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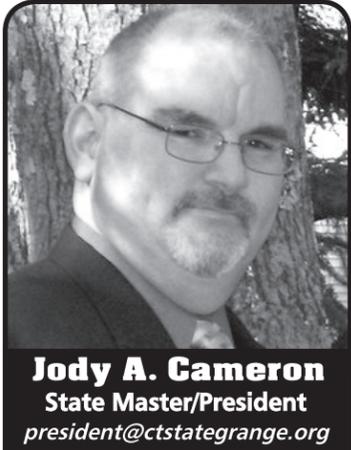


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Growth is our future



Jody A. Cameron
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Growth in new membership and growth in new Granges, this is our future. I am a firm believer in respecting our history and our past while always looking and moving towards the future. Sometimes we have to slow down and look at our past and our rich history, look at who we are. I have often wondered why people belong to the Grange. I understand why people belong to the Grange, but WHY do people belong to the Grange? I saw in a member's eyes why they belong to the Grange. Not the obvious stuff. It's not the good programs, it's not the building. Bud Beecher loves the Grange as much as he loved his wife. Upon receiving his 75 year

certificate you could see in his eyes Grange in his heart and his soul. That's why someone belongs to the Grange. That's why our organization is as amazing as it is. I am always preaching the future, tomorrow, the future, tomorrow. But Bud got me thinking. There is no future, there is no tomorrow without always remembering who we are and where we came from.

I am not telling any Grange what format they are to use. I am asking every member of every Grange in Connecticut to take a moment, get your hands on one of the original manuals and READ IT. Don't read the words. Read the manual, read what it means, read who we are, why we are who we are. These are amazing, amazing words. For the most part, these words were written in 1867 with minor modifications since then. They are as poignant and necessary today as they were when they were written.

The fundamental foundation of our ritual and our organization is its

members and their beliefs. A good Patron of Husbandry exemplifies these qualities, the qualities of their obligations daily. They live it, they breathe it, they believe it. That's what a true Grange member is. Our ritual is viewed by many members as an obstacle. We are taking in more and more new members to my extreme delight. It is our obligation to encourage and enable all members to know and understand these words our founders have written. There are no obstacles, there are no ghosts in the closet with these words. I believe when we encourage all members to read and understand the ritual they too will agree our obstacle is not ritual, it is us.

We have to continually be challenging ourselves to improve our Granges for ourselves, our members and our community. That's how we take our rich history and continue to build that platform to our future.

I hope when I receive a service award I am able to have that same look in my eyes.



Winchester Grange #74 presented membership awards at its Aug. 23 meeting. Esther Rebillard (65 years) enjoys a light moment with Past Voting Delegate to the National Grange Bud Beecher (75 years). Bud's sister, Arline Cote (far right), received her 70 year seal. *More inside...*

Important Dates to Remember

SEPT. 1

Community Service Reports
due to Co-Chairs, Jeff & Debbie Barnes

SEPT. 15

Honor Community Grange Reports
due to State Master (Pomonas do not report)

SEP. 16- OCT. 2

Eastern States Exposition (Big E)
West Springfield, MA ~
Support the New England Brange Building!

SEPT. 17

Pomona Competitive Night
Prospect Senior Center, 6 Center St., Prospect
6 P.M. Potluck, 7 P.M. Competition

OCT. 1

Reports Due
Lecturer's Department Contests
Public Relations Department Entries
Agriculture Young & Outstanding Professional

OCT. 5

State Session Registration
Due to the Central Office

OCT. 20-22

127th Annual State Grange Session
Plaza Hotel (formerly Sheraton), East Hartford

Competitive Night

Joanne Cipriano, Social Connection Director

Count-down has been started for the date of our Pomona Competitive Night. Just to refresh your memory it is being held at the Prospect Senior Center on Saturday, September 17th. The evening will start with a pot luck supper served promptly at 6pm. We hope to start the competition promptly at 7pm. I have received further confirmations from Mountain County, New London County and Fairfield County Pomonas. Previously confirmed teams are: East Central, New Haven, Farmington Valley and Excelsior Pomona. Individual prizes will be award to the top three teams as well as a cash prize.

Applications for the "Granger of the Year" Contests have been mailed to each Grange. All Granges have someone that deserves this recognition. They can't win if you don't enter them. Applications must be sent to Joanne Cipriano, Director by October 1st. A trophy will be presented to the winner. I check the mail each day for your application.

Honor Grange reports due

Todd Gelineau, General Deputy

It's almost time for all Granges to send in their annual Honor Grange reports for 2011. Unlike previous years, there is no checklist to fill in. The complete requirements for the program are included in the current edition of the Connecticut State Grange Blue Book. All Granges should have also received copies of the requirements during the

Schools of Instruction held this winter.

To fill out your report, simply go down the list of requirements and write a brief description of how your Grange satisfied that requirement. Feel free to provide any additional supporting information (i.e. photographs, news articles, posters, brochures, flyers, etc.).

For example: You are required to
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NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissuller

Sept. 12: T-Time Colchester Grange

Colchester will hold a short meeting at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Pomona meeting. Please come early and visit with Colchester. Don't forget to wear your favorite T-shirt to the meeting. For a modest fee of \$2.00 you can be casual and comfortable. (This is a mini-fundraiser for Pomona). Colchester's Lecturer Joan Toomey and our Lecturer Deb Barnes are putting their heads together to bring us a really special program. Don't miss this one!

The summer is practically over,

Soon leaves will be turning to gold.

It's time to get back to Pomona.

There's fun here for young and for old.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Sept. 9: I'd Like to Visit Friends and Family

Sept. 23: I'd Like to Visit Stonington Sound

With the exception of a VERY rainy Friday, our annual North Stonington Agricultural Fair was a very successful affair. Attendance was up and the crowds enjoyed great food and entertainment. Although our cattle barn was absent due to those heavy snows last winter, we had a small cattle show under a tent. Hopefully our new barn will be up and ready for next year's fair.

Our next meeting in July found the ladies presenting a program on the ladies of Texas. Several very famous ladies were on hand to share their lives with us and the music of Texas filled the air.

Robert Miner and his slate of officers will be installed on September 9th. On the 23rd Gracelyn Guyol, President of CUSH (Clean Up Sound and Harbor) will speak to us on this very interesting subject.

Sue has planned a year of wonderful programs. Program booklets will be available soon. Dues are due on September 30. When you send in your dues, you will receive a list of programs with

your dues card. Why not put the list on the refrigerator with a pretty magnet so you will know what is coming up and save the second and fourth Fridays for Grange. We would love to see a big crowd at meetings again. Sue works really hard to bring us interesting programs. Please support her. And if those pesky thunderstorms that keep missing us will just drop some much-needed rain around here, next time I'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Sept. 1: Come & See

Oct. 6: And Away We Go-Dues due and Conn. Granger Payment

Our July meeting found us "Hot". We held our meeting downstairs due to the oppressive heat in our meeting room.

Our Aug. picnic and open meeting was well attended with 36 at the picnic and 26 at our meeting. The State Master and his lovely wife came and examined our books and found everything in great order. Good food and good fellowship prevailed.

We emptied our meeting room as the famous Hamburg Fair starts Aug. 19 for three days.

It takes many people working many hours to accomplish this undertaking. With the help of the Fire Dept., ambulance association, local community citizens and Grange people we make it work.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We have really done some "Clowning Around" this summer. Stonington Grange member CA Duke and Bob Stika, both volunteer clowns in the Masonic Order, instructed us in the art of creating balloon sculptures. Although we all tried very hard to succeed, not one other person could ever blow up these special balloons – they are that much heavier than the toy balloons we are used to. But no problem for these two pros. By closing time the hall was decorated with dogs, flowers and hearts and other balloon art. A real fun night and we had some good

laughs.

Our annual picnic was very well attended. We thank Vern Bailey for cooking the hot dogs and hamburgs over a real charcoal fire. During the business meeting which followed we welcomed Jack and "Shirley Lawson on their 47th annual visit to our Grange. Also Mark Howard and Jennifer Lawson of RI came along to join in the fun. This year was special as Jack and Shirley applied for affiliate membership in Stonington Grange. We are thrilled to have them as members of our Grange and they always bring plenty of ice cream.

After the meeting we played a rousing game of "Picnic Bingo", provided by Debbie. The game went well into the evening and many picnic supply prizes were won.

We voted to have a special fun night at our August meeting. We will have a movie and popcorn festival after the business meeting. This summer we are having a peanut butter and jelly drive to be donated to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

Our September program is aptly titled, "School Daze", Tanya Sylvestre in charge.

NORWICH GRANGE #172

Corr: Anne-Marie Knochenhauer

On Saturday, September 17, Norwich Grange # 172 is putting on a fair between 10 AM to 2 PM. Come as you are, enjoy the music and the food. Browse through our exhibits and buy a raffle ticket.

There will be a contest on vegetables, flowers, 2 crusted pies, chiffon cake, and miscellaneous kids art and crafts. Entries for the contest must be at the Norwich Grange Hall at 9 AM the same day as fair. Judging will be at 10 AM.

For the kids (and young at heart) we will have face painting, fish pond game, and rabbit display. Hope to see you there.

National Master to visit Connecticut



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to announce National Master Ed Luttrell and Sister Celia will be our National Representatives at the 127th Annual Session of the State Grange, October 20-22 in East Hartford. While Brother Luttrell has visited Connecticut several times, this will be his first visit to State Session as National Master.

Ed Luttrell, a native of Sandy Oregon, was elected the 22nd Master (President) of the National Grange in November of 2007. A second generation Granger, he is the immediate past Leadership/Membership Development Director for the National Grange. He is also an immediate-past Trustee on the Oregon State Grange Foundation having been the President of the board for six years.

Ed grew up on a small farm outside of Portland and has worked in agriculture, automotive services, and publishing. He and Celia, his wife of 29 years, have three grown children: Ben, Jacob, and Charlotte, as well as one grandson. They are members of the Boring-Damascus Grange #260 and Clackamas Pomona Grange.

Ed has extensive Grange experience including Oregon State Master from 1996-2000, when he also served as a lobbyist for the Grange. His Grange accomplishments started in 1978 when he was named Oregon's Outstanding Young Granger. He served on the Oregon State Grange Membership Committee from 1986 to 1988 and was Oregon State Gatekeeper from 1988 to 1992. He and Celia were Oregon State Grange Outstanding Young Couple in 1989. Ed served as State Youth Director from 1990 to 1992 and as Editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin from 1992 to 1996.

In the past, he has served on the boards of the Oregon Lands Coalition, Grange Mutual Insurance Company, and Timberland States Insurance Company.

Ed's vision for the Grange is to strengthen the partnership between the State and National levels of the organization in order to aid the Community Granges in achieving their goals. Promoting growth through new Granges, reorganizing inactive Granges, and revitalizing existing Granges is a primary focus of his team building efforts.

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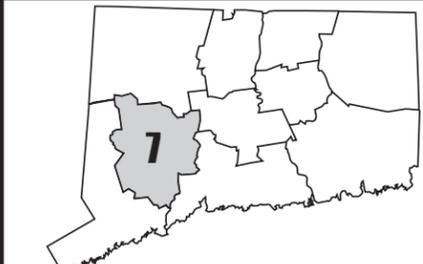
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- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay
Sept. 21: Excelsior Pomona #7 will meet on Sept. 21 at the Bethlehem Grange for Installation of Officers. This is the home Grange of Master Elect Eloise Osuch.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano
 The officers of Beacon Valley Grange will be installed on Friday – September 9th by Robert Sendewicz. Our meetings start at 7 o'clock. Helen Niski will be the hostess for this meeting.

We welcome to our membership Harriet Sawczuk and Judy Reynolds. Unfortunately we mourn the loss of another member – Salvatrice Bosco.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad
 Sept. 21, 2011 at 7:30pm Excelsior Pomona at Bethlehem; Ref. and Country Store by members

Sept. 26th - 7:30pm Discussion, Everything Grange. 6:30pm Dutch Treat Pizza at Theo's

October 24th - 7:30pm Program by the Ag Committee; "Bring the Harvest Home"; Country Store; Ref. Buzz and Linda

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay
Sept. 2: Hay Ride
Sept. 16: Apple Picking Time

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It certainly was hot enough. We begin September with Labor Day, the end of the summer activities, parks close and school begins a new year.

Our first meeting in September is on the second and is listed as a Hayride, sounds like a fun evening. The second meeting of the month is Apple Picking Time, both in charge of the Lecturer.

Our Youth Chairman, Denise Barbieri, attended the Youth Conference held in Maine. Reported at the July meeting. She goes every year and enjoys it all.

Accompanied by her mother Diane, our Lecturer, who will be going to the Lecturer's Conference in Bridgewater, MA in August. She also goes every year, enjoys all of it.

Our CWA Chairman Malinda reports that she is still collecting Points for Education, Coupons for Veterans families and bottle caps and thanks the members for bringing them to the meetings.

Come and join us when you can, we love the company.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan
 We hope everyone has been enjoying the HOT summer. Our members have been hard at work helping with two community gardens and a flower garden in our community.

More than 150 packets of seeds were given out to two community gardens and they are doing well as long as they are weeded and watered. The Prospect Senior Center Garden has produced vegetables that have been used in the daily luncheons at the center. We hope they can continue to enjoy them for a few more weeks. A fence was put up this year to keep the animals out and the garden seems to be doing better.

We were happy to have a security light installed for the lower parking lot at the Senior Center. It will make a great difference when the fall daylight hours are much shorter.

We have been hard at work making items to be sold at the Big E and the Annual Excelsior Pomona Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner in November. We use the proceeds from the table to purchase the dictionaries for the Third Graders at Algonquin School and we were able to donate 16 story books for their library this year along with giving out 126 dictionaries.

Our next meeting will be September 8 and we are hoping the butternut squash we all planted are doing well and we will be able to

donate some to the local food bank along with any other vegetables that we grew for this purpose and for the soup kitchen. There is nothing like fresh vegetables at a meal.

Our officers did not change this year and we hope we can keep being successful in our endeavors as we have in previous years.

We want to congratulate Mayor Bob on running for Mayor for his 19th term. Mayor Bob, a grange member for more than 40 years has been there to help us whenever we are in need of help. He is responsible

for organizing the Town wide Tag Sales twice a year. Prospect Grange hopes to be able to participate September 10, 2011 rain or shine and get a little more revenue to help with our projects. We have done so in the past. Prospect Grange members who wish to donate items, please contact Jean Meehan at 203-758-5653.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland
Sept. 2: 4-H Program
Sept. 16: Installation of Officers

We are pleased that Jill Zitnay, our incoming

Lecturer, will present a program about 4-H activities on September 2. She is knowledgeable about the topic, being a leader of a 4-H group which meets regularly in our hall.

It is hard to believe that Installation of Officers comes along soon. Summer has gone by quickly with (alas) little to report about grange activities. The hall has occupied our discussions recently though, with the discovery that the roofing needs replacement. It is expected that this important work can be accomplished without delay.

changes in the schedule for the session and it should create more interest.

A reminder to the Secretaries - please get your next quarterly report in as soon as possible. Our State Master want to be seated at the National Session.

Some have asked about Steve and Virginia Laputz. They are doing well, living in Rhode Island nearer to their daughter, Laurie. I am sure they would like to hear from you. Address: 945 Main St., Apt. 29B, E. Greenwich, RI 02818.

Some reminders...



Edith Schoell
 State Secretary
 secretary@ctstategrange.org

As I try to write, I wonder if the cooler weather will ever get here!

I have been reminding

members to get the scholarship applications in and the earlier the better! Last minute letters and mail are not always reliable.

Information on the State Session has been mailed to all Granges with credentials and registration cards. Please return the registration cards to me as soon as possible. No ticket, no meal. Some waited until the day of the session and thought they should have a place. Sorry, it don't work that way! There are a few

127th Annual Session of the

Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____
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FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 20 - Sat., Oct. 22)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$20.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of Jr. members _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

Meal Choice: _____ Roasted Pork Loin	# of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ Chicken Français	# of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ New England Baked Scrod	

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I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**

Thurs., Oct. 20 & Fri., Oct. 21 (ONE DAY)

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
 # of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
 # of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

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I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**

Saturday, Oct. 22 (ONE DAY)

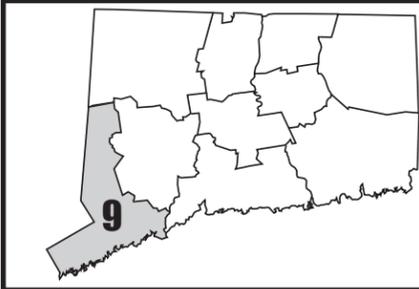
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Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ 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

Sept. 7: Business meeting

Sept. 12: Installation

Oct. 5: Fifth Degree

The September meeting will be at Greenfield Hill Grange hall starting at 6:00 p.m. with a pot luck supper. It will be a regular business meeting. The program is listed as to be announced so it will be a surprise to us as well as those that visit.

Sister Edith Schoell, State Secretary, will perform a joint installation of officers for Fairfield County Pomona and Redding Grange. It will be at Redding grange hall starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments after the ceremony.

We will welcome all the officers, especially the new ones and start the new year off with a bang. All the officers are committed to making this a prosperous year for both Granges.

At our October meeting we will confer the Fifth Degree at Redding Grange hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

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

Sept. 12: Installation
Sept. 26: Fair Specials

I guess summer is officially over now as the work load is increasing. There are many projects lined up on the plate.

They start with our final fundraiser, our Harvest Fair. Come and see the many fruits and vegetables we have grown this past year that will be on display. There will also be a plant sale, baked goods, books, refreshments and our usual white elephant table. It's a fun filled fair so come and join us.

The next on the list is very important, our installation of officers. We have some new names on the list although they are veteran members. They, along with the other officers, will have the responsibility of growing our membership and Grange. We will support them in this endeavor.

Our last meeting of the

Grange year will give us a chance to relax a little before the hard work begins. We will reminisce about the past summer and the fairs we attended or helped at and also have some fun. Hope you all enjoyed the summer and have fond memories.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: Susan Carol Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers... With joy, excitement and the anticipation of good things to come, I proudly announce my former Grange, Trumbull Grange #134 has consolidated with Harmony Grange #92, under the worthy leadership of Master George Ward.

At the end of August, we held our Annual Agricultural Fair, which was well received. Our thanks to everyone who attended and/or participated in this event. Hope to see you next year!

Our "Installation of Officers" is scheduled to take place during our September meeting. Our new "Slate" to be announced.

I personally thank every former Trumbull Granger for their commitment to our Grange and encourage you to join with me and take an active role in Harmony Grange. On behalf of Trumbull Granger, I thank the members of Harmony Grange, especially Master George Ward and First Lady Gloria for welcoming us with opened fraternal arms.

Please pray for Louise Malatesta, diagnosed with a severe debilitating condition; Henry Barrachina, suffering from painful arthritic issues and Valerie Barrachina, needing strength and stamina to continue tending to their needs. Dear Louise, Hank and Val, we appreciate all your contributions to the Grange and we love you!

In closing, I hope ALL Grangers strive to maintain a sense of "Harmony" within the fraternity, i.e., an atmosphere based on respect and camaraderie. Through "Harmony", the Grange can soar to heights far beyond our expectations!

I wish all my fellow Grangers a very happy,

healthy and safe September.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Sept. 17: Annual Fair, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Sept. 19: "School Days", Meeting, 7 P.M.

In July, we completed our election of officers and information for the Pomona handbook. The Lecturer's program followed.

At this time, preparations for our Annual Fair are being completed. The event will be held from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at our hall at 1873 Hillside Rd. in Fairfield. Exhibits may be submitted from 7 to 9 P.M. the night before (Friday) and from 8 to 10 A.M. the morning of the Fair. There will be the usual categories including fruit and vegetables, flowers, home canning and baking, photos and crafts/needlework. Light refreshments will be available.

In September we will be hosting Pomona with the help of Cannon Grange. At our regular meeting, we will be having preliminary reports on our Fair as well as a Lecturer's program. All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Sept. 11: Annual Grange Fair and Market

Sept. 13: Installation of Officers

Oct. 11: Business Meeting, Committees and Projects

Welcome to a brand new season! We are busily getting ready for our annual Grange Fair and Market on Sept. 11, and with luck there's still time for you to check your favorite flowering plant or counted cross stitch. Ask any winner: there's nothing like owning a Norfield Grange blue ribbon! Fair entries will be accepted on Saturday, September 10, between 2 and 5 P.M. All exhibits must be in place by 8:30 on Sunday.

At our Installation of Officers on September 13, Randy Miller will continue as our Master. Kevin Parker will become Overseer, Sue Sulla will continue as Lecturer, and Betty Miller as Chaplain. It promises to be a wonderful year.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Sept 1: Business Meeting and de-brief activities from our 79th Agricultural Fair

Sept 15: Business Meeting

and Installation of new officers

Oct 6: Business Meeting with Lecturer's program

Oct 20: Business Meeting with Lecturer's program

Results of our 79th Agricultural Fair will be reported in next month's issue of the CT Granger. Yet, we can still say a big thank you to our Fair committee for putting together another fine fair for our community of neighbors and friends and fellow Grange members. A fair of this magnitude

requires year-long planning; it just doesn't get set up like magic. It takes a dedicated group of Grange members to make the fair happen. A big thank you!

We'll be installing our new officers on September 15th, and we'll look forward to an active and productive year ahead.

Please note our meeting and event schedule above. All of our meetings commence at 7 PM. Visiting Patrons are always welcome - won't you join us?

Time for Resolutions!



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
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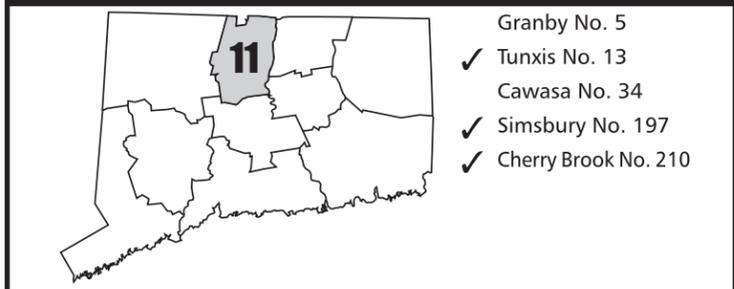
Have you sent in your resolutions for the upcoming State Grange Session? Not yet? We would like resolutions sent into the State Grange office by September 15th if possible. By submitting them by that date, we will be able to include them in the October Granger and post them on the State Grange website prior to the

session. It is preferred that all resolutions go through the Pomona Granges first, but if you find yourself short of time, do send them directly to the State Grange office (after they have been adopted by your Community Grange). Look around your local communities. Watch what is happening at the state and national levels. Do you feel that something should be addressed or changed? Write a resolution. Submit it to your local Grange for their action. This is what the Grange is known for, grassroots legislative activity. All Grange policies come from the members and are passed on to state or national Granges for their action. If you need help writing the resolution the Grange website has a good article on how to write a resolution- <http://www.ctstategrange.org/HowtoWriteResolution.asp>. The Legislative Committee will be available during the session to assist any committee with their resolutions. The committee members will check in with the session committees offering assistance.

I stopped by the 151st Annual Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm in Hamden in early August. The Lockwood Farm is one of the campuses of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. There were numerous displays on the activities of the CAES and many other agricultural organizations. The displays were informative and there were also tours of the station and the various gardens. There were also numerous speakers on different topics relating to the experiment station such as beekeeping basics, bed bugs and invasive species. Phil Prelli was recognized for his contributions to the board as he had just retired from the CAES Board of Directors (an extension of his other job he just retired from). He gets to relax in his new rocking chair. I was introduced to Louis Manarelli who is the Director of the CAES. He thanked the Grange for their support of the Experiment Station. CAES is funded by the state and is being hit with possible budget cuts like all other state agencies. They are fighting to keep funding for their projects such as mosquito, ticks and harmful invasive species monitoring. I would recommend Grange members consider attending this event next August.

In National Grange's July/August issue of the New Grange, there is an article about many Granges losing their tax-exempt status with the IRS. The IRS is automatically revoking the tax-exempt statuses for many organizations because they failed to file an annual return for three consecutive years. The IRS did issue warnings for several years that they would be removing nonexistent or noncompliant organizations from their rolls. If you want to check to see if your Grange is on the revocation list, go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov, and click on Charities & Non-Profits. Then click on the Automatic Revocation of Exemption List. If you discover you have a problem, contact the State Grange.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



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

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

It was a busy summer for everyone. Some of our members attended the Rhode Island/Conn. picnic and enjoyed it very much. Maggie Schofield and Betty Gardiner were asked to be judges for the RI baking contest. It was a fun challenge.

Lecturer's Conference found several from FVP attending and taking part.

We always look forward to our annual picnic held in Collinsville in conjunction with the service conducted by our Chaplain. Again this year it was a nice event.

Master Doris Shaw has been on the "shut-in" list and we have missed her. Let's hope by the time you are reading this she will be back

in the swing of things.

Now we turn our attention to the fall season.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

We did have a meeting for August for Tunxis Grange. We all felt bad that Doris Shaw, our Master, was not able to be with us due to illness. Doris has worked so hard for Tunxis and our Farmington Valley Pomona. Our thoughts and get well wishes are sent out to Doris. We hope you are feeling better soon, and will be able to be back with us soon. We all miss you very much!

We enjoyed having Linea Erickson and Marguerite Schofield come neighbor with us! We had a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it. I hope we can have more visitors come to our meetings. We always

enjoy having them!

I hope everyone has had a nice summer.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

We held a meeting to hear the plans of some folks who are interested in using our hall. Hopefully a decision may be reached soon.

Deputy Lin Erickson was present for inspection.

Special guests were State Overseer Jeff Barnes and Debbie Barnes who is State Pomona.

Maggie Schofield of the State Public Relations Committee and Bob Brockett, Chaplain of Farmington Valley Pomona were also with us.

Our Charter was draped in memory of James Bradley and Wanda Kansas.

It was an informative meeting and hopes are high that some new things will be possible for us.

CHERRY BROOK GRANGE #210

Corr: Cora Mutch

Wow, it is hard to believe that August is here already! We are a small Grange but work hard to continue on. We will

be busy this month with our annual agricultural fair to be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011. We will be at our hall on Friday, Aug. 26th from 6-8PM and Sat. Aug. 27 from 8:30-10 AM to receive entries in many categories. The fair

will close for judging from 10AM - 1PM. The fair then reopens to the public and at 2:30 PM some items from the entries will be sold. For a list of the categories and rules or questions, contact Cora Mutch @ 860-693-0015.

A great Camp season!

Linda Coad, Camp Berger Trustees

Friday night, at the Camp Berger Ending Dinner, I felt proud of the job everyone did this year. The camp's visual appearance is the best it's been in years! Rich really put his heart into it, and it shows.

After the flag ceremony, everyone filed in to dinner. The hall was full! Thank goodness Ray Legg was able to find tables. What a change from last year's end.

The crowd of kids were happy, smiling and joyously noisy. I don't know the total of diners but 80 hands went up to order cake for dessert. The young man I sat next to stayed all five weeks. This was his third year, and yes he will be back next year, along with his friends from NJ.

Many of the CIT's and Counselors have been at the camp multiple years both as campers and employees. This shows me that the programs that have been installed over the years and with Dorian's direction are working. Having his Mom as the cook puts the experience over the top.

The day camper program, and the program for Autistic kids was a stroke of genius for all involved.

This year was a success! The approximate camper count, 270, last year 220 and the year before 200. After the critique meeting at the end of the month, we will have a clearer picture of where improvement is needed next.

With the help from every Granger, just imagine what we can do with YOUR camp next year.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

This month's picture...



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Many answers have come in this month for the last several Windows to the Past photos. Here's what they said:

August Window Picture Answers

Alma Graham, Marion Emmons, Kim Mele, Joanne Page and Ted Beebe answered: From Alma: "Arthur Pearl, Austin Emmons, Bea Thayer, Eleanor Moon. At Little River Grange Hall probably about 1977. I believe that is when dad received his 50 year certificate. They are all first cousins." Also as a side note Aurthur Peal is my dad. Austin Emmons is Sue Gray's

dad. From Joanne: "Aunt Bea, Aunt Eleanor are the sisters of Past State Grange Master William Pearl". From Ted: "Eleanor Moon was the State Grange Pianist."

July Window Pic Answers - Fair Queen Awards 1979

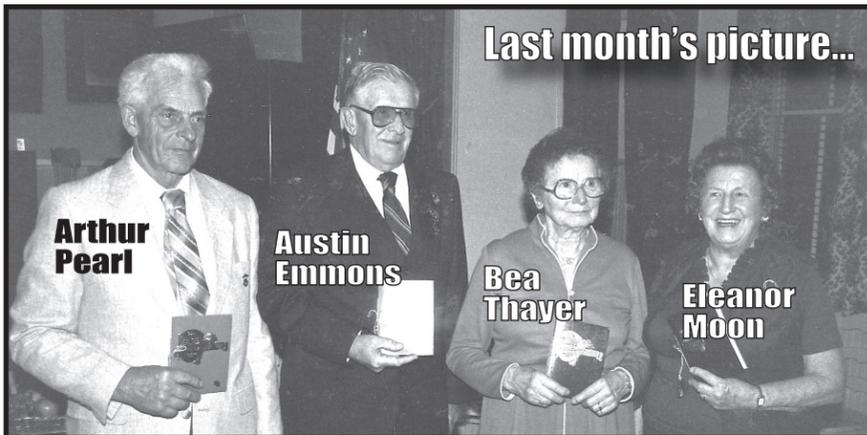
Alma Graham answered: "That may be David Kelly with his hand on his head. To the far right looks like Ben Barr with Sue Haller Kelly (now remarried but don't remember current name) to his left and Carol Barr Hnath in front of Ben. They ran the fair queen contest for a few years after I did. Joe Bell may be the one in back." Anonymous answered -- "That is Joanne Cipriano in the middle of the back. It was the Fair Queen contest at the CT Agricultural Fair - 1978 or 79." Kim Mele answered: "Kathy Armstrong Brush was the winner, at the microphone. The one with the #5 sash is Audrey Wetmore."

January Window Pic Answers: Fair Queens

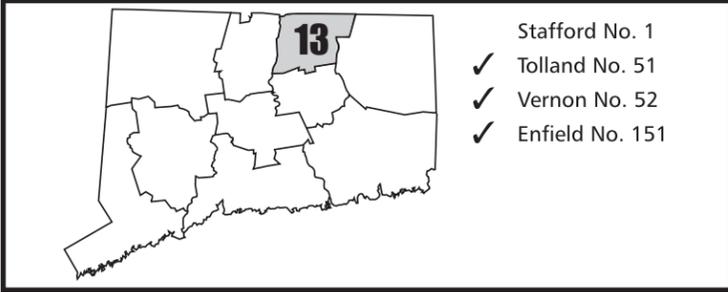
Joe Bernhardt Answered: "Evelyn Howard is the person on the far right." Amy Brayman Marton Answered: "The second from the right is me - Amy Brayman (Martin). I was from Glastonbury Grange."

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.

Last month's picture...



North Central Pomona No. 13



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

N. CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

North Central Pomona will meet on Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. as guests of Stafford Grange. All should plan on attending this meeting.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Tolland Grange will meet on Tuesday, September 6, at the Grange Hall on the Green in Tolland. The state of Virginia will be the topic for discussion. Congratulations to our Granger Cherie Robinson on taking second place in the scrapbooking

contest at Let's Celebrate!!!!

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Sept. 2: Labor Day Weekend!

Vernon Grange had a great turn-out for it's summer pot luck picnic. Great food and we had some long time members come by for it. Nancy Skinner Whitman and her husband came up from the CT Shore to receive her 50 year certificate. It was so fun to share memories of growing up in the grange and also eating great food!

Our next meeting will

be Sept. 2nd and Mariellen Baxter, our star counted cross-stitch contestant, will be visiting from Baltimore. We're having it the Friday of Labor Day weekend because she will be here and it's the next weekend will be the Wapping Fair that we will all enjoy.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 10: Shine On Harvest Moon

Inspection finally over and we wait to see what the Deputy reports. We will have celebrated the 100th birthday of Louise Kamay in

August. What a wonderful and true Granger she is. Lou has always attended meetings even though she has to rely on friends and family for rides. Happy Birthday Lou.

September means the beginning of Fall and as the 3rd degree of our order reminds us, we must be generous with our bounty and our squash should be ready to go to the local food shelf. I can't wait to see how much we weigh-in.

Our condolences to the family of Donald Graham.

And the winners are...

New England Needlework Contests:

- Class A - Afghans** - 1 - Diane Leith - Colchester; 2 - Dolores Merancy - non-member-Excelsior; 3 - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire
Class B- Doilies - 1 - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire; 2 - Carol Nelson - Vernon; 3 - Shirley Lemieux -



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Winchester Grange.

Class C - Embroidery - 1 - Doris Monaco - Glastonbury; 2 - Pat Conger - Vernon; 3 - Sue Hallier - non-member-Excelsior

Class D - 3 Piece Baby Set - 1 - Doris Shaw - Tunxis; 2 - Sandy Liefert - Winchester; 3 - Lois Evankow - Lyme

Class E - Plastic Canvas - 1 - Shirley Moore - Riverton; 2 - Cindy Hupper - Meriden; 3 - Charlene Huhtala - non-member-New Haven County

Class F - Counted Cross Stitch - 1 - Mariellen Baxter - Vernon; 2 - Sandy Peterson - Lyme; 3 - Barbara Foskett - Cheshire

Class G - Adult Garment - 1 - Wendy Molodich - non-member-Quinebaug; 2 - Lois Evankow - Lyme; 3 - Shirley Moore - Riverton

Class H- Latch Hook - 1 - Merrilee Bernhardt - non-member-New Haven County; 2 - Faith Lucas - Prospect; 3 - Lois Evankow - Lyme

Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging - 1 - Geraldine Strong - Vernon; 2 - Lois Evankow - Lyme; 3 - Karen MacDonald - Greenfield Hill

Class J - Stuffed Toy - 1 - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire Grange; 2 - Denise Aubin - Killingly Grange

State Contests:

Baking Contest - 1 - Debbie Brown - Whigville; 2 - Debbie Barnes - North Stonington; 3 - Jill Zitnay - Oxford

Craft Contest - Needlework - 1 - Lois Evankow - Lyme; 2 - Cindy Anderson - North Stonington; 3 - Barbara Robert - Watertown

Craft Contest - Other Media - 1 - Debbie Brown - Whigville; 2 - Laurie Logan - Harmony; 3 - Joan Ziegler - Redding

Dress-A-Doll Contest - 1 - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire; 2 - Frances Maxwell - Prospect; 3 - Doris Johnson - Old Lyme

Scrapbooks - 1 - Barbara Kulisch - Old Lyme; 2 - Laune Michaud - Hillstown; 3 - Cheryl Robinson - Tolland

Jr. Grange - Dress-A-Doll - 1 - Angelina DeDominicis - Hillstown Jr.; 2 - Kayla Michaud - Hillstown Jr.

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to the 1st place winners that will be going to the BIG E for judging.

Membership Moment

Joan Perry, State Membership Committee

Congratulations to all the Granges who have strived and succeeded in having new members join them and all of us in growing the Connecticut State membership across the state. We are so proud of all who have been working toward the goal.

One thing that I find interesting is that many times people whom we think we know in Grange, or any organization, we don't really know at all. Grangers could take a white board or cork board and title it, "Members of _____ Grange" On small slips of paper could be put a person's first name and occupation, past, present or retired. Tack these around the board. It would be an interesting board for all to see. This could be a membership tool when a membership table is set up anywhere. It could also be hung on the wall for all to see. When recruiting members, it will also answer the question - "I thought Grange was only for farmers." Remember to only use anyone's first name so that we don't breach any privacy issues. Respect peoples privacy.

Thank you again for all the efforts everyone has spent and keep up the good work.

Spotlight on... Brandi Hawkins



Jonathan Russell
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The Agriculture Committee of the CT State Grange is starting its "Quarterly Spotlights". Every Quarter we recognize outstanding Grange members in the State. We give them a story in The Granger as well as feature

them on our Facebook and Twitter page. If you know a Grange member who is doing something extraordinary in the field of agriculture then please send their name, contact information and a brief statement about what they are doing to Agriculture@CTStateGrange.org

Brandi Hawkins is a motivated junior in the Vo-Ag program at the new Killingly High School. She is a member of the Ekonk Community Grange and active FFA member. Last year she was the chapter Secretary and attended the National FFA convention as a delegate. Brandi has

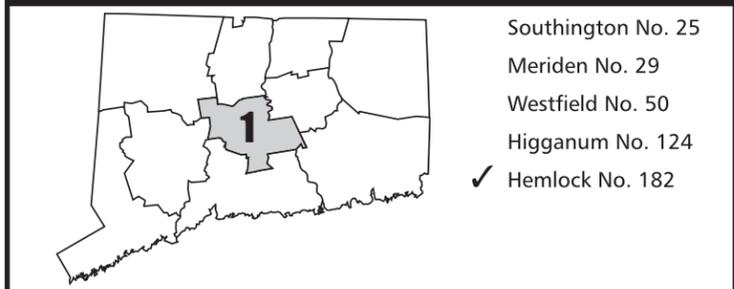
challenged her abilities on the meat judging and dairy products team in the Vo-Ag program. She placed second individually in the state for meat judging. As a freshman Brandi started up her own goat business which has grown and provides registered Nubian Breeding, goat kid sales, goat products and soaps. Being involved in the grange helped Brandi build community service skills and networking abilities. Brandi has a bright future and plans on attending college to study Natural Resources.



Apicelli takes first prize

Helen Apicelli, long time member North Stonington Community Grange #138, with her "Best of Show" quilt from the North Stonington Agricultural Fair in July. Helen turned 100 years old this past June.

Central Pomona No. 1



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

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

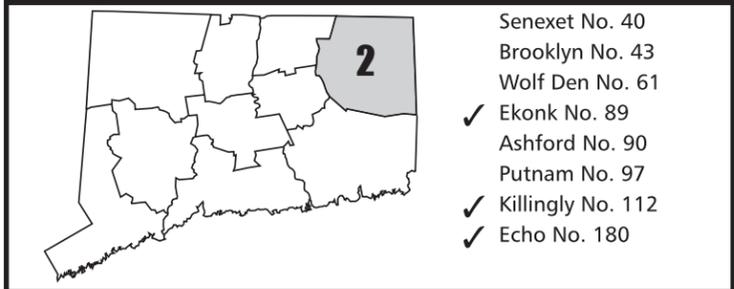
Sept. 9: Where in the world is?

Sept. 23: The sisters shine-

Graces

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Jody Cameron

In August Ekonk Grange had a very successful fair. We want to thank everyone for their help and support. A week later we had an extremely successful Peach Shortcake Supper. We thank Barbara Salisbury for cooking the pork. Many members were involved in the Brooklyn Fair. With schools starting it is a very busy time of year. We wish all of the kids and young adults that are in school and

college much success.

We extend our condolences to our member Robert Jordan and his family on the death of his wife Edna.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Well, it's picnic & vacation time again and as of July 18, we held a picnic at the Grange Hall.

The usual amount of Killingly Grangers attended as did our other Grangers from Senexet and two ladies

from the RI State Grange. As always there was plenty of variety of foods. Later we played Bingo. Everyone had a good time.

As an affiliate member of Wolf Den Grange, I'm invited to their picnics and outings. Last night, July 25th we all went to dinner in Rhode Island at a local restaurant. This time it was Wolf Den Grangers- the friendship was as always good and everyone goes home full and happy.

Upcoming events in Killingly are the Craft Fair and Square Dances in Sept., also the Installations of Officers on Sept. 19th.

Lecturer Eleanor Davis will be telling us to remember August vacation memories- we usually can pull lots of those out of our brains and Eleanor will have more to add I'm sure.

Upcoming events- Sept. 9- Square Dance; Sept. 10, Killingly Fair; Sept. 19, Installation.

Come join us at the Square Dance. The music is good just to listen. The fair will have something for everyone. There is always a lot of "goodies" for sale.

We need Grangers on the sidelines for our Installation as well. So join us. We will be glad to see you- until next time.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept 23: Grandparents Day

Sept 28: Installation of Officers, Pot Luck Supper

After a long hot, hot summer, I ope we are in for some cooler weather. We have been meeting downstairs to keep cool.

Our members are still making the Squares of Care for the children.

Our grange member, Dale Dyer, went to Monson MA after the tornado and helped

clean up. She did it for 5 days. She helped at a church passing out meals. She also picked up brush and slate that had fallen. That is what grangers do. They help each other.

Lucille Lewis celebrated her 90th birthday on July 6th.

Just a reminder that we will hold our fall Ham and Been supper on Sept 17th from 5 - 7pm and our Tag Sale on Nov.19th., 9am - 12 noon.

Honor Grange

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have at least one new member for Bronze level and three or more for Gold level. Provide the names of each of the new members initiated during this year.

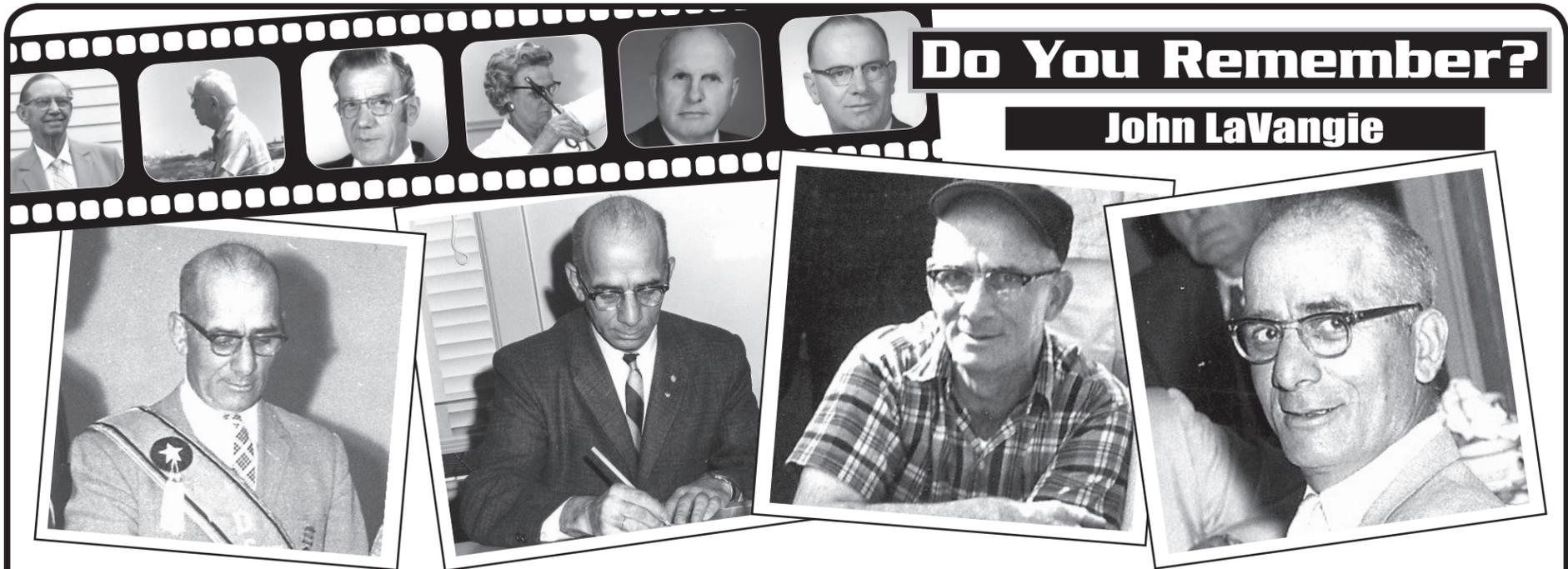
List the names of the resolutions your Grange adopted.

Give the dates for your Officer's Planning Meeting and the meeting your Grange attended as a group.

Name the events your Grange held to satisfy the Community Activity requirement.

These are just a few examples of the requirements that must be met to qualify. As long as you go down the list in order providing whatever information you feel supports your accomplishment you will have a complete Honor Grange Report.

ALL HONOR GRANGE REPORTS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15 TO STATE MASTER JODY CAMERON. Please send early and feel free to contact me at GeneralDeputy@CTStateGrange.org or (860) 626-0326 if you have any questions or need further information. You can also contact the State Master at 860-564-7614 or at President@CTStateGrange.org.



Do You Remember?

John LaVangie

by Betty Jane Gardiner

Over the years, may a romance began at a New England Grange Lecturer's Conference and in 1941 that was the case for John LaVangie from Massachusetts and his future wife Mary Brague (now Mary Pearl) of Connecticut.

The early days of the marriage were spent in the Bay State working hard for Braintree Grange. John was instrumental in organizing Mayflower South Pomona.

When John, who had served in the Navy, had the opportunity to take a job at Electric Boat, the family moved to Connecticut where they continued to work for their community and Preston City Grange. John served as Master of his Subordinate and New London County Pomona and was a Special Deputy for the State Grange to organize Montville Grange.

He spent countless hours helping at Camp Berger- one of his favorite places. He persevered to get a first day cover for the 100th anniversary of National Grange. He was responsible for the first map of Connecticut which featured the location of every Grange- and all Grangers had one of those tan fold-out brochures in their glove compartments.

Among the things he did was to coach Little League, was a volunteer fireman, worked on an installing team, bowled in the Pomona league, and was active at Preston City Fair.

John was famous for the hundreds of gladiolas that adorned his yard, and he was generous in sharing the stately stalks of beautiful blossoms. In season, every event was resplendent with large bouquets.

He won many awards at fairs and shows,

and studied to become an accredited gladiolas judge and was one of only four east of the Mississippi River. John's dream was to cross pollinate a rare blue glad to name in honor of one of our founders - William Saunders. His dream became a reality and the new bulb was ready for the 100th celebration. The botanical name for this plant is "Gladiolus Saundersii or Saunders Gladiolus."

Glads require a lot of work. The bulbs must be dug up each fall, dried on burlap, the new little bulbs pulled from the main one and made ready for planting (this was a family project for the LaVangie's). Could it be possible that there are still Saunders glads blooming somewhere? Do you have any? Do you know of anyone who does? We'd very much like to know!

Do remember John!

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Sept. 1: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers; Ref.: All Members

Oct. 1: Food Sale & Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 6: Meeting 7:30 p.m.; Halloween Contest; Refreshments: Taffy Hyyppa, Kay Ruff, Norma DePietro

Where did the summer go. Here it is the end of July and we are writing articles for the September Granger. The Dictionaries have been ordered for the 3rd Graders at the Nayaug School. The will be delivered around the 3 or 4 week of September.

Some of us have been busy during the summer. Those of us making newborn baby hats have delivered the second group of 20 hats to the maternity department at Manchester Hospital for this year. The Youth Chairperson, Taffy Hyyppa and I delivered bedding to two veterinarians in town. We had such a nice supply we decided to split the supply between two veterinarians. We thank all those who contributed to the supply.

October 1st is right around the corner. We need everyone's help with our Semi-annual Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale. Mark the date on your calendar and give us a hand. Phone calls will be made around mid September. We hope you will be able to bake something for the food sale. Pies are a big seller. Whatever you are able to do will be most appreciated. The Boutique table has become popular. "Old" jewelry is a popular item. Miscellaneous items are most welcome. Thank you one and all for whatever assistance you can give.

October 6th is the date for our October meeting. Lecturer, Ann Gilnack has a Halloween Contest planned. Why not join us for a fun evening. Look forward to seeing you there.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Diane Small

I hope that your summer has been a pleasant one. The weather has kept all of us on our toes. Mother Nature hasn't been quite sure what she would like to have us experience. I know we've had some extremely hot and humid days and some of the thunderstorms that the state has endured makes us realize how she rattles our cages and makes us stand up and take notice.

As most of you are aware we meet at the Zion Lutheran church. The pastor, Dana Hallenbeck, gave us a program on bee-keeping. He has four hives at his home and two at friends. He explained the process of keeping the hives active and healthy. Each will average between 25-30 lbs of honey. Bees pollinate many of our flowers and this will create various flavors of honey. He also explained the importance of the queen in each hive. It was a very interesting evening.

Another reminder that the Big E is fast approaching. Please be generous and donate something homemade that can be sold. If you are knitting, crocheting, sewing or whatever, why not make an extra. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

It's time to think about welcoming the Fall season. It won't be long before the leaves start to change and the raking begins.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer

Sept. 8: Vacation is Over

Sept. 22: Meeting

Sept. 10: Annual Fair

Vacations are over and fall is just around the corner.

I feel sorry for the farmers as the crops weren't as good as they expected. Summertime is a time of relaxing but with gas prices up, not much vacationing. Schools will be starting again and it seems like yesterday they started their summer off.

Two of our members were host family- Sister (& Brother) were hosting three soccer coaches from

Europe for three days and Sister Laura Block and her husband had two students from France and Spain for the month of July. It certainly was a challenge. Making sure they get to school for 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. We did find some of their cultures interesting.

On September 10 we will hold our annual Agricultural Fair. They are looking for exhibitors in needlework, vegetables, canned goods, baking and flower arrangements. The fair will be open 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. with a snack bar available.

Calling all gardeners:

Now is the time to start planning to enter your champion flowers, fruits, vegetables, canned items, baked items, knitting, sewing, hobbies, etc.

This year's special contests are: 1/ tallest sunflower measured from root to flower, neither need to be attached and 2/ biggest butternut squash by weight.

The Hillstown Grange Agricultural Fair is held at our Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT 06118 on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Items

for judging must be brought to the Grange on Friday evening 5 to 7 pm. Doors open on Saturday 9 am to 2 pm.

The Grange is the oldest agricultural group in the US. The Hillstown Grange #87 serves the Hillstown area of Manchester, Glastonbury, and East Hartford.

Email: hillstowngrange@aol.com or call Frank Forrest at 860-690-2845 for more information on how to enter your champions.

This is all the news for now. More next time.

Youth & Junior Grange



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Greetings fellow Grangers!!! Well if you have not already heard, CONNECTICUT WON IN THE DRILL COMPETITION at the Junior Youth Conference. Everyone put in a lot of long hours and hard work. Congratulations to everyone on the Drill Team. We look forward to next year and keeping the 1st Place in Connecticut. Congratulations to everyone that won this weekend. Connecticut had a great bunch that went to Maine and really showed off our talents. Congratulations to all!!!! Speaking of Junior Youth Conference. Did you know that Connecticut will host this great event next summer? Why not have some fun and participate? Please contact Lisa Lamoureux at 203-238-1510 if you would like to help out or be part of the committee. We picked up a lot of great ideas and are excited about planning this weekend. It will be a great time for everyone.

Who wants to go to the Big E? We are planning on Saturday, September 24th as a day for Junior and Youth to help out in the Grange Building and participate in the parade

in the afternoon. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Lisa Lamoureux at 203-238-1510 to sign up. We will need help that day so be prepared to work but at the same time have lots of fun.

We are also planning a trip to the Connecticut Science Museum during State Session for Saturday morning before the luncheon. If any Junior or Youth would like to come, please contact your leader. Letters are going with all of the details.

Hope that everyone is getting ready for State Session. Should be fun seeing everyone there. Enjoy what is left of the summer.

EKONK JR. #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

Congratulations to the Connecticut Drill Team! 7 of the 8 members are or have been members of our Junior Grange. We presented them with a check of \$250.00 towards their expenses to the North East Conference. Way to go guys!

A group of 23 went to Pachaug State Forest, in July. Hiking, badmitten, squirt guns, and other outdoor games were enjoyed. We also had hot dogs, chips, chicken-salad

sandwiches, watermelon, cookies, pie, whoopie pies....YUM! An afternoon of fellowship, play, and food. It doesn't get much better than that. A shout of thanks to the Sebastions, who took care of much of the food, and manning the grill!

We held our Installation on August 1st. All officers-elect were present, we had a total of 33 members and family there to support us. It was a meaningful and fun night. Special thanks to Sue Gray who was the Installing officer. Moms and Dads escorted us, and gave us our charges. Congratulations to all of our new officers and to Trevor Gervais who became President; escorted by his mom, and given his charge by his Grandma (Sue Gray). We have 3 1st graders, who now hold officers (Allyson DiNola, Lilliann Sharpe, and Jared Gervais) It should be an exciting and interesting year!

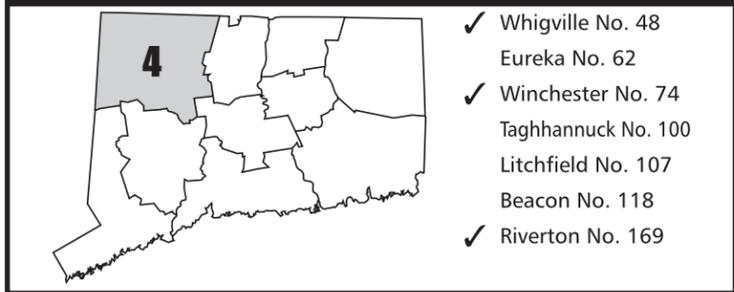
We plan on going to Green Falls sometime in August. In the fall we hope to do a corn maze. We are always planning something. We have a hard working and fun group, and are always eager to see new faces. Feel free to stop by and share our fun!

A Correction

Our most sincere apologies are given to Bridgewater Grange #153 for listing Robert Grey as a new member. Brother Grey past away last year.

- Edith Schoell

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MT. COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 12: Installation of Officers, Riverton, 7:30 P.M.

We congratulate all of the new officers and wish them the best for the new term. The installation will be conducted by the Cameron/Barnes Team at Riverton Grange, as we customarily hold the installation in the home Grange of the incoming Master (George Russell).

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

Whigville Grange is busy, busy, busy this month! First, a bake sale at the Terryville IGA on August 21. On Sept. 11, the Grange will have a spot at Burlington's Tavern Day. Of course, we preceded this with our "pie baking" day at the Brown's. Our apple pies are locally famous, and the story goes that Whigville's treasurer married the master because of her apple pie.

Our annual fair will be held at the Grange on Sat., Sept 17, from 10-2. Once again, entertainment, bake sale, and teacup auction. No fee for admission or entries. How's your garden? Enter your goodies just for fun! Deadline is Sept 10, so call 860-582-9863 for an entry form. Come see us in the little grange in the quiet valley of Whigville!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 10: Super Prize Party, 6:00 P.M.

Oct. 15: Winch. Ctr. Day Tag Sale, 9 to 2

Winchester Grange has been busy, busy, busy! Our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market was held on Saturday, August 13 with an excellent turnout of fairgoers and exhibits. An excellent profit was also realized. Our thanks go to the many members and friends of Winchester Grange who donated prizes for our drawing. We even had 100 gallons of home heating oil donated by Klebe Fuel! Thanks to all!

Our Awards Night and Picnic was held on Aug. 23 with nearly 60 members and guests in attendance for the

festivities. We congratulate all of the award recipients but especially congratulate Phil Hurlbut and Bud Beecher who BOTH received 75 year certificates.

Our fall activities get into full swing with our Fall Super Prize Party on Saturday Sept. 10 at 7:00 P.M. (doors open at 6:00), our Giant Tag Sale during Winchester Center Day on Oct. 15 from 9 to 2 and our Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 2.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Susan Belle-Isle

No meeting was held on July 1, because of the 4th of July weekend. The July 15 meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with our regular meeting and program (Rubies) with refreshments provided by Gail Prelli. The program included music, humor, common garden names multiple choice and a word search for summer romance.

The first August meeting was held on Friday, August 5 with our regular meeting and program (Peridot) and refreshments provided by Shirley Moore, Kitty McKee and Heidi Merz. The second meeting was held on Thursday, August 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. for members to prepare for the Riverton Grange Fair; the Fair will be held on Saturday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The members will be treated to a picnic on August 19, held at Cindy and Mark Prelli's home.

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. August will be the final month for this collection.

There will be no meeting on September 2 because of the Labor Day Weekend. On September 16, there will be potluck supper under the direction of Cindy & Mark Prelli, followed by a regular meeting for the installation of officers.



How is my Grange newsworthy?

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

The first step for getting noticed by the media is to be newsworthy. As the Grange is a community-based, service-oriented organization, you've got a head start. Your community service work, events, programs, and benefit to your community, are inherently newsworthy. You are already doing great work for the public good.

To be considered newsworthy, the work of your Grange must have a broad, general interest to the target audience. With that comes a strong news angle (i.e.: material information, new development, human interest, local angle, consequence, etc.). No matter how well a press release, news article, etc. is written, if the subject is uninteresting, stale or doesn't matter, that news release or article will go into the garbage.

Don't be shy and be creative. Your local newspaper may print every story submitted but a larger paper, radio, television, magazine or website may have plenty to choose from so you will need to stand out.

How is my Grange newsworthy?

Think of what catches your attention in the news and begin a list of possibilities, considering these ideas:

- How can your Grange connect to something that is in the news now?
- Is your Grange willing to do something a bit different or even outrageous - creating your own news?
- Could you profile a Grange member who is really interesting or has accomplished the extraordinary?
- Look at the needs of your community - how can your Grange be a facilitator or supporter?

Granges need to continually work to identify new and innovative opportunities to meet the needs of each of the communities and the people they serve.

With the ever-expanding 24/7 online and traditional media world, reporters and journalists are hungry for authentic original sources and stories. Pitch your Grange professionally, and you have a chance at media coverage and reaching many more people than you ever thought possible.

Winchester Grange Awards Night



Winchester Grange No. 74 recently presented membership awards to many dedicated Patrons. In addition to the awards mentioned in the photo caption on page one... l to r: Phil Hurlbut (75 year certificate), State Master Jody Cameron, Donald Fancher (60 year seal). Also not pictured, Todd Miller (25 yr. Silver Star) and four additional Golden Sheaf (50 yr.) Certificates will be presented at a later date to: Judy Bekasi, Richard Bottass, Deborah Eichner and Bea Broggi.



Louise Kamay is pictured on her 100th birthday. She is with her brother Joseph P. Smith, who is 101. Both have been members of Enfield Grange #151 for over 80 years. They still attend meetings every month.

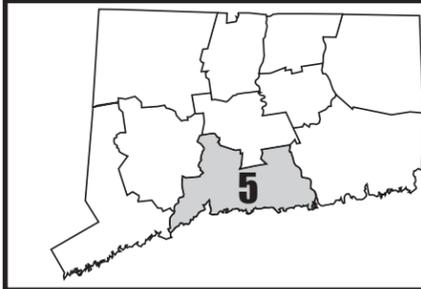
Southern Conn. Past Masters

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Country Store will follow the program.

Premium books for the October Fun Fair will be available at this meeting. Membership is opened to all Grange members. Come and join us. For an enjoyable evening. For further info contact President Robert Sendewicz or Secretary Joanne Cipriano.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

NEWHAVENCOUNTYPOMONA#5

Corr: Don Lanoue

Sept. 12: Regular Meeting

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer and is ready to start another grange year. We held our annual picnic at the Bernhardt's back in August. We all will be getting ready for our fairs and looking forward to the autumn weather. The officers and members are getting ready for the Pomona competition on September 17.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #133

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

July 14 was just one of those beautiful summer days. In the evening we held our picnic. Vern Grant was in charge of cooking of the hot dogs and hamburgers. While the rest of us brought plenty of food: salads, baked beans, pasta salads and so on. All in all the food and company was very good.

We originally thought that we might have a dozen people tops...but after a while we must have had double that. It was good to see Vern Grant and Jane AuClaire out and about. We haven't seen Bill and Barbara Austin in a while. We also made some new friends: Tony and Vickie Rogers. And a special mention to George and Evelyn Bolt. It was good to see you all again.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and keeping cool.

August 26 will be our next meeting and is titled the "Last Heat of Summer". Hopefully it will not turn out too warm.

Sept 8 will be our work night for the fair

On September 17 will be our Fair which will be highlighted by a Chicken Barbecue from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. For information on the fair or to purchase tickets, please contact the fair secretary, Janet Haller at (203) 269-6675.

Sept 22 "Installation of Officers"

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Oct. 4: Autumn Leaves or Comes?

Nov. 1: Give Thanks- Bring food for the Food Closet

We sure got to summer in

a hurry. If we could figure out how to swap the February and July temperatures we would have it made.

Our Ice Cream Social was fun. It was so warm that we drank the ice cream. We had a birthday cake for the summer birthdays and it helped soak up the ice cream that was melted.

Next month should be better and hope the attendance will pick up. There is no grass to mow so maybe we will have leaves to

rake.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

Sept. 9: September Is.....

Sept. 23: Autumn Begins Today

Oct. 14: Visitors Far and Near

Well, July was as hard trying to have a meeting as January was. January snowed every single Friday; July has been HHH & NO QUORUM! Tonight the 29th, we were finally able to have

our July meeting....kind of nice weather with a slight touch of that humidity!

We are still trying to find ways of earning money and getting in new members!

We are winding down our Community Service projects for this year and have already begun thinking about next year.....many suggestions, now need to research them!

Wonder how many came out for our annual picnic at our August meeting?

Thank you for all of your help!



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

THANK YOU!

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Lecturers' Conference. To the 34 Connecticut Grangers who ventured to Bridgewater, Massachusetts, -- Thank you! To All who were good sports and participated in our "Spicy" program I

say, Thank You! To those who couldn't attend, but sent numbers and ideas for me to use, Thank You. And, to everyone who had anything to do with my gift, Thank You. Connecticut Grangers are the BEST.

Our program was spicy... Spicy food, spicy music, spicy dancers, a spicy poem, and even a spicy commercial.

Beth Bradley of Greenfield Hill Grange, our Talent



Above left: a mystery guest from Connecticut "steals the show." Who is she? Find out at State Session when she makes a command performance. Above right: Susan Kenney represents Connecticut in a dance contest "Sugar & Spice."



Tour a diversified farm

Learn how a dairy farm has diversified to meet 21st century market challenges as you tour the Freund's Farm Market and Bakery on Wednesday, September 14th in East Canaan, CT from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Freund's have developed a number of innovative approaches that complement their dairy operation. On the tour, you'll get an inside look at the very successful cow-pot production and marketing effort, the state of the art manure storage facility, and the tomato greenhouse. The Friends will share how they expanded on-farm opportunities for family members, and how the family makes decisions. Enjoy a special lunch from the Farm's catering staff.

Pre-registration by September 7th with Joe Bonelli at joseph.bonelli@uconn.edu is requested. The only fee is \$15 for lunch. For your convenience, a free bus will leave from the Tolland Extension Center in Vernon at 8:30 a.m (just off exit 67, I-84). Details at ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu or call 860-875-3331. Sponsored by the CT Farm Risk Management team and UConn Cooperative Extension.

Winner, placed third in the Northeast. Thank You Beth for representing all of us. This is the last year there will be a North East Talent Competition. Next year on Tuesday evening there will be a Variety Show featuring one or more numbers from each of the states. Connecticut will still have its Talent Contest along with the "A Number" Contest on Grange Sunday.

On Thursday, after everyone else had left, the State Lecturers met again and started planning for 2012. It will be held in New Hampshire. The theme of the conference will be "Beyond The Earth". Connecticut's program will be on the Moons. Others will be doing programs on planets, stars, comets, asteroids, constellations and the sun. Please keep your eyes open for ideas we can use in our program.

Enjoy what's left of the warm weather. Why not attend a few Grange Fairs? See you around the State.

New Members

We welcome the following new members of Beacon Valley Grange No. 103. Let us know about your new members!

Harriet Sawczuk

Beacon Valley #103

Judy Reynolds

Beacon Valley #103

So. CT Past Masters

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Big E Positions Available

The Trustees of the New England Grange Building are looking for interested persons to fill staff positions at the New England Grange Building located on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield, Ma.

The following positions are: Director of the Grange Experience, Facilities Manager, Program Manager, Country Cupboard manager and Caretaker.

If you are interested in any of these positions or more information about them contact Matthew Clark, Trustee President, at: 358 Pond Rd., Surry, NH 03431 Tel. (603) 209-1995 or cfiremedic99@aol.com

2011 CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were received by the Granger's August publishing date. Additional resolutions received after Sept. 1 will be published in the October issue. All Delegates are especially encouraged to go through all of the resolutions, paying specific attention to those resolutions assigned to their Sessions Committee. We provide these resolutions in advance of State Session to allow delegates to better inform themselves about the issues they will be considering.

The complete list of Sessions Committee assignments is also provided in this issue for your reference.

(1) RE: MERGING NORTH CENTRAL POMONA #13 WITH EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

WHEREAS the membership of North Central Pomona #13 consisting of Stafford Grange #1, Tolland Grange #51, Vernon Grange #52 and Enfield Grange #151, has fallen substantially, and

WHEREAS one of the major reasons for creating North Central Pomona #13 was the overcrowding at meetings, and

WHEREAS attendance to meetings at North Central Pomona #13 has fallen in numbers, and WHEREAS some of the Subordinate Granges in North Central Pomona #13 have difficulty arranging time and places for North Central Pomona #13 to meet, and WHEREAS having petitioned and gained the approval of the members of East Central Pomona #3 to merge with them,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Central Pomona #13 and East Central Pomona #3 shall merge, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this shall be in effect immediately following the 2011 Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: N. Central Pomona #13

REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER

(2) RE: SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS the Grange welcomes all into its membership, and

WHEREAS the Grange has always promoted helping those in need, and

WHEREAS the Grange is proud to have special needs members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that youth attending regional or National Grange youth activities, having special needs, have a mentor assigned to assist them throughout all activities, and that this mentor be from the Community or Pomona Grange of the state of the youth member and acquainted with him/her and with his/her special needs.

SOURCE: Ekonk Grange #89 & Quinebaug Pomona #2

REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER

(3) RE: YOUTH AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL GRANGE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS youth are a vital part of Grange membership at all levels, and

WHEREAS these young people excel in many areas in Grange, school and community before being selected to represent their state at regional and national activities, and

WHEREAS the states are proud of the youth that they send to represent them, yet are respon-

sible and need to know that these young people are properly supervised throughout all activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that responsible adults be assigned monitoring/chaperoning duties throughout all youth activities, including nights to ensure the safety and moral well being of our young people.

SOURCE: Ekonk Grange #89 & Quinebaug Pomona #2

REFERRED: CREDENTIALS/MAS-TER'S ADDRESS/RESOLUTIONS

(4) RE: MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

WHEREAS there is a membership recognition program for Grange members starting with twenty-five years, and

WHEREAS both the Silver Star and Golden Sheaf Certificates clearly state that the certificate recognizes "Continuous Membership in the Grange," and

WHEREAS presently the Junior Grange years cannot be counted, although these Junior Grange members have been indeed members of the Grange, and

WHEREAS Golden Sheaf members continue to pay dues so adding these would not be a hardship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that membership in the Junior Grange be recognized as being a continuous Grange membership when tallying the years for the recognitions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, when passed be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147 & New London County Pomona #6

REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

(5) RE: STATE LEGISLATORS

WHEREAS most employed persons are expected to work eight hours a day, and may be given a break to relieve tension and/or stress, and

WHEREAS most persons work their best when fresh and alert, and

WHEREAS our State Legislators are putting in many hours regarding the duties of the State, often putting in more than eight hours a day working on the budget and other matters concerning the general public, and

WHEREAS our legislators are working hard, and are tired and want to go home after eight hours, and some think if they work until 11 P.M. or 1 A.M. they will get the desired legislation passed when all are no longer alert.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to work reasonable hours and not push for voting on important is-

suess at unreasonable hours, when all are tired and not fresh and alert.

SOURCE: Manchester Grange #31 & E. Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE

(6) RE: RECALL OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

WHEREAS elected officials in the State of Connecticut are not now subject to recall by the citizens of the state until the end of their elected term, and

WHEREAS the governors, state senators, and state representatives and other state officials, elected to their positions, may commit crimes, abuse the power of their office, or display incompetence in the performance of their duties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge that the State Legislature enact a recall bill whereby a petition of one quarter of the voters that voted, would remove the offending officials from their office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vacated office be filled by special election within sixty days of removal.

SOURCE: Beacon Valley Grange #103 & Excelsior Pomona #7

REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE

(7) RE: REST AREAS

WHEREAS Connecticut has rest stops in Willington, Danbury, Middletown, North Stonington, Southington and Wallingford, and

WHEREAS truckers and motorists use the rest areas to take a break and/or sleep, and

WHEREAS truckers are required by law to rest after a certain number of hours on the road, and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut DOT in an effort to reduce spending has decided to close the Willington rest stop as of July 1, 2011 expecting to save \$400,000 yearly, and other rest areas will be closed to save the state \$1.3 million yearly, and

WHEREAS the closing of rest stops will add to driver's concerns for safety and well being.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the State of Connecticut and DOT to keep these rest stops open in order that drivers will have a place to rest and/or sleep before continuing their journeys.

SOURCE: E. Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

(8) RE: SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

WHEREAS protection of personal information from identity thieves continues to be a major concern for all Americans, and

WHEREAS the Social Security Administration warns all citizens against carrying their Social Security cards on their persons and using them as a form of identification, and

WHEREAS the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests taxpayers write their Social Security numbers on checks and payments sent in to the IRS, and

WHEREAS the State of Con-

necticut Department of Revenue Services models its tax forms and procedures on those used by the IRS and also asks taxpayers to write their Social Security number on all tax payments to the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS the IRS openly admits disclosure of Social Security numbers on payments is not required but is strongly recommended.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage the Federal government and the IRS to discontinue use of Social Security numbers as taxpayer identification and to develop an alternative identification system to keep taxpayer's private information more secure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the IRS discontinue the practice of requesting Social Security numbers to be written on payments submitted to that agency, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage the General Assembly to pass legislation to develop an alternative taxpayer identification system and also abandon the practice of requesting disclosure of Social Security numbers on tax payments.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange #74 & Mountain County Pomona #4

REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

(9) RE: DEPUTY BY-LAWS CHANGE

WHEREAS Article X, Section 2 of the CT State Grange By-Laws dealing with Deputies provides, "for such service shall receive five dollars and mileage expenses for each regular Grange visit for inspection, provided a satisfactory report is made to the State Master before July first," and

WHEREAS this provision does not allow for Deputies to be reimbursed for official visits beyond one inspection per year, and

WHEREAS the Deputies are currently required to make at least three visits per Grange, per year for Schools of Instruction and two inspection dates, and

WHEREAS most Deputies do not even submit for the five dollar per diem allowance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article X, Section 2 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws be changed to read: "for such service shall receive mileage expenses for all official Grange visits as determined by the State Master, provided a satisfactory report is made to the State Master."

SOURCE: Winchester Grange #74 & Mt. County Pomona #4

REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

(10) RE: ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO STATE SESSION

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has an Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS every Subordinate Grange elects two (2) delegates to represent their Grange at the Connecticut State Grange annual meeting, and

WHEREAS every individual be-

comes ill or faces an emergency at one time or another and should this illness happen on the day of the Connecticut State Grange meeting the Subordinate Grange they represent is denied their rights at the Connecticut State Grange meeting, and

WHEREAS Article IV of the Connecticut State Grange Constitution and By-Laws pertains to the election of the delegates representing the Subordinate Grange, and

WHEREAS other organizations that have individuals representing them at special meetings have alternates in case that individual could not attend it is suggested that Connecticut State Grange consider the same.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV Section 8 be added to the Connecticut State Grange Constitution and By-Laws that states that the Subordinate Grange will elect two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates to represent their Grange at the Connecticut State Grange meeting, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that should one or both delegates become incapacitated the alternates would represent said Grange at the Connecticut State Grange meeting.

SOURCE: Whigville Grange #48; Mountain County Pomona #4

REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

(11) RE: ALTERNATE MEETING DATE

WHEREAS during the past winter months many of the Granges in Connecticut had to cancel their meeting due to inclement weather, and

WHEREAS nearly half of the Granges in Connecticut have scheduled only one meeting a month, and

WHEREAS Article 6.12.1 of the By-Laws of the National Grange states that "A Subordinate Grange must meet regularly once a month and may provide for additional meeting in its By-Laws."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Granges that meet only once a month add an alternate date to their monthly meeting schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to the Connecticut State Grange for further action.

SOURCE: Cheshire Grange #23; New Haven County Pomona #5

REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/GRANGE ACTIVITIES

(12) RE: FINDING MORE ECONOMIC WAYS TO PRODUCE ENERGY

WHEREAS the cost of energy is steadily increasing making it harder and harder for the low income families and those on fixed incomes to afford using electricity, gasoline, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Energy Council be strongly urged to explore and find ways of producing "Clean Energy" as soon as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the Grange urge their Congressional representatives to encourage this search and use of more economi-

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cal energy, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee on behalf of all its Grange members also urge Congress to find more economical ways to produce energy.

SOURCE: Prospect Grange #144

REFERRED: **AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION**

(13) RE: MILITARY PAY

WHEREAS all military personnel should be paid regardless of an approved national budget, and **WHEREAS** military personnel should automatically receive pay checks without interruptions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange recommend to Congress to pass a bill to make military pay unconditional and the obligation of the government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the National Grange to pass this resolution and lobby Congress to pass this bill.

SOURCE: Watertown Grange #122; Excelsior Pomona #7

REFERRED: **LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE**

(14) RE: HANDICAP PARKING AREAS

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Department of Justice, 28

CFR Part 36, "ADA Standards for Accessible Design", all buildings accessible to the general public are to have designated handicapped parking spaces, and

WHEREAS during the past winter months many of these designated parking spaces were used to pile the snow that was scraped up in the parking lots making them useless, and

WHEREAS many of the designated parking spaces were used to park or store construction equipment used by contractors working on the building, and

WHEREAS many non-handicapped individuals have also used these designated parking spaces in violation of the provisions of the Accessibility Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Building Officials, Police Officers, and Security Personnel should monitor for these violations and ticket and fine all the violators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to the Connecticut State Grange for further action.

SOURCE: Cheshire Grange #23; New Haven County Pomona #5

REFERRED: **CREDENTIALS/MAS-TER'S ADDRESS/RESOLUTIONS**

(15) RE: SAVE THE ROCKY HILL / GLASTONBURY FERRY

WHEREAS the Rocky Hill/Glastonbury Ferry is known as the nation's oldest continuously operating ferry in the nation, and **WHEREAS** it has been operating since 1655 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS it is a place of interest, enjoyment and history. A place for visitors to Connecticut to experience by taking a ride on our historic ferry and therefore a good reason to preserve it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the State of Connecticut be encouraged to find the means to keep our historic ferry operating for generations to come, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to East Central Pomona Grange #3 and the Connecticut State Grange for their support and action and that it then be forwarded to the Connecticut State Legislature for their support and action.

SOURCE: Glastonbury Grange #26

REFERRED: **AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION**

(16) RE: SESSION COMMITTEE BY-LAW CHANGE

WHEREAS Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution & By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange

reads: "On or before the first day of the Annual Session in each year, the Master shall appoint the following Session Committees and to these Committees shall be referred such business as will naturally be appropriate for them to consider, and their reports shall be made as promptly as possible:

Agriculture/Conservation; Constitution & By-Laws; Credentials/Master's Address; Consumer Safety & Ecology/Education; Good of the Order; Junior; Legislative; Resolutions/Insurance; Membership; Committee on Women's Activities; Camp Berger; Connecticut Granger/Information/Publicity", and

WHEREAS twelve sessions committees are now unnecessary given the number of Granges in the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS the listing of specific committees in the Constitution and By-Laws requires the State Master to appoint all of the committees or to create combined

committees with extremely long and confusing names to satisfy the requirement, and

WHEREAS a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws eliminating specific committees would give the State Master the freedom to create the committees that reflect the current needs of the Connecticut State Grange.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be changed to read:

"On or before the first day of the Annual Session in each year, the Master shall appoint Sessions Committees and to these Committees shall be referred such business as will naturally be appropriate for them to consider, and their reports shall be made as promptly as possible."

SOURCE: Winchester Grange #74

REFERRED: **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

In Memoriam

Mary Hale, G.S.	Cheshire #23
M. Caroline Monroe	Winchester #74
Salvatrice Bosco	Beacon Valley #103
Louise Malatesta	Trumbull #134
Donald Graham, G.S.	Enfield #151
Barbara Chapman, G.S.	Hemlock #182
James Bradley, G.S.	Simsbury #197
Wanda Kansas	Simsbury #197

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

2011 Connecticut State Grange Session Committee Assignments

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Vice Chair/Sec: North Central Pomona No. 13

Stafford #1	Wallingford #33	Ekonk Community #89
Granby #5	Eureka #62	Pachaug #96
Redding #5	Colchester #78	Stonington #168
Glastonbury #26	Hillstown Jr. #87	

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

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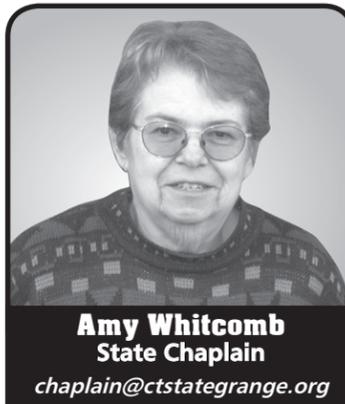
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Chaplain's Message



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The seasons are about to change again as we enter into the fall or harvest time. Lets explore change. Everything comes to an end, eventually and such events trigger much angst and worry. However, you cannot truly experience a new beginning, until you have dealt with the ending

that preceded it. Everything in this world has one thing in common, it all had a beginning and it will all come to an end.

Within the experience of a human lifetime, we have innumerable beginnings and endings. Every breath, every activity, every relationship has a beginning and an end. Each beginning is a type of birth and each ending a type of death. Certainly there is much that is good and true within our social customs. Yet often our conventional wisdom contains only half-truths. Good as it is that we celebrate beginnings, endings also need to be honored and perhaps even celebrated. We can truly experience a new beginning only when we have fully dealt with the ending that preceded it, otherwise we simply carry the unfinished business of the past into the future.

Endings are not failures. To understand the importance of an ending is to discount its impact on our life. When we see an ending as an absolute finality, rather than the beginning of a transition process we may be taking it too seriously. We should honor endings but not worship them. To honor an ending is to acknowledge the importance that it had on our life and its impact. It is to honor the divine wisdom and order that govern every aspect of our life if we but have eyes to see it.