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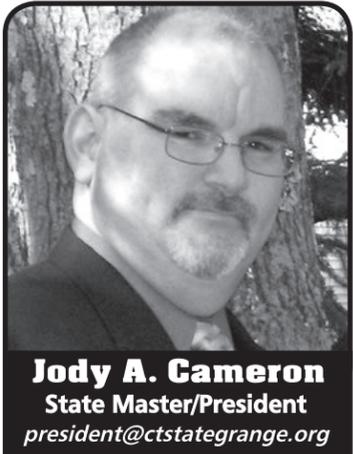


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Let's Tell The Story



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Who LOVES talking about their Grange? I DO! I talk Grange to everyone, everywhere. I talk Grange to my family, my friends, my coworkers, people I do not even know.

But what do I tell them?

I love seeing people's faces as I tell them the impact our Granges have on their communities. I tell them about our community service, the various projects our Granges are working on, the staggering number of hours each of you invest into the community. Most

people are impressed with our rich history, the length of time many of our members hold their membership. Who isn't proud of their membership? Who isn't proud of the accomplishment of their Grange and its members? If you are, tell everyone. Don't keep your pride in our Grange a secret. Tell EVERYONE.

Every member is an ambassador for our Grange and through our positive communication to the public, the public will be better aware of us and that awareness will lead to them asking questions about the Grange, and hopefully wanting to join. Always leave a conversation about the Grange by asking them if they want more information or are interested in joining.

Your State Grange had an informational

booth at the CT State FFA Convention held in May at the Ledyard High School, thanks to Nancy Weissmuller and Jaimie Cameron who did a great job marketing the Grange to this age group. Many asked for more information, we will be contacting each of the folks and follow up with an invitation to join. It is important your Grange follow up with these folks after the initial contacts are made.

A positive message gains a positive reputation, a positive image and new members. Most of our Granges are taking in new member on a regular basis, programs are more entertaining and the fellowship shared is priceless. Brother and Sister, we have a GREAT story to tell, one worth being told, so don't be afraid to tell it to everyone.

You're invited to a Picnic!

The Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges have announced they will be co-hosting an Old-Fashioned Grange Picnic as part of National Grange Nationwide Gathering Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

The picnic will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Route 112, Richmond, Rhode Island.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Watermelon and Ice Cream will be furnished. Connecticut Grangers to bring snacks and desserts. Rhode Island Grangers to bring sides and salads.

Featuring entertainment, old-fashioned picnic games, horseshoes, softball and more! Please RSVP by June 30th to the Central Office at (860) 633-7550 or via e-mail at secretary@ctstategrange.org.

Fill your car for a fun day with Grange friends and neighbors from Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Members and Prospective Members welcome!

The National Grange Nationwide Gathering Celebration is overseen by the National Lecturer's office, who will be

compiling information from the various events for a presentation at the National Grange Convention in November. The intent is to build on the energy and enthusiasm that is building within Granges across the country. Granges across the country will be holding special events bringing Granges and Grangers together within their communities.

Rep. Courtney meets with Conn. Grangers



From left: Gordon Gibson, CSG Legislative Liaison; U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (CT); Alma Graham, CSG Legislative Director and Bruce Graham pose for a picture in Rep. Courtney's office in Washington. Conn. State Grange representatives were in Washington for the annual National Grange Legislative Fly-In.

Alma Graham, State Legislative Director

On May 22nd through the 24th National Grange sponsored the National Grange Annual Legislative Fly-In. Gordon Gibson, Phil Prelli, Alma and Bruce Graham flew to Washington DC to attend the Fly-In which was held at the National Grange headquarters at 1616 H Street. This was the first Fly-In presented by our new National Legislative Director, Nichole Payla Wood.

We were treated to a VIP tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens in Alexandria, VA. Do you realize that the outside of Mount Vernon is made out of wood carved to look
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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Connecticut Granger AUGUST Edition!



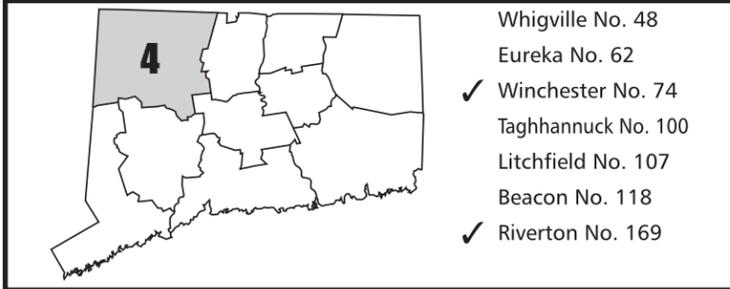
The deadline for the NEXT ISSUE will be **AUGUST 5th!!** We are trying out a new August edition and your articles and photos are welcome and needed!

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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

By the time this article reaches you, Mountain County Pomona will be on it's summer vacation with no meetings scheduled until September 12 for installation of officers. This meeting is traditionally held at the home Grange of the incoming Master.

We thank the members of Riverton Grange for hosting our June meeting. Weather issues prevented us from holding our annual day meeting there in March so it was nice to finally make it over to Riverton. Election of Officers was held along with our annual Spring Gift Drawing, the only fundraiser the Pomona holds during the year. We thank everyone who bought and sold tickets. We know it was once again a great success!!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

July 12: Independence Day, Summer Country Store, Ref. Women (Sue Addison, Chr.)

July 26: 3H's- Hazy, Hot & Humid, Ref. Sara Bement

It's been a VERY busy late spring at Winchester Grange. On June 4 we held our annual spring tag sale with beautiful weather and an excellent turn out. A great profit was realized on a whole bunch of 5¢ and 25¢ items. Every penny counts these days!

Our annual Strawberry Festival was held on Father's Day with a near sell-out crowd lining up down the street to get their heaping plates of Strawberry Shortcake. We were pleased to have the new Laurel Queen Madison-Kelly Peltier with us for the afternoon greeting guests and even serving some of the shortcake. She was accompanied by first runner-up Katelyn Bailey and Mallory Rotondo. Mallory is no stranger to Winchester Grange as she was a long time member of

Winchester Junior Grange. Congratulations to all and especially to Mallory.

Our Election of Officers was held at our second June meeting with some surprising changes to our ranks. Sara Bement stepped down as Lecturer and Sister Ramona Fassio will be the new Lecturer in September. Rae comes from a very long line of Winchester Lecturers as her mother, Barbara English, was Lecturer for many years along with her great-grandmother and even her daughter Terri Fassio served as Lecturer. Sister Sara will move over to the Family Activities Committee along with Shirley Lemieux as Chair. Pam Wright will be the new Chaplain. Two of our newest members will also become graces. Congratulations and best of luck to all!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Susan Bell-Isle

The first May meeting at the Riverton Grange was held on the 6th with a program presented by the CWA, including the State cookie contest, music, a poem for Mother's Day, a brain teaser on Elvis Presley and mother and son humor. Refreshments were under the direction of Ed and Betty Baldwin. First prize of the cookie contest went to Phil Prelli and second prize to Maureen Prelli.

The next meeting was held on May 20, starting with a potluck supper under the direction of George and Sharon Russell.

The program was a concert by the Cherry Brook Chimes Hand Bell Choir under the direction of Mary Lou Keefe of the First Congregational Church of Canton Center, Connecticut. About 75 people were present and thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Riverton's first meeting in June was the 3rd, with the election of officers and a

short program on Pearls, the birthstone gem of the month, followed with refreshments by Marie and Jason Keefe and Jennifer Hester. The June 17 meeting will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Cindy and Mark Prelli. The program that evening will be

a reading by Peter Keefe of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere".

No meeting is scheduled for July 1, because of the 4th of July weekend. The July 15 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with our regular meeting and program (Rubies) with refreshments

provided by Gail and Charlie Bierce.

Shirley Moore, CWA chairman, reminds those attending our meeting to bring non-perishable items to be distributed to local food banks or soup kitchens. A box is available in our hall to accept donations.

Representative Courtney

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like stone blocks? George Washington greatly enjoyed farming and animal husbandry. The estate is still a working farm using heritage seeds and livestock that can be traced back to his farming.

Nichole presented information packets and briefed us on some issues that are presently pending on Capitol Hill. Monday included a working breakfast and dinner with speakers from different organizations talking about issues we were promoting. On Tuesday our luncheon was present by AT&T who is working with us towards expanding broadband to rural areas.

National Grange had previously made appointments for all attendees with Senators and Congressmen from our respective states. After the tour of Mount Vernon we were dropped off at Capitol Hill to begin our appointments. These appointments continued on Tuesday morning. The group from Connecticut stopped in at Senator Lieberman's office and met with one of his staff members. We then moved down the hall to Senator Blumenthal's office to meet with one of his staff members. We had the pleasure of actually briefly meeting Senator Blumenthal while waiting for our appointment. Later in the afternoon Gordon, Bruce and I (Phil had a National Executive committee meeting) moved over to the house side of the hill for meetings with 1st district Congressman Lawson's staff then on to meet with Congressman Courtney of the 2nd district. We met with Congressmen Courtney and one of his staff members for 45 minutes and were very grateful for the time he gave to the Grange. Congressmen Courtney is a member of the Federal Agricultural Committee so we inquired about the upcoming 2012 Farm Bill's progress. One of the first tasks is how to define rural. This can be quite different in different areas of the country. We also suggested that agricultural block grants to states not be too restrictive to allow states to efficiently maintain them according to use.

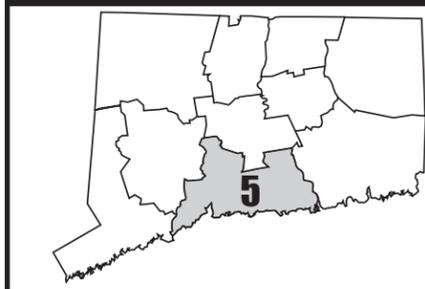
National Grange had presented us with 3 issues that we communicated to our Assembly members. The first issue is HR 872, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act. This act has actually already been passed in the House and is pending in the Senate. In the 1970's Congress enacted the Clean Water Act (CWA) to regulate federal waters and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to regulate pesticide reviews, sales and use. In 2009, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that any residues that may remain after pesticide use are pollutants and overturned the EPA's 2006 rule permitting applying pesticides over and near water. Now

multiple permits from multiple agencies are required for applying pesticides near water. This added burden affects pesticide controls of such as mosquitoes, forest canopy insects, algae or invasive aquatic weeds and animals. It has become an added burden to municipalities, states and agencies such as the Agricultural Experiment Station in Connecticut. FIFRA has already researched and authorized the proper pesticides that are allowed to be used near and in water. The government is already on record agreeing that the courts were wrong and that pesticides when applied consistent with FIFRA labels are not pollutants. This bill would amend FIFRA and CWA to declare that only one permit would be required for the labeled use of any registered pesticides.

The second bill discussed is SR 575 which is an adjustment to the Dodd-Frank Banking Act that was approved last year. The Dodd-Franks Act set caps on fees that banks could charge for debit/credit card swipes. This is the fee that is charged to the retailer for using the credit card swipe machines. This fee is one way that banks make money so they can offer 'free' services to customers such as free checking and ATM use. This bill asks that the cap on fees be held off for another 18 months so that this cap can be studied to fully assess how it would affect rural and small banks. There is a concern that capping these fees could be detrimental to rural banks and that customers would lose their 'free' services. The Grange does not support or oppose the cap to the swipe fees. We are just asking that it be studied further before enacting.

The third bill is HR 452. This concerns the recommended creation of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) which is a result of the Health Care bill last year. This board would be created to control Medicare spending should Medicare costs exceed the rate of inflation plus 1 percent. While the intent is good there is concern on how the members of this board would be appointed and the power that it would have after creation. Any recommendations by this board would immediately become law without any interaction with any government branch. The President cannot even overrule their recommendations. The only way that a recommendation could be overturned would be 3/5th majority vote of Congress. The Grange is concerned about the power and lack of checks and balances with this board and asks that portion of the bill be repealed. Our country was created with multiple branches to maintain a check and balance of government and this bill would exclude this check for IPAB.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr. Don Lanoue

New Haven County Pomona will have held their June 13, 2011 meeting upon the printing of this article. This meeting would have been our gift card drawing and I hope that you all have received your gifts if you won. We thank you for your purchase of raffle ticket this helps with our expenses in the Pomona.

Our next regular meeting will be on September 12 and all are welcome to join us.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr. A. Ruel Miller

July 6: Omit

July 20: Picnic at the Bernhardt's. Pot luck supper at 6:30PM

We held our annual Community Citizen award night on May 18th, honoring local resident, Peter DeBisschop for his involvement in the Cheshire Community.

We were represented in the Cheshire Memorial Day Parade on May 29th with a float decorated with a theme for our September fair. Several members rode on the float which was well received.

One June 1st, we held our election of officers and memorial program. Our officers for the new year remained in tact with one change on the Executive Committee.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr. Daniel M. Lauttenbach

July 14: Our Meeting in July will be our Picnic. Bring a covered dish. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be furnished.

May 12 - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30pm followed by a regular meeting. We had a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and as always there was lot to sample! Marge and Carl Bernhardt, State Lecturer and New Haven

County Pomona Deputy respectively, also joined us. We did some planning for the upcoming community citizen and anniversary coming up for the next meeting. We took care of regular business. There was a short lecturer's program: Marge gave a quiz titled "Older than Dirt". A few of us qualified. I also read a short reading titled "Memories", "Memorial Day Facts" and "Isn't it Strange". These were all from a helpful monthly newsletter that Marge gets together and sends to the lecturers. It helps especially when you run out of ideas for a program.

May 26 - Community Citizen and 126th Anniversary Night.

This year we honored the volunteers of Master's Manna.

Master's Manna began operation in Dec. 2006 as a food pantry located in the basement of a church providing food for 42 families. Today, Master's Manna is now recognized as a regional resource center providing 3,751 individuals with services of food and clothing, providing 119 with nonemergency transportation and 202 received medical/dental care through the onsite Community Health Clinic in 2010. These are just some of the services they provide.

There are about 140 volunteers that make this work and we honored a group that came to our meeting. After the initial presentation, the mayor Bill Dickenson spoke of the needs of this group provides especially in this economic climate. Friends, family and volunteers spoke of the good works this group does and how they as volunteers got involved and what it means to them.

We also collected donations for the food pantry.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr. A. Tolette

July 5: Grand Old Flag

Aug. 7: Ice Cream Social

Sept: Back to the Books

It looks as if we will have two seasons this year, Winter and Fourth of July.

We had a nice program of memories in May. It is amazing how someone else had a similar experience to one you had that you thought you had forgotten. Also remember when Tweet and Twitter were what birds did?

Hoping that all have a good summer. Keep cool and we will see you in the fall.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr. Barb Kulisch

July 8: "The Grange- Then & Now"-- Essay Writing Night!

Aug. 26: "Youth Night" - Visitors

We have been able to take another \$50.00 from our Monthly Penny March Jar and send it off to the Middlesex Diaper Appeal!

We have done very well with this project this year! We will hold another country store to have another donation for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen as well! Country Stores have been held to make our CWA donations as well!

We are in hopes that our "Winter Birds" have been back to visit our meetings & we always look forward to seeing them once again!

Enjoy your summer, come on down & visit, stay well!

Wallingford Community Citizen



Wallingford Grange recently honored Master's Manna, a local food pantry providing food for 42 families in the area with its Community Citizen Award. Left to Right: Janet Haller, LAS; Bob Taylor, Board Chair Master's Manna, Jim Panico and Ken Weiner, volunteers at Master's Manna.

Make your reservations for State Session



State Session is rapidly approaching (October 20, 21 & 22) and you are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. The session will again be held at the same hotel... just by a different name. The Sheraton is now the **Hartford Plaza Hotel**. Room rates remain the same. Call (860) 528-9703 and refer to the Connecticut State Grange Convention to receive our special room rate.

Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival



Above left- Winchester Laurel Queen Madison-Kelly Peltier greets two admiring girls at the Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival held on Father's Day. Above Right- Madison and runner ups Mallory Rotondo (former Winchester Jr. Granger) and Katelyn Bailey serve shortcake to a guest.

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 CTY. POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Aug. 27: Picnic TBA

We conferred the Fifth Degree on three candidates on May 21st at N. Stonington Grange. Pomona's court was lovely with Joe LoPresti's colorful flowers artistically placed among the Grecian columns created by Janice Wells. Inspecting Deputy James Palmer, Deputy East, commended our Officers on their ritualistic work.

At our June 8 meeting we will decide on the location of our annual picnic. More on this in the next issue. Everyone had a really great time last year at Devil's

Hopyard Park and we are looking for another large crowd this year.

We will hold a mini fundraiser at our Sept. 12 meeting in Colchester. For a modest \$2 fee you can wear your favorite T-Shirt to the meeting and leave your tux or gown at home. Pomona Lecturer Deb Barnes and Colchester Lecturer Joan Toomey, both excellent Lecturers will combine their talents that evening so we expect a super-duper program. Don't miss this one!!

The summer is here, we are happy to state.

The winter has melted

away.

So come to the picnic and join in the fun.

It's time to relax and to play.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

After a wet spring and harsh winter it's time to plant above ground and root crops. The hay is growing well and just maybe we will get to cut before July 4th.

Our Master Jeff and O.S. Polly Leonard are working hard to get some new members. Polly has asked for help for invos from Wayne Morhrlein to send out to area farmers. And our CWA Cathy Russi is doing an outstanding job with handcrafts and fundraising efforts to sustain our scholarships. We've had some hot humid weather in May and can expect more as summer moves along. Don't forget to fertilize with manure water and keep your

seedlings weeded. Watch for white fly and those pesky aphids. Prune lilacs when finished blooming.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

July 8: No Meeting- N. Stonington Ag. Fair, July 7-11

July 15: (third Friday) I'd Like to Visit Texas

Aug. 12: I'd like to visit Vermont-Menhave program/Ladies refreshments

Aug. 26: I'd like to visit Gettysburg- Civil War re-enactors

On May 13th we presented our Community Citizen Award to Amy Kennedy, the Director of the Wheeler Library. Sue's delightful program included skits and presentations, and accolades for Amy's dedicated service to the Library for the past 20 years. Amy added to the evening by giving us a brief history of our much-loved library and its founders.

We welcome our new member Jeremy Hannaford.

On May 27th we visited the Holy Land and remembered Grangers who had joined the Great Grange above with a beautiful Memorial Service and we were inspected by Deputy East Jim Palmer.

We have had a program change for July. The Civil War re-enactors will visit on Aug. 26 and we will visit Texas on July 15. The ladies will be in charge of the program and the men will have refreshments. So ladies... start polishing those boots and practicing rope tricks and gents... do I smell barbecue?

Don't miss the annual N. Stonington Agricultural Fair July 7-11, always a great family staycation. And if that cat that lives next door will just stop tormenting the chipmunk who lives under my steps, next time I'll tell you about jolly June.

LYME GRANGE #147

July 7: Salute to the Flag

Aug. 4: We Eat Again & Picnic

Sept. 1: Come & See

June brought Elections, wow! A long, long meeting night. We filled all our chairs with 38 in attendance and one visitor and three guests. The Welcoming Ceremony was performed for the third month in a row. That makes 10 new members this year.

Five under 35 and 5 over 35. This makes for a net gain of 4.

We are planning the Ag. Program for July and a picnic and open house for August.

Our food and plant sale in May was a huge success. The money earned will go towards a bathroom for year round use. This will allow us to omit our outhouse. Visit us. We promise an exciting evening of fun & food.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We presented our annual Community Citizen of the Year Award to Judy Mann at our Grange Month meeting in April, Barbara and Roger Read in charge of the program.

Judy devotes a great deal of her time working at the New London Hospitality Center, helping and counseling those in need. Her friends have been drawn in to help as well and her unselfish ways have been an inspiration to all who know her.

Our hall was filled with Judy's friends and family. Stonington First Selectman, Ed Haberek presented a commendation to Judy Mann from the town and praised her good works. Stonington Grange presented her with a plaque and a donation to the Hospitality Center. Many of our guests gave their own testimonials about how Judy had touched their lives.

We thank our friends, Nancy Weissmuller and Gene Bromley, for filling in as Assistant Stewards that evening, as our own Assistants could not be present because of health reasons.

The evening continued downstairs with refreshments and a fiddle, banjo and guitar trio provided a lively mix of folk music. The tables were decorated with face clothes and granola bars for Judy to take back with her to the Hospitality Center.

That night we also collected 32 pounds of canned goods which together with a check for Easter hams was donated to the PNC.

Our program in May will be a slide presentation to the Queen Charlotte Islands for a kayaking expedition. Sounds like a great time!

WINDOW TO THE PAST

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



Kay Ruff called and said that the person presenting the sash is Carlton Platt, and that the man in the background near the staves is Don Beard. Phyllis Beard called and said that the photo was taken at Indian River Grange. She confirmed that Carlton Platt was presenting the sash. The sash recipient is Nancy Rotman. The two women on the left are Ruth Ball and Eleanor Craft. The man near the staves is Don Beard. Thank you to Kay and Phyllis for helping us identify the photo!

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

Excelsior Pomona #7 does not meet in the months of July and August, so we would like to wish all a happy summer.

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 21st, at the home Grange of the master-elect.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our summer meetings are: July 8 "Patriotic" and August 12 will be our annual picnic. Check with one of the officers for time and place. Election of Officers was held with most of the officers returning to the stations. One change Ron Fischer is now Overseer. We have a few openings which we hope to fill before the new Grange year begins. Any volunteers??

As I write this, our 122nd anniversary will be celebrated this Friday. I know everyone will have a good time. Our Citizen of the Year is Jim Miele. Jim does a lot of volunteer work with the

special Olympics, the youth basketball, collecting white socks for the military and he serves on the Naugatuck Beautification Commission. He keeps busy.

We at Beacon Valley wish you an enjoyable and healthy summer.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

July 10: 2:00 P.M., Bethlehem will be celebrating 120 years! Invitations have been sent but all are welcome!

July 25: 7:30 P.M. Antique Appraisal Night. Country Store, Ref. Skip & Rob
Aug. 22: 7:30 P.M. Game Night, Ref. Shirley

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

July 1: Happy 4th
July 15: Fair Time
Aug. 5: How Does Your Garden Grow?
Aug. 19: American as Apple Pie

We start off July with a celebration of the 4th of July so-called Independence

Day. Our first meeting in July is called Happy 4th, so fireworks sounds good, perhaps a parade or two would make a nice day. Our second meeting in July is in the charge of the Past Masters Sharon, Fred, Bill and Mary. The theme is Fair time and Corn on the Cob. Just goes along with the local Fairs most of us attend. I think fried dough.

In August we have two meetings. First is called "How Does Your Garden Grow?" and is in the charge of the Agriculture Comm. with Bill Fairchild, Chairman. Our second meeting is called American As Apple Pie.

Speaks for itself.

No holiday of any significance in August, so we just refer to it as the Hazy, Lazy Days of summer.

Watertown Grange wishes all a great summer.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

July 1: Mystery Ride

July 15: Wedding Customs around the World

Aug. 5: Picnic, 6:30 p. m.

Aug. 19: Antique Cars

A Welcoming Ceremony was presented for Josh and Jeff Zitnay, our most recent new members. We wish them a rewarding Grange experience.

The calendar shows a Mystery Ride is in store- perhaps a horseback or buggy ride would be appropriate considering the high price of motor fuel. No doubt a very short ride is planned anyhow.

And for July 15, the worldwide wedding topic is the first such program in my memory. Should be interesting- come and see.

Faith Lucas won first place in the CWA Latch hook competition Pomona level, and will enter the State contest at "Let's Celebrate" day. We wish her luck.

Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

THE IMPORTANCE OF GRANGE BRANDING

When you see the distinctive golden arches on television, in the newspaper, on a billboard, on a sign, or on the building itself, you immediately know the arches are a symbol for McDonald's. McDonald's is one of the most recognizable brands in the world.

What is Branding?

Branding is the creation of a unique identity. The purpose of a brand is to create a unique personality or identity for the audience so that an organization can more easily communicate its message and be heard. Branding is not simply the development of a graphic element or logo although a logo is part of the process. Branding is the comprehensive development of the identity of an organization.

The Grange is a Brand

Branding for the Grange is the process of creating a clear, consistent and unique message about the organization, so that when people see the Grange logo or hear the word "Grange," they'll think of the organization's mission and programs in terms defined by the organization itself.

Grange Branding in Connecticut

Branding of the Grange in Connecticut is taken very seriously, and we have established a number of procedures and guidelines accordingly. We have issued @CTStateGrange.org e-mail addresses to all State Officers and Committee heads. We have also issued @CTStateGrange.org e-mail addresses to each Community Grange. These were distributed in the Public Relations packets at State Session last October. It is in the best interest with the communications of the State Grange and Community Granges to handle e-mail as if the Grange was a business or corporation.

Using an e-mail address that ends in @CTStateGrange.org not only looks professional, but supports the branding and identity of the Grange through name reinforcement. When a person sends out a "Grange" e-mail to say, their State Representative, a newspaper editor, the

Farm Bureau, etc., it looks more professional coming from President@CTStateGrange.org or Winchester@CTStateGrange.org than it does from hotlips@yahoo.com (I know the yahoo e-mail is an extreme example, but we actually do have some folks who have similar style e-mail addresses and use it for official Grange business.)

Benefits of Branding

your Community Grange

- Branding helps audiences cut through the clutter by providing a clear, concise identity for your Grange.
- Audiences like brands since they create easy identification, which lends itself to the development of loyalty.
- Marketing and communications are easier and more effective because messaging is consistent and supported by the implicit message of the brand.

How Can I Help To Brand My Grange?

- Use an official Grange Seal on all correspondence, posters, and promotional materials for your Grange. Each Grange has a CD in their Public Relations Packet which contains the official logos ready for use. Due to trademark restrictions, only the official Grange seals should be used.
- Use an official Grange e-mail address for all correspondence.
- Always supply official contact information when marketing your Grange, such as address and phone number. Do not use your personal information. When in doubt, use the address and phone number of the State Grange Central Office.
- Use your Grange Name everywhere. Posters, flyers, correspondence, hand-outs, and other promotional materials. Consistency is important.

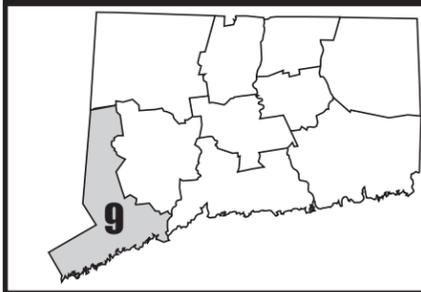
The more consistency the Grange uses when marketing itself and establishing itself as a brand, the more visibility the Grange creates, thus the more positive community support it will attract, the more pride the membership will have in the organization, and ultimately the more members it will gain. It's a simple formula.

Citizen of the Year



Amy Wheeler, Director of the Wheeler Library in North Stonington received the N. Stonington Grange Community Citizen Award at the May 13 Grange meeting. Ms. Wheeler has served the library for over 20 years and added to the program by presenting a brief history of the much-loved library.

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: Bob Sendewicz

No Meeting in July

On our June meeting we judged our needlework entries and sent the winners on to "Let's Celebrate" June 11. Our talent winner was our newest member, Beth Bradley, and she will perform then.

We elected officers for the next two years. There were a few changes. Beth Bradley will be the LAS. Dennis Rich is the Steward and Geno Piacentini is on the Executive Committee for three years.

We do not meet in July or August so the date and location of our installation of officers will be in the Aug. issue.

Have a safe and fun filled summer.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

July 11: Picnic 6:30 pm.

July 25 & Aug. 8: No Meetings

At our last meeting we draped our Charter, in loving memory, for Winifred LeWare GS and Theodore Melko.

We will have our annual picnic on the 11th. There will be food, fun and games along with much socializing. If you wish to join in on the festivities please let me know.

After that we will be taking time off for summer vacation and a much deserved rest. There will be no meetings until Aug. 22.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

July 18: "Picnic Time"

Aug. 15: "Getting Ready for the Fair," Meetings at 7 P.M.

Agriculture the theme of our May meeting. There was input from the Lecturer and committee heads. A

future review of our By-Laws was discussed. Two of our newer members have become active with Pomona.

In July, we will finish information for the Pomona and complete preliminary planning for our annual fair. See the "new" August Connecticut Granger for the date of our Fair, as we anticipate having to avoid scheduling conflicts with other activities, with which our members may be active.

All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

July 12: Stars, Stripes and Songs

Aug. 9: Summer Barbecue/ Picnic 6:30

Sept. 11: Annual Grange Fair and Market

Sept. 13: Installation of Officers

This has been an amazing year for Norfield Grange! Our winter-spring Farmers' Market was an outstanding success, as was our Community Coffeeshouse, which ended on June 2. We had more than 75 people coming through for coffee and leisure since early April. Attendees included Girl Scouts, Mahjong diehards, needlepoint crafters, and even a professor grading papers! It's a big hit for a small town with very little community space for meeting. The Coffee House will re-open on Labor Day Week.

At our Kentucky Derby Party on May 7 about 25 to 30 people came to enjoy iced tea with mint (from our Farmers' Market), appetizers and a good TV view of the race.

Roland Poitier picked the winning horse. Our Grange float on Memorial Day was a parade show-stopper, and we've added

seven new members: Tammy and Jay Roberts, Renata Celichowska, Amy Kindwall Sanborn, Christopher Tolloston, and Eileen and Paul Bengstrom! On June 2, at the Weston High School assembly Lyn Kimberly presented our \$500 John Twarda scholarship to Patricia Reda, who will pursue pre-veterinarian studies in college.

Sadly, at our May meeting we draped the Charter for Edith and John Hilpman, Eugenia Thirkield and Tom Kiska-dear friends all, who are still with us in spirit.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

Now that the days are longer, a little sunnier,

Scholarship applications due

July 8: Business meeting

July 21: People who keep our town safe

Aug. 4: Business Meeting

Aug. 21: 79th Annual Agricultural Fair

Sept. 1: Business Meeting

We hope you will circle the date, Sunday August 21st to attend our 79th Annual Agricultural Fair. We hold the event rain or shine, from 10 AM - 4 PM. Come see exquisite exhibits of bakery, fruits and vegetables, flowers, sewing and hand crafts. Also, exhibits of farm animals, photography and eggs. Food and fun will abound, and all of this for a \$2 admission. You can't beat it...go ahead a splurge and come visit one

of the nicest little Fairs in Connecticut.

Our installation of officers will take place on September 15th to get us ready to start the new Grange year on October 1st.

It was our Grange's pleasure to host Fairfield Co. Pomona Grange on June 1st for their rotational meeting. We'll look forward to seeing them back next year.

Please note our meeting and event schedule. Please come see us. We meet at 7 PM for meeting and refreshments. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

Grange activities are moving forward. The good news is that some of our shut-ins are doing better and able to get out and about. Stay well!

Remind the teenagers going back to college to get their applications in for a scholarship.

They need letters of recommendation and grades for the past

semester. This takes time, and October will be here before you know it. (Call the office for applications if needed.)

Check the Blue Book for deadlines for the various contests and reports.

Have you checked the Community Service report form? You may need to gather more information for this report.



Pat Palmer
Family Activities/CWA Director
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A very large Thank You for all the entries in the Needlework and Craft Contests at Let's Celebrate Day. The entries were all

very well done and some quite unique. I'm hopeful that they will all do well at the judging at the Big E in the fall. Thank you also for those that made items for the craft contest that will be used by the CWA/Family Activities Committee for gifts and to donate for sale at the Big E. Thank you also to the judges who worked diligently to determine the winners and to my committee for

all their help. That being said, I hope that many of you have already begun working on your entries for next year. The needlework entries do not have to follow a theme, so get those needles, hooks, etc. working.

Just a reminder that we will be looking for donations for the Hospitality room at State Session this year. More to follow.

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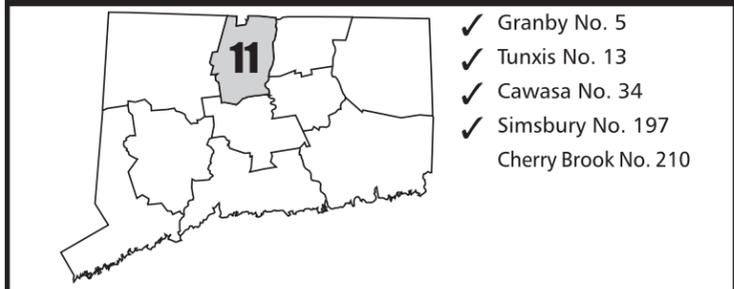
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Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



FARMINGTON VLLY. POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

July: No Meeting

Aug. 28: Picnic

Some of us attended the degree day held by East Central Pomona and enjoyed it very much. Cawasa Grange took three candidates to receive the first four degrees of our Order.

It was nice to welcome Pomona Deputy West Donald Lanoue to our last meeting where he inspected the conferral of the Fifth Degree. Sincere thanks must go to our friends from Mountain County Pomona, East Central Pomona and Massachusetts who came

so willingly to fill some of our stations. It was a busy evening.

We do not have a regular meeting in July, but August 28th will be our annual picnic on Thayer Ave. preceded by the Chaplain's service at noon. Come join us.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

At our May meeting, we had our inspection and welcomed Deputy Lin Erickson to our meeting along with Marguerite Schofield for our annual inspection. Everyone had a good time and it was so nice to have visitors.

We are still waiting to see about whether the deal with the hall will go through. It is hard to see the Granges all having a hard time, and we hope it will improve in the future! All of us hope so!

We hope everyone will have a wonderful summer and enjoy it very much!

If you want to come visit please check with Doris Shaw to make sure we are meeting.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: M. Schofield

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Lu Fenn. She joined back in 1982. She was a lovely lady and will be missed.

Our July Food Bank item was "Chex Mix." It went together well and we did 24 of them in one quart containers. We have a "Assembly" line and it goes pretty well, and quickly. This month we might do

pasta salad ingredients.

We were proud to give out \$50,000.00 in scholarships this year, we did our usual \$20,000.00 to a student, and extra \$20,000.00 for another student for the 4 years. (\$5,000.00 per year). And four Technical scholarships for \$2,500.00 each. Enjoy your summer.

Quote of the Month: To cease smoking is the easiest thing. I ought to know I've done it a thousand times.

Mark Twain

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

July 13: Vacations at Home

Aug. 24: TBA

We are working at facing some of our many problems.

A meeting has been called to make a decision for the future of our hall.

We are very sorry that our Secretary had to leave the Grange very suddenly because the family moved. We thank Bob for his service and know we will miss him. Jane Wendell and others are filling the stations for now- sharing the duties.

It has been very nice to have Waddy Fyler back at meetings. He is a long-time member and a very pleasant gentleman.

Welcome New Members

Betty Linsky

Jeremy Hannaford

Winchester #74

North Stonington

Community Grange #138



Do You Remember?

CARL F. SVENSON

"Life is uncertain, eat dessert first" is an old adage and was printed across the bib of the apron Carl Svenson wore when he worked at a Grange function. He believed that motto! He loved to eat, was a pretty good cook and a terrific host.

Carl was a popular State Deputy. When one of his Granges knew he was going to be at their hall for a meal (or refreshments) they always had a large shrimp cocktail to put before him. Wonder how many others receive that kind of treatment.

Christmas was a favorite time and every room in his big home contained holiday TREES! There was a party to put them up, decorate, and some weeks later take them down. Kids who visited were given the job of counting trees- and that kept them busy.

Corny jokes were his trademark. Most of them were terrible – real groaners!

Before he worked at the Farmington Savings Bank, Carl was with the Collins Company and was knowledgeable about the tools made there. He had a large collection and was always happy to display them and speak about them.

When the company closed, a museum was developed. He was president and gave many hours of service-including conducting tours. To this day Cawasa Grange makes the museum an important part of their community service.

Carl was a devoted Granger and served in many offices (including Master) of his Subordinate and Pomona. He was State Treasurer from 1971-1996.

One year Lin Erickson and Maggie Schofield (of Cawasa Grange) gave him a cat for his birthday. "Pete" took over the house. When Carl was called from us, the cat needed a home and came to live with us. Hardly a day goes by when I don't think of Carl as I watch the antics of the little old cat who thinks he's a kitten- and should have been called "Mr. Mischief."

Do remember Carl.



Ben Barr (left) and Carl.



Carl and friends at the home of Alma Brooks.



Carl with Alma Necker at Granby Grange.



Carl relaxes with friends at home.



Carl (standing 2nd left) at NE Lecturer's Conf.

North Central Pomona No. 13



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

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

July 8: Election of Officers

We are proud of ourselves for taking on the challenge of presenting the flag at our June meeting. We did

well considering we rarely meet upstairs in the Grange hall that we share with the Historical Society. We are also cleaning out the closet that contains many of our kitchen items and donating

them to Camp Berger. We never thought of this before and we know they can use many of the items. Our July meeting will be Election of Officers on the 8th.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 13: Too Hot! – Ice Cream Social

The hot summer days we were pining for in January are here at last. Instead of snow balls we have sno-cones yum! A time to sit back and relax with friends

and family, baseball and B-B-Q's. Time to collect your thoughts, reflect on what worked and what didn't, and regroup. It's no different at Grange – just relaxation, fun and planning for the next year's schedule.

Inspections are over, and hopefully, we impressed the Deputy. Squash has been planted and at least mine are doing well (so far). I hope we all have a bumper crop.

Last month I noted the name of Anna Smith in the Memorial column. I

can't complete this column without paying her a tribute. She was a wonderful friend and taught me so many things about being generous and kind. As our Chaplain for many years she never turned down a plea for help. She never spoke ill about anyone, was talented with a sewing needle and crochet hook, and always, always took the time to write notes to friends and family. We will miss her very much. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

Thank you for helping us to "Celebrate"!



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

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My thanks to all who participated and helped to make Let's Celebrate a success. Everyone that attended is a winner. It was a great time for all who helped us Celebrate the Grange and what it stands for.

Our Talent Contest winners were:

1- Beth Bradley from Greenfield Hill Grange; 2- Nancy Weissmuller from North Stonington Community Grange; 3- The Cousins 102 from Cheshire Grange.

Beth will now compete at the North East Lecturers Conference on Tuesday night, August 2nd. Why not come and support her. The Conference is at Bridgewater University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Winners in the "A Number" contest were: 1- "Canada Geese" by Hillstown Grange; 2- Be Bear Aware by Mountain County Pomona; 3- "George and Harriett in the Great Outdoors" by North Stonington Community Grange.

Photo Contest Winners were:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1. Debbie Barnes, Stonington Grange**Best In Show; 2. Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange; 3. Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange; HM Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange

ANIMALS

1. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange; 2. Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange; 3. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange; HM Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange

GRANGERS IN ACTION

1. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange; 2. John Alexander, North Haven Grange; 3. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

1. Andrea Brown, Whigville Grange; 2. Bob Sendewicz, Redding Grange; 3. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange; HM Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange

HISTORIC PLACES OR EVENTS

1. Emily Alexander, North Haven Grange; 2. Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange; 3. Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange; HM Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange

YOUTH ENTRIES: ANIMALS

2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown Junior Grange

GRANGERS IN ACTION

2. Angelina DeDominicis, Hillstown Junior Grange

The Best In Show entry will go to Oklahoma this fall for judging at The National Grange Session.



Above left: State Steward Noel Miller and Sister Marcia Miller look at the many entries in the Lecturer's photo contest. Above right: State Master Jody Cameron addresses the crowd during the afternoon Talent Contest.

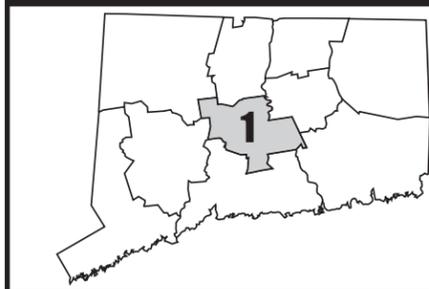


Past State Master Bob Sendewicz looks over the needlework entries. Right- Some of the many Pinwheel Cookie Contest entries.



(Above left) State Talent Winner Beth Bradley of Greenfield Hill (Fairfield County Pomona) and A Number Contest Winners performing "Canada Geese", Hillstown Grange of E. Central Pomona.

Central Pomona No. 1



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

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Chet Bacon

By the time you have read this, Southington Grange will have had their Awards night. We in Southington hope that all of you that were able to attend enjoyed the night's festivities along with the ice cream social and dancing. It was a memorable night with 3 scholarships being awarded to qualifying students, all with ties to the Grange. Our most memorable award was the scholarship given in memory of Florence O'Hare, a true Granger in every sense of the word. What a wonderful way to remember her life and her accomplishments in life by starting another's. This certainly does not cloud the Citizenship award given out to Patricia Walden who has dedicated her life to helping out the elderly throughout Connecticut. Congratulations to one and all. We are already well into the planning for our annual fair on August 13th, featuring many vendors and activities.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Barbara R. Smith

Higganum Grange #124 has been busy distributing squash seeds to the Middle School students to plant and be ready for the Haddam River Days Festival to display their bounty in September. After the festival they will be distributed to the soup kitchen and food pantries in the area. As Haddam's 350th anniversary approaches, the town is getting ready to celebrate 2012 all year long. Higganum Grange #124 is planning a scarecrow contest for October 2012.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and hope that everyone visits their local farmer's markets this summer.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 8: Potluck at Hall- 6:00 P.M.

July 22: Omit- Summer Vacation

Aug. 12: Anything Goes

Aug. 26: Omit- Summer Vacation

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Southington honors citizen



Monday June 13th was a busy night at Southington Grange. We had over 40

members and guests attend our Community Service Award night. This year

our award went to Trisha Walden, a member the Southington community, who does a great deal for the elderly.

We also gave out 3 scholarships to 3 deserving recreants: Amber Lynch, Tina Dutra, and Brandon Haas. We wish them all success in what ever they plan to do.

The night ended with a lesson in line dancing, and an Ice Cream Social. A good time was had by all.

See you at Competitive Night



Joanne Cipriano
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Letters were sent to each Pomona Lecturer regarding our Pomona Competitive Night to be held on September 17th at the Prospect Senior Center. I hope you Volunteered to be a member of your Pomona team. It's always more fun to be an active participant but if you are shy just come and cheer your team on.

The evening will start with a pot luck supper at 6 o'clock followed by the competition. To help with expenses we will have a country store. All Pomona's were asked to donate three items.

If you have an idea for a fun night, please share it with one of the members of our committee.

Enjoy your summer!

Do you have a talent?

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Do you wood work, do chair caning, play a musical instrument, quilt, spin or make and paint bird houses? Whatever your talent, have I got the place for you! I am looking for Grangers to come to the Eastern States Exposition and put on a demonstration during the Big E. You can display your wares or perform on our stage. If you are accepted, I will send you

all the details upon receiving your contact information and a brief description of your program. I would like to schedule a full program during the entire fair to let the public know who the Grange is and promote the diverse talents we have. Please contact Dawn R. Percoski, The Grange Experience Director. Phone 860-749-1328 or email: dawnrose4@cox.net: by September 1st, 2011.

News from the Deputy Team

Inspections • Code Reading • Ritual • Ritual Challenge • Support • Instruction

Some Granges have contacted the deputies complaining either that the deputy didn't show up on the date listed in their handbook or that they haven't heard from the deputy. Deputies are no longer required to inspect Granges within the narrow March-May window that has been used in the past. They are permitted to conduct inspections anytime during the year. All inspections are required to be completed by mid-August. So, if you haven't had your inspection yet, you will see or hear from your deputy very soon.

Also, please let your Deputy know if your Grange is interested in participating in the annual Ritual Challenge. We encourage all Granges to give it a try regardless of whether you think you can win or not. The most important thing is

that you give it a shot and brush up on the Flag Presentation. The grand prize is the opportunity to have the officers and committees of the State Grange come to your September meeting to help present the meeting and to provide the program and refreshments. Give it a try!

As the summer season approaches, we remind all Granges of their obligation to meet at least once a month. "Summer vacations" are not permitted by the Digest. One legal meeting must be held each (and every) month. It is not good enough to just have a picnic during a particular month without having a meeting. This means the Grange is opened in proper form.

Pomonas have a different meeting requirement. As with all questions... please ask or consult the Digest.

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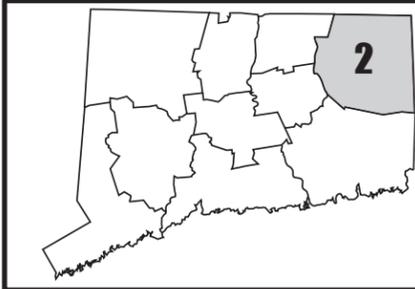
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- ✓ Echo No. 180

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 20: Let the Season Begin- Agriculture

Aug. 4: Awards/Scholarship Night, 7 P.M.

We have been busy with programs and other events.

We had a very successful bluegrass music night in May and a spring pie sale. We contributed pies to the Windham County 4H Auction. We were asked to cater a Quilt Show at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We also will cater a meeting of the local horse council.

Several members will attend the NE Lecturers Conference.

We made our annual donations for the CWA projects.

We are considering making the Grange building more accessible.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

July 4: Cancelled

July 17: Awards Lunch, 1pm

July 18: "Commemorate!" Mtg/Prog 7:30pm

Sometime this summer, hopefully, we will have a new floor in the meeting hall! The funds are available and a final decision on the flooring soon awaits! Congratulations to J. Allen Cameron, elected as our President for his 3rd term. We voted a \$50.00 donation to the Marion W. Beecher Campership Fund at Camp Berger. A small delegation will attend the 100th birthday celebration of Sister Hazel Opperman, a 78 year Granger this May! We are very proud of our Youth Drill Team. Members include (listed alphabetically): Maria Angelone, J. Allen Cameron, Jaimie Cameron, Clifford Gervais, Katie Hermonot, Katie Molodich, Christopher Sebastian and Shelley St Jean! We had 7 excellent applications for the annual Grange Scholarship: the committee

of Mary Burdick, Bonnie Deojay and Deborah Sharpe certainly have their work cut out for them to select a winner(s)!

July 17th will be a banner day at Ekonk Grange as we present 12 members with awards ranging from 25 to 75 years and totalling 625 years of Grange service. Robert P. Jordan heads the cast of award winners at 75 years of membership. Bob was the first Master of Highland Junior Grange and faithfully attends Ekonk. For over 25 years he served as First Selectman of the town of Sterling. We also have two parent/child awards with Verna Cole receiving her 50th and her daughter, Betsy Molodich her 25 and Russell Gray will receive his 50th with his daughter, Rebecca Gervais earning her 25 also! Truly a family affair!

Visitors are always welcome!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

In April we had plenty of showers and it was a cool one. We are now hopefully in a good weather pattern now.

Our April meeting was more of a "welcome" to new members than the usual degrees. We are fortunate that for each meeting our members fill all the chairs and we have a few protems.

A Memorial Service was held on May 2, a solemn occasion. We held a short memorial service for one of our past members- Harriet Chennette, who passed away this year. Anne Duval, our Chaplain, gave a short history of how Memorial Day was started by General Logan after the Civil War- about the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic).

May 16 was our Fashion Show. Coming up, a battle at the Ladies' Apparel Shop.

Sounds real interesting.

On June 6 we were knee deep in June.

On June 20 we held our election with votes flying.

Our Grange picnic will be held on July 18, 6 P.M. at the Grange. Hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

On May 7 we held a craft & bake sale with lunch provided by our illustrious cook Gail Greenleaf.

Then later in the evening we were the host for the Pomona Fifth Degree conferral. There were two candidates. Guess we should get out there and beat the bushes for new members.

June 11 was our last square dance of the season.

Please excuse this old correspondent-- her mind wanders and is often blank. Maybe someday I'll get "all together" and not ramble. Just a "remembered" thought- May was always a time to pick violets, dandelions and making a paper May basket to hang on the kitchen door for Mom to find or to the neighbor's house to surprise them. Those were nice days gone by the wayside.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

July 12: Bingo Ice Cream Social

July 26: Omit

Aug 9: Omit

Aug 23: Overseer/Stewards

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual picnic at Sara Tormey's home. We enjoy going there every year.

We had a successful Ham and Bean supper in May. This was our first time we have done it in the spring. We will have another one on Sept 17th.

Betty Lussier has made and donated 15 squares for "Squares of Care".

Pat Maines and myself are also making them. I am sure the children will enjoy their blankets. I have also donated 5 crocheted dishcloths for the State Grange.

Annie Hall who resides at the Mansfield Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 4, 2011. There was a celebration at the home for her.

Backpacks Donated



Senexet Grange No. 40 has donated over 34 starter packs to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in Willimantic. They consist of pajamas, tooth brushes, toothpaste, stuffed animals, and books.

Don't sweat the spelling!



Jeff Barnes
State Overseer

Overseer@ctstategrange.org

If you look at one word at a time you say, "What?!" But it is easy to read the whole sentence, isn't it?

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Did I get your attention? I hope so because what I really want to do is to use this chance to Thank-You all of you for the flood of cards, phone calls and visits that I received through the month of May. They are greatly appreciated, and it's nice to be remembered. I always believed that I was indestructible and it's sure disappointing to find out otherwise. I wish everyone a healthy and happy summer and look forward to seeing you soon. And don't worry about the spelling! We all speak the same language.

65 Year Seal



Gloria A. John, of Echo Grange No. 180, receives her 65 year membership seal from Echo Master Jim Palmer at the May meeting of the Grange.

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita J. Schaefer
 July 14: Family Friends and Foes- Family Picnic
 Aug. 25: Vacation is Over
 Sept. 10: Harvest Fair
 Sept. 22: Installation

As I started to write this small report it doesn't seem we had any spring. The rain came and ruined all of the blossoms of the early foliage.

Maybe now the farmers really can get started with their crops of which some will be late.

Hillstown Grange has

been very busy doing their kitchen over after our town and fire inspection. Hope to have it done for the Chicken Dinner (it was). Now it's time to get going on article for our Fair. Time goes quickly these days.

Now that the nice weather is coming our shut-ins will be able to get out. Several of the shut-ins are on the road to recovery.

Not much news at this time.

Enjoy the summer months and be ready to go to work in the fall.

Hillstown Grange holds Chicken Dinner



Hillstown Grange recently held its annual Chicken and Strawberry Shortcake Supper. It was a bustling event with over 3/4 of the hall full just after the doors opened and a line waiting at the door. Frank Forest and his wife were in the kitchen serving the hungry crowd.

Grange & FFA partner in Butternut Squash Project



Pictured, from left to right are: Rob Buck (Bethlehem Grange member), Denielle Gamelin (junior from Woodbury), Drew Zielinski (senior from Bethany), Mia Olsen (junior from Woodbury), Maggie Buck (Bethlehem Grange member), Eloise Osuch (Bethlehem Grange member), Albert Maddox (Bethlehem Grange member) and Dale Eriksen (junior from Bethlehem).

The Woodbury FFA (For the Future of Agriculture) members at the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury have partnered with the Bethlehem and Oxford Granges to help grow potatoes and butternut squash for the Connecticut Food Bank and its local affiliations. This is part of a state-wide program sponsored by the Connecticut Grange to help feed people in need this fall, and is part of the Woodbury FFA's community service program. Students in agriscience teacher and program director Bill Davenport's Agricultural Production classes have been preparing the garden site at the high school and recently planted seven 100 foot rows of potatoes and several hills of butternut squash seeds for this project. Besides the seed potatoes and butternut squash seeds provided by the Grange, additional seed potatoes were donated by Dave Newell and CL Adams in Woodbury, and from Benedict's Home and Garden in Monroe. Several students will maintain the garden at Nonnewaug throughout the summer and Ag Production classes will harvest the produce in late August.

Camping season almost underway

Linda Coad, Camp Trustees Director

Everything is a go for our camp season. After some serious problems with the elderly generator and mixing valves for the showers the camp is ready to go.

Many Community Granges and several Pomonas have stepped up to assist.

Thank you to all, and a listing will be in the Granger at the end of the season along with an update on the season.

Remember there is still time to get a kid to camp at \$300 per week. Every kid deserves an opportunity for the experience.

Looking back to 1981

Edith Schoell, State Historian

Doris Shaw of Tunxis Grange reported her entry in the sewing contest, a three piece suit for her husband, Don, placed second at the National Grange. Many members sewed back then and the contest was a big thing at National.

The Rose Drill for the Sixth Degree had twenty girls participating, and there were thirteen Pomonas.

In the Journal of Proceedings for 1981, the General Deputy, Carlton Platt, reported Leaders Conference was held in

Connecticut at the Tobacco Valley Inn. They planned a warm welcome... the roof of the inn burned as everyone was arriving. They ended up at Howard Johnson's Conference Center in Windsor Locks.

Also, that was the year Deputy East, Russell Gray reported Ekonk Grange Hall burned, and a new hall was dedicated December 6, 1981.

It was a year of accomplishments and aversity. Grangers usually come together, overcome obstacles and move forward. What is your Grange doing?

Youth & Junior Grange



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Greetings!!! The Juniors will travel to Maine for the Junior Conference which is scheduled for July 8th. Wish them luck. I hope that everyone will help out and participate next year as Connecticut will be the host state. Remember, to have a successful event, everyone needs to help out. We cannot keep having the same people help out all the time.

We will be collecting donations for the Juniors and Youth to visit the

Connecticut Science Museum during State Session. Any donation that you or your Grange can provide will be a great help.

The Junior and Youth might be only "kids" now, but they are the future and the future Grange. If we do not help them out now and show them the Grange, there might not be a Grange for them. Please send the donations made payable to "Connecticut Grange Junior and Youth" and mail to c/o Lisa Lamoureux, 22 Linda Court, Meriden, CT 06450 and mark them "Science Museum". If anyone has any questions, you may reach me at 203-238-1510. On behalf of the Juniors and Youth, "THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP".

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE

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Corr: Sue Gray

The Junior Grange plant sale netted a profit of nearly \$390.00; this was up several dollars from last year. A group of 14 enjoyed hiking through the woods of the Pachaug State Forest as well as fishing. Then 22 attended the annual fishing derby at the trout hatchery pond. 28 marched in Sterling's Memorial Day Parade and some of the boys proudly carried our Junior Grange banner! We had election of officers and have a full slate with Trevor Gervais as President-elect. We voted to donate \$250.00 to the Youth Drill Team towards the \$2,000.00 they need to raise before travelling to Brunswick, Maine July 8th-10th to compete in the Northeast competition. We wish them GOOD LUCK!



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange recently helped with the clean-up of Gallup Cemetery.

Beacon Valley preserves monument

-Reprinted from the Naugatuck Patch

It all started in 2008 — with a \$1,000 donation and a plan to restore Naugatuck's aging World War I monument. Now, three years later, it is the final stretch in a mission to raise \$40,000 to fix up the WWI monument, a towering memorial, fitted with a flagpole, and located just next to Salem School in downtown Naugatuck.

Ron Fischer, a local Vietnam veteran who has been raising money for the monument since the fund raising effort started in 2008, said he is selling 1,000 raffle tickets for \$1 a piece to go toward the monument. This will make up the last \$1,000 needed to fix the monument. "I'm expecting this raffle will meet our goal," Fischer said. "We've gone over the \$39,000 mark."

In 2008 Fischer obtained a \$1,000 donation through the Beacon Valley Grange, which he is a part of, to go toward fixing up the damaged monument. Fischer said he got the idea after reading a newspaper article about the aging monument shortly after Memorial Day.

The estimated cost at the time, \$40,000, is still the rough cost to do the repairs today, he told Naugatuck Patch. "I am surprised," he said. "I thought it would be costing more."

The raffle is the last step, although Fischer said the Beacon Valley Grange will pick up the final cost of the \$1,000 if he doesn't succeed in selling all \$1,000 raffle tickets. Since he started the raffle, Fischer said this week said he's sold about half of the 1,000 tickets.

Those looking to purchase tickets can call Fischer at 203-729-2624. There will be a drawing at the Beacon Valley Grange on Friday, June 10.

The first-place prize is an original painting of the Soldiers Monument — valued at \$600 — done by former borough resident Sandra Passeck Robinson, a descendent of one of Naugatuck's WWI veterans. His name is even etched on the monument.

The next two prizes are, respectfully, a blanket with a patriotic theme print, a hand-knitted comforter in red, white and blue and a gift basket donated by the Wolcott Grange.

The American Legion Post 17, which also donated \$1,000 to the restoration effort in 2008, is sponsoring the raffle, Fischer said. While admitting he hoped to have the monument restored in time for Memorial Day, Fischer said the restoration will likely begin in June.

"Barring any unforeseen problems, I am hoping it will be done before the Veteran's Day ceremony," he said.

Coinciding with the June 10 drawing date is also a celebration of the Beacon Valley Grange's 122 anniversary, said Joanne Cipriano, grange president. "It will be celebrating the both of us," Cipriano said.

The Beacon Valley Grange is located at 1354 New Haven Road. Festivities for the drawing begin at 7:30 p.m. and the actual drawing will be at 8 p.m.

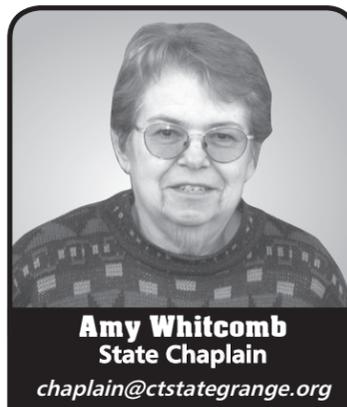
"It is fitting to finish our efforts in the place where it all began three years ago," Fischer said.

In Memoriam

Nancy Blakely	Senexet Grange #40
Janeth Cole, G.S.	Senexet Grange #40
Frances Eccleston	Senexet Grange #40
Clark Child	Senexet Grange #40
Muriel W. Klemola, G.S.	Wolf Den Grange #61
Winfred H. Hurlbut, G.S.	Winchester Grange #74
Katherine Morton, G.S.	Winchester Grange #74
Wilhelmina Fedus	Colchester Grange #78
Edith and John Hilpman	Norfield Grange #146
Franklin E. Holly	Norfield Grange #146
Tom Kiska	Norfield Grange #146
Donald Griffin, G.S.	Echo Grange #180

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

Chaplain's Message



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During these summer months let us set a time aside to consider affirmations. When repeated in the silence of your mind, these words will deliver you out of the greatest external distress, places where no human help avails. You do not

change God's attitude toward you one iota by either importuning or affirming. You only change your attitude toward Him.

Our first affirmation: God is life, intelligence, substance, and omnipotence. As you repeat this affirmation, remember that every particle of life, love, intelligence and power is simply a certain degree of God made manifest or visible through a form. Try to think what it means when you say that God is omnipotence, what other power can there be working in the universe? Since God is omnipotence, put aside the traditional teaching of an adverse power, evil that at any time may thwart the plans of God and bring you harm. Do not disturb yourself about the appearance of evil all about you but in the very presence of what seems evil stand true and unwavering in affirming that God, the good, is omnipresence. By so doing you will see the seeming evil melt away as the darkness before the light or as dew before the morning sun.

Second: I am a child of God, and every moment His life, love, wisdom and power flow into and through me. I am one with God and governed by His law. Remember that when repeating this affirmation that nothing or circumstance can possibly interpose between you and the Source of your life, wisdom or power. It is all hidden with Christ in God. Nothing but your own ignorance of how to receive or your willfulness, can hinder your having unlimited supply. You will soon see a marvelous change wrought in yourself by the realization that this spoken word will bring to you. By thus affirming you put yourself in harmony with divine law, which is always working toward your good and never toward your harm or punishment.