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The inspections of the Pomona Granges and the evaluations of the Community Granges should be just about completed as you read this. I am anticipating some good reports this year as many Granges have taken in new members last year and they should be aiding their Granges. I have visited Granges where new members are already making an impact.

Many Granges used the month of April, Grange Month, to have special programs and present themselves to their communities. Many others are planning programs for this month

that are open to the public. I am expecting some good reports from them on their success. Every little bit of effort expended to bring in members is greatly appreciated and I hope later this month, to give you good news on the efforts of the State Grange.

The National Grange website contains a wealth of information for ideas to use in planning a public forum for your Grange to present in your community. Use the link to the leadership/membership site. There are Granges that have used their own ideas with good success. If you really want to do something it's not that difficult. Contact our own membership committee. Membership is one area that has to be worked on continually in order to impact our organization.

A report on the camp clean-up and the Pink Sash

meeting will also be given later. Camp brochures were given out at that meeting and should be being distributed among the Granges now. There will be an open house at the camp on May 17 with tours available. Pack a lunch and come up that day and see how great the camp really is. There are high hopes for an improved camping season this year and with every ones help it can be done.

So now that spring is really here and the weather is more agreeable let us all put an effort into growing our Grange. Just as you are planting the seeds for your gardens and flower beds, why not plant some seeds for members. The seeds are your activities and efforts that spread the word about us.

We are all proud of our Order so tell others about it and us and may the seeds you plant this spring blossom into many new members in the fall.

Time to dispel rumors about bill



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On February 4 Rep. Rosa DeLauro (2nd District) introduced the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2009 in the United States Congress. Forty-one other representatives, including Rep. Joseph Courtney (2nd District) and Christopher Murphy

(3rd District) have signed on as co-sponsors of this bill, now also referred to as House Resolution 875. This bill, if passed, would consolidate all of the many federal agencies and offices that regulate and oversee our food supply into a new Food Safety Administration which would be part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture which will hold hearings on it and the House Energy and Commerce Committee

which has yet to schedule any hearings on the bill. While very little has been accomplished on this bill since Rep. DeLauro introduced it, there have been many comments on it by many people who are not directly connected with the legislative process. As often happens, some of these comments are now being circulated as facts.

Some of the most widely circulated rumors concern local farmers markets and farm stands. They claim that the bill would result in farmers markets

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Camp Berger Clean-Up enjoys clear skies



Members of Fairfield County Pomona enjoy a picnic lunch during a well-attended Camp Berger Clean-Up Day on April 25.



Brother Phil Prelli rakes while an audience waits for a pick-up to return for another load of leaves.

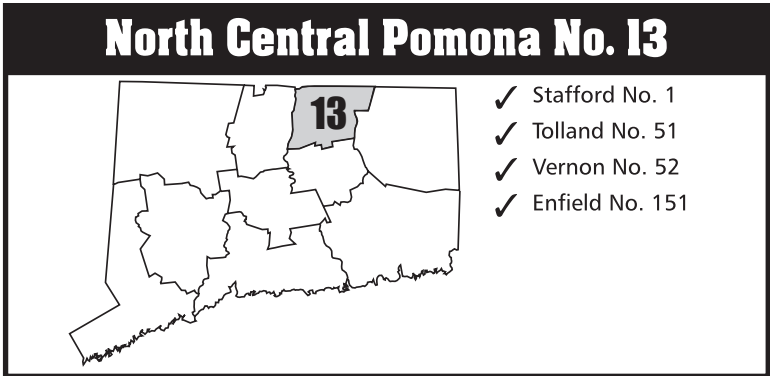


East Central Pomona's cabin receives a good cleaning.

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Deadline for the JUNE Issue: MAY 5.



N. CENTRAL POMONA #13
Corr: J. Jordan

The May meeting of North Central Pomona No. 13 will be held on Thursday, May 14 as guests of Vernon Grange. The Fifth Degree and Inspection will take place. All committees should have written reports for inspection. Stafford Grange is in charge of the raffle items for the month.

STAFFORD GRANGE #1
Corr: Maude Emhoff

May 2: Possible First to Fourth Degrees, Time to be announced. 2-6 or 4-8 with potluck between second and third degrees.
May 19: Memorial Service, 7 P.M.

Now that we have 9 new members that have been accepted we are endeavoring to put on the full degrees. Milo is working to put this event together with the help of Pomona- quite an achievement. It is sad to say we lost a long time member- Edna Bidorini who recently died at age 95. She was a very active member and our Chaplain for many years.

With the news that we will be getting an increase in our State Dues we have no choice but to follow. This was voted to take place at the beginning of our next fiscal year. Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal for our members was a great success, with many of our members attending. Grange cooking has always been very popular. Now that John and Sandy have returned from a two week vacation visiting their children in Dubai it will be interesting to hear about the other side of the world. The snow has finally left and with

that the advent of spring flowers. Hope you all had a bright and happy Easter.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan

May 5: The M's Have It Tolland Grange will be meeting at the hall on Tuesday, May 5 and will be discussing the letter M. If you are able to join us, we would love to see you. Call Worthy Master Robert West and let him know of your plans.

VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong

May 1: Memorial Service Vernon Grange will be having its annual Memorial Service at its next meeting. We were saddened to have lost Marjorie Skinner in March. Some of you might remember when Nelson and Marj used to be Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward of the Connecticut State Grange. There was never a more handsome and competent couple doing the job in all the degrees. We will welcome our deputy at this meeting too, and honor our mothers!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski

May 9: Memorial Tribute-Evaluation; CWA Bake-Off; Ref. Julianna & Judy
June 13: This Is My Country, Ref. Brian & Joe

In May we pay tribute to members, and service men and women who have gone before us. Be sure to bake up a batch of the purr-fectly delicious banana cup cakes and your needlework entries for judging. Please call me for entry forms.

Fidelity: noun, 1. loyalty; faithfulness. 2.

Exact correspondence to truth or fact; accuracy. This is the definition in Webster's dictionary. Noted for fidelity: The words of the charge of the fourth degree. What do they mean? Fidelity in attending meetings, in doing your part as a member, officer, and

Time to dispel rumors about bill

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and farm stands being regulated, penalized by fines and in some cases ordered to shut down. They also claim that each and every sale would have to be recorded and the records made available to federal inspectors so the food could be traced from the producer to the ultimate retail consumer so that, in case of any disease or sickness resulting from a certain batch of food, everyone who consumed that food could be contacted. The objection is that the record keeping process would be so complex and cumbersome that farmers would shut down their stands rather than deal with the records. According to Rep. DeLauro's office, there are no such record keeping requirements in the bill. If there were such a requirement, then every grocery store that sells fresh foods would also have to keep detailed records of what was sold to every customer. The bill will be revised many times as it works its way through the Congress and the most likely final result is that the farmers markets will have to keep records of which farmers and other sellers were at their market on each day. Many markets already keep such records for their own purposes.

Another rumor is that the bill would require the use of certain chemicals and treated seeds to prevent the transmission of diseases which would have the effect of making it impossible to produce any organic food products. There is nothing in the bill that would interfere with the raising of crops and livestock, under current organic standards. Crops in warehouses might have to be treated to prevent the spread of disease, but this would not affect any products sold by the organic farmer directly to the retail consumer. Most organic products are now sold directly from farmer to consumer because those

representative of the anew and innovative ideas. Let's get busy and grow this Grange.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Maude Emhoff, secretary of Stafford Grange #1. Maude was a good friend and we will miss her.

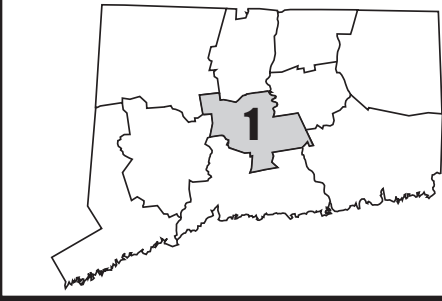
who want organic products also want to know exactly where and how these products were raised and grown.

Other rumors claim the bill will make it illegal to grow your own food in your own garden. These rumors are completely false. The bill will have no effect on crops that never change hands through the market. Rumors are also circulating that the bill will pass Congress "next week" without any debate or amendments. These rumors are also completely false. Like any other legislation, the bill will have to be heard by at least two committees in th House of Representatives and then debated on the floor. Most likely there will be numerous changes from the original bill to the version that is eventually passed. Then the bill will go to the Senate where the hearing and floor debate will be repeated. If the Senate version does not agree exactly with the House version, the bill will have to go to a conference committee composed of members from both the House and the Senate to resolve the differences.

It is far too early in the legislative process to say when the bill may be passed by both houses of Congress and sent to the President for signing. It took almost two years to pass the latest version of the farm bill, originally known as the 2007 Farm Bill. The Food Safety and Modernization Act will probably take as long, if not longer, to move through Congress. At present the Grange is monitoring the bill, but has not offered any comments on it. Anyone who feels strongly about any part of the bill should contact their representative's office to express their feelings, but should do so only as an individual and not as representative of the Grange unless and until your Grange has passed a resolution on this bill.

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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
Greetings from Southington Grange!!! As I write this, today has turned out to be a beautiful Spring day!!! Hopefully everyone is enjoying this weather.

On March 23rd, Southington Grange sponsored a program on the recovery of hurt and abandoned birds. This was attended by approximately 40 people. It was very informative on the different ways that different birds recuperate. The Recovery Wing works very hard to help these hurt and abandoned birds return to their natural habitat. If you missed this presentation, you really missed a good one. But do not fear, they might be at the Southington Grange Fair this year with information on what they do and how you can help out also. Look for more information.

On May 2, 2009, Southington Grange and the Southington Redmen will co-sponsor a Pasta Dinner to benefit a Scholarship. Dinner will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Southington Grange Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Why not be a hero and take your family out to dinner that night and you can also help

out a great cause. If you would like tickets, please contact Lisa at 203-238-1510 or any Southington Grange Member.

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 Avenue and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville Section of Southington.

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50

Corr: Phyllis Redford
May 7: Evaluation/Oh! You Beautiful Babies
June 4: Summer Solutions
July 16: Picnic
Aug. 20: Picnic

Westfield Grange lost a true and faithful patron with the passing of John Goodale. Brother Goodale came to Mattabessett #42 when Cromwell Grange closed, and he transferred to Westfield #50 when Mattabessett closed. A G.S. member, he joined the Grange in October, 1939 and served many times as Secretary, Treasurer or Lecturer.

We also note the passing, on March 19th of Ed Harvey, for years the Assistant Steward of Mattabessett #42. Ed was well known as a faithful Patron, quietly going about his duties

and keeping the Grange building and property in fine condition. Westfield members often visited #42 and at this time send our sympathy to Sister Cam.

We look forward to the official visit of our Deputy on May 7, or whenever at his convenience. All members, please bring a photo of yourself as a young child, for a display of beautiful Grange babies.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Richard A. Prescott
The program for our regular March meeting was an explanation by Edith Hanson of the Power Shift Program regarding utilization and benefits of alternative energy sources, eg: wind, solar, etc. For our third Friday social meeting a St. Patrick's Day meal of corn beef and cabbage with soda bread was enjoyed by 25 members, family and friends. Our regular May meeting will be the confiring of degrees with inspection by the state Grange.

The third Friday social will be a pot luck supper and an introduction by the Grange Building Company to their new grocery store tenant, The Gristmill Country Market. They will provide information to and for the Haddam community regarding their various goods and services in their new Higganum Center location. In addition, representatives of the Higganum Village Farm Market, a new not-for-profit open air market have been invited to explain this new once a week farmer's market to be open between Memorial Day and Labor Day for local crafts and farm products. Our Grange is a charter member.

We are very happy to report that the long standing lawsuit against the Grange Building Company, owner of our building, was dropped by the plaintiff in March. Defending against this

legal action required a great expenditure of time and resources.

As one of our community outreach projects for this year, Higganum Grange will sponsor a Haddam child for a one week stay this coming summer at Camp Berger. We're beginning the process of seeking applicants.

Looking forward to having visitors on the first or third Friday of each month. Give us a try.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn
May 8: Invasive Species/ Lyme Disease (Possibly rescheduled inspection)
May 22: Health & Fitness & Safety - Dairy Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M.

Connie McBrien is in charge of the May 8th program. Nancy McBrien is in charge of the May 22nd program. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Call 342-0290 for verification on the inspection date.

80 years at Hemlock



Bill Sanborn, Master of Hemlock Grange No. 182, presents an 80 year letter of congratulations from National Master Ed Luttrell, to Sister Doris Hall. Doris is a resident of Middlesex Health Care Center. Doris will be 100 years old on June 14th and joined Durham Grange and transferred to Meriden Grange and then back to Durham and finally to Hemlock when Durham surrendered their charter.

Vernon Grange #52



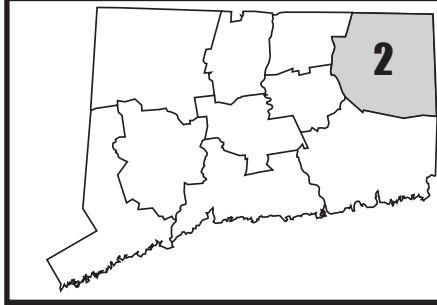
Vernon Grange awarded Jean Luddy (left), President of the Vernon Historical Society, the Community Service Award at the April meeting. She has been involved in preserving Vernon's history for many years and educating the children of Vernon of its history. Jean has authored and co-authored many books on the history of Vernon. Master Nancy Strong is pictured making the presentation.

Connecticut Granger

WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL GRANGES WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN THEIR SUBSCRIPTION LISTS AND PAYMENT FOR THE 2008-2009 SUBSCRIPTION YEAR.

IF YOUR GRANGE HASN'T YET... PLEASE DO SO.
IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT IT IN...
THANK YOU!

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
- ✓ Echo No. 180

SENEXET GRANGE #40
April showers bring may flowers but not the type we use.

May 9th we will be having a Mothers Day pie sale all hand rolled pie crusts from scratch.

May 16th we will be having Dusty Adams blue grass show plus through the summer we will be teaching old tallents to others like cooking, tatting, caneing of chairs,and canning plus much more. Come visit you are allways welcome.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie M. Johnson
May 13: I Remember Mama, Deaf & Memorial Program
June 10: Neighbor’s Night

Sunshine! Green grass- birds singing. Some flowers in bloom. Some of us went to the Pomona meeting in Ashford Grange Saturday night, a cold and rainy night. Saturday morning we had our annual Bake & Tag Sale which was very good. Thanks to all who helped out. Due to her health a few of us went to visit Clara Avery and presented her with the 75 year award. Also took her a pretty plan and she was very pleased.

Last night was inspection night and the Deputy Pat Palmer said everything was good. Marvin Wilbur brought in a big box of tabs. Ted Magao had 7 bags of cans and tabs. Also Joan and Lynn brought in some too. Master John said a pick-up load went to the Shriners. Good work everyone. Some of us have plants started. I have tomato plants about 6 inches tall. Getting anxious to get stuff in the garden. More

people making gardens due to the economy and healthier. Recalls are a worry. Hope everyone had a nice Easter. Happy birthday to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89
Corr: Sue Gray
May 4: “The New Millennium” 7:30 pm
May 17: We march in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade
June 1: Election of officers
June 13: 115th annual Strawberry Supper!

Our young people continue to amaze us with their accomplishments. Our Vice-President, Colin Sebastian (a High School Senior) missed our April meeting because he was auditioning at a College in Pennsylvania- not just an interview, a musical audition! Then we voted to sponsor three of our young High School girl members on their Relay for Life Walk at Woodstock Fair Grounds: they call their trio “FFA all the Way!” These young Grangers include Katie Hermonot (our LAS), Brandi Hawkins and Katie Molodich.

Our Youth Chairman, J. Allen Cameron, announced Ekonk will go bowling the 3rd Sunday in May and that they will sponsor a family camping weekend in July! Katrina Sebastian, yet another High School student, did a phenonomal job filling in for Russell at our April meeting. Russell was called away - to a flooding problem in Sterling village (in his capacity as First Selectman) just prior to Grange.

Katrina performed at Bradley Playhouse in “The Mystery of Edwin Drod”

in March and April. Our Grange is going in a group to Plainfield High School May 15th to watch Katrina and Colin star in the musical, “Grease”!

We welcomed yet another High School student to our fold when Ethan Jordan joined in April. Ethan has attended the last several meetings with his proud grandfather and mentor, Robert P. Jordan. Bob was the first Master of Highland Junior Grange and has been a Subordinate Granger since 1936. He never misses an Ekonk meeting since joining here and is very proud to now have a grandson follow in his stead! These young people certainly have unbounded enthusiasm and energy and give us the spirit to keep going.

We also voted to change our by-laws and go back to electing officers annually, in order to give our young people more opportunities to hold offices before going away to college. Plan to come to our Strawberry Supper June 13th from 5-7 p.m.-a meal well worth the drive! Special hellos to Sylvia Burdick, Willis Maynard, Helen Coombs and Helen Molodich. See you on the hill!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112
Corr: Glenna Bruno

At the last meeting of Killingly Grange, Master Eleanor Davis presented a 50 year certificate to Past Master Marvin Whipple and a carnation. We had other members, myself included, who are looking forward to receiving their Golden Sheaf Certificates. Sister Eleanor has been in longer (55 years). She was presented a bouquet of green carnations as it was near St. Patrick’s Day. Believe it or not, we did not sing any Irish songs- Sat. the 14th. Members had a corned beef and cabbage dinner and made a profit.

Our new members, David & Suzanne Simmons did the cooking. We have some younger

members now and by the looks of our programs, we will be very busy this year- come join us sometime. Meeting, 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month

at 7:30 P.M. Thought for the day- most people have minds like cement or concrete-- mixed up or permanently set.

Ekonk Comm. Grange



Ethan Jordan is welcomed into membership at Ekonk Community Grange. Also pictured is Ekonk Lady Asst. Steward Katie Hermonot. Both attend Killingly High and are in the FFA and VoAg programs.

Please send in forms

By the time you are reading this, most Granges have already conferred Degrees. How did your Grange do??? Report forms for membership increases will be sent to the Secretary of each Grange by our State Secretary when she returns your March Quarterly Report. I hope you will take the time to fill it out and return it either to me or Edith with your June report. Either way is acceptable and we thank you for taking the time to make it out.


If you haven’t taken in any new members, have you thought why are other Granges getting new members and not us? Have you thought about asking someone and then said “no, they are too busy.” What about yourself? Aren’t you busy too? I don’t know any Granger who is not. But aren’t we enjoying every minute of it? So the next time you think of asking someone you think is “too busy” just do it. You might be pleasantly surprised with a yes answer and how come you never asked me before?

Avery reaches 75 yrs.



Clara Avery, member of Wolf Den Grange No. 61, receives her 75 year certificate.

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

E. CENTRAL POMONA #3
Corr: John Waterhouse
May 2: Regular Meeting- Talent and A Number Run-Offs
June 6: Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of East Central Pomona #3 will be held at Good Will Grange Hall on May 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. The Community Granges in East Central Pomona #3 will present their Talent and A Numbers. This is always a fun meeting.

We continue to look for ways to improve our hall. The front door is our next big project. We have set up a fund to purchase new front doors. We will be accepting doantions. If you have any questions, contact John Waterhouse at (860) 633-2659.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26
Corr: Kathryn Ruff
May 2: Food Sale & Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 7: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Memorial Service
May 9: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.
May 16: Power Point Program 5:00 p.m.; Dinner 5:45 p.m.; Official Grange Obligation 7:15 p.m.

Spring has finally arrived and it is most welcome. The birds are

singing and the peepers have been out each evening. They all sound so good.

May 2nd our semi-annual Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale will be held at the Masonic Hall, 895 Main St., So. Glastonbury. The sale begins at 9:00 a.m. and people are stopping by at 9:00 a.m. to make their purchase. All our members' donations are most welcome.

At our May 7th meeting we will be holding the Special Drawing. This drawing is raising funds for the National Granage. I thank all who have participated in this fund raiser. I also thank all who have helped with the Fuller Brush project. Every little bit of help is appreciated. The Youth Committee has been collecting used towels, blankets, etc. for bedding to be donated to the local veterrarian in town. This will be delivered to Veterrarian Beckett in mid April.

A few of our ladies gathered at the hall one day, in February, and made 10 fleece throws. They were presented to the Gilmore Manor on Main Street in Glastonbury. There are 22 residents at the Manor and next fall we will make 12 more so that each of the residents

will have one.

May 9th will be our next MontiCarlo Whist Card Party at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 895 Main St., So. Glastonbury. Come and join in a pleasant evening of fun, fellowship and comradery. All are welcome.

May 16th our second Power Point Program will be held. At 5:00 p.m. the Power Point Program will be presented. This will be followed by a delicious Roast Beef Dinner at 5:45 p.m. The Official Grange Obligation will be presented at 7:15 p.m. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Diane Small
May 6: Sow and Sew (Agriculture)
May 20: Aprons and Moms
June 3: Election

We are officially into Spring. Mother Nature has decided to throw some interesting weather at us. The Dakotas are having severe weather issues, with blizzards and flooding. A couple of volcanoes have decided to erupt. An interesting fact on these eruptions is that they will probably effect our winter next year. It won't long and everything will be turning green, trees will be budding and the grass will be growing.

May 6 program tells us Sow and Sew. Sowing can mean planting that garden with veggies and posies. Sewing will let you make a new outfit?? Let's see what it may be..

May 20 shows us Aprons and Moms. They

are a natural match. How many ladies wear aprons when they are in the kitchen? An apron pocket can hold and collect many things. I know my mom always wore an apron. We will be having our baking contest that night also. Banana cupcakes- hmmm.

Wishing all the Moms outthere a Happy Mother's Day!!!! Don't forget to Fly the Flag on Memorial Day. A reminder that Flag Day is June 14. Our elections are June 3.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75
Corr: Ethel Harris
May 7: CWA in Charge, Ref. Haloburdo

Is it finally spring? I can't wait to see the

buds on the trees and some green grass. First comes all the clean up from old man winter- all the broken branches and twigs from the snow and March winds.

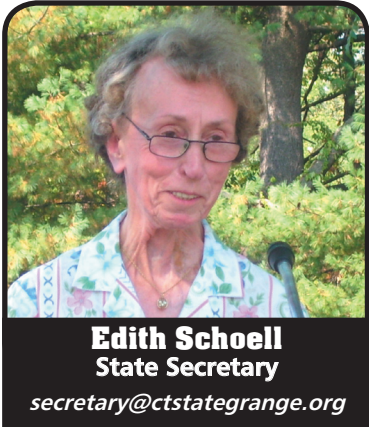
Had visitors the other night- very interested in agriculture as a whole, and it just might be the spark that will liven our old hall. More on this later.

Seems that while we were closed down for Jan. & Feb. the raccoon family took up residence- such a mess!

Hopefully the change in time and weather can see us overcome the situation.

Happy Spring! Come and visit us anytime!

Promote Camp Berger



It is never too late to be thinking of good weather and outdoor activities. Has your Grange offered a campership, or donated to a campership? The camp is a great place for our young people to meet new friends, learn to be a team member and especially enjoy being

outside. This is a time for everyone to spread the word that we have a great camp. Brochures are available from the Trustees, the Central Office, your you can check out www.campberger.org. The website has been completely re-vamped with new pictures and updated with the latest information on the 2009 Camp season.

Scholarship applications are available through the Central Office. The student does not have to go to UConn to be eligible. Students must have good grades, be a Grange member, and furnish the required information. The high cost of college today makes every dollar count. We will be able to offer up to five scholarships so why not give it a try.

Are you a person that has been in the Grange for several years, have taken part in degrees and have a Manual that is falling apart? I have two or three older manuals that are in good condition. If you would appreciate one not being held together with glue and elastics, give me a call at the office. Is your Grange rug frayed? Call me and perhaps a replacement is available.

I hope you are planning to be at Grange Sunday on June 14th. Service starts at 11 A.M. Lunch will be available and a program is planned for the afternoon. Come join the fun.



Deadline for the next issue is May 5

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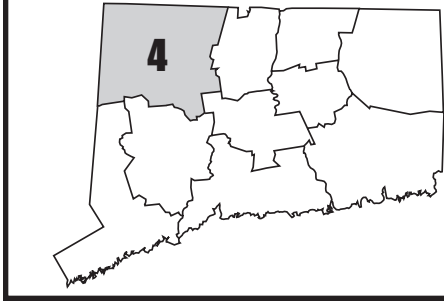


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MOUNTAINCOUNTYPOMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau
May 3: Rehearsal for the Fifth Degree- Winchester Grange Hall, 7:00 P.M.
May 11: Conferral of the Fifth Degree at 7:30 P.M., Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
June 22: Duty Calls- Election of Officers, 7:30 P.M., WHIGVILLE Grange Hall- Spring Gift Drawing

Things will get a little busy for Mountain County Pomona before the annual summer break. On May 3, there will be a rehearsal of the Fifth Degree at Winchester Grange Hall at 7:00 P.M. This is not a misprint. Mother’s Day falls on the Sunday before the degree on May 11 so the rehearsal was moved one week earlier. We ask that all officers, court members and stage crew attend the rehearsal.

The degree, as stated above, will be held on Monday, May 11 at Winchester Grange Hall. A paid supper will be provided by Winchester Grange. Cost for the Supper is \$5.00 and it will be served beginning at 6:30 P.M.

This is also inspection night for Pomona, so we remind all chairman required to submit a report for the inspection to do so.

Distribution of the annual Spring Gift Drawing tickets will also be done that night. All Granges are encouraged to have a representative at the meeting to pick up the tickets and get them out to potential buyers. The drawing will be held at the June 22 meeting to be held at Whigville Grange Hall. This is the only fundraiser of for Mountain County Pomona, so it is

important to sell as many tickets as possible.

It has been several years since Pomona has met at this Grange and we know they are excited to again host a meeting. Election of Officers is the program for the evening- in addition to the drawing.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau
May 12: Erie Canal, Ref. Judy & Bob Lowell
May 15: Super Prize Party- 7:00 P.M.
May 26: Abide With Me, Memorial Program, Ref. Mimi Grustas & Barbara Dreger

Winchester Grange did not have candidates for the degrees this spring, so degrees were not conferred. This did not stop the members of the Grange from holding a Harvest Supper prior to the second April meeting. Foodandeatingarealways important at Grange!

We will attempt our first Super Prize Party (at least the first in recent memory) on Friday, May 15 at the Grange Hall. Members and non-members alike are encouraged to join us for a fun evening of food, fun and prizes. The Super Prize Party is basically a Teacup Auction on a larger scale with some much more valuable prizes. All members are encouraged to donate items for the party and we hope to see a full hall.

Before long the summer months will be before us and plans will get underway for our two largest events-- the Father’s Day Strawberry Festival and the Grange Fair and Flea Market. More on these events in the next issue!

We were pleased to host the annual Pink Sash Meeting and Dinner at our hall on April 25 and were even happier to receive applications for membership from friends of Eloise Osuch. We look forward to initiating them into membership and thank Eloise and her husband Malcolm for sending them our way. We know they will enjoy their association with Winchester Grange.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Myrtle Hayden
May 14: Spring Cleaning
May 28: Citizen of the Year- Warren’s Turn

April 23rd was our Third & Fourth Degrees with evaluation. On March 26 we had an inside clean-up night.

Our new kitchen is complete and we are enjoying our labors. Come and see!

We cancelled our April 9th meeting which was Maundy Thursday.

Good news to report, Amy Whitcomb is back to our meetings.

Ruth Schnell is at home and doing well.

On June 11th we will have a huge rummage sale as we have a whole house of goodies given to us.

LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107

Corr: Sara Lee Fischer
May 14: Agriculture Committee Program

March 12 was a day meeting where Litchfield joined Bethlehem Grange in a luncheon at the Painted Pony Restaurant. Thanks to Skip Maddox for organizing this event at which 17 brothers and sisters enjoyed fellowship, great food and St. Patrick’s Day Program by Lecturer Helena Schwalm.

March 26 was Evaluation Night with guests Earl Phillips and Sandra Phillips. The evening began with a delicious potluck supper. Brother Phillips reported that all is well at Litchfield but suggested we all

work hard to recruit new members. As always Sister Helena presented a great program on Spring Flowers. CWA and members are meeting every Friday morning to work on projects and crafts for our upcoming flea market scheduled for May 16th. Tables are still available. Contact is Janet Healy.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Gail Prelli
Riverton Grange held a regular meeting the first Friday in April as we did not have candidates to take the degrees. We will have an open meeting preceded by a potluck supper on April 17th. All are welcome. The program will be a musical program with the West Hartland musicians performing.
Riverton Grange

hosted a town community forum led by the first selectman. Discussions were held on ideas to stimulate activity and tourism. Approximately 70 people meet to share their thoughts with the town leaders.

Riverton Grange donated dictionaries again this year to the Barkhamsted School third graders and the Colebrook School’s third graders. The children truly appreciate the gift and write wonderful thank you notes.




We have an exciting spring planned with wonderful speakers coming to share information both on May 15th and June 19th. Mark your calendars and come to our potluck suppers on those dates at 6:30.

Winchester Grange

Super Prize Party

Friday, May 15 • 7:00 P.M.
Winchester Grange Hall, Route 263
(100 Newfield Rd.) Winchester Center 06094




A SUPER-SIZED “Teacup Auction” with great prizes, good food and plenty of fun!
All are welcome-- please join us!



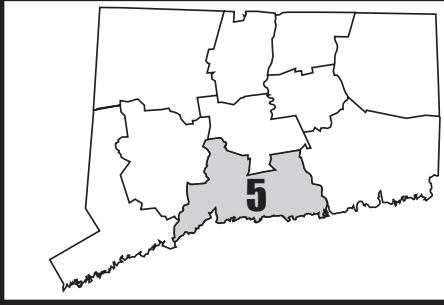
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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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✓ Old Lyme No. 162

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5
Corr: Charleen Dimmick
June 8: Regular meeting at Cheshire. Gift Card Drawing

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23
Corr: Charleen Dimmick
May 20: Awards Night. Open Meeting. Tea Cup Auction
June 3: Election of Officers. Memorial Sixth Degree Program. Potluck dinner at 6pm.
June 17: Mystery Ride in charge of Overseer

The baking contest was held at the first meeting in March. The winner were: 1st -- Elizabeth Ryducha, 2nd -- Barbara Foskett, 3rd-- Rosie Piller

At the second meeting in March we welcomed the State Master and Mildred Bell, a Past Voting Delegate to the National Grange. Sixth Degree certificates were presented to Tina Marshall and Karen Turner. Elizabeth

Ryducha was not present; she will received hers in the mail.

The State Master presented Carl Bernhardt with his 60-year seal.

The Lecturer presented a most informative Ritual Program.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35
Corr: A. Tolette
May 5: Memories

After a winter that was different, weatherwise, healthwise and otherwise we are glad spring is here. It is good to see robins and crocus again.

We made our annual scholarship donations to Lyman Hall Hight and North Haven High Schools.

The thermal imaging

cameras have arrived and were presented to the Foxon Volunteer Fire Co.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162
Corr: Barbara Kulisch
May 8: “Mother’s Day”
May 22: Omitted, Memorial Day Weekend
May 29: 2-4-5 Club, Hemlock Grange

We entered the “A” Number with a piece called “In the Garden” along with Wallingford Grange at the March Pomona meeting. Our Charter was draped in loving memory of Sister Cora “Jan” Schultz at our March 27th meeting.

The Program Director introduced us to the “Colors of Spring for our March 27 meeting which was enjoyed by all. We were happy to welcome

back Dan Mutchler and Ron Purinton who played for the meeting and program.

They are much enjoyed by the members. Thank you both. We will have held an Open House Celebrating Grange Month on Sunday, April 19th and will report the events in our next issue.

CWA Night was celebrated on the 24th of April with their program, bake-off and country store to benefit CWA donations.

Remember, our doors are always open--- oh, by the way, the Directory says that we are handicapped accessible. This is truly a misprint.

Mystery Meeting Place




For our May 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: **mbcb76@cox.net**. We would like your answers by June 1st. The names of everyone who gives us the correct answer will be printed in the July-August issue of the *Connecticut Granger*.

The Mystery Picture shown in the March issue of the Granger is Taghhannuck Grange Hall. We received correct answers from: Skip Maddox of Bethlehem Grange, Dorothy Gustafson of Bridgewater Grange, Barbara Bartram of Taghhannuck Grange, Frederick Camp of Bridgewater Grange, Myrtle & Harvey Hayden of Taghhannuck Grange, Amy Whitcomb of Taghhannuck Grange, Mildred Massey of Taghhannuck Grange, Vivian & Lyall Shaw of Granby Grange, Dan Mutchler of Lyme Grange, Ron Purinton of Lyme Grange, Sue Addison of Winchester Grange and William Beeman of Taghhannuck Grange.



Taghhannuck Grange Hall

Contest judging nears



Betty Jane Gardiner
Women's Activities Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

Ruth Herbele, State W.A. Committee

It doesn't seem possible that it is May already. Judgment day is getting closer and closer. You still have time to work on entries for the needlework contests. These are open to all. You may submit one entry in one or all classes. Classes are as follows: A: Afghans, B: Doilies, C: Embroidery, D: Three Piece Baby Set, E: Plastic Canvas; F: Counted Cross Stitch; G: Adult Garment; H: Latch Hook; I: Quilted Wall Hanging; and J: Stuffed Toy.

All first place entries will advance to the Eastern States Exposition to be judged at the Grange New England level. Winning entries will be displayed in the New England Grange Building until the end of the Big E. From there they go to the Connecticut State Grange Convention from October 15-17.

Don't forget our new members only contest, “Dress A Doll.” You may use a new or old doll, make clothes (sew, knit, crochet, etc.) and dress it. This contest will be judged only at “Let’s Celebrate Day,” and the doll will be returned to you.

We have also added another craft category for those interested in Scrapbooking. You may enter a scrapbook of any size, any subject, and any design. The book will be returned to you. Only one book per person may be entered. This contest is for Grange members only.

All judging for the CWA State Contests will be held on “Let’s Celebrate Day” on July 25, 2009 in Good Will Grange Hall in Glastonbury, CT.

If you have yarn left over from your projects, we are still collecting “Comfy Covers” you could make with it. These are for children of all ages for Covenant to Care, Inc. They are to be brought to State Session. Also, we would like small good toys for infants to teenagers.

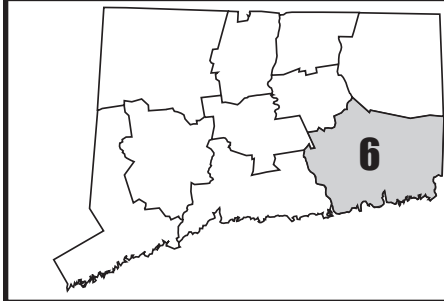
Foster Families is always in need of Memory Books.

Remember the New England Grange Building Country Store. Again in 2009 we will need handmade items to sell. We are not allowed to sell commercial items.

Don't forget your monetary donations for the State Projects before you slow down for the summer. They are: Connecticut Granger Trust Fund, Connecticut State Grange Student Loan Fund, Camp Berger Maintenance Fund, and Fund for Teenaged Foster Kids.

Let us try to outdo ourselves with entries to all needlework, craft, and baking contests.

New London County Pomona No. 6



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

**NEW LONDON COUNTY
POMONA #6**

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

June 11: Identity Theft- How to prevent it - Stonington Grange 7:30

The winners in the talent contest from New London County Pomona are Dan Mutchler and Ron Purinton from Lyme Grange. They performed on flute and harmonica. An original skit from North Stonington with Gene Bromley, Jeff Barnes and Nancy Weissmuller took the A-Number Prize.

New London County is determined to help Camp Berger with a few campers this year. We are raising money for a campership, with the possibility of a further half-campership if things go well. Many thanks to North Stonington member Flo Mullane for her help in this project. See Master, Dan Mutchler for details; and don't forget to attend the camp open house on May 17 from 11 to 3.

The subject of our June program is a vital one, particularly at this time of financial crisis in our country. Please don't miss this one.

Don't let some low-down sneaky thief

Steal your identity!

Come learn how to prevent it

down at Stonington with me.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

May 11: Music Night- Military Bands, 7:00 P.M.

It doesn't look like we will have a spring this year! Here it is the first week of April and it is cold, damp and raining or snowing. Some of my spring flowers are trying to make an appearance

and it makes me think of 1816 the year this part of the country did not have a summer. Now I'm not that old but I do a lot of reading and listening of old tales.

Our Grange did three soups on meals this year and they were well attended by our Grangers and visitors from around the state. We have 4 new members and are planning a float for Memorial Day. We continue to be very active in community affairs as well.

Hopefully we will be able to put away our long johns and heavy coats and boots and put on our Welly's to walk about the farm in the rain.

**NORTH STONINGTON
GRANGE #138**

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

May 8: "Mama Mia" 2008 Grange Heritage Night and Evaluation, Potluck Supper at 6:30

May 22: "Godspell"- 1973 Memorial Program

Thanks to the generosity of members we have donated warm coats, food and essentials to local vets, hats, gloves, and mittens to the elementary school food for our local food bank, and pounds of coupons to our service men and women in Germany. The CWA committee is looking for pajamas, toothpaste, toothbrushes and Christmas toys for foster children. Frances Miner has all the rules for the various contests. Just give her a call if you would like to enter any of them or if you would like to donate to any of the various causes.

On March 13 Lecturer Sue Pianka presented her program for the State Lecturer's

Competition. We learned all about apples, "George" attempted to make an apple pie, and the Miner and Rauch families performed a skit about Johnny Appleseed. Nizhoni and Noah Brown performed a fife and drum solo and won the talent contest.

The men had the program on March 27. Noah Brown played the drum and Jason Miner and Andy Rauch played the piano. All the men participated in the very enjoyable program and the ladies provided the refreshments. Wish some of you would join us on a second or fourth Friday night at 8 P.M. And if the weather will just warm up enough so my daffodils will bloom, next time I'll tell you about awesome April.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

May 7: Program by the Graces and Chaplain

June 4: "Little Rhody"- Election of Officers

Visiting Past Master Barbara C. Kulisch conducted the April meeting while Master Evankow enjoyed a motorcoach trip trip to a quilt show in Pennsylvania. Dick Chapman's interpretation of the State Lecturer's Complete Program theme: As American As Apple Pie

was a delight. Music was provided by our own Dan and Ron.

We've taken in a few new members and more are expected in June. We look forward to the evaluation night visit by General Deputy Rob Buck and plans are progressing well for our annual fair in August. Also in August will be our salute to Hawaii's 50th birthday.

Interesting to note that on May 5, 1929 Connecticut State Grange Sunday was launched in Storrs.

We heartily salute Pachaug Grange for reaching their 100th anniversary.

More Cat's Meow quotes: Two gems from French Novelist Collette- "Time spent with a cat is never wasted" and "By associating with the cat, one only risks becoming richer."

**STONINGTON GRANGE
#168**

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We have been enjoying a very productive spring at the Stonington Grange. We did chase potatoes around the hall in a contest using nylon stockings as bats, but we have also settled down to business.

We accepted the application of a new member in March and initiated him with the Obligation Ceremony

in April. We received another application for membership in April, but will hold off initiation until June as May is an open meeting. We have also been invited to help sponsor a new 4-H club in town.

Our Green Fair last month was a huge success. We partnered with the Stonington Community Center to present an event which would educate the public on energy conservation and good ecology practices. We had displays and wares from 38 vendors and action groups, contributing a real variety of information. Over 300 people attended and of course our Grange had a membership-driven welcome committee right at the front door. This was also in conjunction with the Stonington Farmers Market held next door. A very appropriate addition to our Fair. This project involved many Grange members and was the result of months of planning and preparation.

Our meeting in May will be our Community Citizen Award program. We will honor our special guests with a lasagna dinner and entertainment that evening. This promises to be a very special time.


Best of luck to you all in your endeavors

100 years of Pachaug Grange



Members of Pachaug Grange No. 96 pose for a photo during a celebration of their 100th Anniversary, having been reorganized on March 19, 1909.

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: Mary Dubay
May 19: Rehearsal for the Fifth Degree
May 20: Conferral of the Fifth Degree

Excelsior Pomona will have a rehearsal for the Fifth Degree on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Beacon Valley Grange. All officers and members of the court are urged to attend. On May 20th the conferral of the Fifth Degre with Inspection will be at Beacon Valley Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Visiting Pomona members are always welcome.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103
Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our April meeting was on the 17th and all the title was “Committees Shine.” Each committee was asked to put on a part of the program. We had the judging of the CWA Baking Contest. Judy and Tom Morse served refreshments following the meeting.

Plans are progressing for the celebration of our 120th Anniversary. Please save the date of Friday, May 29th. We will have final plans in the

next issue of the Granger. Our Grange was saddened by the death of our Ceres Sister Carolyn Maile. Carolyn came to us via Seymour Grange then Rock Rimmon Grnage and has been an active member since joining us. She is missed.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121
Corr: Linda Coad

May 26: 7:30, TUESDAY MEETING, Memorial Meeting, Ref. John & Ellen Samoska, Country Store

June 26: 7:30 Suymmer, Ref. Shirley Petrillo

July 27: 7:30, Hot Enough?, Ref. Evelyn Maddox

Bethlehem Grange just held another successful Flea Market. It takes some time to pull together, set-up and then clean-up the hall but well worth it. Thank you to all who came, worked or contributed.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay
May 1: Memorial Program
May 15: CWA Night

In May we have two holidays of note. First, we have Mother’s Day, and we wish a happy day to all the mothers. Also, Memorial Day with parades galore, picnics, and the start of summer activities. Nice time of the year.

Our first meeting in May is our Memorial Program in charge of the Chaplain and Graces. We remember those who have gone on before us.

Our second meeting is CWA Night. The theme is weddings and decorate a cake. The needlework and baking contests will be judged at this tie. CWA Chairman Malinda is hoping for many entries. We welcome new member Antoinette LaPorta and we wish her the best on her Grange journey through the Degrees.

Our last tag sale was a success and Master Sharon thanks all who helped in any way.

Now that the weather is nicer, come and join us when you can. We meet on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 P.M. Our door is always open.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144
Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange held its annual Citizen of the Year and Public Service Awards day program. This year Kathryn Patrick was recognized for her work with the Girl Scouts fundraising efforts to help the boys and girls of our community. There were too many things she has done to mention in this news report.

The Prospect Police Explorers were also recognized for their work in our community. These 15 young men were very excited to be recognized for their volunteer work in our community.

Senator Joe Hartley and Representative Vicki Nardello were present to

help recognize the young people for their many volunteer hours helping others in our community. Mayor Robert Chatfield also was on hand to help.

Entertainment and refreshments followed the awards ceremony. We had several prospective new members attend as well.

Our June meeting will be our annual picnic. Activities will be in charge of our Program Director Frances Maxwell.

Visitors are always welcome to come visit us.

OXFORD GRANGE #194
Corr: Phil Rowland

May 1: Inspection-Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

May 15: Remembering

Finally the winter weather postponements are behind us allowing meetings to be held regularly. And they have been enjoyable meetings, largely because of their excellent Programs.

At one meeting, thanks to Lecturer Jeann Vaill, each member was provided with sunflower seed, pot, soil and fertilizer needed to grow it. So a competition exists now for growing the tallest sunflower. We shall report on the results periodically.

Not to be outdone, at another meeting Maggie Buck conducted a program featuring a live rooster from her flock. A handsome and well-behaved bird he was. She showed around a book having the most beautiful photos of poultry we’ve seen. Sme chickens are clothed in feathers having marvelously complex pattterns of color. Members were presented with a box of home-grown eggs at the end. Thanks, Maggie!

Thanks too, to members of Beacon Valley Grange for putting on a great Fun Night dinner and program. Their reputation for excellence draws big crowds to such events.

Stonington sponsors Green Fair

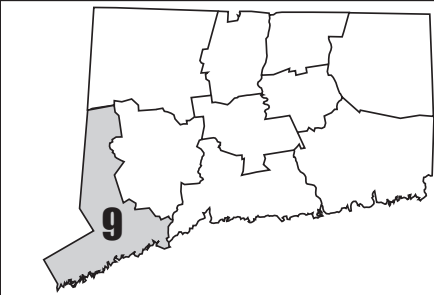


Stonington Grange members gather together before the start of their Green Fair held at the Stonington Community Center. This was a very successful event that attracted over 300 people and featured 38 vendors and organizations promoting energy conservation and ecology.

We welcome new members

Antoinette Laporta	Watertown	Cynthia Rummell	Stafford
Rebeka Mitchell	Prospect	Theodore Rummell	Stafford
Ethan Jordan	Ekonk Comm.	Carol Innes	Granby
John Mucci	Cannon	Ronald Bumstead	Granby
Richard Ference	Enfield	Janet Bumstead	Granby
Susan Kenny	Norwich	Una Reid	Cheshire
Randall Bassett	Stafford	Heidi Frudenthal	Lyme
Jeffrey Giglio	Stafford	Anna Fiori	Lyme
Alcide Povlin	Stafford		

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

Hoping that all Granges are enjoying some fresh air and some time in the garden! Geno and I will see if we can invent a truly squirrel proof tomato area. Don't know when or why squirrels decided to like tomatoes! On June 3 at Cannon Grange, we will be having our Dairy Supper at 6:00 P.M., and then a business meeting starting at 7:30 to include Election of Officers. Hope to see you all at Grange Sunday!

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
May 2: Annual Spring Fair, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
May 11: About Mom & Memorial Service
May 25: Memorial Day - No Meeting
June 8: CWA Night

It seems that I am beginning each article lately with an apology. The date in last month's issue for our spring fair was incorrect. As you can see above the fair will be on May 2 not the 9th. I can only hope you receive your paper early enough to get the change because it is a great fair and with the weather nicer now it will be a good time to get out and enjoy a small fair.

Our secretary, Pearl Gunther, is home from the hospital and is doing well. We hope her recovery is speedy as we miss her at our meetings. We have learned during her ordeal that the secretary is a very important part of the organization.

As you can see from our agenda above we have some interesting

meetings coming up. If any of them interest you come on down and join us. We are not that far out in the sticks. We are hospitable and fun and we will do our best to entertain you.

Enjoy this spring weather.

HARMONY GRANGE #92
Corr: Gail Mas
May 9: Tag Sale - Pomona, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
June 6: Tag Sale - Harmony, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

It is so nice to see warmer weather coming. Harmony hosted the POmona meeting on March 4. It was a potluck supper that everyone enjoyed and the meeting was held afterwards. The attendance was good with State President and Mrs. Robert Sendewicz, joan Zieglr and two guests from New London County Pomona. It's nice to have them with us. We have had a few members on the sick list which include George and Gloria Ward.

We have two new members who took the first and second degrees. It's refreshing to have new blood in the organization. As always, I leave you with wishes for good health.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134
Corr: Sue Sulier

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to the month of May, where we formally give thanks to our Moms (Mothers' Day) and to our veterans who lost their lives while serving our country (Memorial Day).

As a Mom and daughter, I am keenly

aware of the importance of motherhood. I hope everyone remembers to honor their Mom, whether living or deceased in some special way, not just on Mothers' Day, but every day of the year. I am very fortunate to have been blessed with a Mom who is always there for me, supporting and loving me unconditionally, to her I say, "Mumzy, your daughter loves you"!

On Memorial Day and always, all Americans should remember and pay homage to the brave young men and women of the US armed forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, to keep us free. God Bless them – They will never be forgotten!

Now onto the Grange stuff – During our March meeting, our Overseer Pat Gerckens and her crew (Mary Bourdeau, Yvonne Wannop and Lois Durwin) delighted us with their annual "Irish Night", which consisted of delicious Irish foods (including Pat G.'s cabbage soup and Mary B.'s cheesecake), drinks, music, jokes and of course, we all participated in "wearing of the green". Thank you ladies and hope to see you next year.

Featured Column #2 – For the past few months, AARP/volunteers have been working diligently to prevent severe cuts in the state's prescription assistance program (ConnPace) which provides a lifeline to thousands of seniors by helping them pay for costly prescription medication. Good News - Legislators voted to reject these cuts and supported an alternate proposal, which would expand eligibility standards for the Medical Savings Program (MSP) so current ConnPace enrollees qualify for MSP. For more info, contact the CT AARP at 1-866-

7279 or at [HYPERLINK "mailto:ctaarp@aarp.org" ctaarp@aarp.org](mailto:ctaarp@aarp.org). In closing, I wish you joy, good health, contentment and love.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox
May 12: Memorial Night, Evaluation
June 9: Flag Day, Election of Officers

Because we meet only once a month, and time is valuable, we are walking through the four Degrees one degree at a time. We worked on the first degree in March, and will do the second degree in May. A pianist, of course, is one of the key components of successful degree work- and with the death of Charlotte Washburn last December, we have been without one. Call it divine intervention or just plain luck, one of our newest members plays the piano! So- welcome aboard, Charlotte Blount. By the time you've finished Granging you'll know every degree by heart.

And this gives us the opportunity to say a few last words about Charlotte Washburn. She was a dedicated volunteer, serving the Turnover Shop, Minks to Sinks, voting polls, Ogden House, and the Wilton Congregational Church Fair. She also loved playing the piano for fundraisers and other worthy causes. She was truly the quintessential caregiver. And, as Granger Audrey Burtsche points out, Charlotte served up a mean strawberry jello dessert at our Grange dinners!

CANNON GRANGE #152
Corr: Don Offinger
May 7: Business Meeting and Celebration of our 110th Anniversary
May 21: Business Meeting with Program "Jukebox Jamboree"
June 4: Business Meeting with Program

"Travels to Italy"
June 18: Business Meeting with Election of Officers for 2009-10.
July 2: Neighbor's Night Picnic (6 P.M., bring a dish to pass)

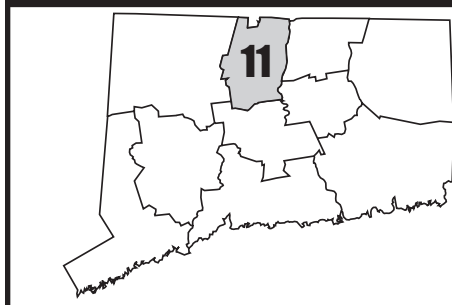
During March we held the State Baking Contest with the Banana Cupcake recipe, and had more entries than we have had in years. The following winners were announced by the judges: Mary Offinger, first place; Karen Tartell, second place and Betty Miller, third place. Congratulations to all. Everyone agreed that this was a good recipe- the cupcakes were delicious.

One of our recent programs, held on a Saturday evening, was planned by our Program Director Randy Miller to inform our members and guests on an agricultural business flourishing in our state: wine grapes and the Connecticut winery business. An interesting and enjoyable evening, indeed.

In early May, we are holding an invitation only dinner party to celebrate our 100th anniversary. (Please note: this is invitation ONLY). The evening events are being planned by the Party Committee which includes Doug Shepherd, Michelle McDonald, Billie Sue Hollingsworth and Don Offinger. A special treat will be "The Billie Sue Hollingsworth Trio" which will provide after dinner music. Joining Billie Sue in the trio is Matt Campbell, a son of Grange members Meg and Rob Campbell. Should be a wonderful evening.

Please note our meeting and program schedule in the calendar. Business meetings begin at 6:30 P.M. preceded by supper at 6 P.M. The program commences by 7 P.M. allowing us to conclude the evening by 8 P.M. and an early return home.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ 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

May 4: Fifth Degree

Granby Grange Hall was the scene of our most recent meeting and program. We were happy to have Vivian and Lyall Shaw with us. Many of our halls are not accessible to them and we are glad when they can join us.

Drop-in guests were Dan Mutchler, Master of New London County Pomona and Overseer Ron Purinton. Dan is also a member of the State Agriculture Committee. They entertained us with music.

A seasonal program presented by the Lecturer found most of those attending taking part.

for a number of reasons we had to change the date of our May meeting from the third Monday to May 4th. It will probably have taken place by the time you are reading this, but come visit us any other time- just check our FVP handbook or call one of our officers to be sure we are on track!

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

May 2, 9 & 16: Tag Sales (Saturdays) 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

May 7: FFA Open Meeting and Neighbor's Night

May 21: Chaplain's Program and Election

May 23: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

For April Granby Drummer newspaper

in article about Grange history. The Cossitt Library will display items about the Granby Grange during the month of April.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Hello, lots of things happened here... Helen Kilburn reached 90 years YOUNG, and a big Surprise Party was held at the Masonic Hall on April 18th... She was a bit stunned and surprised. We all had a great time. Over 80 people were there to celebrate her day (April 20th) same say as Lin Erickson (and Hitler, sorry to say).

We are going to give dictionaries to the students of Cherry Brook School, hopefully in May or early June.

Enjoy the summer, we have one more meeting and then we are off until September.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

May 13: "In Memoriam", Chaplain in Charge

May 2, 9, 16, 30: Card Parties

May 23: Spring Plant, Food, Craft & Tag Sale

Evaluation took place at our last meeting. We were pleased to have our deputy with us. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed at noon. The Lecturer brought in interesting information of the season.

May 13th the Chaplain is in charge of the annual Memorial Service and other features which complete the program.

Our spring sale will be held in the lower hall on May 23rd from 10 to 2. Come and shop for good food, plants, crafts and tag sale items. We offer wonderful bargains!

By now the flags are flying all around town. We have a proud feeling as we look at them- not only because they are our national banner, but our Pina Cialfi plays a huge part in keeping them in good condition. Her sewing machine is busy most of the year mending the tatters which are the result of the flags flapping in the breeze! She has mended hundreds over the years. Keep up the good work, Pina.

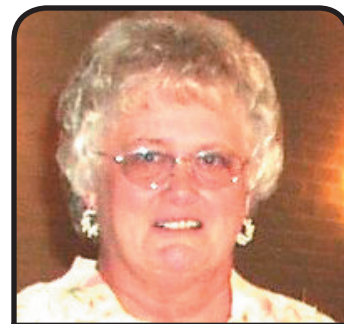
WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

At our March meeting we awarded Irene Phelps her Past Master's Jewel. Irene worked so hard for the Grange and made sure everything was donate that should be as Lecturer. Irene always worked so well in helping me when I needed it, whether it was addresses or something else. All of us enjoyed having Irene as our Master and we enjoyed serving under her. Thank you, Irene, for all your years of service as Master of West Suffield Grange.

Our refreshments were pizza, and everyone had a good time. The pizza was delicious and the members enjoyed the Irish program that followed.

May will be our evaluation with Deputy Doris Shaw, and a potluck supper will be held. The meeting will be in the evening at 7:30 P.M. We always enjoy our visits with Sister Doris and anyone else who would like to visit us.

State Lecturer



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WHY I JOINED THE GRANGE

by Sue Gray, Ekonk Community Grange

As a toddler, I was taken to Hampton on Friday evenings and slept in a kitchen cabinet.

As I got older, I was allowed upstairs only for

"the Program".

Twice a month my entire family gathered and good times prevailed.

At fourteen, I came "of age" and became a "Granger"!

Looking ahead Grange Sunday is June 14 at Good Will Grange Hall, Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury. The day will start with a church service by our State Chaplain, Amy Whitcomb. This will be followed by lunch served by our Youth. At 1:00 we will hold our Talent and "A Number" contests. This will be an enjoyable, family style event. Why not invite your family to come with you. This would be an excellent time to show them the benefits of the Grange. In the essay above Sue was shown good times at the Grange which lead to her joining. Let's show our families that we still have these same good times. This is also a great time to bring your friends along to show them why you like the Grange so much. Just tell them there are great people, great food and good times to be had by all. Then, invite them all along to see for themselves.

Hopefully you all have your "A Numbers" and Talent entries in place. If not it still isn't too late. If your Pomona doesn't have an "A Number" entry from a Subordinate Grange, the Pomona Lecturer should be arranging for a number with any or all of your Subordinates taking part. Help us have a great show. Offer to help. It will be lots of fun.

Cathedral of the Pines loses member of the founding family

I want to thank Lois Evankow for sending me a copy of an obituary of John Sloane III. John "Jack" Sloane was born in Newton, Mass. on September 3, 1922, he was the third son of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Sloane, founders of the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH, built in memory of John's older brother, Sanderson, a B-17 pilot who was killed in action in February of 1944.

The Cathedral of the Pines is a special place for many who travel to Rindge. Sunday morning services are held from the first of May through October. Our Grange Sunday services will be June 21, 2009 at 3 P.M. Make it a family day and bring a picnic lunch and enjoy nature.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
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Spring has finally come to the Northwest Corner. The forsythia and daffodils have come out and all the summer birds are making their nests. As we remember our service men and women this month, let us think about the sacrifices they make and consider the

tiny seed idea which through faith and prayer grows to such proportions that it can deliver people from any kind of bondage.

I suggest that we think of our needs as opportunities to be used as receptacles into which God's increase may be poured. An empty life crying for satisfaction, if the cry is turned to God, will cause that life to become a vessel filled with the riches of God that truly satisfy. The empty vessels borrowed from neighbors may represent to us opportunities for pouring out our blessings and good thoughts upon others. By pouring them out thus we can increase our ability to draw upon the infinite resource.

Oil represents joy and praise, which make life run smoothly. Even if we are without material food, we still have the oil of Spirit within us which we can pour out to fill up the empty places in our life and the lives of our friends. We may wonder what good the increase of the spirit of joy and praise can do in supplying our material needs. Joy and praise are worth money because they are what all the World is seeking. Like other spiritual gifts, these are enjoyed and increased most when they are given away or shared. Giving and sharing God's gifts brings more joy to the giver than receiving and hoarding can bring to the receiver.

Those who depend upon the possession of many things to bring them happiness and satisfaction will remain hungry in soul even though their barns may be bursting, because material things alone cannot fill the emptiness of the inner person. It is the pouring out of the riches of Spirit in prayer that satisfies both the soul and the body.

A reminder to all of the Grange Sunday Service at Good Will Grange Hall on June 14 at 11 A.M. followed by lunch and the Talent Program. On June 21 at 3:00 P.M. in Rindge, New Hampshire, will be the New England Grange Sunday. Hope to see you at these events.

Let's get CT Granges out of the rut



Carl Bernhardt
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Now it is time to Get Connecticut out of the Rut. That's right. We are in a rut. We talk about all our past

achievements. Remember Rural Free Delivery, and the gavels and gimmicks that brought 200 Grangers to various halls on a regular basis. Remember when your Grange took in 20 or 30 candidates on a degree night. All of this is great. It is all part of our past -- a part of our history.

Now, let's get out of the rut. Let's talk about our future, not our past. Let's develop local subordinate grange publicity about the positive things we are doing

each and every day. We need to brag. If you think you don't have anything to brag about, think again. Did your Grange enter the Community Service Contest last year?

Write articles for your local papers about your Should Auld Acquaintance programs at the convalescent homes. Not only does it give you some much need publicity, but the residents enjoy reading about themselves in the papers. What about the CWA Contests? Do you enter them? Do you publicize the

In Memoriam

Maude Emhoff, G.S.	Stafford Grange #1
Edna Bidorini, G.S.	Stafford Grange #1
Florence Miller	Manchester Grange #31
Jean Hudon	Cawasa Grange #34 (correction)
Marjorie Skinner	Vernon Grange #52
Winifred von Roemer	Colchester Grange #78
Carolyn Maile	Beacon Valley Grange #103
Charles Johnson	Higganum Grange #124
Cora "Jan" Schultz	Old Lyme Grange #162

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.*

Junior Grange Corner



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Hi. The bicycle helmets should be in the hands of your Pomona

or your Deputy by now. Please check with them for distribution. Sorry to be late this year but, after State Session and National Session, the snow came too fast and I couldn't plan to get them distributed. I hope you are able to make good use of them. Each Pomona has received 26 helmets.

Thank you so much everyone for helping to raise money to purchase this many. I hope you are all working on a collage with a theme for the Big E contest. These will be judged at Grange Sunday on June 14th at Good Will Grange Hall. See you there.

Youth & Young Adults



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Hi everyone once again I would like to thank everyone that either

donated or participated in the Bowl-A-Thon. The next event coming up for the youth will be the lasagna dinner at Grange Sunday. I would like to thank Pat Palmer in advance for preparing the lasagnas. Though we do not have a cost at this time I am sure it will be reasonable. With the meal you will have lasagna, salad, bread and butter, drink and dessert.

The Northeast Regional

Conference will be held in New York. If anyone is interested please contact me and I will get an application to you. I have not heard if anyone is working on any of the youth contests but if you are, please contact me so that I can get you registered.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for supporting the youth.

Needlework Contest? There are still a lot of people out there who have the time and the talent to enter.

Are you sponsoring a speaker from the legislature or from your local government? These speakers would love the exposure and we will benefit from the publicity. How about your fair?

Do you possibly bring agriculture to an area where cows, chickens and rabbits are a rarity. Schools sponsor trips to working farms as a part of the education process in our

elementary schools. Times have changed! Publicize what we take for granted. Many suburban parents think a petting zoo or a friendly goat or a couple of sheep are worth knowing about and exposing their children too.

Help them and help yourself at the same time. Put the past into the proper prospective and challenge the future with positive publicity.

HELP US GET CONNECTICUT GRANGES OUT OF THE RUT.