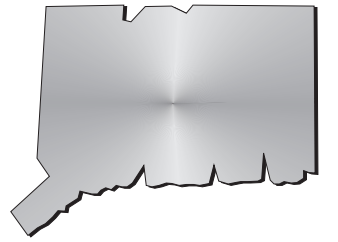




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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer as much as Sister Marge and I did. We had a great time in Florida. It's wonderful to meet once a year with my family.

Upon our return we had a quick breather before we were off to the Northeast Lecturer's Conference. This is a good time to meet friends from the other six states in our region. The National Lecturer, Judy Sherrod, and the National Leadership/Membership director, Rusty Hunt, were there also. They are usual attendees at our conferences now and they marvel at the co-operation of states in our region and the success of our conferences. They are enjoyable and full of useful information for Lecturers. Our State Lecturer, Sister Marge Bernhardt, compiled a great program that I thought was the best of the seven. I'm

glad there were so many there from Connecticut to take part in it. She works hard all year long for our Grange.

Now that the fun of summer is drawing to a close the time for work is upon us. This month many Granges will be installing officers. This is a good time to introduce your friends or family to the Grange, if your installation is an open meeting. That's what got me to join the Grange. I attended the installation of Sister Marge as Lecturer of Danbury Grange. I was so impressed with the ceremony that I joined that night. So let's use this to impress other potential members.

September 18th to October 4th is the Eastern States Exposition." The Big E". The New England Grange Building will need volunteers to help staff it for those seventeen days. If you can occupy the Connecticut Room a day or two during this time, please contact Doris Shaw at (860) 956-5237 and she will fit you in. If you can help out in the country store, please contact Betty Jane Gardiner at (860) 658-2855 and she will gladly use your help.

125th Session of the CT State Grange

Notice is hereby given of the 125th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, to be held at the Comfort Inn, 900 East Main Street, Meriden, CT on October 15, 16 and 17. The morning session on Oct. 15 will open at 9.

The Pre-Session Banquet (Buffet) will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 P.M. at the hotel. Tickets will be \$24 inclusive. A choice of roast eye round of beef or chicken cutlet will be offered. All Deputies,

She would especially need help in the evening from 5:00 till 9:00 p.m. If you can come on Grange Day and march in the parade with the Grangers from New England, just contact me at (203) 744-1656. Tickets and parking passes will be supplied for all volunteers.

Last but not least is our approaching State Session. Much preparation is needed. There are many reports that have a due date that need to be filled out. They are all in the Blue Book. A list of the contests and their requirements can also be found here. Please look this information over and take part in as many as possible. Most importantly are resolutions from the Community Granges. What do our communities need? What is needed to improve our Order? Remember the Grange is a grass roots organization. It derives its priorities and policies from the bottom up. We the members of the Community Granges determine the fate of our Order. So let's get to work and make our State Session a successful one. There will be some information about the State Session in this issue.

committee members, and state officers will have tickets for sale. You may also purchase them through the Central Office (860) 633-7550. Reservations must be made in advance and by

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It's Fair Time!



It's Fair Season again and many Grange Fairs have already taken place and many more are just around the corner. Pictured above, Mildred Bell, Past Voting Delegate to the National Grange and member of Southington Grange No. 25, poses with "Rocky" the mascot of the New Britain Rock Cats minor professional baseball team.

Food Safety debate



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The House of Representatives in Washington passed the bipartisan Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009, H. R. 2749 on July 29. The bill has now been sent to the Senate where it has been referred to the Committee on Health Education,

Labor and Pensions. The committee will probably not take any action on this bill until they reconvene after their August recess. There are two groups supporting this bill, but there are other groups who are opposing it. The small farmers are divided on this bill and both sides are lobbying for their positions.

The bill is basically a reaction to several major food product recalls and incidents of illnesses caused by


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- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: John Waterhouse
Sept. 12: (Second Saturday, due to Labor Day), 7:30 P.M.
Oct. 3: (Back to First Saturday) 7:30 P.M.

As I write this article it is the end of July and I am most grateful to report that our members are supporting our appeal for funds to replace our aging front doors. Our “Door Fund” grows every day. Some members are making low-interest loans while others are making just plain donations. Often a note enclosed will say, “Wish I could send more” or “Sorry, this is so little.”- But in reality every penny counts and we are so pleased to see the “Door Fund” moving towards our goal- Thank you all.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff
Sept. 3: 7:30 P.M. Installation of Officers
Oct. 1: 7:30 P.M. Harvest Time
Oct. 3: Semi-Annual Food and Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Oct. 10: Monti-Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 P.M.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather and your vacations. The weather could be a little more enjoyable, but for me it is better than winter weather.

September 3rd is our Installation of Officers. I hope you will all be able to be with us to be installed into office. Jody Cameron and his Team will do the honors. All members

are asked to help with refreshments.

October 1st is the beginning of a new Grange year. The meeting is at 7:30 and the Lecturer’s program is entitled “Harvest Time”. Refreshments will be supplied by Kay Ruff and Taffy Hyyppa.

October 3rd our Semi-Annual Food and Unique Boutique Sale will be held. We need everyones help with a donation of some kind for the food sale. Pies always sell real well. All contributions are most welcome. The sale will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

October 10th the Monte-Carlo Whist card parties will begin for the season. We need more attendance at the card parties. Your attendance is most welcome and bring a friend or two with you. Refreshments are always served and they are abundant. They begin at 7:00 p.m.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer
Sept. 10: School Dance
Sept. 12: Annual Agricultural Fair, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Where is that summer we are supposed to be enjoying. Before you know it the Harvest in the fields will be gond and the little flakes will begin to fall.

We held our picnic in July and got rested for the start of Fall activities. This has been an uncomfortable July with all the rain and thunderstorms. I guess the farmers are the losers if the weather is not too good for farming.

Maybe we’ll get our HOT weather in the fall.

We can’t complain as this is Mother Nature.

We are all wishing for a speedy recovery for Jean Hanson who had heart surgery.

The contests for this year are over and will have more news on them next time when everything has quieted down. Have to rest until the new contests are announced and the rules are in focus. This is the time of year that everyone takes time off to relax and enjoy their families.

To all the 25 and 50 year members that we don’t see much, it would be nice of some members to call them and see if they can join us for a meeting. We certainly will have a better attendance at our meetings. They are still part of our membership. To all our members that have strayed to another state, we are thinking of you and all are in good health.

Before I forget, our Fair is on Sept. 12th and is open to everyone and we will be looking for needlework, vegetables, crafts, baked goods and canning. Flowers and floral arrangements are also welcomed. There will be a snack bar with hamburgers, hot dogs and snacks. If your free, do stop in and see what we have.

This is all the news from Hillstown and probably will see you somewhere during the coming months.

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth Posuniak

Sept. 3: Time: 11 AM July.
- Marlborough Cong. Betty Owen a Non-Church Youth Room; Ref: Ruth Posuniak

The Grange met at Georgina’s Restaurant on July 19th for lunch, then proceeded for the Mystery Ride to a near-by farm for tour and dessert. Aug 9th members of the Grange met at Sun Valley in West Stafford, CT at Irene Brown’s summer home for our Annual Picnic. It is hoped we all had a nice time and the weather was nice.

Marlborough Grange had three entries for the Needlework Contest in

Bike helmets presented



Ruth Herbele, Master of Manchester Grange #31, presenting helmets to Brendan Moriarty for the Bike Rodeo sponsored by the Elks.

FamilyHealthIssues.com

Several years ago National Grange discontinued the Deaf Activities department. It’s mission was finished and the thought was that there are so many other health issues needing attention. They then suggested Granges appoint Family Health Issues committees to explore and provide this much needed and beneficial information for the members at meetings.

We hope each Grange has either a committee or one person designated to handle this. Deaf Activities is not to be forgotten, but incorporated into this new, broader program.

Those with access to a computer will find FamilyHealthIssues.com a treasure trove of information.

Strive to stay healthy- Birthdays are good for you.
–Dick Chapman

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MT. COUNTY POMONA #4
Corr: Todd Gelineau
Sept. 14: Installation of Officers, Winchester Grange Hall, **7:30 P.M.**
The next meeting of Mountain County Pomona will be a JOINT INSTALLATION of the officers of Mountain County Pomona and Winchester Grange. Originally it was thought the meeting would be held at 8:00 P.M. to allow the installation team more travel time, but the meeting will begin at **7:30 P.M.**, our prevailing time, as there will be action on at least six resolutions and the election of a new Secretary to be completed before the installation. It will again be a pleasure to have the Jody Cameron / Jeff Barnes Installing Team with us for the evening. They always do a beautiful job.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: Todd Gelineau
Sept. 8: Join Us! - 1st & 2nd Degrees, Ref. Sue Addison & Marion Beecher
Sept. 14: Joint Installation of Officers, Winchester Grange/ Mt. County Pomona @ Winchester Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.
Sept. 22: Welcome - 3rd & 4th Degrees, Potluck Harvest Supper at 6:30 P.M.
Sept. 25: 2nd Super Prize Party, Grange Hall, Doors Open at 6:00 P.M., Drawing begins at 7:00 P.M.

September is the busiest month of the year for Winchester Grange. Activities start off on Sept. 8 with the First and Second Degrees and we

are extremely pleased to welcome Dorian Lockett, Director of Camp Berger, as a new member of Winchester Grange. He will take these two degrees solo, but will be accompanied by two more new members on Sept. 22 for the Third and Fourth Degrees and we are happy to welcome Kurt and Ann Schroeder into membership.
All members (especially the newly elected officers) are reminded of the Joint Installation of Officers to be held at Winchester Grange Hall on MONDAY, SEPT. 14. This will be a first in this Pomona to have Mt. County officers and Winchester officers installed at the same time. We know Jody Cameron’s team will do a wonderful job!
September 25 is the date of our second Super Prize Party. Our first Prize Party, held in May, was more successful than we could have ever imagined. For the uninitiated, a Prize Party is really a super-sized Country Store or Teacup Auction with prizes ranging in value from inexpensive grocery or household items on up to gift baskets. There will be door prizes and, of course, plenty of refreshments. Join us-- the public is also welcome! You’ll have a great time!
TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100
Corr: Myrtle Hayden
Our Rummage Sale was a huge success raising \$2,500.
We were able to send 2 to Camp Berger this year. All our sick Grangers are back and feeling

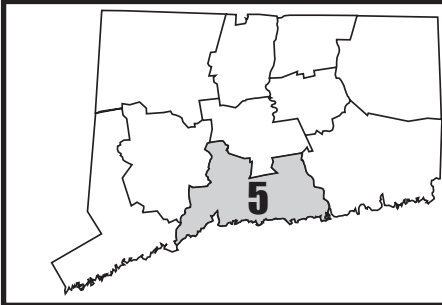
better. Ruth Schnell is back at her station as Secretary.
RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Gail Prelli
Riverton Grange # 169 will be having a Grange Family Picnic at the home of Mark and Cindy Prellion Saturday, August 22nd at noon. Mark and Cindy live at 118 Old North Road in Winsted. All are welcome. The grange provides hot dogs and hamburgers and guests are invited to bring a potluck dish. Swimming starts at noon and the food will be served at 1 o’clock. Riverton is also getting ready for their annual **Debate over food safety continues**
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tainted food that have consumer groups demanding greater oversight of our food production and supply. There is also a group of small farmers and organic food advocates who believe that greater regulation of food processing facilities and larger farms will give them an economic and quality perception advantage over their competitors. Advocates for the bill are concerned that as the chain from farmer to consumer gets longer, there are more chances for accidental or intentional health threats to get into the system.
The United States now imports food from more than 150 countries through more than 300 ports. On average, food travels approximately 1,500 miles from the farm to retail stores in Connecticut. People are eating in traditional restaurants, fast food take-out restaurants or purchasing both hot and cold meals ready to eat at grocery stores. In all of these situations, the ultimate consumer who eats the food has no control over its handling, storage or preparation. They have no opportunity to decide whether or not a particular item is safe to eat until it is placed in front of them, ready to eat. Opposing the bill are small farmers who believe the record keeping requirements and unannounced inspections authorized in the bill will be so onerous that many of them will shut down their operations
Riverton Grange



Fred Newman explains the scope of influence in our state by the “Trains of Northwest Connecticut” at a recent meeting of Riverton Grange No. 169.

fair which will be held on Saturday, September 12th. If you are interested in an entry form, please call Mark or Cindy Prelli, 379-2493.
Installation will be on Friday, September 18th at Riverton Grange Hall. All are welcome.
They are concerned that the time required to prepare and file the required records will leave them without enough time to properly manage and operate their farms. They can cite instances where a farmer filed an application for a local permit to pump water out of a pond to irrigate his crops, but by the time all the required hearings were held and the permit was finally issued the crop was lost to the drought, the growing season was over and the pond was covered with ice. They fear the same bureaucratic delays will interfere with their ability to do what is needed when it is needed to produce their crops, whether they are raising plants or livestock.
As with many laws and regulations, the real problem will not be the letter of the law, but the people who are administering it on a day to day basis. If these people recognize the urgency of making a decision in time that the farmer can look after his crop the law may be good, but if the inspectors and those reviewing their reports do not recognize the urgency of making decisions, crops will be lost because the farmer will not be allowed to do what should properly be done at the time. Most of the food safety advocates are saying the regulatory authorities will use a “light touch” in implementing the regulations as they apply to small farms, but larger farm operations would potentially face greater oversight.
The White House and the Congressional leadership have promised that they will have a major food safety bill before the end of the year. The Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 is new enough that the northeastern Granges have not had time to take any position on it. The National Grange Legislative Department is spending much of their time on preparing to defend the Grange’s name and logo as trademarks. This bill should be on the agenda for our Northeast Grange Legislative and Agriculture meeting September 27. I would appreciate thoughts and comments on the proposed Food Safety Enhancement Act in time for this meeting.

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: Wallingford. "The Feud"

The June meeting was a competitive program with four teams in a Monopoly-like game.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Bernhardtts for again opening their home for the annual Pomona picnic.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

Oct. 7: Post-Fair Social

Oct. 14-17: State Session

Oct. 21: Our Grange. Bring food for the Food Bank

Our second meeting in June was a tour of Casertano's, a wholesale nursery in Cheshire.

Our picnic was held in July. Thank You to Bernhardtts for again hosting this event.

The Cheshire Fair will be held September 19 and 20. Our famous roast beef dinner will be on Sunday afternoon.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Sept. 1: Fair Time

Oct. 6: Harvest Time

I am growing webbed fingers and toes from all this moisture this summer. At least I'll be able to swim if the water gets higher.

We had a great day for our picnic in July. It was

on one of the clear days.

We had a good attendance and plenty of food.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Sept. 11: A New Grange Year Ahead

Sept. 25: Autumn Is Just Around The Corner

By the time you read this column, we will all be busy getting our year end reports finished up and mailed out! WOW, where did this Grange year go?

We welcomed our Assistant Steward, Bro Henry Kulisch, back with us on the 10th of July and he climbed the front stairs of the Grange Hall.

We draped our charter on July 10th in loving memory of Sis Jessie Emerson. She was a 47 year member and a Past Master. She has been missed by her fellow Grangers, as she was living with her daughter in Florida, for the past two years! Her Memorial Service was held at the Old Lyme Grange Hall on the 4th of July!

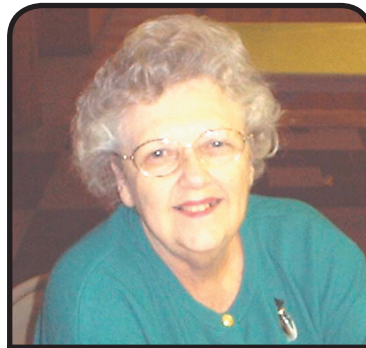
July 10th found us "Naming That Tune!" and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Our annual picnic was held before our August 28th meeting and our State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt was in charge of the program.

Our doors are always open.



"Let's Celebrate"... the winners!



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"Let's Celebrate" is behind us! We thank everyone who entered our contests or helped with the judging, the luncheon, entertainment, raffle and the reception, which followed the show.

We were pleased to have an increase in the number of entries in both the needlework and the crafts. We really didn't have enough room (or time) to arrange the beautiful things - so we will have to make changes for next time. On our first celebration day (three years ago), we made the mistake of having the entertainment at 7:00 in the evening. This year (and last year) the show was presented at 2:00- better for those attending, but almost impossible for us to all our judging and paperwork in that amount of time. We will meet with our State Lecturer and come up with some new ideas for 2010!

The first place winning entries in the needlework contest will go on to the New England competition at the Big E in September. As usual, all of the entries

in the craft contest will be kept by the State Committee to be donated to the sales room in the New England Grange Building or used as gifts for special guests at State Session.

Participation for the second year of the Scrapbook Contest was up in numbers and the books were beautiful.

Entries for the first year of the "Dress a Doll" contest were wonderful! Dolls were everywhere! Ribbons and prize money have been awarded to the winners.

Needlework Contest
Class A - Afghans - 1- Barbara Cameron, Ekonk; 2- Wilma Diezel, Prospect; 3- Janet Degata, Hillstown.

Class B - Doilies - 1- Cindy Anderson, N. Stonington; 2- Maryalice Lee- Cheshire; 3- Carol Nelson- Vernon; H.M.- Barbara Cameron, Ekonk.

Class C - Embroidery - 1- Hazel Hallier, Watertown; 2- Edith Schoell, Manchester.

Class D - Baby Set - 1- Norma DePietro, Glastonbury; 2- Edna Schneider, Harmony; 3- Maryalice Lee, Cheshire.

Class E - Joan Ziegler, Redding; 2- Sue Addison, Winchester; 3- Genevieve Shippee, Killingly.

Class F - Counted Cross Stitch - 1- Richard Bruchac, Trumbull; 2- Sandra Peterson, Lyme; 3- Mariellen Baxter, Vernon.

Class G - Adult Garment - 1- Barbara Cameron,



"Dress A Doll" entries



Above - Photo entries. Left - Craft Entries

Ekonk; 2- Louise Ely, Old Lyme; 3- Edna Schneider, Harmony

Class H - Latch Hook - 1- Debbie Barnes, Stonington; 2- Dorothy Joselovitz, Redding; 3- Lois Evankow, Lyme.

Class I- Quilted Wall Hanging- 1- Geraldine Strong, Vernon; 2- Doris Johnson, Old Lyme; 3- Karen Macdonald, Redding.

Class J - Stuffed Toys - 1- Jennifer Shirner, Vernon; 2- Florence Mallone, N. Stonington; 3- Norma DePietro, Glastonbury.

Junior Class - 1- Samantha Coulombe- Hillstown Jr.

Dress A Doll - Adult - 1- Barbara Reed, Stonington; 2- Barbara Cameron, Ekonk; 3- Ruth Herbele, Manchester

Dress A Doll - Junior - 1- Shannon Mathews, Hillstown Jr.; 2- Mary Burlette, Hillstown Jr.; 3- Colleen Mathews, Hillstown Jr.

Baking Contest - 1- Andrea Barlow, Totoket; 2- Diane Small, Manchester; 3- Masako Avery, Stafford; H.M.- Doris Shaw, Tunxis; Kathryn Ruff, Glastonbury; Dorothy Fairchild, Watertown.

Craft Contest

Needlework - 1- Beulah E. Partridge, Litchfield; 2- Edna Pressmar, Redding; Joan Ziegler, Redding.

Other Media - 1- Jean Meehan, Prospect; 2- Cathi Russi, Colchester; 3- Nancy E. Standley

Junior - Other Media- 1- Abby Benito, Hillstown Jr.; 2- Alissa LaCasse, Hillstown Jr.; 3- Angelina DeDominicis; H.M. Mary Burlette.


Scrapbooking - 1- Cathi Russi, Colchester; 2- Barbara Robert, Watertown, Anna Fiori; H.M.- Andrea Brown- Whigville

Junior Scrapbooking - 1- Alissa LaCasse, Hillstown Jr.; 2- Samantha Coulombe, Hillstown Jr.

Congratulations and thank you to each of the winners. We were especially pleased to see so many Junior entries this year.

Needlework and craft winners will be shown at State Session in October. Be sure to come and visit the display.

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

Sept. 12: Chikumbuso Project- Norwich Grange

The slugs have been having a wonderful summer. I understand they have been enjoying all the beer that has been set out for them in various gardens (at least for a few months). No word yet on the favorite brew.

At this writing we have not yet held our annual picnic; but we have hopes for a beautiful day and a large crowd. We are ever the optimist.

At our June meeting we received excellent information on identity theft with a nice packet to take home. Many thanks to the Stonington group for delicious refreshments.

The Chikumbuso project launches us into another year of enjoyable programs. Please attend this meeting and learn about the courageous people who have saved their village by weaving beautiful art from plastic bags. There will be merchandise available for sale.

Don't worry about the weather,

Come in and get out of the rain.

We'll have lots of fun at Norwich.

It will be good to see you again.

NORTH STONINGTON
GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Sept. 11: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Installation of Officers

Sept. 25: "Just in Time"

from "Bells Are Ringing"

Many thanks to all who worked at our very successful North Stonington Agricultural Fair in July. We thank even more of those members who dedicated many hours in the food booth at the New London County 4H Expo. These two events are our major money raisers and we could not continue without them, as the bulk of our dues money goes to the State and National Granges. Speaking of this, you will need to expect a raise in dues in the coming year. Please wait for the notice before you send your check.

We learned a great deal about vegetable disease on July 17. Dr. Boland Balogh gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on the subject accompanied by a PowerPoint program.

On September 25 our speaker will be Dr. Carol Staonton from Natures Wisdom Wellness Center. She will speak on cleansing toxins from our bodies. And if those slithery, slippery, slimy slugs that have been feasting on my pansies will just take to the new "food" that I have found for them, next time I'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Chapman

Sept. 3: California, Here We Come

PJ's galore- count is 50- maybe more!! Our hearts are warm knowing our little friends will be too. The State Grange's "Cat Nap" project is a winner!

Speaking of numbers, well over 100 items have

been donated to the Big E's Grange Building country store and give of our 10 needlework entries earned prizes in the Pomona judging- some even placed at the State judging. Congratulations!

When the membership year ended, we realized a net gain of four new members- and three are "youth." We heartily welcome these fine folks and one will have an office!

Final feline Cat's Meow quotes:

"To err is human, to purr, feline." Robert Byrne.

"There has never been a cat who couldn't calm me down by slowly walking past my chair." Rod McKeon

"There are few things in life more heartwarming than to be welcomed by a cat." Unknown

STONINGTON GRANGE
#168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

Our annual picnic in July was a very special event this year. Our friends from RI, John and Shirley Lawson, made their 45th consecutive July visit to our Grange. They went on their first date together to a Stonington Grange meeting in 1964 and have returned every year since. Our members presented them with a cake to celebrate this landmark anniversary.

We caught up on some unfinished business left over from June. Andy Perry becomes the

newest member on the Executive Committee and we endorsed two resolutions presented by the legislative committee. Also the pleasurable job of judging the CWA baking contest entries. Andy Perry was the representative from Stonington for the Pur-fectly Delicious Cupcakes.

Congratulations to the 2 first place winners in the latch hook work and dress a doll categories at the state CWA's Let's Celebrate Day. Debbie Barnes was awarded 1st in the latch hook and Barbara Read 1st in the

dress a doll. Great job ladies!

We are not planning a meeting in August due to hall renovations but plans are being made for our special event in September. The program on the 10th is Community Gardening and we thought it would be appropriate to treat our guest speakers to a pot luck supper based on dairy products, as they have recently started a small dairy operation in town. Sounds like fun!

Meanwhile we enjoy the rest of the summer and life in general. Hope you are all doing the same.

State Session

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October 5th.

All Granges should be represented at the Annual Session, as prescribed in the Digest. Delegates will be reimbursed \$2.00 per session attended, and each officer not on an expense account, will receive \$2.00 per session attended. Mileage will be paid at 27¢ per mile, for one round trip per Grange.

Room reservations at the hotel must be made by the individual. Tell the reservation desk you are with the Grange when making your reservation. The room rate is \$79 plus tax, includes a continental breakfast. I would suggest making your reservations as soon as possible. Tel. 203-440-9600.

Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries will prepare two credential cards enclosed with the Call sent to Granges.

All sessions (with the exception of the Sixth Degree) will be held at the hotel. Candidates for the 6th Degree should be at the hotel by 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 15th if they wish to take the shuttle over to Meriden Grange Hall. Those wishing to arrange their own transportation to the Grange Hall should be at the Hall no later than 7:45 P.M. Sixth Degree applications may be obtained any time during the session or from the Central Office in advance. Cost is \$10. A bus will shuttle members to and from the hall.

The annual session concludes the work of the Grange year. We hope your Grange will be represented to answer the roll call on Thursday morning, October 15 as we look forward to another year of good Grange work in Connecticut.

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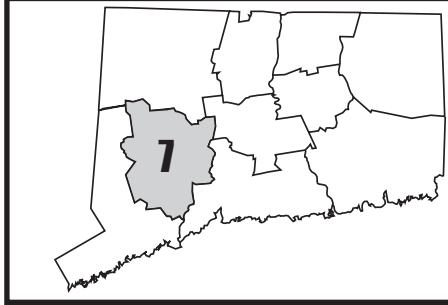
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Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay
Sept. 16: Something Sweet

Excelsior Pomona will meet on September 16, 2009 at Bethlehem Grange at 7:30 P.M.

The program for the evening by Lecturer Jean Meehan is called Something Sweet.

The following are winners in the Pomona Needlework Contests.

Class A- Afghan- 1- Wilma Deziel, Prospect; 2- Cindy Legg, Wolcott; 3- Audrey Wellner, Oxford

Class C - Embroidery - 1- Hazel Hallier- Watertown; 2- Pearl Godin, Wolcott

Class E - Plastic Canvas - 1- Diane Godin- Beacon Valley

Class G - Adult Garment - 1- Pearl Godin, Beacon Valley

Class H - Latch Hook - 1- Pearl Godin, Wolcott; 2- Tisa Lynn Wilson, Prospect; 3- Judy Garcia, Oxford

Class I- Quilted Wall Hanging - 1- Cindy Legg, Wolcott

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

September finds us ending another Grange year and making final reports.

We will be meeting on September 14.

October will find us starting another, hopefully busy, healthy and enjoyable year. Our program theme for the year will be “Old MacDonald’s Farm.” Each program will be titled with a different animal starting with “Cats” in October.

We mourn the passing of our Sister Mary Behlman. Mary was to receive her 60 year seal at our anniversary meeting in May but was unable to attend due to illness. Mary was my sister-in-law and to those who remember us with cards I say a big thank you.

Our ABC Contest books are on display at the Naugatuck Historical Society.

They also asked us to put up a Grange exhibit which we have done. They are also featuring us in their September newsletter.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

Sept. 4: Apple of My Eye

Sept. 10: Youth Night

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. We begin September with Labor Day, the end of the summer activities. Parks begin to close, and school starts a new year.

Our first meeting’s program in September is called Apple of My Eye by the Lecturer Diane. She will be attending the Lecturer’s Conference as she has done in previous years, since she became our Lecturer.

The second meeting is Youth Night and will be in charge of Denise Barbieri, our Youth Chairman. She attended the Northeast Youth Conference in Schenectady, NY in July.

In September we usually start our Tag Sales, so members keep this in mind and start to gather items for the sale.

If you miss one, there will be another shortly after.

Our CWA chairman Malinda would like to thank the members for continuing to bring in coupons for Veteran’s families, Points for Education and Hood bottle caps that she has been collecting. It is most appreciated.

Come and visit us when you can, our door is always open.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

Sept. 4: Year around school?

Sept. 18: Exchange Officer Program

Oct. 2: 7:30 p.m. Meeting. Program TBA

Oct. 18: 7:30 p.m. Meeting. Program TBA

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in October, but it was omitted from the calendar because the date is uncertain. The Grange has sponsored Blood Drives annually for many years.

We welcome new member Karen McInerney-Allen. May her Grange experience be pleasant and rewarding!

Several members have been plagued with physical problems of late. Most recently, Evelyn Hill has suffered a fractured hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It seemed a brief and wet summer season but we had some enjoyment nevertheless. Like our Mystery Ride, which added zero miles to members’ cars. Lecturer Jeanne Vaill asked members to pick up a chair and follow her- out of the Grange Hall and into the school auditorium nearby where a bluegrass band was performing. It was a grand music night, thanks to Jean.

Our members are having mixed results producing prizeworthy sunflowers for the Grange contest. Personally, the


only sunflower growing in our yard was planted by birds or squirrels, not us. The seeds we planted never sprouted. Great gardeners we are!

The Hall now has fine new front entrance steps, thanks to the efforts of Amy Cote, her Karate

Group members, Oxford Hardware, and Ken Hogan Builders. These steps are truly better than the originals, and we are indebted to all those who contributed.


Visitors are always welcome!

Mystery Meeting Place



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: **mbcb76@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-August issue of the **Granger** is Winchester Grange Hall. We did not received any correct answers.



Winchester Grange No. 74

National Grange Family of the Year nominations due

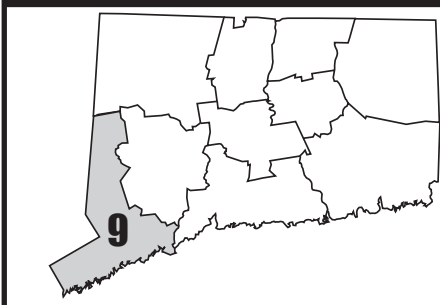
Please make sure to get your Family of the Year Award applications in by September 11th. The application can be downloaded from the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org.

The National Grange “Family of the Year” Award is designed to identify and recognize outstanding Grange families. The Award is intended to acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of a family in their local community and Grange. If your family has done something outstanding and has made a difference in your Grange or community, let us know. We want to celebrate your accomplishments and successes!

Winners will be announced at this year’s National Grange Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

If you have any questions or need additional copies of the application, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Johnson at sjohnson@nationalgrange.org or at 888-447-2643 ext. 109.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Sept. 2: Installation of Officers

Sept. 12: Harvest Fair. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 14: Harvest Time

Sept 28: Fall Festival

Redding Grange will have a dual installation of officers with Fairfield County Pomona #9 at Redding Grange Hall on Sept. 2, at 10:00 p.m.

On Sept.12 we will have our Harvest Fair. Those of you who have attended one of our fairs before know how enjoyable they are. We will have our usual exhibits of fruits and vegetables that our members have grown this past year. Our other activities are the same; a plant and flower sale, baked goods sale, Books, movies and record sale, needlework exhibit and our famous tag sale. Refreshments will be available all day. There are many opportunities for an enjoyable day so come on down to Fairfield County and have some fun.

We will hold our regular two monthly meetings also. Their titles are listed above. There will be interesting programs as well as friendly Grangers there. I will see if I can add something that I picked up at the Lecturers Conference.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to the month of September, the official kickoff of the colorful Fall season.

Now onto the Grange

stuff – We held our regularly scheduled July meeting, which was also our “Inspection Night” of July 24. We combined this event with some good food, good drinks and an all around good time with our pre meeting annual picnic, which consisted of delicious grilled hot dogs and all the goodies we all enjoy eating in the “good ole summertime”. After the meeting, we had a great ice cream social, with various flavors of ice cream, served in waffle cups with a variety of yummy toppings. We thank Val B. and everyone who gave her a helping hand in making this meeting a fun and belly-filling event.

It was good to see everyone at the meeting; especially we were all glad to have Mary B. and Yvonne W. well enough to attend. As always, the more of our members who attend the better and more lively the meetings are. Of course, at the end of the meeting, we had our moments of laughter via Mary M.’s hilarious jokes.

Speaking of our Mary Mazur, on August 15th this remarkable woman will turn 97 years young. I sure everyone joins me in wishing her a very happy and healthy birthday, with many more to come. Mary we adore you!

In closing, my fellow Grangers, please remember to: Watch out for schools buses and children crossing the streets now that school is back in session. “Children Are Our Future – It Is Up To Us To Keep Them

Safe”

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Sept. 8: Installation of Officers

Oct. 13: Halloween Party

Our June meeting was canceled.

At our July meeting we voted to use \$500 from the John Twarda Memorial Scholarship Fund as the 2009 scholarship award to Weston High School senior Michelle Ford. It was also voted that the rest of the fund be put into a 6 month CD. Earlier in the meeting we learned that the bicycle helmets which were purchased by the Junior Grange were delivered to the Weston Police Department by Charlotte Blount.

The meeting was topped off by some fine jokes by Lecturer Sue Sulla. It’s easy to take Sue for granted, since she is with us, month after month (imagine!). But there’s nothing like a good laugh to round out the evening, and Sue’s bag of jokes is bottomless. Her secret? She’s creative in the way she handles a story, and the delivery has a certain pizzazz that is strictly Sue. Best of all, her jokes get the rest of us telling our jokes. It’s a magic that really works.

We are sorry to report that Arlene Nowak died in late July, at the age of 88. Those busy fingers are finally stilled. Arlene’s love of crocheting resulted in so many Grange awards as well as beautiful donations to local charities. She was also a volunteer for RSVP. She was our Chaplain for many years, and those wonderful blessings at Grange suppers will be just one of the ways we will miss her. We will drape our Charter for her on September 8.

AgNews



Ernest Finch
Agriculture Director
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Dan Mutchler, Ag. Comm.

All of us on the Ag Committee hope your sunflowers are growing satisfactorily at this time. In speaking with some of you and through my own experimentation I have found this to be a challenging growing

season for many plants started from seed. Sunflowers like the soil to be warm, 70 degrees or warmer and it has taken some time for the ground in Connecticut to reach that optimal temperature. Remember to hope and persevere.

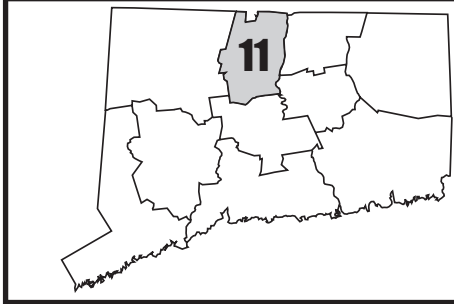
And now for an important reminder about some of the other activities our committee offers. **The Young Farmer Award:** given to a young farmer under 40 years old in the field of agriculture. **Outstanding Farmer Award:** given to an individual in all fields of agriculture. **Outstanding Production Award:** for any person who is outstanding in the *promotion* or *advancement* of agriculture. **Outstanding Professional Award:** for any person who is outstanding in the promotion or advancement of agriculture. Information on these and other activities of the State Agricultural Committee can be found in the Blue Book. Contact the Director, Ernie Finch for applications or information. All completed applications must be received by Ernie no later than **September 15** thereby ensuring enough time for the committee to review and select the winners. The mailing address is: Ernest Finch, 101 Bacon Road, Roxbury, CT 06783. And his phone number is 860-354-4659. We would love to see lots of participation so think of deserving individuals in your communities you would like to nominate. One good aspect of this season which we can be grateful for is that we are not experiencing severe drought like our fellow Americans in the Pacific Northwest. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2009 State Session.

Southington Community Citizen of the Year



Master Jim Lamoureux presents the Southington Grange Community Citizen Award to the Southington Amateur Radio Association.

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

Sept. 21: “Put on our Work Gloves”

Where did the summer go? We had a lot of strange weather in the spring and summer! Wonder how that will effect the colors of fall. Hope it will be a good season so the leaf peepers will not be disappointed.

Guess our Lecturer will plan to have us put on our work gloves to get the Pomona ready for fall and winter events. There is a lot of work to be done and fewer of us to do it.

We are willing workers and know that pulling together is the answer.

One of the first big events of the season is the Big E in West Springfield, MA where several of us will be working. Our beautiful New England Grange Building is in the center of activities and we are proud of it. We appreciate all the handmade items that have been donated for sale in our Country Store. Folks will be doing their Christmas shopping early. If you attend the Fair, please stop at the Grange Building to say hello.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

Sept. 12: Agricultural Fair- 3:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M. Chicken Barbecue 4:30-7:00 P.M.

Sept. 18: Reports after Agricultural Fair

Sept. 26: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

On June 12 at Granby Grange Hall for the CT Experiment Station’s presentation “Safe Methods for Vegetable

Disease Control” and “Identifying and Managing Weeds in the Garden.” On June 18 Dairy Supper and 4H program of tiny chickens and eggs, two small goats, photographs of prize cow, 2 different quilts, sewn hooded large cape, yarn picture. Aimee Gilbert won raffle for four different Norman Rockwell pictured glasses.

Master Charlie Hunderlach presented a 55 year seal to Peggy Colavecchio. Not present seals for 55 years for Newton Lyons, Melvin Porter, and Lois Longley, 60 years for Richard Ayer and 65 years for Robert Longley. We had three Saturday tag sales in July.

Recently loss of two Granby Grangers. Golden Sheaf Blanche Newton, 94 years for making Bloodmobile cookies many times.

Mary McLaughlin belonged 25 years and she gave items from her garden to our fair.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

Sept: Let’s Greet the Fall

Our June Evaluation Night went well, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

We had a “Show and Tell” and some of the things that were brought in were interesting and enjoyable. Everyone had a good time seeing them!

In July we had a pizza party with beverages and it was fun.

Doris Shaw is our Master for the next year, and Al Forster is the new Lecturer for the coming year. We know we will

have a good year ahead.

If you want to come to visit, please check with Doris to see when we will meet.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Well, we are back on schedule, had a good meeting. Our Anniversary and Community Citizen Award will be decided at a later time. We cannot meet at the Community Center after 5pm. So we have to decide on a place to meet one evening for the Anniversary and Community Citizen Award night.

Our choice for Community Citizen is Bruce Lockwood from Canton who has done so much for the children of our town.

Anniversary people are: Dorothy Dodge- 75 years; Walter Langer- 70 years; Jessica Rhoades- 65 years; B. Dante D’Addeo- 60 years

You are all welcome to join us anytime we meet at the Canton Community Center (which is the public library) on Dyer Ave in Collinsville.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Sept. 9: “Let’s Work Together”

Sept. 5, 12, 26: Card Parties

We are always happy to report the success of our Fair and appreciate the help of our families and friends from other Granges who so willingly pitch in to help us- and make our success possible.

Our upper hall was once again a joy to behold with many displays put up by the folks from most of the farms around us.

Arrangements of hobbies by several of our members were very attractive. Entries in needlework, flowers,

vegetables and baking were admired by all.

Featured downstairs were a huge bake sale, tag and treasures. Crafts and a snack bar.

A plant sale was held outside along with games for children, face painting, strolling musicians, and fun for all.

We were happy to show our town that our Grange is an important part of our community.

According to our program listing for September 9th we will begin another year of activity. Let’s hope it will be a great one for all.

WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

Corr: Pam Covinton

Sept. 9: Apples on the Trees

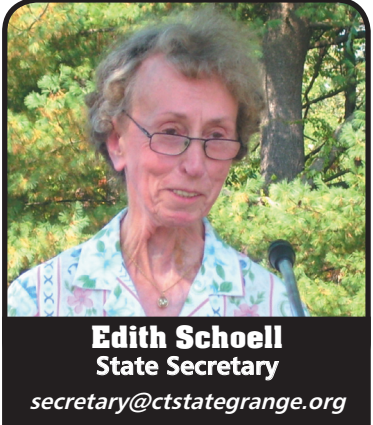
West Suffield has had two meetings since our last Granger report.

In June, we had a very beautiful Memorial Program presented by our Chaplain, Gert Hastings. It included readings on Memorial Day, Cathedral of the Pines, Statue of Liberty, and a memorial ceremony to the Grangers who have passed to the Great Grange above. Thank you for an excellent program, Gert, you do such a wonderful job!

In July, we had a fun picnic. A good variety of delicious food was available and everyone enjoyed it! We had a good turnout, too!

For the coming year, we have a complete slate of officers, and we appreciate everyone taking an office.

State Secretary



September!! Summer is almost gone and Grange activities are about to resume.

Let’s Celebrate was a fun day at Good Will Grange Hall. I hope that many of you had a chance to see the Central Office. There are many things to be done at the office and

hopefully they will be completed next year.

Some resolutions have been forwarded to the Central Office, and, I hope that if your Grange has a resolution that you send it in early (if late 250 copies are needed.)

A few Granges have not sent in a list of members to me. Please get the list in as soon as possible.

September 1st is the date for the Community Service reports to be sent to Jody Cameron, and October 1st Honor Grange reports are due. Don’t wait until then- send it in now.

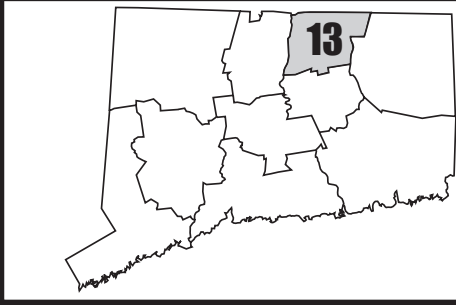
State Session will soon be here. We will be meeting at the Comfort Inn in Meriden for all of the meetings, except for the degree which will be conferred at Meriden Grange Hall on Friday evening.

Four Generations



At the last meeting of Vernon Grange, Norman Strong was awarded his 75 year certificate and as a special treat to him, his great grandson joined Vernon Grange making four generations now attending meetings. Left to right - Chrisian Schirmer, Jennifer Schirmer, Geraldine Strong, Norman Strong, Nancy Strong and Carol Nelson. Photo taken by Gordon Gibson.

North Central Pomona No. 13



Stafford No. 1

✓ Tolland No. 51

✓ Vernon No. 52

✓ Enfield No. 151

NORTH CENTRAL POMONA
#13

Corr: J. Jordan
Sept. 10: Installation of Officers

North Central Pomona will meet at Tolland Grange Hall on the 10th of September for installation of officers. All newly elected Grangers should be present to take part in this ceremony. Program starts at 7:30 p.m.

North Central Pomona did very well at the Day of Celebration in July. Geraldine Strong took 1st place in quilted wall hangings; Jennifer Schirmer, 1st in stuffed toy; Mariellen Baxter, 3rd in counted cross stitch.

In the photo contest, Dawn Percoski took 1st in the historic area; Irene Percoski, 3rd in historic; and Irene Percoski, 3rd for family celebrations; and Nancy Strong won in Grange family generations. Masako Avery took 3rd in the banana cupcake contest. Congratulations to all winners!!!!

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan

Sept. 1: Salute to Working People

What a gorgeous day it is!!! Finally!!!! I'm writing this on August 1 and enjoying the cool weather we are having. So far, keep your fingers crossed, no rain.

Tolland Grange will meet at the Grange Hall on the Green at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st of September. Our program discussion will be on working. Join us if you can. Give Worthy Master Robert West a call if you are attending. Don't want to miss you.

VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong

Sept. 11: School Days

Vernon Grange just enjoyed a fun picnic potluck at Linda Niederwerfer's home in August. We awarded Doreen Ward with her 50 year Golden Shief Certificate. Awards were passed out from the State Grange CWA Contests: First place to Geraldine Strong for her quilted wall hanging and Jennifer Schirmer for the stuffed toy. Third place went to Carol Nelson for her doillie and Mariellen Baxter for her counted cross stictch. Gordon Gibson won first place and Nancy Strong won second on for in the photo contest in the "Grangers in Action" catagory.

At the July meeting we took in a new young member, Christian Schirmer, who is the great grandson of Norman Strong, making 4 generations of Strongs in Vernon Grange. We also awarded Norman with his 75 year membership certificate.

Vernon Grange Hall is undergoing a renovation. The Vernon Historical Society is putting a little addition on the back that will include an elevator to the upstairs hall. They say we should be able to still hold our meetings downstairs, if we don't mind the plastic coverings. As always, we are flexible and will work around this wonderful addition to the building.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 12: Jonathan- Select good ones- Potluck

12:00 Noon
Oct. 11: Baldwin- Oh Oh! this one has a worm.

Our annual picnic this year was in fact a pizza party and what fun it was. Two applications were accepted and will be voted on, and the candidates will be obligated at our September meeting. My

sunflower seeds were quickly gobbled up by hungry squirrels, so no entry for me this year. Congratulations to Dawn Percoski for first place in the photo contest- category Historic Places. Plans have been made for our entry in the Four Town Fair. The Grange exhibit

is open to ANY Grange in the state, but as we are the only Grange left in the Four Town area we have the only entry. It would be so nice to have other Granges put up displays. I hope everyone has had a great summer. Come visit if you can.

Contests and Conferences



So much has happened since my last column that it seems like more than two months have passed. So, let's start at the beginning. Grange Sunday – June 14 - proved a very entertaining experience. Our winners were:

“A Number” Contest – 1st from New London County Pomona & No. Stonington Grange was a skit by Nancy Weissmuller, Gene Bromley and Jeff Barnes entitled “George & Harriet and Apple Pie”. This skit was also a big hit at Lecturers Conference.

Talent Contest – Our winning entry was A Duet by Ron Purington & Dan Mutchler representing New London County Pomona and Lyme Grange. They represented Connecticut in the Northeast Talent Contest at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, MA where they took 2nd place. Congratulations on a great performance. After the conference was over, the seven northeast Lecturers met and made some changes in the contest. As soon as I have a copy of the new rules I will be sending them to each Grange. The intent of these changes is to encourage more entries at the State level.

Our photo contest was held on July 25 at “Let's Celebrate.” We had a large display of both Adult and Youth Entries. The winners in the adult contest were: America The Beautiful

1. Doug Bradley, Cheshire

2. Lois Evankow, Lyme

3. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire

Animals

1. Steven Evankow, Lyme

2. Russell Gray, Ekonk

3. Lois Evankow, Lyme

Grangers in Action

1. Michele DeDominicis, Hillstown

2. Nancy Strong, Vernon

3. Russell Gray, Ekonk

Family Celebrations

1. Gordon Gibson, Vernon

2. Russell Gray, Ekonk

3. Irene Perkosi, Enfield

Historic Places or Events

1. Dawn Perkosi, Enfield

2. Russell Gray, Ekonk

3. Irene Perkosi, Enfield

Winners in the Youth Categories were:

- America The Beautiful

1. Tommy Osip, Hillstown

2. Jacob Benito, Hillstown

3. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown

Animals

1. Jacob Gervais, Ekonk

2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown

3. Colleen Matthews, Hillstown

Granger in Action

1. Noella Bierlette, Hillstown

2. Angelina DeDominicis,

- Hillstown

3. Mary Burlette, Hillstown

Family Celebrations

1. Bella Marino, Cheshire

2. Tommy Osip, Hillstown

Historic Places or Events

1. Joshua Benito, Hillstown

2. Jacob Benito, Hillstown

3. Shannon Mathews, Hillstown

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Lecturers Conference was a great success. As I have said before, Connecticut Grangers are the best. Everyone worked together and everyone was a good sport. Our program went off without a hitch, thanks to all who participated. We had 37 in our delegation, the most of any State. I would also like to thank you all for the gift I was given at the banquet. Next year the conference will be held in Vermont. Connecticut's program will be on the State of Texas. Please start looking for numbers we can use as time has a way of slipping by faster and faster.

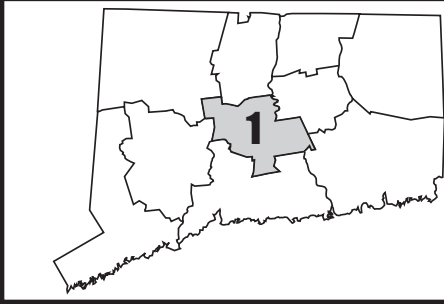
See you around the State in the near future.



Above - the “Crew from Connecticut” at Northeast Lecturer’s Conference. Below - Jane and Ruel Miller of Cheshire Grange perform during Connecticut’s program.



Central Pomona No. 1



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

CENTRAL POMONA #1
Corr: Dianna Clark
Sept. 3: Installation of Officers, Meriden Grange, 7:30 P.M.
Oct. 1: Southington Grange, 7:30 P.M.
September 3rd Installation of Officer in Meriden Grange at 7:30 P.M. Co-Host, Higganum Grange and Oct. 1st- Autumn Leaves. Southington Grange 7:30, Co-Host Westfield Grange.
Don't forget CWA table fall items.

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25
Corr: Lisa Lamoureux
Sept. 14: Business Meeting
Sept. 28: Installation of Officers
Greetings from Southington Grange!!! Hope everyone is enjoying summer now that it has finally arrived. Southington Grangers have been very busy. By the time that you read this, we will have held our Annual Fair on August 15th.

I am pretty sure that you if you did not attend our fair, you probably missed a very filling breakfast of pancakes and sausage, a hot diggity dog for lunch and a mouth watering chicken barbeque with all of the fixings for dinner. That is only the food. I will tell you more about the events in next month's issue.
After the fair, we will be getting back to business. On September 14th, we will hold a regular business meeting

and then on September 28th, Jody Cameron and his installation crew will install the officers of Southington Grange. Jody and the crew have installed us in the past and have always done a superb job.
We look forward to having them as a guests again this year.
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.
MERIDEN GRANGE #29
Corr: Dianna Clark
Sept. 11: Meriden Fair Set-Up
Sept. 12: 80th Meriden Grange Fair
Sept. 20: Mystery Ride
Oct. 9: Columbus Day
Oct. 23: Halloween - Trick or Treat
July 10th and Aug. 14 we enjoyed our picnics at Hubbard Park. We all had a wonderful time sharing good times.
September 12 is our Meriden Grange Fair so be sure to come and enjoy our display of arts and crafts and vegetables and fruits and baked goods.
We usually have a band and music to enjoy. Cindy Hupper has a large vegetable garden and shares her garden with us. This correspondent shares arts and paintings of cats this year. Phyllis

Maynes will display her knitting of scarves and blankets.


We plan a mystery ride on Sept. 20 so be surprised and come for the ride.
Come join us for the Halloween Party for trick or treat on October 23. We would love to have you join us for fun and games.

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50
Corr: Phyllis Redford
Sept. 3: Preserve the Harvest
Oct. 1: Red & Gold
On July 16, Grange members visited the Mansfield House, home of the Middlesex County Historical Society. We were welcomed by the Director, Debbie Shapiro, who gave a short introduction to the work of the society. We learned that 2009 is the year devoted to events and exhibits concerned with the Civil War period, both on the battlefield, and back home in Middlesex County.

Of special interest is a large display of common items picked up on the battlefields. We saw a complete mess kit with cup, plate and cutlery, a very small Bible with a bullet hole... the soldier survived.
A love letter was found on the body of a casualty, original firearms and many other artifacts brought this terrible war so close to us at the beginning of the 20th Century. Our Deputy, Jim Lamoureux is a member of the society, as is our Lecturer, a life member.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
Sept. 11: Picnic
Sept. 25: What will be, will be
Ruth Freeburg is in charge of the Patriotic Program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

1 on 1 Publicity



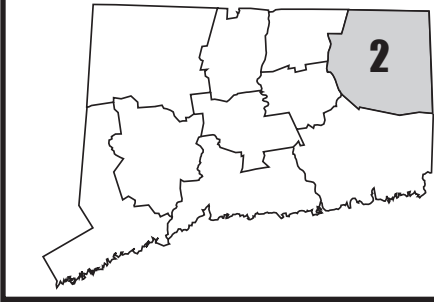
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When your Grange is having an event, whether it is a tag sale, fundraiser, a fair or anything where the general public will be there, this is an excellent opportunity to promote the Grange. Design or use an existing poster that promotes joining the Grange and place it where it will be seen (such as the front door). This will get their attention quickly.
Quite often at these events people have asked me about the Grange. Some know absolutely nothing, others know a little and want to know more. This is an excellent chance to encourage joining the Grange. Be prepared with general information at all times. A little history, such as why the Grange was formed, how the Grange was formed. What does the Grange do now, on the locale level, the state level, and the national level? Most Grangers know this stuff. There are the serious things, like legislative involvement, (such as writing a resolution), community involvement (such as scholarships), charity involvement (such as working with charities or simply contributing to their cause). Then there is the activity within the Grange, again local (picnics, neighbors night, tag sales, baking contest, craft contest, talent contest) and state (State session, Lets Celebrate Day, Grange Sunday, Camp Berger) and regional (Lecturers Conference, New England States exhibition).
Talk it up; pretend you're selling something (actually you are). Most importantly how they can join the Grange. Have your flier and brochures ready, pass them out. The Grange has so much to offer on so many levels, local, state and nationally. This is the point we are trying to make. If you're successful in getting them to a meeting, treat them like gold, introduce them to other members, and make them feel welcome, like part of the family. Lets help the family grow.

Field Days, anyone?

Over the years, the Pomona Granges have been active by bringing the members of Subordinate Granges together to exchange ideas, problems and acting as the legislative branch of the Order. Members have worked together in their efforts to "better manhood and womanhood." Today I am turning back the pages to 1940 to mention a few of the Pomona Granges and what they reported at the State Session held in Bridgeport in January 1941.
All Pomona Masters praised their Home Economics Committee (CWA) for doing outstanding work as well as their Lecturers for fine programs. Mountain County Pomona, Fairfield County Pomona, Seaview and Farmington Valley Pomonas all reported having successful Field Days.
New Haven County Pomona reported their largest attendance at a meeting in April of that year. They entertained Fairfield County with 426 present! (Where did they put all those members?)
Seaview reported having 8 meetings - 4 day and 4 evening. The Fifth Degree was conferred at 2 day and 2 evening meetings.
Maybe we should bring back "Field Days" by combining Pomonas and having a little competition. A friendly game of horseshoes or a ball game might be fun.

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
Corr: Diane Miller
Sept. 16: Harvest is Here
Sept. 19: Grange Fair
Sept. 26: Celebrating Agriculture

During the summer we did some yard work and got our sign out advertising our events and awards.

We were proud to have Felicia Labbay graduate from Ellis Tech as valedictorian and Jen Anderson graduate magna cum laude from Johnson and Wales College.

In August, we awarded the John F. Duffy Scholarships to four local students and the Helena B. Duffy to five others.

Several members attended the New England Lecturer's Conference.

We are going to be busy with our food booth at the Woodstock Fair in September.

Our Grange fair will be held on September 19.

BROOKLYN GRANGE #43
Corr: Louise Salmon
Joan Perry showed us her collection of antique dolls at our June 9 meeting. All were differently made and very beautiful. She also had an interesting book all about vintage dolls.

Our program on July 14 was a patriotic sing-along with our Musician Peg Seguire at the piano. Members enjoy being part of this program.

On September 8 our program will be School Days, School Days, Dear Old Golden Rule Days! Members will reminisce

about their school days.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie M. Johnson
Sept. 9: Fall Events
Sept. 23: Potluck, 6:30 Rain-Rain. The gardens are a disappointment-tall and skinny. Where's the sun? Lots and lots of mosquitoes.

We all went out to have a fun night and had three guests for our July picnic. We were joined by Killingly, Brooklyn and Senexet members.

Some comfy covers have been made and pajamas and three bags.

Work has started on our Grange Hall and ground has been broken for the addition.

Ted is still bringing in tabs and cans.

Gas prices are on the rise again.

Happy birthday and don't forget the shut-ins.

EKONK GRANGE #89
Corr: Sue Gray
Oct. 5: "The Changing seasons..." 7:30 P.M. meeting/program
Oct. 30: "Ceaseless Activity!" Halloween Family Fun 6:30 P.M.
Nov. 2: "Thrifty Farmers" 7:30 P.M. meeting/program
Nov. 21: Turkey Supper 5-7 P.M.

Our 27th annual Fair was a great success: family fun abounded! The children really had fun in the moon bounce; the bike rodeo was conducted by the state police and at its end a young brother and sister each won a new bike. This was a new

family to our fair: they will certainly be back! Jaimie Cameron's name was drawn after the hula hoop event and she won a regulation hoop! Russell Gray headed nail driving throughout the fair and J. Allen Cameron led children in pedal tractor events. We had wonderful entries exhibited: several new faces brought entries and for this we are most grateful.

The summer picnic was held at the beautiful home and yard of Mike and Betsy Molodich: many enjoyed their pool.

The Sebastian family attended and proudly watched as the oldest child, Colin, received the annual Grange Scholarship; the Scholarship Committee (Mary Burdick, Bonnie Deojay and Deborah Sharpe) selected Colin from among the many applicants received.

Colin will attend Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA and plans to ultimately earn a Doctorate in Music and teach High School Music. Colin will be truly missed, not only as our Vice President, but his humor and intelligence has added much to our Junior and Community Grange for many years!

Congratulations to Barbara Cameron who has handiwork entries going on to the Big E. The Fair also used her recipe for Chocolate Chip Apple Cake as our Fair baking contest this year. We had entries in all age groups.

The theme for 2009-10 is "The Second Degree". In June of 2010 we will actually confer the 2nd Degree, using many young faces in officer positions and hopefully it will include a drill performed by youth too!

Brooklyn Golden Sheaf



On May 12th, Brooklyn Grange #43 Past Master Dorothy Shippee, was presented her Golden Sheaf (50 years of membership) certificate by her father, Carlton Platt.

Communication key in "new" Grange

Cindy Charbonneau, Membership Committee

National Grange introduced last year several innovations to inform membership of activities and/or report out on important issues. The first is YouTube.

The National Grange has set up a site on YouTube with a number of video pieces. These pieces range from video highlights - from last year's National Grange session at Cromwell showing a drill team demonstration, a number of interviews made by our National President, Ed Luttrell, to a number of interviews made by Leroy Watson on important legislative issues. The purpose for this YouTube site is to give Grange members and the general public visibility to National Grange's activities and goals.

The second innovation is the use of Pod-casting on iTunes. These podcasts are free audio pieces which range from: "Woodrow Tucker Speaks about Ritualism", "National Grange Legislative Fly-In 2009 Summary", "Free Internet Tools for Granges", and the "National Grange Blueprint Series". These podcasts can be saved and replayed at Grange meetings to support an important discussion or by individual Grange members at their own listening leisure. Once the podcast is subscribed to in iTunes, these podcasts are automatically updated.

I realize not everyone has access to a computer or the internet. However, with the advent of electronic information such as the National Grange YouTube site and iTunes' National Grange Podcasts; it would make sense to make every effort to keep Grange members informed. This is to say not just at a Grange meeting, but when news is available.

Wolf Den gives toys



Gary Ayers, Safety Officer for the Pomfret Fire Department is pictured with Elsie Johnson, Secretary and John Carter, Master of Wolf Den Grange. Wolf Den Grange donated many toys to the Fire Department.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain
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This month brings us to the close of our Grange year and the beginning of new ideas for the future. Let us consider the emotion of love this month. It is one of the strongest emotions we possess. Love has been the subject of myth and poetry, the object of study of philosophers and the source of meaning and purpose for many lives. Millions of people have lived and died for it.

The idea of love has left a wider and more indelible imprint on the development of human culture in all aspects than any other single notion. Many great figures have argued that love is the single most potent force in the universe.

The great religions point to something more profound, a love that is vaster, more stable, more encompassing, a love that as Saint Paul said "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." Or as Buddha said "As a mother watches over her child willing to risk her own life to protect her only child, so we too, with a boundless heart, should cherish all living beings, suffusing the whole world with unobstructed loving kindness."

The spiritual love, then is something deeper, far more profound than the romantic love that is almost the soul focus of our culture. This is Christianity's agape. And it raises a very important question: Can love be cultivated?

The great religious traditions suggest that love is an art, a skill, something we can cultivate and develop. They lay out a very specific road map for how to do so. This map consists of four strategies. Reducing barriers to love, such as fear, greed, anger and pride which are seen to be incompatible with love. Cultivating supporting attitudes and emotions such as gratitude and generosity. Cultivating love directly through prayer and contemplation along with meditation. And number four, looking deeply into reality, with the understanding that the deeper we see into reality, the more we recognize that, at its heart wisdom merges or unites with love.

At its deepest, we find beautiful words such as these in the Gospel of John. "God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them."

In Memoriam

Alfred Warren, G.S.	Senexet Grange
Elaine Clark, G.S.	Vernon Grange
Clara Avery, G.S.	Wolf Den Grange
Jessie I. Emerson	Old Lyme Grange
Mary Behlman, G.S.	Beacon Valley Grange
Blanche Newton, G.S.	Granby Grange
Mary McLaughlin	Granby Grange

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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Since we no longer have the Pie Booth at the fair, our funds have been cut sharply. If anyone would like to donate to our project, please send donations to the State Office earmarked for the Junior Helmet Project. Thank you so much.

Thank you to the Junior Grangers who brought their entries to Celebration Day at Goodwill Grange. The winners will be announced at State Session during the Junior report on Saturday.

The Junior Committee served a luncheon at noon on Celebration Day. We were able to realize \$192 to put toward the Helmet Project. Sadly, that is far short of our goal to purchase the helmets.

I would like to ask Granges and Grangers to donate to our project.

Thank you also to the Junior Deputies who were able to assist during the luncheon. I think everything went well even though it was a hot one.

I received quite a few entries for the Writing Contest and for the Drawing Contest. These will be sent on to National Grange and judged there. They will all be in competition at National and will be displayed at National Session.

The winners for the competitions at Celebration Day will be announced at State Session in October. Check with the Blue Book for the rest of the contests for State Session. I hope everyone is having a good summer.

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HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer

Hillstown Junior Grange enjoyed the July Picnic with the Subordinate Grange. They have been kept busy. They will start their meetings in the fall and will be looking forward to work on crafts and contests when the rules come out.

They entered this year's contests and we will have more on them next month. We are still looking for more juniors to join. For information, please call Helen Forest at 860-568-6268.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new Grange members:

Christian Schirmer	Vernon
Ethan Jordan	Ekonk
Sharon Swan	Ekonk
Michael Osborne	Prospect
Marco Gaspar	Prospect
Scott Blake	Prospect
Nicholas Evankow	Lyme
Emma Rose Page	Lyme
Isabelle Lewis	Lyme
Patricia Weiss	Lyme
Natalie Bevis	Hemlock
Studart Bevis	Hemlock
Nancy Maynard	Preston City
Connie Landry	Hillstown
Hervie Lamb	Stonington

Please let us know the names of your new members.
Include them in your reports or
email the names to: granger@ctstategrange.org

Youth & Young Adults



Donald Lanoue
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Connecticut bunch had a great time learning about the National Grange building Saturday morning.

We also enjoyed the tour of the university campus. Saturday afternoon was the sign-a-song and public speaking contests that ended up spilling into that evening because we had so many participants. That evening we enjoyed a DJ who provided music for dancing.

Sunday morning we held our church service and the drill team competition

with New York winning the competition.

Though it seems to be a long summer to me, I hope that everyone is working on the youth reports that are due October 1. I would love to see an increase in the number of participants this year.

Also for the State Session I am looking for all past CSYG officers to help close the State Session on Friday night. If you were a past CSYG officer and would like to help please contact me at 203 213 6235. Thank you.