election Program if they agree not to accept any funds from lobbyists, contractors and political action committees of various organizations. More than 130 candidates have already qualified for funds from the new program by raising funds through small contributions from individuals who live in their district. The candidates may also accept small contributions from individuals outside their district, but those contributions will not count towards the minimum needed to qualify for funds from the Citizen's Election Program. Funding for the program comes from the sale of abandoned property by the State, voluntary contributions and interest earned on money already in the program. None of the money comes from taxes or fees. There are 151 seats in the House and 36 seats in the Senate. That is a total of 187 seats in the Connecticut General Assembly. If both major parties had a candidate for every seat, there would be 374 candidates for the General Assembly. Why haven't more candidates qualified for funds from the new program? In some districts there is only one major party candidate who is running unopposed. Many of these candidates have chosen not to apply for the funds so there will be more for the candidates in the contested races. Other candidates have not raised enough funds within their district to qualify for the Citizen's Election Program funds. Still other candidates have chosen to take a "wait and see" attitude towards the funds and are relying on contributions which make them ineligible for the funds in this year's election.

Speaking on the new program, Governor M. Jodi Rell said, "What do the people of Connecticut get in return? They get election campaigns free from the influence of special interests. They get election campaigns without lingering questions about who donated and why. They get candidates who can spend less time fundraising and more time with voters. And they get elections where ordinary citizens who never thought they could afford to run for office can now mount a credible campaign." The Grange has a long and cherished history of staying strictly non-partisan at all times. We lobby for issues, but we never endorse a candidate for office or contribute to their campaigns. Due in large part to our non-partisan principles, we are able to work successfully with legislators on both sides of the aisle. Grange members are encouraged to work as individuals for the candidates of their choice, but the Grange itself does not work for any candidate. The Grange did not take a position for or against the Citizen's Election Program when it was being debated in the General Assembly because the delegate body at the State Grange sessions had never even considered a resolution on this issue and the Legislative Committee felt it was too close to partisan politics for comfort. But we would like to think that the General Assembly looked at the Grange as an organization that lobbies for issues while staying out of partisan politics and drafted the Citizen's Election Program based on our principles.

## A new year begins

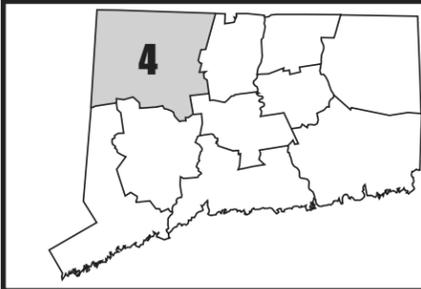


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As the summer is winding down, we should be preparing to begin a new grange year. Many granges held picnics and other events during this period. Last July, the State Grange held the "Lets Celebrate" event. The Publicity/Information Committee had a Poster judging at this event. We would like to thank those who submitted entries. The winners were in Hand Drawn Posters: 1st Place - Lois Evankow of Lyme Grange; 2nd Place - Vivian Shaw of Granby Grange. In Computer Drawn Posters: 1st Place - Pam Evankow of Lyme Grange. The Committee is planning to continue this contest for another year.

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## Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- ✓ Hope No. 20
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- Taghannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- ✓ Riverton No. 169

### MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

**Sept. 8:** "Work For All" at Litchfield Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Mountain County Pomona will start the new Grange year on September 8 with a program entitled "Work for All." Will we be put to hard labor? Only the Lecturer knows! One member of the Executive Committee will also be installed.

Members are reminded to encourage all Fourth Degree members to take the next step and receive the Fifth Degree at the October conferral. This fall is the perfect time to receive the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Degrees all in Connecticut. Think about it!

As you will read below, Winchester Grange will be conferring all Four Degrees in September, so all Granges that have candidates are encouraged to contact Master Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326 if you are planning to bring candidates to the conferrals. Details below...

### HOPE GRANGE #20

Corr: Wayne Vaughn

Hope Grange was honored on our election night, June 24, with the President of the Connecticut State Grange, Robert Sendewicz, Mrs. Sendewicz, the First Lady and Deputy Earl Phillips. State Master spoke on many topics and how we try to work well together as a Grange. That is what we must always do. We are small in number right now, and we have a few obstacles to get through, but soon we will begin to grow. A task worth doing is worth doing well and we may not succeed every time, yet we must try and try again. With all of our hearts, we must try in everything we do. We are given the tools, we must simply use them.

### WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Joyce Relihan

**Sept. 10:** Apples for the Teacher

**Sept. 20:** WHIGVILLE GRANGE FAIR

By now every one should be getting ready for their fairs. Whigville is having theirs Sept. 20th & will once again be in Burlington on Sept. 6th for TAVERN DAY and we will be selling home made apple pies along with hand made craft items. Stop in see your brothers and sisters, we would love to see all.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Boy Scout Troop 23 for painting our hall, it looks like professionals did it. They have truly been a BIG help to us.

Congratulations to the Burlington Boy Scouts Troop 23 on their trip to Sea base in Florida. Hope they had a great time and I am sure they die. Our Secretary-Treasurer Walter Murray went with them. We haven't seen him yet to hear how they did with scuba diving.

I hope every one is getting ready for State Session and National Session. We have 1 candidate that we know of who will be taking the 7th degree and I hear we may have more. I hope so who knows when National will be in Connecticut again. Sisters Helena Schwalm and Joyce Relihan are Whigvilles deli gates to State Session this year.

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

**Sept. 9:** Join Us- 1st & 2nd Degrees, Ref. Sue Addison

**Sept. 16:** And Away We Go! - Installation of Officers, 7:30 P.M.

**Sept. 23:** Welcome - 3rd & 4th Degrees, Harvest Supper, 6:30 P.M.

Blue, sunny skies greeted fair-goers at Winchester's annual Grange Fair and Flea Market on August 9. The crowds were down a bit from last year, but there were plenty of exhibits and lots of great food and fun to be found.

September is always a busy month for Winchester Grange and this September is no different, meeting three weeks in a row. The first meeting on Sept. 9 will be the conferral of the First and Second Degrees for 4 candidates of Winchester and any others from other Granges. Any Granges in need of a place to take candidates should contact Master Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326 to help us be prepared.

The second meeting of the month will be on Sept. 16 for the Installation of Officers. Along with Winchester, the new officers of Eureka Grange No. 62 and Hope Grange No. 20 will be installed by the Jody Cameron Installing Team. They'll definitely be getting the most out of their gas mileage for this trip from the "quiet corner" of the state.

The third and final meeting of the month will be the conferral of the Third and Fourth Degrees. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6:30 P.M. Candidates are not asked to bring a dish, but all others are kindly asked to bring a hot or cold dish for the meal.

**Remember:** All meetings of Winchester Grange now begin at 7:30 P.M., unless noted.

### BEACON GRANGE #118

Corr: Liz Fielding

On July 12 Beacon Grange held a dance with Northeast Country. On July 19th we held "Christmas in July" with spaces available for rent. August 2 was a dance featuring the band "Harm's Way." A dance was also held on August 9 with Northeast Country. The summer activities were rounded out with our annual Peach Festival at the hall on August 16th. For more information about events at Beacon Grange, please call Bea Neri at 860-283-9308.

### RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: G. Prelli

**Sept. 5:** Fair Preparation 6:00 PM

**Sept. 6:** Riverton Grange Fair 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Sept. 19:** Shine on Harvest Moon; Ref. Shirley and Rujo Moore

**Oct. 3:** America the

Beautiful; Ref. Betty and Ed Baldwin

Summer Activities are behind us and we look forward to regular meetings.

On August 1, we had an interesting meeting. Members brought in garden flowers and Deb Hodge, a professional florist, arranged them into bouquets. Names were drawn and four arrangements were given out. Shirley Moore had

died some wild carrot flowers and made them into an arrangement. We appreciate Deb's talent with flowers.

On September 5, we will set up for our annual fair to be held the next day. The Fair Books were distributed in early August. At this time we hope for many entries and a successful Fair. Please come and bring entries as well.

## Riverton Flower Show



Riverton Grange held a meeting entitled "Flower Show" on August 1. Members brought in their favorite flowers from their gardens for display, after which Granger and florist Deborah Hodge (above) made five arrangements which were raffled.

## New Master at Hope



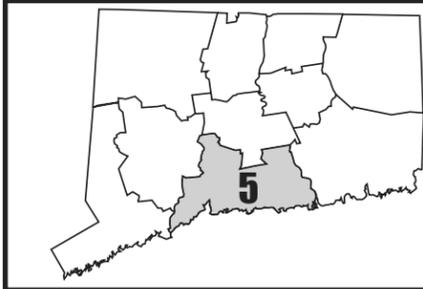
Sister Marge Sendewicz, State Master Robert Sendewicz, new Hope Grange Master Wayne Vaughn and Mt. County Deputy Earl Phillips pose for a picture at the recent election meeting of Hope Grange No. 20.

## Southern Connecticut Past Masters

We will hold our next meeting on October 11, 2008 at Prospect Grange at the Senior Center behind the Police Station with a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by our meeting run by President, Lou Godin and the program is entitled "Annual Fun Fair", in charge of Joanne Cipriano. This is a great evening for everyone to have some extra fun! Please remember the Country Store!

Any questions, please contact our President, Lou Godin, at 1-203-879-9584.

## New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- Totoket No. 83
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

### NEWHAVENCTY. POMONA #5

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

Oct. 13: 5th Degree at Wallingford

We need candidates for the Fifth Degree in October. The Pomona Secretary has forms for those who want to volunteer for the National Grange Convention, November 11-15. Many hands do make light work.

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

Oct. 1: Post Fair Social

Oct. 15: Omitted for State Session

Oct. 22: Welcome New Members

Thanks again to Carl and Marge Bernhardt for hosting the annual picnic. At the picnic, thank you letters from Iraq and the Cheshire Land Trust were

read.

The Baking Contest was judged and Margaret Warner was 1st and Barby Foskett was 2nd. Jane Miller announced the winners of the craft and needlework contests.

### NO. HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Sept. 9: Dual Installation at Totoket

Sept. 16: Apple Harvest

We are surely having a long, hot summer but it will not be long before we will be complaining about how cool it's getting.

Our t-shirt night was a fun time. There were some great shirts. Some were worn by the owners and others were displayed on tables. There were no wet ones (we knew

better).

In August we met at the Master's home for an ice cream social. We enjoyed the air conditioning nearly as much as the food.

### OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Sept. 12: Installation of Officers

Sept. 26: 6:30p.m. Picnic at the Stithams

June 29th found us celebrating 475 years of Grange membership with 8 members receiving their certificates & seals that were presented by the Worthy State Master, Robert Sendewicz in an "Open Meeting" with 33, plus several Pink Sash wearers were in attendance. We gave a 75 year certificate to

Elizabeth Davy Ogle, 70 year seal to Gertrude Kwasniewski, 65 year seal to Justin Layden, 60 year seal to Doris Johnson, 55 year seals to Henry O. Kulisch, Jr; A. Thomas Norton & Physllis Knutson, 40 year seal to Ruth Shapleigh. A great time was had by all & a great program was presented by the Worthy Lecturer, Barbara C. Kulisch.

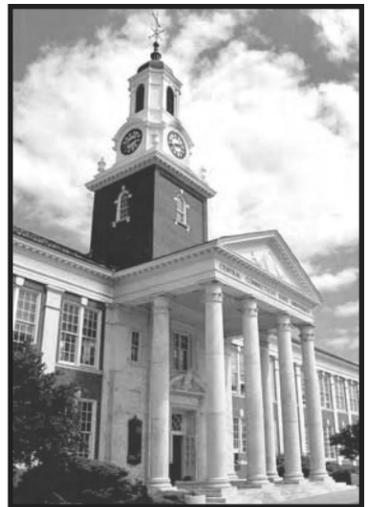
We had 8 entries in the Needlework contest this year, 2 entries in the Musical Craft contest & 2 entries in the new scrapbook contest.

In August we visited with our "2-4-5 Club" members in North Stonington.

We are busy getting "Our Grange Hall" reroofed & painted, with a possibility of getting it sided as well. Being in the Historic District, we are limited as to what they will allow us to do.

Our installation of officers will be on Sept. 12.

## Evening of Excellence site selected



The National Hosting Committee of the Northeast Region of State Granges is pleased to announce the selection of a location for the Evening of Excellence.

The 1,900 seat Welte Auditorium on the campus of Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT will host the National Grange's annual showcase of national talent.

The Evening of Excellence is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 14 at 7:00 P.M. A convention badge is required for admission (obtained by registering for the convention, using the form at left).

Central Connecticut State University is located at 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050.

Shuttle Service will be available from Cromwell.

# National Convention Registration



Please note: Convention Registration is \$25 per person. You must register for Convention for admittance to all meetings and activities, including the Evening of Excellence and the 7th Degree Conferral. Hotel reservations must be made by each individual directly through the Crowne Plaza Cromwell, 100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416 • 860-308-4589 or 860-635-2000

### PERSONAL INFORMATION\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

### FUNCTIONS & EVENTS\*\*\*

Date	Time	Function	Cost	Quantity	Total
n/a	n/a	Convention Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
11/11	12:15 P.M.	Luncheon with Speaker	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/12	8:00 A.M.	Salute to Ag. Breakfast	\$20.00	_____	_____
11/12	12:15 P.M.	Luncheon	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/13	9:00 A.M.	Tour (includes buffet lunch)	\$25.00	_____	_____
11/13	12:30 P.M.	Past Delegates Luncheon	\$23.00	_____	_____
11/13	6:00 P.M.	Youth Pizza Party (All Welcome)	\$12.00	_____	_____
11/13	1:00 P.M.	Junior Tour	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
11/14	12:15 P.M.	Grow Club Luncheon	\$21.00	_____	_____
11/15	8:00 A.M.	Junior Breakfast & Super JG Awards	\$15.00 Adult	_____	_____
		Recognition	\$ 8.00 Child	_____	_____
11/15	7:00 P.M.	Celebration Banquet	\$32.00 Adult	_____	_____
			\$17.00 Child	_____	_____
			TOTAL - Functions & Events		\$ _____

### CONVENTION SALES ITEMS

	Size	Quantity	Total
Convention T-Shirt (S-XXL)		_____	_____
Convention Pin		_____	_____

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

I have included the check number \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment for my National Grange Convention Registration.

Please charge my credit card (National Grange accepts Visa/Master Card and Discover) for payment of my National Grange Convention Registration.  Visa  Master Card  Discover

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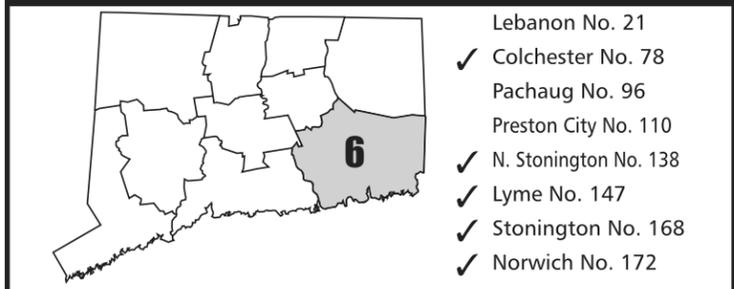
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\*\* First Name, Last Name, Grange Name & Number and State will be printed on name badges. If multiple people are registering on the same form, please make sure all the information corresponds to each person correctly. \*\*\* Meal tickets will not be mailed and will be available for pick-up at convention office. \*\*\*\* Make checks payable to the National Grange.

**PLEASE MAIL OR FAX CONVENTION REGISTRATION TO NATIONAL GRANGE BY: OCTOBER 10, 2008.**

The National Grange, Att: Convention Registration, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 • Fax: 202-347-1091

## New London County Pomona No. 6



### NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

*Corr:* Nancy R Weissmuller

**Sept. 13:** Installation of Officers, Lyme Grange

On June 19th we elected Daniel Mutchler to serve as our Master for the next two years. He and his slate of officers will be installed at Lyme Grange on Saturday, September 13 at 7:30. Lecturer Debbie Barnes has come up with some interesting "entre meeting" activities. Be sure to check your Pomona program so you won't miss any of them. Hope to see a good crowd out to begin our new Grange year.

Four Granges were represented at the Pomona CWA judging held at Lyme Grange on July 12th. Granges entering items for judging were Colchester, Lyme and North Stonington, with entries in each of the categories. Several winners went on to State for the July 26 judging. Check the CWA column for state results. Many items for the Big E were also collected at the Lyme get-together. If you have any items to donate to this worthy cause, please bring them to the September 13 meeting.

A brand new Grange year lies before us.

We need ALL our Granges' support.

So please won't you come to our meetings.

So we'll have something GREAT to report!

### COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

*Corr:* Polly Leonard

We are sad to report the passing of one of our faithful, longtime member,

Kay Muir. She attended meetings faithfully. The last few months were spent in Liberty Hall Convalescent Home. We will miss her wonderful laugh, her kind and welcoming attitude. Sister Kay will leave a big hole in our Grange. We will drape the Charter at our September meeting.

We continue to try getting new members. We have had a lot of inquiries. Our picnic in August may bring us some. Our Brothers and Sisters are inviting many guests. Maybe when they see us in action it will do the trick. We are a fun Grange.

We are wishing Marion Culhane, our Secretary, a speedy recovery from her knee surgery. She will be rehabilitating at Harrington Court, RHC, Colchester. Drop by or send her a card.

A picnic barbecue was held at the Leonard Farm. It was held indoors, because of the poor weather. The rain stopped long enough though so that they were able to tour the vegetable gardens.

Each member was asked to bring a friend. Needless to say we had a very good crowd.

We ran two weekends of tag sales, displaying our banner. Stirred lots of interest. We had a lot of inquiries about the Grange. Consequently, we have two new members and a couple more on the sidelines.

Our new year is about to start. We must work hard to enlist new members, and keep our Community Service list growing. Our Grange is always open to visitors.

### N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

*Corr:* Nancy R. Weissmuller

**Sept. 12:** "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!"

**Sept. 26:** "All Dogs Go to Heaven"

Another successful North Stonington Agricultural Fair is history and we begin a new Grange year under a new Master, Robert Miner and his slate of officers will be installed by Jody Cameron's installing team on September 12.

The annual picnic was well attended, with Grange hamburgers, hot dogs and soda augmented by delicious potluck dishes brought by members. It was a warm evening, so the water gun fights following the games were enjoyed by all.

Our one meeting in July was held on a REALLY HOT evening. We opened and closed the meeting upstairs but enjoyed the Lecturer's Program in the twenty-degree cooler downstairs hall while sipping root beer floats. After learning about disaster planning we reminisced about the 80's.

Lecturer Sue Pianka has been hard at work planning our next year's programs. It looks like a great lineup. You will receive a copy when you send your dues in September. Please post it on the refrigerator and plan to save the second and fourth Fridays for Grange. And if the baby katy-did on my rose bush is singing by the end of the month, next time I'll tell you about Awesome August.

### LYME GRANGE #147

*Corr:* Dick Chapman

**Sept. 4:** "Cocker Spaniel" Come and See

**Oct. 2:** Land of Lincoln (Illinois)

August found "our" talent winners representing Connecticut at the N. E. Lecturer's Conference in Maine, the delivery of well over 100 items for

the Grange boutique at the Big E, and members worked feverishly on their Hamburg Fair.

Lecturer Lois is winding down her year of dog programs by wanting you to know why the world likes dogs. It is because they are: the most unselfish and patient living things in the world - the most grateful and friendly living things in the world - the most forgiving and loyal living things in the world. The world likes dogs because dogs are nearest to moral perfection of all living things.

National Dog Week is the fourth week of September.

Doggie fact: 70% of dog owners celebrate their dog's birthday.

National Dog Week Proclamation:

Whereas, this is the 80th anniversary of National Dog Week, and

Whereas, the dog has valiantly served humans for 17,000 years, and

Whereas, the dog has served us in war and peace, and

Whereas, the dog has distinguished itself by delivering the life-saving serum to Nome, Alaska, and

Whereas, dogs such as Chips and the Marines Devil Dogs have fought for the United States during WWII, and

Whereas, other dogs followed in this pattern during Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, and

Whereas, dogs worked around the clock after 9/11 to find buried people and continued on under the most adverse conditions to find bodies to offer families closure, and

Whereas, dogs have helped children with deep-seated psychological problems and have assisted in many programs to help them adjust, and

Whereas, the visually handicapped have been guided by dogs for over 80

years.

Therefore be it resolved, that September 21 through 27, 2008 will be proclaimed National Dog Week among Connecticut Grangers and that appropriate participation be planned.

Signed, for all the dogs, this date, September 1, 2008.

### STONINGTON GRANGE #168

*Corr:* Jeff Barnes

Election of officers at our June meeting easily filled all positions, with several changes this year. Installation will be October 9. The highlight of the evening was the initiation of our two new members, Allen and Tanya Sylvestre. They are two young and energetic local residents, interested in agriculture and in helping the community. They will be a great asset to Stonington Grange. This was also our first attempt at performing the Obligation ceremony. After a good rehearsal, and feeling confident in our abilities, we enjoyed the experience very much. Here's hoping that we will have more occasions to welcome new members in the near future.

Our annual picnic will be held on July 17. We look forward to a visit from RI Sate Chaplain, John Lawson and RI State Secretary, Shirley Lawson that night. They have visited our Grange in July for many, many years. We are told that their first date was a visit to a Stonington Grange meeting. Way to go! Our next meeting will be September 11. Hope everyone is having a great summer.

### NORWICH GRANGE #172

**Sept. 10:** Norwich Grange celebrates its 100th Anniversary. Come help us celebrate! There will be an assortment of music, awards presentations and, of course, food.

## Colchester Grange #78



Sharon Moroch (l) and Polly Leonard (r) pose with the Colchester Grange banner at one of their three successful tag sales. The sales were held to raise money for their scholarship fund.

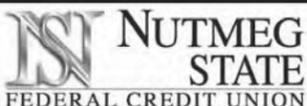
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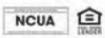
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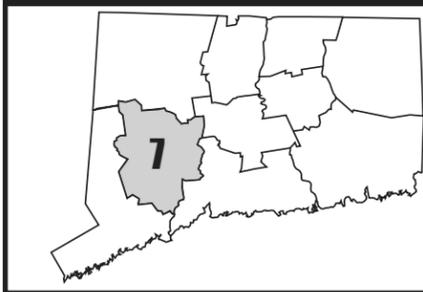
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## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- Beacon Valley No. 103
- Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

### EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Joanne Cipriano/  
Mary Dubay

The summer went by fast but not fast enough with all the heat. September will find us back to more scheduled meetings. Our first being September 12th. With a program titled "Teddy Bear Day". Please bring yours to the meeting.

One Community Project we started during the summer was the renovation of Naugatuck's World War I monument. It needs extensive repairs. Beacon Valley came up with "lets get this done" and made the first donation and is teaming up with the American Legion to see it to fruition.

Ron Fischer, our Steward, and Commander of the American Legion is doing the leg work.

We send the Granger into all our Grange families. Sometimes we wonder if it gets read. I found out recently it is. Bob Burns, a long time member, question me about what happened to our news in the last Granger (I had no excuse) and I met Dave Knapp and he says he keeps up with all the Grange news through the Granger.

We wish a speedy recovery to Frank Behlman who recently had surgery and Olive Rathburn, who as of this writing is a resident at Beacon Brook Healthcare Center.

Winners in the Needlework Contests submitted by CWA Chairman Loretta Rowland are as follows:

Class A- Afghan: 1- Wilma Deziel; 2- Loretta Leonard

Class C- Embroidery: 1- Pearl Godin; 2- Hazel Hallier; 3- Faith Lucas

Class E- Plastic Canvas: 1- Joanne Cipriano; 2- Jean Meehan

Class H- Latch Hook: 1- Pearl Godin; 2- Judy Garcia

Class J- Stuffed Toy: 1- Inez Bramhall

Musical Craft - 2- Barbara Robert

Surprise guests at our picnic were John Ray and Jerry from Las Vegas. It was nice to see them. Both are looking good.

### WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

Sept. 5: Fair Time

Sept. 19: Youth Night

The month of September starts us off with Labor Day. The end of the summer season, parks close and school begins. Our first meeting in September is called Fair Time. Most of the fairs around us are in the month of September. If we miss one there will be another the following week. Closest to us are the Bethlehem Fair and the Goshen Fair. Both are good-sized fairs. A few of our members have entries in both. We look forward to going.

Our second meeting is our Youth Night and is in charge of our Youth Chairman, Denise Barbieri. She keeps us informed as to what the Youth are doing at each meeting. She just attended the 2008 Northeast Regional Youth Conference at Exeter, RI. She participated in many of the contests and workshops. Good show.

We had our CWA Baking Contest and the winners are First: Malinda Mable; Second: Cheryl Johnstone; Third Barbara Robert. All got samples after the meeting, all were delicious.

In September, we start having our Tag Sales again. We take the summer off, too hot for Tag Sales. Members keep this in mind.

Our last fundraiser was a Stanley Demo and it went well. We thank our CWA Chairman Malinda Mable for all her work on this project. Nice going Malinda!

Come and join us when you can. We love company.

### WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Cindy Legg

Sept. 1: Omitted due to Labor Day

Sept. 15: "School Days" - Refreshments by Flora, Country Store

Our first meeting in September is omitted so we can all celebrate Labor Day. Our second meeting is "School Days." Speaking of School Days, it is hard to believe that the summer is almost over, and the

children are ready to go back to school.

Our Grange had a busy summer, some of us attended Southern Connecticut Past Masters Picnic, Excelsior Pomona's Picnic and our own picnic at Lou and Pearl Godin's house. We were happy to have Beacon Valley Grange join us. I attended the Lecturer's Conference in Maine. Some of us work at the Wolcott Historical Society, and one of our members helped out at the Wolcott Library with their book sale. We put in a display at the Wolcott Lions Club Fair, and the Bethlehem Fair. It has been a busy summer for all of us.

We have been busy making plans for our 100th Anniversary in 2009. So come join us and help us to celebrate. More information will follow.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Paul Ziegler. Paul was a great guy and we will miss him. Our sympathy goes out to Joan and her family.

Remember, we meet on the First and Third Mondays most months, so come and join us anytime. We hope you all have a healthy and happy autumn season.

### OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

Sept. 5: Back to School and Other Reminiscences

Sept. 18: Exchange Officers Program- Each officer is responsible for guest/replacement

Back to School! Wow, do any of our members remember their own school daze? Hope so, or Lecturer Jan will have a very short program on Sept. 5. We'll find out that night. Exchange Officers programs too are unusual in Oxford, and this one should be fun.

Summer went by so quickly that we never got to the beach. We did, however, have some good times, like the Grange picnic and the Mystery Ride- at which everyone enjoyed ice cream at a local dairy bar. Those of us who squandered precious gas to drive to Glastonbury had a good time on Celebration Day. The entries were well done, the food good, socializing pleasant, the Olde Tyme Fiddlers performance a joy for all. Wouldn't this even be appealing to the general public?

Now, cool weather returns and we must get back to work.

## "Let's Celebrate" Results



**Betty Jane Gardiner**  
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Jane Miller

State W.A. Committee

Our second annual "Let's Celebrate Day!" was held on July 26th at Good Will Grange Hall. The judging of all of the CWA contests, the photo contest and the Publicity Poster Contest were held and the entries placed on display. A delicious lunch was provided by the Junior

Director, Joan Perry and her crew, which helped to fatten their treasury! The judging was followed by a wonderful program arranged by our State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt. The CWA theme, "The Melody Lingers On" was carried out with the music of the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers, which was enjoyed by all who attended. The winners in each of the contests were announced followed by refreshments. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a success. The results of the CWA Contests were as follows:

### New England Needlework Contest

**Class A Afghan:** 1st Wilma Deziel, Prospect #144; 2nd Irene Percoski, Enfield #151; 3rd Ruth Herbele, Manchester #31

**Class B Doilies:** 1st Cindy Anderson, N. Stonington #138; 2nd Edna Schneider, Harmony #138; 3rd Jane Wendell, Simsbury #197

**Class C Embroidery:** Edith Schoell, Manchester #31; 2nd Pat Conger, Vernon #52; 3rd Beulah Partridge, Litchfield #107

**Class D 3 Piece Baby Set:** 1st Marilyn Stitham, Old Lyme #162; 2nd Edna Schneider, Harmony #92; 3rd Barbara Cameron, Ekonk #89

**Class E Plastic Canvas:** 1st Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley #103; 2nd Glen Conger, Vernon #52; 3rd Joan Ziegler, Redding #15

**Class F Counted Cross Stitch:** 1st Mariellen Baxter, Vernon #52; 2nd Stella Kuladowski, Hillstown #87; 3rd Julianne Davis, Old Lyme #162

**Class G Adult Garment:** 1st Kathryn Ruff, Glastonbury #26, 2nd Edna Schneider, Harmony #92; Barbara Cameron, Ekonk #89

**Class H Latch Hook:** 1st Peggy Garrity, Cannon #152; 2nd Kay Ruff, Glastonbury #26; 3rd Lois Evankow, Lyme #147

**Class I Wall Hanging:** 1st Karen MacDonald, Redding #15; 2nd Doris Johnson, Old Lyme #162; 3rd Lois Evankow, Lyme #147

**Class J Stuffed Toy:** 1st Jennifer Schirmer, Vernon #52; 2nd Flo Mullane, No. Stonington #138; 3rd Norma DePietro, Glastonbury #26

### Baking Contest- Applesauce Medley Quick Bread

1st - Cathy Romano, Norfield #146

2nd - Joan Goetjen, Tunxis #13

3rd - Ruth Shapleigh, Old Lyme #162

### Craft Contest - Anything Musical

**Needlework - Adult** - 1st Lois Evankow, Lyme #147; 2nd Barbara Robert, Watertown #122, 3rd Debbie Brown, Whigville #48

**Other Media - Adult** - 1st Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme #162, 2nd Marilyn Stitham, Old Lyme #162, 3rd Jean Meehan, Prospect #144, Honorable Mention, Doris Johnson, Old Lyme #162

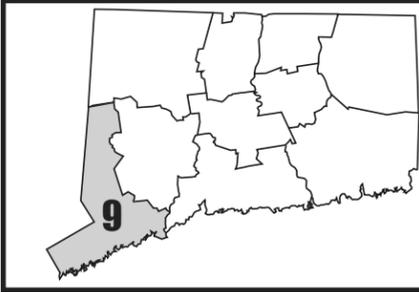
**Other Media - Junior** - 1st Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown Junior Grange

**Special Poster Category** - 1st Bill Murphy, Litchfield #107; 2nd Joanne Klingerman, Litchfield #107

**Scrapbooks:** 1st- Anna Fiori, Lyme #147, 2nd Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme #162, 3rd Maude Emhoff, Stafford #1, Honorable Mention Beatrice Meehan, Prospect #144

The 1st place winners of the New England Needlework Contest will represent CT at the New England Judging to be held on Friday, Sept. 12th at the Big E. We wish all our contestants "Good Luck" and hope many of you will go to see the display in the New England Grange Building. Our thanks to all who supported our CWA contests and hope you will enter again next year.

## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- ✓ Harmony No. 92  
Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- Cannon No. 152

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

*Corr: Karen Macdonald*

It's been a lovely New England summer, with vivid blooms, tasty treats, and fun adventures. Granges have been enjoying final contests and projects, picnics and planning for State and National Sessions. In early September, at Pomona meeting, there was a lecture on the Merritt Parkway by Geno Piacentini. Hoping more of our Subordinate members will join Pomona, and especially complete their 6th and 7th degrees this year in Connecticut, a special opportunity! A special note of admiration and love, as we lost our devoted member Paul Ziegler, our sympathy is extended to Joan and family.

### REDDING GRANGE #15

*Corr: Margaret Sendewicz*

**Sept. 8:** Harvest Time  
**Sept 13:** Harvest Fair 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 22:** School Daze  
**Oct. 13:** TBA

This is a sad column to write because I must inform you that our past Master of many, many years has left us for the Great Grange above. I think almost everyone in the Connecticut Grange knew Paul Ziegler. From the time he was President of the Connecticut Agricultural Fair to when he flipped pancakes at our pancake suppers or gave them bargains at the white elephant table at our fairs. He was very easy to like and we are going to miss him very much but we will carry on in his honor.

It appears that summer is slowly drawing to a close. Before that happens we should all enjoy what is left of it to the fullest. I cannot think of a better way to do so then by attending a Local Grange Fair and guess what? Redding Grange is providing just such an event. It's our Harvest Fair which means we will have many vegetables and flowers and plants on exhibit and for sale.

We will also have books, baked items refreshments and our famous white

elephant table. Come and spend an enjoyable day with us and meet some really friendly people.

Our schedule of meetings for the month are listed above and you are always welcome at Redding Grange.

### HARMONY GRANGE #92

*Corr: Gail Mas*

**Aug. 23:** Agricultural Fair, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

We have been spring-summer cleaning and the hall looks very nice. Still a lot to do inside and out. Among our members, we have a celebrated person: Gilbert Standley has been recognized by the Town of Trumbull for all his years of dedicated work, as Park Superintendent. He was honored with a beautiful stone engraved with his name and years of service, along with an orchard named after him. What an honor and pleasure it is to be acquainted with this man. We at the Grange congratulate you, Gil. There was also a gathering of family, friends and town dignitaries to enjoy a wonderful meal in Gil's honor.

We are getting things ready for the agricultural fair, which is a wonderful time for all who attend.

In the town of Monroe we now have our first "Farmer's Market." It has been a long time coming and we hope it is a success. The market is open on each Friday from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

We at Harmony wish you all a safe and happy summer.

### TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

*Corr: Sue Sulier*

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to October, the month associated with scary things, such as jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, ghouls and goblins and of course Halloween.

Now on to the Trumbull Grange stuff. With a saddened heart I am reporting the passing of our beloved Past Master/President Art Hanlon who survived his wife, Arlyne by a mere 3 weeks. Now they are together again for all eternity. Our prayers and

condolences are extended to their entire family. They will be sorely missed and tenderly remembered. A special acknowledgment of thanks goes to Yvonne Wannop for the countless visits she made to the Hanlons during their final months.

The members of Trumbull Grange send our sincere condolences to Joan Ziegler on the passing of her beloved husband, Paul.

Recently Val Barrachina and Barbara Standley presented Anna Stocatore with her 25 Year Grange Member Pin and Certificate in the Mayfair Healthcare Center of Trumbull, where she resides.

In August, we joined together with song, cake and fellowship to celebrate Mary Mazur's 96th Birthday. Mary, we love you and we wish you many, many more years of health and happiness. I composed and read a tribute/mini biography entitled "Mary S. Mazur - This is your life" and Pat Gerckens read a hilarious poem she authored about Mary. Bob and Marge Sendewicz were on hand as birthday well-wishers.

Our Grange's elections were held last month. Alice Salvas and Mary Mazur will be our new Co-Chaplains, Henry Barrachina will be our new Legislative Liaison and I will be Chairperson of the Sunshine Committee. The other title holders will remain the same as last year. Everyone know it takes a lot of time and effort to be an office holder, so on behalf of all Trumbull Grangers, we thank our past, present and newly elected officers for their willingness to faithfully serve our Grange.

In closing, I wish all your days to be as sweet as Halloween candy!

### NORFIELD GRANGE #146

*Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox*

**Sept. 9:** Installation of Officers, 4th Degree  
**Sept. 14:** Norfield Grange Fair, 10-2  
**Oct. 14:** Columbus Day  
**Nov. 4:** Neighbor's Night, Veteran's Day, Country Store

Please note that our November meeting will be a week earlier than usual. This is because of the timing of the National Grange Convention.

In June we welcomed two new members. Cathy Romano and Kristina Miller. And in July Betty Miller became an associate member. Cathy Romano is already making waves:

She has gone on to win First Prize in the State Grange Baking Contest! In June we also voted to send a \$300 scholarship to Camp Berger.

At our meeting in July, we were treated to a brief history and demonstration of swing dancing by Bill Gore, a true swing dancing pro. Also in July, sadly, we draped the charter for three old friends: Cappy

Marlin, John Twarda, and Caroline Gieges. Although Gieges spent her last years in Vermont, she always maintained her involvement with Connecticut Grange. A trained nurse, she was also a renaissance woman-spending her retirement years tending bees, caning chairs, baking and entertaining. She was a Granger to the core.

## Harmony Awards Night



Members of Harmony Grange No. 92 pose for a picture with State Master Sendewicz during their Awards Night meeting. Left to right: Master George Ward, Gloria Ward, Gertrude Wilson, State Master Sendewicz, and Arthur Luledjian.

## Trumbull throws party



Trumbull Grange No. 134 recently celebrated the 96th birthday of Mary Mazur. Left to right: Louise Malatesta, State Master Bob Sendewicz, Mary Mazur and in front is Lauren Malatesta.

## Invasive Plant Symposium

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group is sponsoring an Invasive Plant Symposium "Cherish Our Natural Heritage: Managing Invasives to Promote Native Diversity" on October 1, 2008. The Symposium will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Lewis B. Rome Commons, University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus.

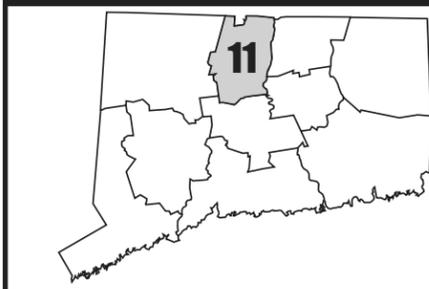
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### Thank You!

I would like to thank all of our Grange friends for the numerous cards and notes of sympathy sent to me upon the death of my husband, Paul. Your thoughts and prayers have been greatly appreciated by my family and me.

Fraternally,  
Joan Ziegler

## Farmington Valley Pomona No. II



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- Cherry Brook No. 210

### FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*  
**Sept. 15:** Let's All Work Together

The summer is fast coming to an end. Where do the time go?

Some of our folks attended the Lecturer's Conference and enjoyed it. Now they are busy planning for the fall events. A number of us will be putting in time at the "Big E."

Our annual Pomona Picnic was successful! The picnic followed the worship service conducted by Chaplain, Bob Brockett. Everyone had a good time. Thanks Lin and Maggie for your hospitality.

Congratulations to Joan Goetjen who placed second in the CWA Baking Contest and to Jane Wendell who took third with her beautiful crocheted doily.

We had two winners in the gift raffle held by the State CWA. Frances Sarnecki won a basket of household paper products, and Gertrude Greer now has a new cutting board.

We hope you all enjoyed a great summer of vacations and fun and are now ready to get back to the work of the Grange. We need all of you at all of our meetings.

### GRANBY GRANGE #5

*Corr: Vivian C. Shaw*

**Sept. 6:** Agricultural Fair and Chicken Barbecue at Granby Grange Hall, 212 N. Granby Rd. (Route 189), Fair, 3 P.M.- Barbecue 5-7 P.M.; Adults \$9.00; Children under 12 \$4.50

**Sept. 16:** Reports of the Fair

**Sept. 27:** Public Setback Card Party 7:00 P.M.

Dairy Potluck Supper and CT Milk Gifts. 4H program about students working many jobs including two cute mini goats. We were pleased that CT State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt presented 60 year seals for Marion Doak and Vivian Shaw. Unable to be at that time for 70 years Grace Ayer and William Colton, 65 years Alva Tatlock, and 60 years Christine Kupruck. We had three Saturday July tag sales.

### TUNXIS GRANGE #13

*Corr: Pamela Covington*

**Sept. 2-16:** Let's Greet the Fall Agriculture

The members of Tunxis Grange were excited and happy to hear that Joan Goetjen had won second place for her Applesauce Medley Quick Bread at the State Judging on July 26, 2008 in Good Will Grange Hall. Congratulations, Joan! It is a nice event for Tunxis Grange, and shows we are still active!

In July, we had a nice pizza party and enjoyed it so much! The pizza was delicious and the cookies added to it. We also had two visitors.

If anyone wants to come visit us, please check to be sure that we are holding a meeting!

### SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*

**Sept. 10:** Meeting "Off to Work We Go"

**Sept. 6, 13 & 20:** Card Parties

At this writing we are involved in the preparations for our third Simsbury Grange Fair which will be history by the time you are reading this.

We have again invited each of the farms in our area to arrange exhibits showing their produce and products. Can the displays possibly be any more beautiful than in past years?

We hope for good entries in the baking, needlework, vegetables, fruits, flowers and other contests.

Evelyn Reuter will show many of her beautiful quilts for all to admire.

The lower hall offers for sale baked goods, crafts, tag sale items, plants and snacks.

Games for the children are fun.

We hope our efforts will again meet with success.

It has been voted to hold our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 preceded by a brown bag lunch (dessert furnished) at noon. The exception will be our December Christmas meeting (and any special event meetings) which will be on Thursday evening. Check the new Pomona

Handbook for information.

Congratulations to Frances Sarnecki who won a gift on the CWA project table, at Celebration Day last month.

### WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

*Corr: Pamela Covington*

**Sept. 9:** School Starts

## Governor expands agriculture programs

by Eileen FitzGerald,  
*Danbury News-Times*  
(7/23/08)

A new state law ensures high school students better access to 19 programs that teach aquaculture, animal and plant science, agricultural mechanics, agribusiness, food science, biotechnology and the environment.

The new law changed the name of the Vocational Agriculture program to Agricultural Science and Technology Education, which one educator said would address the erroneous perception that the program was only about cows.

Although the state requires school districts that do not offer vocational agriculture training to allow their students to attend programs at other schools, the new law ensures the sending districts won't reduce the number of students they send.

"The name change is something we worked for for a long time," said Robert Gambino of New Milford, who was a plant science teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village for 33 years.

"I would go to the home of an eighth-grade student and tell the mother her son was interested in plant science, but when she heard it was a vo-ag program, she said no," Gambino said.

But when teachers started emphasizing the program's science and technology, he said there was less resistance.

Gov. Jodi M. Rell signed House Bill 5869, An Act Concerning Agricultural Science and Technology Education, in a ceremony Saturday at Trumbull Agriscience School.

The vo-ag program is one of seven state-subsidized career and technical education programs. Others are business and finance technology, medical careers, and family and consumer sciences. They are among the choice programs the state offers public school students.

"Basically, they are state-subsidized regional facilities that provide a specialized curriculum in agriscience," Thomas Murphy, state education department spokesman, said Tuesday. "They are embedded in all-purpose high schools and the state subsidizes the tuition the sending school district

On July 8, West Suffield Grange #199 had a nice picnic with 12 members and one visitor. The food was delicious as Grange food always is! Our visitor was Claire Bailey, sister of Gert Greer and Bea Phelps. Claire lives in PA and was up for a visit with Gert and Bea. It had been

a long time since some of us had seen Claire, and we all enjoyed seeing and visiting with her!

We all had fun at our Country Store after the meeting! We hope some of you can come and visit us some day. Happy fall season!



(l to r) State Master Bob Sendewicz, Governor M. Jodi Rell, and Sister Marge Sendewicz after the bill signing at Trumbull Agriscience School.

must pay for their student." About 3,000 students in the state now participate in the programs.

"The State Department of Education believes that having options for students is important," said Greg Kane, who oversees the program. "A lot of students can benefit from these programs."

Kane said the new law requires the sending school districts to maintain the number of students they send to the program, if interest exists. He said because schools are struggling financially, some have cut back on the number of students they send.

The program, which prepares students for entry-level employment or higher education, incorporates technologies, rigorous

academics, current labor market information and career decision-making skills. Students must also take part in a supervised work experience related to their career interest.

Gambino said the program, started in the early part of the last century, has new relevance in today's world.

"I think as we look into the future, this country is going to move towards more self-reliance, he said. "This is a quintessential education program. It's community based, it's hands on, and it lets the student stay in a school setting to learn things like calculus and take part in sports.

"It's a model that has been tried and emulated throughout the country."



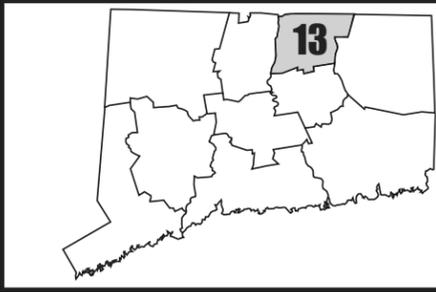
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## North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

### N. CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

#### Sept. 11: Weeds Indeed

The first meeting of the year for North Central Pomona will be held as guests of Tolland Grange. Vernon Grange is in charge of bringing items for our auction. This is a new program we are trying for the year. Each month a different Grange will provide "treasures" for the auction.

Congratulations to all the winners of the needlework contests, the craft contests, and the photography contest. North Central was well represented!

### STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Maude Emhoff

**Sept. 16:** Installation of Officers, Potluck 6:30 P.M.

Ice Cream Social! What better way to celebrate this hot summer's evening. Members brought all the embellishments plus the bananas and ice cream. Many members reiterated that it had been a long time since they had a banana split. For the first time in many years we have been able to plan a summer picnic. Here again it will be potluck and will take place on the Bradway Farm. We can just hope that the weather cooperates. We've had just enough rain and warm weather to make the flowers and grass grow. So let's enjoy it before we start complaining about the cold and snow; not to mention the high cost of fuel. Have a happy summer.

### TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

**Sept. 2:** My Dinner Guest Would Be...

Summer is flying by; can't believe it is August already. School will be back in session before this article appears in print! Make sure when driving to watch out for the school buses and children waiting to board.

At our September

meeting, we will be discussing our special dinner guest. Let's see how many different people will be included at our dinner tables.

Enjoy the rest of summer.

### VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

**Sept. 5:** Labor Day - Tell Us About Your Job Experiences

Vernon had a great picnic at Linda Niederwerfer's home at the beginning of August. The Master had many items she found in Ruth AmEnde's archives and had each member share a piece of Vernon Grange's history. At our September meeting, members will tell us about their job experiences.

### ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

**Sept. 13:** Installation of Officers, Potluck Luncheon, 12 Noon

**Oct. 9:** Pomona Meets Here

**Oct. 11:** Old Pots and Pans, Ref. Edith and Norma

Where does the time go? The days seem to be flying by and I seem to be two steps behind. The basement of the hall is getting cleaned out thanks to two NON-members and Master Brian Carpenter. The septic tank was pumped out, the bathrooms were altered for easier access, and general clean-up inside is pretty much finished. Negotiations are still on the table with the Town and two other interested non-profit groups regarding the hall. Stay tuned.

A new Grange year starts with Installation of Officers and a potluck lunch at 12:00 Noon. Our guests will be Edith Schoell and her team. Come join us.

The philosopher who said that work well done never needs doing over never weeded a garden.

# Niederwerfer receives Golden Sheaf



Linda Niederwerfer receives her Golden Sheaf Certificate in recognition of 50 years continuous membership in Vernon Grange No. 52. The presentation was made by Master Nancy Strong in early August.

## Thank you to everyone who participated

Thanks to all who attended our 2nd Annual Let's Celebrate at Good Will Grange Hall. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time. Photo Contest Winners were as follows:

### America The Beautiful

1. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire
2. Ruth Posuniak, Marlborough
3. Jean Meehan, Prospect

### Animals

1. Lois Evankow, Lyme
2. Ken De Dominicis, Hillstown
3. Dawn Perkoski, Enfield

### Grangers In Action

1. Ellen Hendrick, Vernon
2. Lois Evankow, Lyme
3. Jean Meehan, Prospect

### Family Celebrations

1. Pat Ridzon, Coventry
2. Russell Gray, Ekonk

### Historical Places or Events

1. Gretchen Hendrick, Vernon
2. Ellen Hendrick, Vernon



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### 3. Russell Gray, Ekonk

For the first time in several years we had entries in the Youth Contest. These can be either Junior Grange members or children or grandchildren of Grange Members.

The Youth Winners are as follows:

### America The Beautiful

1. Christian Schirmer, Vernon
2. Alisa Lacasse, Hillstown Junior
3. Shannon Mathews, Hillstown Junior

### Animals

1. Alissa Lacasse, Hillstown Junior
2. Shannon Mathews, Hillstown Junior
3. Mary Burlette, Hillstown Junior

### Family Celebrations

1. Shannon Matthews, Hillstown Junior

### Grangers in Action

1. Mary Burlette, Hillstown Junior

### Historical Places or Events

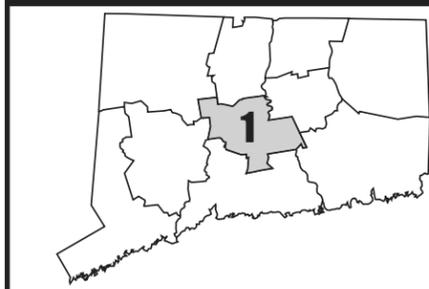
1. Angelina DeDominicis

By the time you read this Lecturers Conference will be a thing of the past. As I write, it starts in a couple of days. My thanks to all who are attending. You have all been terrific helping to fill in the holes in the program. I have always said that Connecticut is the best, and you have proved it once again.



Connecticut members gather for a group shot wearing their very "orange" costumes after participating in the Northeast Lecturer's Conference program in August.

## Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- ✓ Westfield No. 50
- ✓ Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

### SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Lisa Lamoureux

**Sept. 8:** What Did You Do On Your Summer Vacation (Refreshments – Flora)

**Sept. 22:** Community Service Award (Refresh. – Everyone)

I can hardly believe that we are already in September. I hope that everyone had a great summer! Southington Grange has already had its 58th Annual Fair. We look forward to the Fair every year and prepare for it all year long and it is already done. Oh well, start

planning for next year's fair already. At our September 8 meeting, we are going to see what everyone did on their summer vacations. Why not come and let us know what you did. Maybe someone will take your same vacation next year because it sounds so great.

On September 22, we are going to award our Community Service Award to Melynda Naples. Melynda is a young woman who owns Deerfield Farms in Durham and has also put together the Durham Farmers Market. This Farmers Market offers a little bit of everything for everyone. Deerfield Farms is a great farm that offers homemade cheeses, yogurts, milk soaps and milk baths and of course milk!!! Chocolate and strawberry milk are also offered. Plus you can see the cows and even pet them which I do every time that I visit the farm. I hope a lot of people will attend this program since Melynda is very deserving of this award. Not only does she own a successful business, she is also the mother of two little girls who believes in giving back to her community. Why not stop by to meet Melynda and congratulate her on her success!

As always, our doors are open for anyone and everyone who would like to join us for a meeting. Remember we meet on

the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit and Knowles Street in the Plantsville section of Southington.

### WESTFIELD GRANGE #50

Corr: Phyllis Redford

**Oct. 2:** "As You Are Now..."

**Nov. 6:** What Do We Know About 1600 Penn Ave.

**Dec. 4:** "Twas the Night Before..."

Please note that Westfield Grange has voted to meet only on the first Thursday of each month, with the third Thursday used only if the earlier meeting date was cancelled. Please call Mildred or Phyllis if there are any questions.

The Show and Tell program was a grand success with a variety of items on display by members. We learned about items from Australia, two collections of dolls, teaspoons, paperweights, magnets and fair prizes, special photos of celebrities, fine knitted items made by a member and several large framed color photos by another member. Our special guest was Jim Lamoureux, Deputy of Central Pomona, who showed his collection of baseball memorabilia. We will do this type of program again. Please note; Our October program will definitely be appropriate for "Halloween" ... but no funny costumes, no broom riding witches, ghosts??? Just come and see.

For the Nov. 6 program... you would be surprised at what has happened in the White House.

### HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

**Sept. 12:** Grandparents Day

**Sept. 26:** Safety and Ecology

Bring one grandchild to Grange. Connie McBrien is in charge of the Safety and Ecology Program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

# Southington Grange No. 25



Above left: (l to r) Dennis Putala, Stephen Lynch and Southington Master James Lamoureux pose for a picture after presenting Stephen with the 2008 Scholarship. Above right: Southington member Andrew Legg recently completed U.S. Army Basic Training.



## Broke All the Records

Edith Schoell, State Historian

In a copy of the National Grange Monthly for May 1924, in the Connecticut Grange News, the headline "Broke All Records" caught my eye. "Big meeting of Quinebaug Pomona at Abington."

"Quinebaug Pomona tried an innovation in its meeting in Abington, April 26th with Wolf Den Grange, when dinner was served from 5 to 7 P.M., the 5th Degree followed and ten a Lecture Hour program. The result was the largest degree class in its history (80 candidates) and one of the greatest crowds the Pomona has ever brought together. The Wolf Den Grange hall would not house half of them and it was necessary to adjourn to a big carnival

hall in the village, fortunately available, where the enthusiastic crowd of fully 300 fifth degree members enjoyed a program of more than two hours duration."

"Enjoyable entertainment features were given, including whistling solos by L.G. Tolles of Southington, Steward of the State Grange. Charles M. Gardner, of Springfield was speaker on the topic "Interpreting the Grange"... Many Patrons drove long distances by machine, but Mr. & Mrs. Tolles and Mr. & Mrs. Marsh headed the list, the former being 70 miles from home and the latter over 60 miles. It was a great occasion."

(Today 60 and 70 miles may not seem like much, but consider the roads in 1924!)

## At some point all Granges were "new"



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Carl Manning,  
State Membership Comm.

Last month I and a few other state officers met with the National Grange Membership/Leadership Director, Rusty Hunt. Naturally the topic was about membership. We talked about who the members of the Grange might be. There was talk of how people don't have interest or don't have time; that the schedule of their lives doesn't allow for membership in the Grange.

I am often traveling around the state of Connecticut. This meeting with Rusty was in Coventry. Noel Miller told me that their Grange was meeting in the oldest Grange building in the state of Connecticut. On the way to Coventry from my home in Chester I traveled the 'back roads' as the route was many miles shorter than taking the highway. There are two things that I notice in my travels. One is that I see many of what used to be small farms are now housing developments. Fields that my Dad would have loved to have used for crops now have five hundred

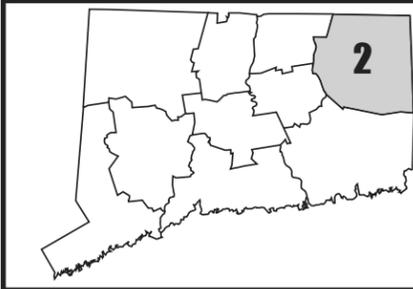
thousand dollar houses in them. The other thing that I notice is the former Grange buildings that are still called Grange buildings but they don't have a Grange meeting in them. These things give me a tremendous sense of loss.

Depending on who in what Grange you may talk to, the Granges in Connecticut are just able to maintain their status quo. When Rusty talked about membership, he mentioned a pamphlet that he had about the four steps of recruitment of new members. They were as follows. Step 1: Set the Stage. As an Ambassador of the Grange you should identify yourself with the Grange by having some type of Grange memento on or about your person. Step 2: Listen. Learn what is important to the person and where there is a fit communicate how the Grange has similar interests. Step 3: Fill the Need. Communicate that the Grange can be the potential members answer to what they like doing. Step 4: Ask Them to Join. This is the most important step. Ask them directly, "Please join our Grange". Try to have a membership form with you when you go out and meet people so that you may sign them up. There are many people who would love to get involved with their community if they could and someone would just ask.

To me the most interesting thing that Rusty talked about was a new subordinate Grange that had formed in

New Hampshire. At some point in time I can imagine that each Grange in the State of Connecticut was a new Grange. He said that when it came right down to it a new Grange was easier to start than it was to keep some of the older Granges going. All that it took in this case was a group of friends looking to have a format to gatherings that they held. The Grange was the perfect answer as it is a wide spread organization with what many people see as ideal endeavors. I think that we as Grangers should take this as a personal challenge. When Rusty said all it took was a group of friends, I felt as if someone just had the nerve to say that a basic reason why my Grange might be failing was because I simply don't have or don't know how to make friends. I don't know the feelings of other Grangers, but mine is a feeling of defiance. If our forefathers could have enough friends not only to form a Grange, but also in many communities to have the where-with-all to even have possession of their own building, then I would like to think that we as Grangers should have the ability to maintain our own. I would even like to think that the Grange is so GREAT that we could even influence people to start NEW Granges. Have you ever thought about it? I think it would be great to have all our Grange members feeling the way that I do and then doing something about it.

## Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- ✓ Senexet No. 40
- ✓ Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- Highland No. 113
- Echo No. 180

### SENEXET GRANGE #40

*Corr: Diane Miller*

**Sept. 17:** Installation

We had a great picnic with lots of guests and a musical program in June.

In July we also met and then had a food booth for the local V.W. Show. Nice profit thanks to all who helped.

We awarded 8 scholarships to local seniors and post grads. Enjoyable evening meeting those young students.

We will have a booth at the Woodstock Fair and a display. Lots of help needed. Visit us soon.

### WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

*Corr: Elsie M. Johnson*

**Sept. 24:** Installation, Ref. All

Hot days of summer! Backyards are a busy place and picnics everywhere. Take special care of your pets in the heat. Vegetables coming in the garden and plenty of farmers markets. It's also canning and freezing time.

On July 9 a 75 year certificate was presented to Elizabeth Adams and asked Joan Perry to do the honor. Elizabeth's family and friends attended and a picture was taken. It was the CWA program nite and Lois reminded us of the sewing contest to be careful with leftovers and other cooking hints and her guest speaker was John Brandt who spoke on the military and medals.

Joan Perry told of the new Junior Grange in East Hartford. Master John Carter was invited to Pomfret Community School to present an English Award to Molly Archabolt at graduation. Our picnic nite was at

a restaurant with 17 attending and fun was enjoyed by all. The town has installed a telephone in the hall.

### EKONK GRANGE #89

*Corr: Sue Gray*

Thanks to the hospitality of Mike & Betsy Molodich, a wonderful summer picnic was enjoyed at their home. Many young people swam in the pool and played volleyball, good food, great fellowship and much laughter! Jody and Jodi Ann Cameron were surprised with a plaque and gift certificate, being named Ekonk's Grangers of the Year! Many of our members are extremely involved in Brooklyn Fair, the oldest continuously active Fair in the entire United States - our own Rick Hermonot is currently president. Yankee Magazine has endorsed Brooklyn Fair as one of the best summer events!!

Our 26th annual fair was a huge success. We had excellent entries in every category and an outstanding judging team (from Brooklyn Fair officials).

Judi Jones, a.k.a. "The Hula Hoop Lady", was a real hit with all ages "hooping", from to nearly age 60! It was agreed to ask her back!

We had many new faces and many new names as entrants.

As usual, the Pedal Tractor & Bike Rodeo events, along with the Moon Bounce, kept all the kids busy, when not "hooping it up!"

Barbara Cameron won overall Best of the Best of Show with her gorgeous handmade wedding gown - beautiful craftsmanship!

## Ekonk honors Jody & Jodi Ann Cameron



Jody and Jodi Ann Cameron were recently honored by Ekonk Community Grange No. 89 as 2008 "Grangers of the Year." The presentation was made at Ekonk's annual picnic. Jody serves as Overseer of the Connecticut State Grange and Region Convention Coordinator for the 2008 National Grange Convention in Hartford. Jodi Ann is Pomona of the CT State Grange and is chairman of the Floral Decorations Committee of the Convention. Both serve in many other Grange capacities too long to list here. Congratulations!



Above left: "Hoopers" at the Ekonk Grange Fair, Verna Cole (background), Mike Molodich, Katie Molodich and Jenn Hawkins in the foreground. Above right, a young man finds great pleasure in his first John Deere adventure "harrowing" at Ekonk Community Grange Fair.

## Wolf Den presents 75 yr. Certificate



Elizabeth Adams (center) recently celebrated 75 years of continuous membership in Wolf Den Grange No. 61. Presenting the 75 year certificate issued by the National Grange are State Junior Director Joan Perry and Wolf Den Grange Master John Carter. The presentation was made on 7/9/08.

## End of year projects at hand



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Where has the summer gone? It's time to be

thinking of the "end of year" projects. Did your pumpkins grow, and will you have one decorated for the contest? Have you completed your Honor Grange form? Check your Blue Books for the deadlines and other contests.

Secretaries, please send in the September quarterly reports promptly. If you have candidates for the

Sixth Degree, applications are available through the Central Office. If you have candidates let me know in order that Flora will have an idea of how many to plan on for the degree.

Tickets for the pre-session banquet are available from Pink Sash members or the Central Office - (860) 633-7550.

**Next Issue:  
Deadline is  
September 5th**

## Chaplain's Message



**Amy Whitcomb**  
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important force in the universe that brings it to its proper end.

The religious point is something more profound. A love that is vaster, more stable and more encompassing, as Saint Paul said "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." We too should cherish all living beings, treating the whole world with unobstructed loving kindness. This spiritual love is far more profound and deeper than the romantic love that is almost the sole focus of our culture. This is what Christianity sees as universal love. We need to practice this love in our lives as we relate to our fellow beings. Kindness is far more profound than anger. We can all cultivate love through our prayer time and relation with God.

Now as we have those last few hot days of summer and we come into the cooler days of fall we turn our hearts toward the home and our families. Many emotions fill our lives and our hearts. One of these is love. Love has been the subject of myth and poetry, as well as the source and meaning four countless lives. The idea of love has left a wider imprint upon the development of human culture than any other single notion. Many great figures have argued that love is the single most

## Mystery Meeting Place

This Month's Mystery...



For our September Mystery Picture, we would like to know what Grange meets in this building? If you know or have any idea, please let your Information Director know by telephone, postcard or e-mail. Just mail your answers to: Carl H. Bernhardt; 424 Cedar Lane; Cheshire, CT 06410, or call (203) 272-4620. Our e-mail address is: [mcb76@cox.net](mailto:mcb76@cox.net). We would like your answers by October 1st. The names of everyone who gives us the correct answer will be printed in the November issue of the CONNECTICUT GRANGER.

The Mystery Picture shown in the July issue of the Granger is North Stonington Grange Hall. We received correct answers from: Joan Perry of Senexit Grange, Cindy Anderson of North Stonington Grange, Barbara Kulisch of Old Lyme Grange, Ronald Purinton of Lyme Grange and Meredith Pappadriua of North Stonington Grange.

North Stonington Grange #138



## In Memoriam

Paul Ziegler, G.S.	Redding Grange #15
Sophie Kipp Black	North Haven Grange #35
Katherine Muir	Colchester Grange #78
Caroline Gieges	Norfield Grange #146

G.S. denotes Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Members

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

## National Grange mourns loss of Chaplain



**John H. West**

**National Grange Chaplain**

CHICHESTER - John Herbert West, 66, of Depot Road, died Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Concord Hospital after a brief illness.

He was the son of Herbert G. and Adah A. West and lived in Chichester most of his life. He graduated from Concord High in 1960 and from Keene State College in 1964. He held a master's degree from the Middlebury

College Bread Loaf School of English. A middle-school English teacher, he taught for three years in Gorham and for 34 years at Rundlett in Concord.

Hewasa52-yearmember of Chichester Grange, a member of Suncook Valley Pomona Grange, the Agate Past Masters Association, the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange. Grange was his joy, and he held many offices in the organization including master (president) of the NH State Grange from 2003 to 2007. At the time of his death he was serving as chaplain of the National Grange. He was also active in the Epsom Circle Breakfast Club and was recording secretary of the

Merrimack Valley Retired Educators.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Kenneth, Robert and Ralph West, and a sister, Eleanor West.

He is survived by Hannah (Lacy), his wife of 30 years; his daughter Mary of Concord, his daughter Anne and her husband, Martin Boisvert, of Pittsfield; a sister, Kathryn Smilo of Naugatuck, Conn.; a sister-in-law, Irene West, of Concord; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Hampshire State Grange, c/o Gail Turcotte, 53 Oak Hill Road, Barrington 03825, and earmarked for the State Grange Building.

(Concord Monitor, 7/27/08)

## Junior Grange Corner



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We are so happy to announce that Hillstown Junior Grange #89 has

been reactivated. I had the pleasure of installing their officers in June. Jr. Deputy of Quinebaug Pomona #2, Tom Perry and his wife Debby assisted me.

It was a terrific night. Connecticut State Grange Secretary, Edie Scholl played the piano. Jr. Deputy of East Central Pomona #3 Helene Forrest and her daughter Michelle DeDominicis will

be the leaders. They have already entered items at Let's Celebrate Day and won prizes. Welcome to all.

I want to remind all the Juniors to enter the contests for State Grange Session. Also remember there are contests for National. Check with your Jr. Leaders to see what you can enter.

Good Luck!!!

## Notes from the Youth Department



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Hi everyone I hope that you have enjoyed your summer. Maybe you have thought about working on your Youth Achievement Report or on your Youth Night notebook this

summer. Possible even putting time into putting them together. The deadline is October 1. Just to tell a little about what has happened this summer... at the Northeast Youth Conference there were two youth that either attended the whole conference or part and it seemed to me that they enjoyed it. During the weekend I met with the National Youth Director and we discussed some of the events that will happen during Youth Days at National Session.

On Thursday night there will be a costume party with the theme of the "1960's". There will be a youth room with games for the youth to stay up late and socialize with other youth. There is a tour of the New England Air Museum and the American School for the Deaf planned. With all of these fun activities planned for the youth, I hope that you will make plans to attend part or all of the youth activities this year.