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How will you face new challenges?



Jody A. Cameron
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It is hard to believe summer is coming to an end as is another Grange year coming to a close. With that we can smell the changing winds in the air and the buzz of activity as we gear up to our State Session. It is that time for all Grange members to be looking toward the next Grange year. What will 2015 look like in your

Grange and community?

I have said many times that our history is written, it is up to us to write our future. How will you as a Grange face the new challenges in your community? How will you as a member commit to your Grange the support needed to advance your Grange's mission in 2015?

These questions are important as we continue to impact the 54 communities we currently serve, but especially important as we look to expand into communities we currently do not have a presence. Our success as an organization lies directly in the Community

Granges.

We are a grassroots organization and your success dictates all other levels success. We must all develop plans for our Grange, both that impact our members and our community. These plans need to be all-encompassing to include all members, new and existing. Remember, there is work for all, and this work can and should be fun, building a bond among members that strengthens us as a "family" and promotes an atmosphere of idea generation and cooperative exchange.

I can assure you that our future looks bright from here.

Plant Science Day at Lockwood



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
Legislative@ctstategrange.org

Every year in August the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) hosts Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm in Hamden. Lockwood Farm is named after William Lockwood who was from Norwalk and willed his estate to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The estate was to use or to apply the income of the estate for the promotion of agricultural scientific investigation or experimentation. The state sold the initial property in Norwalk and eventually purchased the existing

land in Hamden which was closer to the New Haven main laboratories. The land has been expanded on over the years and now consists of about 75 acres. One of the most significant discoveries to come out of Lockwood Farm is a revolutionary double-cross method developed in 1917 creating hybrid corn. The Governor is the official President of CAES oversight board or Board of Control and the Commissioner of Agriculture is also a board member.

The Grange has been regularly invited to attend Plant Science Day and join in a VIP luncheon for those who support the Experiment Station. I have had the opportunity to attend the Plant Science Day a couple of times and Charles Dimmick has attended every year.

Plant Science Day has many exhibits from different

areas of the Department of Agriculture featuring different agricultural programs. CAES has displays highlighting different areas they are developing and maintaining such as monitoring the Emerald Ash Borer. The gardens of Lockwood Farms are open for visitors to wander through with some guided tours offered. Other agricultural friendly organizations such as the Connecticut Farmland Trust, FFA and UCONN Extension Service also have

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It's Fair Time



Jodi Ann Cameron receives an award from Janet St. Jean and the Brooklyn Fair in honor of Quinebaug Pomona's many years of participation as a vendor at the Fair. Quinebaug also received second place in the Fair's booth decoration contest.



Members of Wolcott Grange including Josh Mears (right) and Paul Forte (center) get ready for the Wolcott Country Fair.



Members of the Litchfield County 4H show off their favorite rabbits and guinea pigs at the Winchester Grange Fair and Flea Market held on August 9 at the Grange Hall and on the Green in Winchester Center.

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Plant Science Day at Lockwood 2014 Session Schedule



Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Lockwood Farm in Hamden, CT.

Continued from page one... displays set up showing their support of Connecticut agriculture.

Each year there are a multiple of presenters addressing various agricultural issues. One topic discussed was the decline of the honeybees and bumblebees. It was noted that Connecticut has lost about half of its bee population these last two winters. They felt that the decline is a combination of many issues with no definitive answers. Another

topic that was addressed was the challenge of the changes in climate over the last decade. They noted that the last decade was hotter and there were a record number of heavy rainfalls. This created bursts of heavy rains with flooding along with drought. The speaker suggested some ideas that farms may be able to capitalize on these changes such as taking advantage of the longer growing seasons and adjusting the crops they plant.

The Experiment Station

presented a program on ways a farmer can explore diversifying their crops to targeted audiences. Some of the specialty crops they were working on included Belgian endive, sweet potato, okra and Chinese cabbage.

This year was the 104th Annual Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Lockwood Farm Plant Science Day. The event is a free and open to the public. Watch for it next year in August.

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Introduction of National Representative
Marie Nicholson, National Grange Flora & Scott Nicholson, Montana State Grange Master
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Session Committee Announcements
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Jody A. Cameron
Report of Overseer
Reports of Secretary
Reports of Treasurer
Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 17, 2014

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of Officers
9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
11:00 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
Report of Camp Berger
- Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
- Lyn Kimberly, Camp Director
Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Hosts: George Russell, A.S. & Debbie Barnes, Pomona
- Blessing by State Chaplain Barbara Kulisch
- Family Activity Presentation & Awards
- Membership Awards
- Public Relations Awards
- Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
2:15 P.M. Address of National Representative
Marie Nicholson – National Grange Flora
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session
3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
3:30 P.M. Report of New Grange Building Trustees
4:30 P.M. Closing
8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hartford South Hotel
(*Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required*)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests & Past Voting Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Rose Drill
- Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
- Community Service
- Honor Grange Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table - Officers and Court

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, by 7:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Friday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
Junior and Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
9:45 A.M. Business Session
10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
11:45 A.M. FFA Representative
12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon (*Restaurant*)
Hosts: Carol Hnath, Flora and Shelley Racine, Ceres
- Blessing by State Chaplain Barbara Kulisch
- Junior Recognition
- Youth Recognition
- 2:00 P.M. Installation
3:30 P.M. Business Session
5:00 P.M. Closing
7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
Professional Agriculture Awards
Scholarships
2014 CT State Grange Granger of the Year
Lecturer's Program
Past Deputies Raffle

Join us for the 130th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be present for roll call on Thursday evening and we encourage ALL members to be present for all or part of the session.

130th 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, the Installation of Officers on Saturday afternoon 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 State Grange office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____
Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 16 - Sat., Oct. 18)

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 Choices: _____ Grilled Chicken # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ Chateau Steak # of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
_____ Stuffed Chicken Breast

Thurs., Oct. 16 & Fri., Oct. 17 (ONE DAY)

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

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 = _____

Saturday, Oct. 18 (ONE DAY)

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

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 = _____

Please make checks payable to: Connecticut State Grange

TOTAL = _____

Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Questions: Please call 860-633-7550 or email: secretary@ctstategrange.org

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 5! LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made through the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill.

Session Committees

Sessions Committees are appointed by the State Master to handle the resolutions submitted during the year by Connecticut's Community and Pomona Granges. Your committee assignment indicates the general subject area of resolutions that will be assigned to your committee. Resolutions in by the deadline will be printed with their committee assignments in the September and/or October issues of the Connecticut Granger to allow delegates time to consider and discuss the resolutions prior to Session.

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: East Central Pomona #3
Vice Chair: Central Pomona #1

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| Granby #5 | Hillstown #87 |
| Manchester #31 | Ekonk Community #89 |
| Cawasa #34 | Taghannuck #100 |
| Whigville #48 | Lyme #147 |
| Colchester #78 | Oxford #194 |

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Vice Chair: Joan Perry, Membership Director
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| Stafford #1 | Beacon Valley #103 |
| Wallingford #33 | Killingly #112 |
| North Haven #35 | Hemlock #182 |
| Senexet #40 | Simsbury #197 |
| Hillstown Jr. #87 | GrotonCommunity#213 |
| Pachaug #96 | |

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- Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5
Vice Chair: New London County Pomona #6
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| Glastonbury #26 | Bethlehem #121 |
| Southington #25 | Stonington #168 |
| Meriden #29 | Riverton #169 |
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- Chair: Excelsior Pomona #7
Vice Chair: Fairfield County Pomona #9
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| Tolland #51 | Greenfield Hill #133 |
| Wolf Den #61 | Prospect #144 |
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| Ashford #90 | Norwich #172 |
| Preston City #110 | Wolcott #173 |

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Vice Chair: Alma Graham, Legislative Director
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| Vernon #52 | N. Stonington #138 |
| Eureka #62 | Enfield #151 |
| Harmony #92 | Bridgewater #153 |
| Putnam #97 | Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101 |

Free Tickets to the Big E



The 2014 Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in West Springfield, MA is fast approaching and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis from the State Master for Grange Day, Sunday, Sept. 21. The only condition attached to the tickets is your participation in the Daily Parade featuring the Grange at 5 P.M. It is very important for the Grange to have a strong presence at the Big E on Grange Day to show that we care and appreciate the attention this special day gives the organization.

The State Master also has a limited number of days available for members who may be interested in hosting the Connecticut Room in the New England Grange Building. If you are interested, please be sure there are at least three or four people in your group so the room can be manned at all times during the day. Once the State rooms close at 5:00 you are free to enjoy the fair on our own.

To contact the State Master by email: President@CTStateGrange.org or by phone: 860-564-7614.



Jaimie Cameron (right) marches in the 2011 Grange Day Parade at the Big E.

As always, your donations of handmade items are welcome and encouraged as the proceeds from the sale of these items and the jams and jellies keep the NE Grange Building self-supporting. Please contact Betty Jane Gardiner if you need to make arrangements to have your items brought up to West Springfield.

Appreciation Dinner



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
Social@ctstategrange.org

Have you purchased your ticket to our final dinner? This is an "Appreciation Dinner" to show our gratitude to those who have assisted the state officers in some way during the past four years. Everyone in their own way has done something to keep the Grange successful; but, there are those who go above and beyond the call of duty. The dinner will be catered by Jane Miller and the members of Cheshire Grange at Cheshire on Saturday, September 27. Time 6:00. Price \$10.

It has been fun getting together for our past dinners and this should be a fun night too.

Our community service project this year is to collect white socks for the servicemen. These can be brought to the State Session or given to any member of our committee beforehand.

At the State Session look for us after the Friday evening degrees. We will have our usual game of Bingo. We have everything ready- all we need is players.

Litchfield meeting Sept. 10

Todd A. Gelineau, Scout for Litchfield Grange

We are pleased to report that a date has been set for the re-organization meeting of Litchfield Grange No. 107. Invitations have been sent to each of the people who have indicated interest in joining the Grange for Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting at the Grange Hall on Route 202 in Litchfield will feature a basic overview of Grange procedure, a video on Litchfield Grange and questions and answers with State Master Jody Cameron.

Hopefully after hearing and seeing what the Grange is about, many will be willing to join Litchfield and be obligated by the State Master. Having met each person one on one, I can tell you they are a very diversified group and will make a tremendously vibrant and dynamic Grange if all goes as planned.

Nothing will make me happier than being able to report to you in the next issue and at State Session that Litchfield Grange has returned to the roster of active Granges in

the State of Connecticut. It's been a long time coming and I'm excited to see our plans come to fruition, but I'm equally as excited for these new members as they have the unique opportunity to essentially create a new Grange and make it their own.

When I joined Winchester Grange over 24 years ago, I joined a well established Grange that definitely had and still has its own well traveled path to follow and no matter how capable you were, you had to prove to the Grange leadership that you could be "trusted" with the legacy of Winchester Grange. I don't think this is an unusual occurrence in Granges all over the State and Nation. We all must be more willing to accept change and to make room for new members and ideas.

These new Litchfield Grange members will not have those barriers to overcome and should all enter the Grange at essentially the same level. It will be fun to watch a new Grange happen!

PLEASE! Do not send correspondence or any other mail to the Newfield Rd. address listed below. This is the address for Winchester Grange #74 and is only listed to satisfy USPS requirements. Please mail to the Editor's address listed below, right. Thank You!

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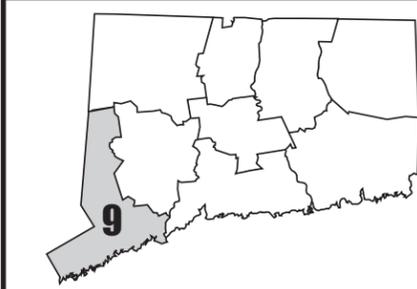
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Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfield County Pomona is made up of Community Granges with a special interest in leadership development, who come together to share information and fellowship and through legislative action addresses the needs of all its members and communities.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

Sept. 12: Neighbors Night: 6:30 Ref., 7:30 Meeting

Our Agricultural Fair will be history when this article is published. We prayed for good weather and good attendance. A lot of support and effort was expended in preparation before the Fair and during the Fair.

Our next big event will be the 125th anniversary of Harmony. We will have speakers from several Historical Societies, Grange Officers, and local government officials. At this time, a Sunday in October appears to be the date we will hold the event. Several planning meetings will be required.

After our anniversary, we will turn our efforts to get new members and to get more groups to use our hall. We have a great hall with great facilities for most groups and for special events.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Sept. 15: "Fair Results/Autumn Plans", 7 P.M.

In July and over half of August, we were hard at work with fair preparations. Most Friday evenings, there were a number of "Songbirds" concerts. All are helping with our fundraising efforts for painting and other needed improvements to the hall. Email: greenfield133@gmail.com to confirm concert dates.

The first Wednesday of September, the 3rd we will be hosting Fairfield County Pomona, with respect to the 6 P.M. potluck supper preceding the meeting. Redding Grange will be assist with supplying desserts and beverages.

At our regular meeting, we will be reviewing results from our fair and planning some events for autumn. We are looking at cooperating with the Pumpkin Festival as well as activities of our own. Bring your ideas. All are welcome to our meetings and events!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Sept 4: Fair Reports

Sept 19: Installation

Oct 2: Winemaking

Nov. 6: Nutrition & Healthy Eating

Nov 20: Cooking for Thanksgiving

Dec 6: Holiday Market (10-3)

We extend a warm welcome to Bil Mikulewicz to our Grange. He was attracted to our Grange from our annual Silent Movie evenings, and has become involved with helping organize our recent Agricultural Fair.

Our new slate of officers will be installed at our first October meeting. We are looking forward to the planned programs by our Lecturer, John Kriz

Several of our members enjoyed a Jam-making program at our second July meeting where batches of strawberry and blueberry jams were made and tasted. A delicious potluck picnic was enjoyed at the first July and August meetings.

Plans are underway for our 82nd Agricultural Fair for August 24th. An overview will be given time.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth Hickcox

Sept. 7: 46th Annual Grange Fair & Market, 10-3

Sept. 9: Install. of Officers, 7:30 P.M.

The following were elected for the coming year: President, Rany Miller; Overseer, John Ojarovska; Lecturer, Tish Murray; Steward, Roland Poirier; A.S., Steve Porter; Treas., Lyn Kimberly, Sec., Kareen Kanaga; LAS, Barbara Gross; Chap., Steve Porter; GK, Chris Kimberly; Ceres, Cubby Hickcox; Pomona, Catharine Kimberly; Flora, Anna Kimberly; EC, Julia Braden, Ewa Ojarovska and Lisa Savage.

Thanks to some outstanding work by Lyn Kimberly the moribund Camp Berger opened with a bang on July 6. It closed on Aug. 9. We cannot say enough about the work that Lyn put into this latest endeavor. Our Grange Fair will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7. Among the contests will be awards for best tomato, hootch, and Jell-O structure. Be sure to join us!



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

PR Contest Entries due Oct. 1

Terri Fassio, PR Co-Director

The Public Relations committee revamped our offering of contests for 2014, all with a deadline of October 1st. It's easy to participate. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1) Promote Your Grange Creative Video Contest: Create a video promoting your Grange. The video can be any length, and of any theme.

2) Grange Micro-Promotion Contest: The 140-character message format calls for concise, engaging writing. Promote the message of the Grange by writing a compelling promotion in less than 140 characters.

3) Show off your Grange Marketing Materials Contest: This contest is designed to honor innovative and effective marketing initiatives. Granges are asked to submit one method that they use to publicize and promote their Grange. This could be a poster, brochure, booth at a community event, community service project, special event, etc. The sky is the limit! Write a description of 250 words or less, and include a photo or sample piece to accompany the description if appropriate.

4) Best Cooperative Partnership Contest:

An integral part of Grange public relations is partnering with other local groups and organizations. This could be a co-hosted event, a co-sponsorship of a project or initiative, a project to benefit or honor a group/organization, and so much more! Write a description of how your Grange has integrated/utilized a Cooperative Partnership, and include a photo to accompany the description if appropriate.

5) Social Media Participation Contest: Create a Buzz about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by managing a proper Facebook or Twitter Page.

This contest is open to all Community Granges, Pomona Granges and Junior Granges. Pages must be active at any point within the period of November 1, 2013 - October 1, 2014.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and are also available in the Blue Book.

Entries should be mailed to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden CT 06451, or sent via e-mail to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

Oxford Grange adapts as community changes

Jordan Otero, Waterbury Republican-American (8/8/14)

Although Connecticut's farming and agriculture communities are not as vibrant as they once were, Oxford's chapter of a national agriculture advocacy group hopes to use its recently boosted numbers to create a greater sense of community in town.

"Now that Oxford no longer has a strong farming community, the function of the Grange is to provide a place to meet and gather and offer different programs," said Maggie Buck, president of the Oxford Grange.

Originally founded in May 1928, Oxford Grange #194 recently gained 12 new members, bringing the number of active Grangers to about 20, according to Buck.

Buck said in the past the group has been hindered by misconceptions about the Grange, such as being outdated and irrelevant in modern times. Combined with a lapse in membership, Grange members worried they'd be at risk for losing their charter.

Now a new era has come and the group plans to be more active in town.

"Every community needs an identity and a place



Oxford Grange Hall

where people can interact," Buck said. "The Grange provides a mechanism to meet people and a way to come together. I don't think that's an old-fashioned idea."

The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry was founded in 1867 as a fraternal organization dedicated to advancing agriculture, as well as promoting the needs of farmers in the country.

Buck said nowadays the Grange is not limited to agriculture-related programs, but that each Grange builds off the talents and interests of its individual members. For example, she said, the Oxford Grange hopes to host a variety of cultural arts programs, such as open mic nights and coffeehouse events geared toward area

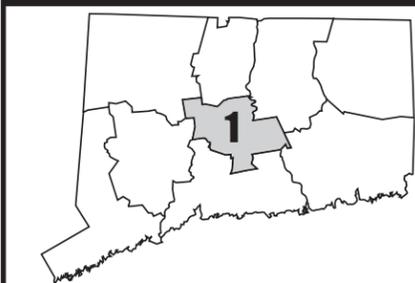
youth interested in the arts.

Still, they plan to stay true to the group's agricultural roots by working to create an educational garden for students at Oxford Center School, which neighbors the Grange Hall.

Kathy Johnson, one of the Grange's newest members, said the Grange is still vital to the greater Oxford community.

"There's always been talk as the town has grown to keep it rural and as country feeling as possible," Johnson said. "Being a member of the Grange is a way to do that and a way for newcomers to get that country feeling they came to town for. This is where the heartbeat is. This is what it's about. It's a very important organization."

Central Pomona No. 1



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing its talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

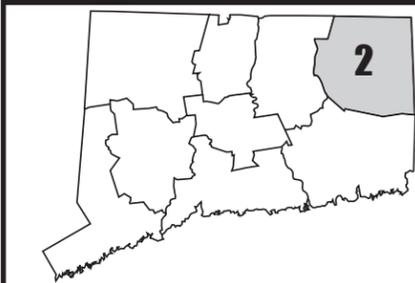
Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 12: Installation of Officers

Sept. 26: Tech Program

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meetings.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

MISSION STATEMENT

Quinebaug Pomona supports and assists the communities within its jurisdiction through a financial and physical presence. We offer the Community Granges assistance and support for their programs and activities.

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Sept. 17: Apple Harvest

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our Master Thomas Perry following a short illness. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Debby and to Joan, his mother. A memorial service led by Marvin Wilbur was held at our hall. Donations in his memory may be made to Senexet Grange Scholarship Fund.

We will have our popular food booth at the Woodstock Fair and also at Celebrating Ag.

We had a very successful yard sale and were able to clean out some closets. We saved the flannel fabric to make pajama bottoms for children in need.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie Johnson

Sept. 10: Installation, Ref. All

Sept. 24: Potluck, 6 P.M.

What a nice summer. Gardens are producing well. Fruit is starting to come in too. Labels and tabs are still coming in. Election of officers for next year and installation of same next month. Fair time- then back to school.

There's plenty of activity everywhere. Sports of all kinds. Parks are filled. More bears are being seen so be careful.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

We had a great meeting in August! Mason Gray and Carly Sebastian were such great sports when they became human mummies (wrapped in toilet paper by Adam Griffiths and Jaimie Cameron)! Richard Tavalsky won the oreo cookie stacking contest and Link Cooper won Jopardy by a landslide! We had a float in the Moosup VJ Day Parade. Many thanks to Mike Molodich, Paulette Craig and Jai Izzarelli for taking on this project! We sent a total of 16 volunteers to help our Richmond Grange friends with Washington County Fair.

Clifford Gervais designed a new Grange brochure for Ekonk as part of his qualifications for the 2014 National Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award. Paulette Craig sat at his membership table at our fair; Clifford was on the grill throughout the entire Fair! Jaimie Cameron and Trevor Gervais are both applying for spots on the National Grange Youth officer corps. Katie Molodich will be installed President on Sept. 15th and Link Cooper will become Vice-President that same evening. Trevor Gervais is investigating placement of American flags across Ekonk Hill. Mae Flexer is helping him with fact finding concerning this. Wouldn't it add even more

beauty to an already scenic highway to have flags flying in the breeze as you drove across the hill! Nice to see Sue Griffiths back at Grange and recovered from her surgery! Visit us anytime!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Sept. 15: Installation

Here we are in mid-summer and thankfully the weather has been cool, muggy at this writing, but earlier this week it was cold. Another blanket was added to the bed.

July 21 we held our annual picnic at the State Park in Pomfret. There were about a dozen Grangers and state officers and lots of good food. The food always tastes better when someone else does the cooking.

Linda Harkins who has been on our sick list was able to join us. The mosquitoes were at a minimum.

We were in the Stowe Pavilion which as picnic tables and four fireplaces. However, we didn't use them. It's a good place to be in case of rain.

The plants and flowers that were planted earlier at the Grange Hall are doing well although the weeds and grass are coming along as well. Some of the tomato and pepper plants have small veggies appearing and the squash and cucumber plants have blossoms. So we may have some produce by fall. All of the above has been planted in raised garden beds in the plot where a former house stood. The house had been hit by a careening car that shot off the highway. Master Bernadette, Treasurer Pat Lewis and Sec. Julie have been selling Lemonade and other goodies at the Putnam Farmer's Market, plus other Grangers are helping with this community project.

Sept. 6 will be our annual Killingly Grange Fair. Also planned is another Tomato Head Decorating Contest at Davis Park in Danielson. If anyone plans on entering our Sept. 6 Fair please let the Master Bernadette or other Grange Officers know soon so we can advertise. More on that later.

Because this correspondent is affiliated with Wolf Den Grange #61 and will be a Granger for 50 years next year- as will the following Grangers- Richard Dufresne and Elsie Johnson. Dick is overseer at Wolf Den #61 and Elsie is Secretary of Wolf Den #61. I am Overseer of Killingly Grange #112. However,

our birthdays are within a month of each other.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept. 9: Grandparent's Day

Sept. 23: Get Ready to Rake

We omit our meetings in

the summer.

We will be having our Ham and Bean Supper on Sept. 20th. Come join us for a delicious meal. We enjoyed our summer picnic at Jim and Pat Palmer's Home. It was a beautiful day.



Meriden Movie Night



We recently had our picnic and movie night. We served hamburgers and hotdogs along with delicious side dishes supplied by our members and guest, Mildred Bell. Our movies were: "A Gentleman's Duel" - an animated short which turned out to be a duel with Steampunk robots, and a classic movie "Fort Apache" - starring John Wayne. We had a quick meeting and discussed final plans for our upcoming Fair on Sept. 6th.

Southington Grange Fair



The chicken barbecue was in full swing at the Southington Grange Fair on Aug. 16.

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- Granby No. 5
- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Enfield No. 151
- Simsbury No. 197

MISSION STATEMENT

East Central Pomona supports the Community Granges by helping one another; through legislative advocacy and by supporting community service efforts.

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

The next meeting of East Central Pomona No. 3 will be Installation of Officers at Good Will Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. Host Granges will be Granby, Vernon and Enfield. Please join us.

Welcome back and let's get back to work after a great summer break. We also mourn the loss of Irene Brown, a good friend and faithful worker.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff
Sept. 4: Installation of Officers, Meeting at 7:30, Potluck Desserts
Oct. 3: "Trick or Treat", Ref. Robert & Doris Nordstrom, 7:30 P.M.
Oct. 5: Semi-Annual Food Sale & Unique Boutique, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
Oct. 12: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

As I am typing this article it is a beautiful summer day. The humidity is gone for now. I hope you all have been enjoying your summer.

September is installation of officers and the beginning of the new Grange year. Do try to make the September meeting as the Installation of Officers is a nice ceremony to witness.

October is a busy month for us. October 3rd is our regular meeting. Then October 5th is the Semi-Annual Food and Boutique Sale.

We certainly need EVERYONE'S assistance. Please mark your calendars and BAKE something for the sale. If you have something for the Boutique/Tag Sale bring it to the sale. Phone calls will be made to you probably about two weeks before the sale. This is an important fundraiser for us.

The Monte Carlo Whist cards parties will begin in October. This is another important fundraiser. Try to attend and bring a friend

or two with you. It is a fun evening with plenty of refreshments for all. Hope to see you there.

We do need to bring in new members. Ask your friends and/or relatives if they would like to join. We have applications and should you need some give the Master or Secretary a call. Master Robert Nordstrom 860-568-2848; Secretary Kay Ruff 860-315-5336.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan
Sept. 2: Meeting
"Who Are We?" will finish up at this meeting. We all have learned interesting things about each other that we never knew before. I suggest this program to other Granges.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong
Sept. 5: Take a Letter – Bring along an old letter of interest.

Vernon Grange had a picnic at the Strong Family Farm that was enjoyed by all. The week before we visited with Stafford Grange who had their picnic inside because of rain. The food was great at both. We were happy to have Jennifer Strong back visiting from Arizona who shared her experiences living in the desert.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller
Sept. 4: Cancelled
Sept. 18: Falling Leaves
Coventry mourns the loss of Irene Brown, a 62 year member. Irene started at Andover Grange #76 then went to Marlborough Grange #205 then to Coventry #75. She is well known for her crafts and photos that she entered in local fairs and Grange activities.

We are getting ready for the upcoming year and will be helping the Coventry Agricultural Committee with their Harvest Festival

on Oct. 5th.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Frank Forrest
Summer is running out as we read this, most of the gardens should be giving us loads of fresh veggies. We are all looking forward to fair season knowing fall and cool weather soon follows (we won't talk about the next season mean old winter).

August 24. Several members will be going to the Veterans and Volunteer Picnic at the Elks Club in Glastonbury. All Veterans and anyone who ever volunteers for anything is invited to this free picnic. Starts at noon and they need appetizers and desserts. For more info contact: glastonburyvfw@aol.com.

August 28. Fair talk and fall planning. After the fair we hope to schedule some garden preserving classes so more people can freeze and can their garden goodies.

September 11. two days to fair, but we will have a meeting anyway.

September 13. Hillstown Agriculture Fair will be held from 9 to 2

September 25. Open meeting starting with a garden to table dinner starting at 6pm. Topic, fall gardening and how to prep for winter in the garden.

For more information please contact us at: hillstowngrange@aol.com.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski
Sept. 20: Installation of Officers.
Oct. 11: Reaching Out

Instead of the usual hotdog picnic fare we held a spaghetti picnic in July and had a nice group of visitors, which led to a very informal open meeting. Our Garden Art contest was great fun and the winner was Denise Hart. The use of recycled items was used with creative imagination and we all look forward to the next contest which is decorating a squash. This will be judged by members of the 4H group who will be our guests in October. Second place went to Dawn Percoski and yours truly took third place. Our program in October will be about reaching out to other groups with similar community service efforts and exchanging ideas



Simsbury Grange

236 Farms Village Rd. West Simsbury



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236 Farms Village

Simsbury Grange set up an informational booth at the Simsbury Farmer's Market held on August 10.

SIMSBURY GRANGE

AGRICULTURE FAIR



Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM
September 13, 2014

- BAKE SALE and CRAFT FAIR
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- FLAMIG FARM HAYRIDES
- REFRESHMENTS
- CONTESTS - BAKED GOODS, PRODUCE, FLOWERS
- CASH PRIZES

LOCATION:
Simsbury Grange Hall
236 Farms Village Road (Rt. 309)
West Simsbury, CT 06092



ENTRIES AND FAIR:
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS FREE!

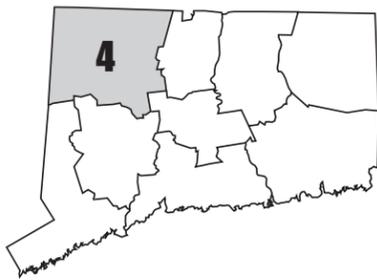
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.SimsburyGrange.org

Bill Benson performs



Simsbury Grange welcomes Bill Benson to its 2014 Fair on Sept. 13. "Bill Benson, last year's Northwest Connecticut Idol is a singer/songwriter from Collinsville, CT. Bill has been writing and performing for many years and has had a consistent presence in the Hartford and Litchfield Counties for the last 6 years. You can find his music and schedule on reverbNation.com/billbenson and see him live at some of the local Farmers Markets, clubs and restaurants in the area. Bill sings a soulful blend and interpretation of many songs of the past and in his own originals sings about love, passion and simple things in life."

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghhannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- Riverton No. 169
- Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

Mountain County Pomona No. 4 has strong leadership, a keen sense of community and many skills and talents which we use to promote and support our local Community Granges through citizenship, legislative and agricultural policies within our Pomona.

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 8: Harvest Time!, Reports Due, Whigville Grange Hall

Our next meeting is on Sept. 8 and will include the drawing for the annual Gift Cards. Tickets were distributed at the June meeting to give Pomona officers and members plenty of time to sell and improve the profits for this, the only fundraiser held by Pomona. Tickets are only \$1 each and are available from any Pomona officer. Buy early and buy often!

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The annual agricultural fair of Whigville Grange will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 from 10 to 2 P.M. Everyone is welcome to enter, or just visit. Admission and parking is free. Entries will include produce, canned goods, flowers, hobbies and baked goods in both adult and junior categories. Come show off your agricultural talent! Entertainment is planned. Items will also be available for purchase. There is no fee to enter items. For an application, contact Maryanne Kozikowski at 50 Anderson Ave., Forestville 06010 or email Debbie Brown at b_gary@sbcglobal.net or phone 860-582-9863. The Grange hall is off Route 69 in Burlington, just over the Bristol line.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 9: Regular Meeting
Sept. 13: Winchester Day, 10:00-3:00
Sept. 16: Installation of Officers- Open Meeting
Oct. 3: Super Prize Party

The busy summer season spills into fall when Winchester Grange continues its many activities. Originally planned for First and Second Degrees, the first meeting of Sept. will be a regular meeting. We do have two potential candidates in waiting and will bring them in by Obligation when they are ready. The second meeting of the month will be

the following Tuesday (Sept. 16) for the Installation of Officers by the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team.

The second annual Winchester Day held in conjunction with the Winchester Center Congregational Church, Winchester Vol. Fire Dept. and the Winchester Historical Assoc. will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Grange Hall, on the Green, the Church and Chapel. There will be a classic car show, demonstrations, games, and food. Admission is free.

Looking ahead to Oct. 3 we will be holding our fall Super Prize Party at the hall beginning at 6:00 P.M. A super prize party is a super-sized teacup auction or country store. Cards of tickets are just \$1 apiece.

Mark your calendars for October 18 when Iceland Affair will return to the Grange Hall for its second year. This time is co-sponsored by the Grange and we couldn't be happier to work with Gerri Griswold and this immensely popular event that brings Icelandic artists, writers, food and music to Winchester Center for this unique day. The hall is bursting with attendees and you will want to be one of them!

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

At our first meeting in September (the 11th) Bob Sendewicz and his team will install our officers. Most of the officers were re-elected for another two years. The only new positions are LAS is Ruth Schnell, Flora is Millie Massey and EC is Barbara Bartram (3yrs).

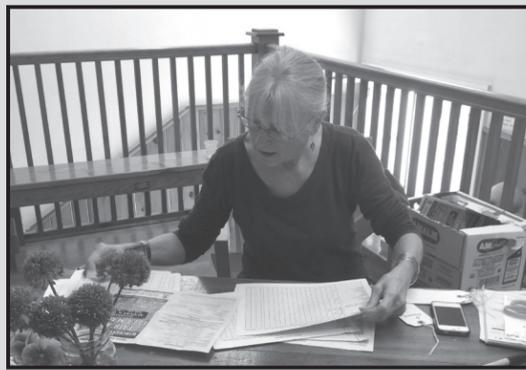
Taghhannuck Grange thanks Bob for coming all the way here to do the installation.

The second meeting is about "A New Year at the Grange." We are hoping for fresh ideas about membership and community service to start off the Grange year. Visitors are always welcome at our hall.

Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market



Above left: Veggies await the judges at the Winchester Grange Fair on Aug. 9. Above right: The Winchester Center Historical Assoc. booth on the Green. Below left: Dana Forchette checks in exhibitors at the hall. Lower right: Part of the flower display.



WINCHESTER GRANGE No. 74



Winchester Center Day

Saturday, September 13, 2014
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Crafts and Gifts, Vendors, Food and More at the Grange Hall

Part of the Winchester Center Day Community-Wide Festival
 Activities & Events by the Winchester Center Congregational Church, Winchester Grange, the Winchester Center Historical Association, the Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Department

Winchester Grange Hall

Route 263 and Newfield Rd.
 Winchester Center, CT



www.WinchesterGrange.org

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
 State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

I want to thank all the Secretaries for getting their information to me on time. It makes my reporting much easier.

There will be a "store" at the State Session if you are in need of supplies such as Treasurer's Receipts or Orders on the Treasurer, etc.

I came across some suggestions for Grangers that was printed many years ago and have listed a few here.

1. Be proud of your Grange and serve it well.
2. Attend meetings and exercise your right to vote. If you fail to do these things you forfeit the right to complain about actions taken.
3. Make yourself familiar with Grange ritual and procedures so you can perform your part smoothly and with dignity.
4. Do not be a glory seeker, but perform the humblest task without grumbling.
5. To have good leaders an organization must have good followers. A good leader must also know how to "follow" gracefully when necessary.

WINCHESTER GRANGE

Super Prize Party

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Doors Open at 6:00 PM • Prize Drawing at 7:00 PM

Penny Auction / Tea Cup Auction / Country Store
 all rolled into one Super Prize Event!

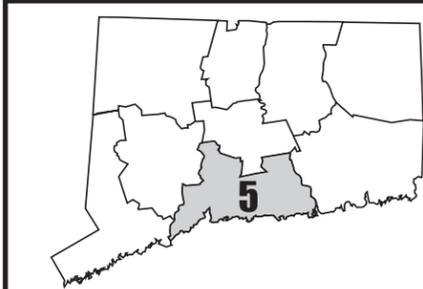
FREE ADMISSION
 26 Chances to Win for \$1.00

FAMILY FUN!

WINCHESTER GRANGE HALL
 100 Newfield Rd., Winchester Center, CT 06094

www.WinchesterGrange.org

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35

MISSION STATEMENT

New Haven County Pomona through the strength of its Community Granges offers collective wisdom and experience to enhance the individual leadership skills, pride in Grange ritual and camaraderie to all citizens in the communities in which we serve!

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Sept. 3: Installation of Officers. Pot Luck Supper 6PM

Sept. 17: School Days

Our annual picnic was held in July at the Bernhardt's. A good time was had by all. As I write this we are getting plans under way for our Cheshire Grange Community Fair in late August. This involves a lot of preparation and pre-planning and it is a good event giving our Grange good visibility in the community.

The summer is flying by and we are looking forward to the new Grange year with our installation of officers. We have met to plan our programs for the 2014-15 Grange year.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel Lauttenbach

July 10 – Our annual picnic at the Grange Hall started around 6:30 with Vern cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers outside on the grill. It was great to see old and new friends and members gather around to eat and chat with one another. There was plenty of food to go around and it was all good.

July 26 – Ice Cream Social - One of our newest members, Robin McCoy, was the force behind getting the ice cream social off the ground that was held between 2 and 5pm. We all had fun and had a little ice cream (well maybe more than one helping!).

If you have driven by the hall lately you would have seen the flowers in containers out in the front of the hall. They have been adding a bit of color to the hall and been getting plenty of positive comments. Robin and Anne have been taking turns in keeping them up and watering them.

Sept 11- "Fair Work Night" Re: Dan

Sept 13 – Noon to 10pm, 80th Annual Fair featuring our Chicken Barbecue Dinner from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. There will also be judged exhibits of vegetables, fruits, flowers, bakery goods and needlework. There

will also be vendors out on the front lawn; the popular bird house man will be there again. Fair books are in many locations around town and there will also be a copy on-line on Craigs List, WPAA-TV and Wallingford Community websites. To get a fair book and/or get tickets for the Dinner call Janet Haller at 203-314-6922. Tickets and books may also be picked up at Wallingford Lamp & Shade: 203-269-2135.

Sept 25 – "Installation of Officers" Re: Joan

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Sept 2: Hobby Night

Oct. 7: Autumn Comes or Leaves

Summer is moving along. Just when it gets nearly too much, along comes a cool day.

When we turn around again we will be raking leaves.

Hope to have a good

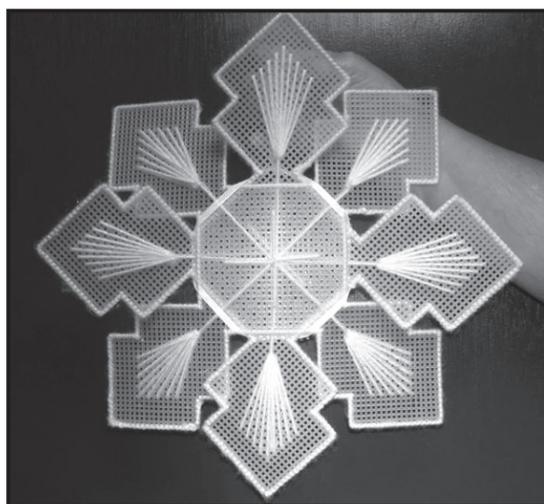
turnout for our Hobby Night. I could fill a truck with the ones I have. Keep cool. I am listening for the

katydid. Last year I heard them on July 31.

Cheshire Grange No. 23



We now have a shopping bag stuffed full of empty chip bags to give to Exeter Grange in Rhode Island for their Re-CUP program. Thanks to everyone who saved their empty bags and to Gabriel who ate lots of the contents.



The members of Cheshire Grange have been busy making tray favors and gifts for area nursing home residents like the two items above.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of 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.

We heard from Martha Baribault from Glastonbury Grange regarding the July Window photo. She believes that the man with the Gray Hair is Aaron Kinney, and the other gentleman in the straw hat is Henry Killam from Kent Grange. We have had no responses as of yet for the August photo.



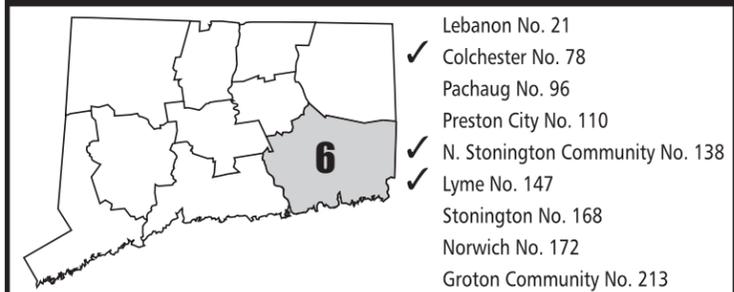
Last Month

If you think you know who might be in any of our pictures don't wait to see if someone else responds... do it today!



This Month

New London County Pomona No. 6



MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate and nurture the flock while encouraging their advancement to the degree of Pomona.

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Sept. 13: Installation of Officers, N. Stonington #138

Sept. 20: Antique Festival. N. Stonington Grange grounds

The Cameron-Barnes team will install our officers on September 13 at North Stonington Grange Hall. Master-elect Debbie Barnes asks that ladies wear regular dresses and gentlemen wear suits for the occasion.

Our popular Antiques Festival returns on Saturday, September 20. It will be held from 10:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the North Stonington Grange grounds. There will be a \$2.00 parking fee. Rick Spencer, who plays guitar, banjo and concertina and sings songs from by-gone days, will provide entertainment. At this writing there are plans for demonstrations of caning, quilting, braiding, hooking, basket making, tole, spinning and carding. Some of the demonstrators will have products for sale, and there should be antiques for sale, also. Appraisers will be on hand, so bring an antique or two. The fee is very reasonable. There will also be someone there to evaluate antique buttons. The food booth will be open with food and drinks for hungry Patrons. Sounds like an exciting day. Hope to see you there.

Summer's 'bout over! Hey where did it go?

I'm sure it was spring just a moment ago.

I remember the days

Colchester Grange



Polly Leonard and Eva O'Connell tend to the Grange information booth at a recent Colchester community event.

when the time seemed to crawl.

Oh well! Guess we'd better get ready for fall.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Catherine Russi

Polly Leonard and Eva O'Connell tended to the Colchester Grange information table at a recent community event. The event was held at the Zagray Farm in Colchester and the goal was to promote healthy lifestyles and good nutrition.

The two ladies also had a few ducks with them and discussed the value of raising a variety of farm animals. They also discussed the goals and objectives of the Grange to encourage new membership.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Sept. 12: "Revelation"

Sept. 26: "Amazement"

Our 50th North Stonington Agricultural Fair was a great success with over 12,000 paid attendance. Thanks to all who contributed to its success. Our amazing sand sculpture is still standing, although the moon mysteriously "set" during the 4H Exposition.

Sue's programs this year look really exciting. On September 12 Bill Palmer, a "Wreck Diver" will tell us all about his experiences with U-384, the German U-Boat that was sunk off Long Island during WWII. On September 26 Greg Howard will give a demonstration of police dog training with his

dog, Fritz (Hmmm!).

On July 18 we were happy to welcome Jim Palmer into membership. Then we put him right to work in the food booth at the 4H Expo and he did a great job! Speaking of the Food Booth, we want to send a big thank you to all who helped- especially faithful Ellie and Bev, who spend all day in the heat and chaos of the booth all three days, and Flo who works on all aspects of the booth for weeks. And if those



Thank you for venturing to Keuka



My thanks to everyone. To those of you who ventured to Keuka College for Lecturers' Conference my sincere thanks. We only had 15 from Connecticut in attendance but this was good considering the distance. We ended up with a little under

pesky thunderstorms that seem to turn into tornadoes will just stay away from Connecticut, next time I'll tell you all about awesome August.

LYME GRANGE #147

Oct. 2: We were discovered

Nov. 6: How plentiful was your harvest? Ag Comm. In charge of the program.

Dec. 4: Christmas memories. Potluck supper at 6:30.

Dec. 6: Our turn to donate

to the auction at East Central Pomona at Good Will Grange Hall.

A pleasant evening, weather-wise, was enjoyed by the members of Lyme Grange. Our potluck picnic was amply supplied with much too much food for the 16 people present.

A quiet time here in Lyme. Our hall was emptied due to the fair folks taking over and filling it with exhibits. A busy weekend. We are still hoping for nice cool weather.

NLC Picnic

New London County Pomona went to Bluff Point its annual picnic. John and Mike were in charge of cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. The day was perfect with a occasional breeze from the water. There was lots of good food and we played a couple of games of bingo.

700 miles on our car for the trip and I know you all had similar numbers. You also made our program great. Everyone did a wonderful job and Connecticut can be proud of you.

I also want to sincerely thank all who donated toward the gift I was given. I have always said Connecticut is the best State. Thank you. Thank you!

Looking ahead to next year, the conference will be held in Maine. It is the 100th Conference. Our program will be entitled "100 Years of Education". Please start looking for ideas and suggestions. The

time always goes by so quickly.

As for this year, deadlines are fast approaching. Your complete program, Should Auld Acquaintance Report and Essay entitled "What I Like About My Grange" are all due October 1st. Honor Lecturer Reports will come with the September - October Newsletter. This is also due October 1st.

Enjoy the days of Autumn. They always seem so short but are so pleasant. It is a colorful season. Why not start taking pictures for next years' photo contest now.



Citrus Chiffon Cake & Glaze

Ingredients:
7 egg whites - at room temp.
1/2 teaspoon Cream of Tartar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cup sugar - divided
2-1/4 cups King Arthur Cake Flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons orange zest
1 teaspoon lemon zest
5 egg yolks
Preheat oven to 325 degrees

In large mixing bowl, with mixer at high speed, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt

until soft peaks form. Beating at high speed, gradually sprinkle in 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating well after each addition until sugar is completely dissolved and whites stand in stiff peaks.

In another large bowl, sift cake flour, 1 cup sugar and baking powder. Add in vegetable oil, orange juice, lemon juice, orange zest, lemon zest and egg yolks. Beat until well blended and smooth, occasionally scraping bowl with rubber spatula.

With rubber spatula or wire

whisk, gently fold egg yolk mixture into beaten whites. Pour batter into ungreased 9.5 or 10 inch angel food tube pan. Bake cake 1 hour or until golden and top of cake springs back when touched with fingers. Invert cake in pan on funnel; cool completely in pan.

Carefully loosen cake from tube pan. Place on aluminum foil covered cardboard.

Citrus Glaze:
1 cup confectioner's sugar
5 teaspoons orange juice
1 teaspoon orange zest
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients for Citrus Glaze in small mixing bowl, whisk until blended and smooth. Spread glaze on top of cake, letting some glaze run down side of cake.

Note: This is the 2014 Association of Connecticut Fairs Adult Baking Contest recipe. Complete rules for entering this cake in the contest, along with a complete list of the remaining fairs yet to be held are available at CTagFairs.org.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 121
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- ✓ Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

It's back to work as we start another year. Our program for September 12 is entitled "Silly September." With all the grief in the world we all need some silly time. Don't know what Lecturer Cindy Legg has planned. Following the meeting Gloria Meholik will serve refreshments. She always has something good.

On Saturday, September 6 we will have our second "Open Mike" afternoon. Overseer Ron Fischer has been busy putting this together. Starting time is 2:00. Admission is free and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music. We will have a refreshment stand.

If you are musically inclined come and entertain us.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Sept. 22: Next Meeting

Our sympathies go to Cindy Finch and her family on the death of Ernie on Aug. 1.

We are working on our exhibit for the Bethlehem Fair.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange continues to be very busy throughout the summer making tray favors for the Senior Center and the patients at the Paragon Health Center. Our latest is a patriotic theme with Bald Eagles and Uncle Sam all made from recyclable items. Items have also been made and

given to the Meals on Wheels program to be delivered with the meals once a month.

We are happy to have Marilyn Maxwell home from California for a visit. She has been busy working with the veterans in California, helping them get their benefits.

Our lecturer elect attended the North East Lecturer's Conference and hopefully will be back some great program ideas. She and her daughter also attended the North East Youth Conference in New Hampshire.

We personally presented two new residents with fruit baskets and a Welcome Letter from Prospect Grange along with literature about the grange. This is our newest method of looking for new members.

WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Josh Mears

Wolcott Grange held its first fundraiser concert by the Sound and Stage Committee members Josh Mears, Paul Forte and Al Ouimet. The band was the local group the "Blues Warriors" who will become Wolcott's new "House Band."

The turn out for the event was very good and plans for holding more concerts in the future include an open mic night, coffee house nights when the kitchen is done. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send to Wolcott Grange, c/o Josh Mears, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott 06716.

Bridgewater Grange No. 153



Bridgewater Grange #153 set up an informational booth during the three days of the Bridgewater Fair in August. In addition to information on Grange membership, the booth offered free raffles for pairs of tickets to four different top country acts. This first effort for Bridgewater Grange resulted in several applications for membership and a large mailing list of people to send invitations to their Open House in October.

Killingly gets "canned"



It's a full house at the Basics of Home Canning Class at the Killingly Grange. Special thanks to Diane Hirsch Extension Educator. KCG would also like to thank the Ag Commission and the Town of Killingly for their on going support.

Wolcott Concert



Wolcott Grange held its first fundraising concert with the group "Blues Warriors" performing. The concert was the first in what is hoped will be a long series of coffee house and open mic nights at the Grange.

Granger Shout Out



To Al "Skip" Maddox, Master of Bethlehem Grange #121, for hosting the annual Excelsior Pomona picnic. There were 34 in attendance with every subordinate in Excelsior Pomona represented as well as members from Mountain County and Fairfield County Pomona. Everyone had a great time.



To Michele Clark for her enthusiasm in locating the musical entertainment & the ice cream vendor for this year's Fair, plus manning the admission ticket sales!

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Granger@CTStateGrange.org

They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.



By Hank the Burro

Greetings Grange Friends!

Vacation time! I've been taking it easy this July - but still made a couple of appearances.

In early July my host family took me on their vacation to Pennsylvania. I got to meet extended family, ate Smorgasbord for the first time, and even got to visit historic Gettysburg.

I was at the North East Youth conference in mid-July that was held in New Hampshire. I got to see all my Grange friends, and some herd members also. I had some time to visit with my Hillstown Junior Grange friends - I love these girls; they take good care of me. I got to see Connecticut's Drill Team perform. They did a wonderful job and placed third!

On July 20th, I attended a special meeting at Oxford Grange where they initiated 11 new members! What an awesome day! All are very energetic to start new projects and lead to the future.

As of this writing, I am only 18 Likes away from my 300th friend on Facebook. My 300th friend will receive an autographed photo of me! Won't you share my page with your friends and help me reach my next goal? Please take a moment and visit my Facebook Page at www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro. While you're there, be sure to click the "Like" button so that you can follow all of my adventures.

If you have a special event, please send me an invitation through my e-mail HanktheBurro@ctstategrange.org with the details, and hopefully I can attend!



Junior Grange

an 8.5" x 11" paper - tell us about your favorite Junior Grange activity

2. T-Shirt - Decorate a plain white t-shirt using the 2014 theme - item must be wearable

3. Flower Arrangement - make a flower arrangement in an unusual container - flowers should be silk, paper, cloth, dried or plastic - Arrangement should be no more than 18" tall and 12" wide.

4. Photography - 5 categories as indicated below - each contestant can have one entry per category - all pictures must be 5x7 or 8x10 in size.

- 5a - Zany Pets
- 5b - Junior Grangers in Celebration
- 5c - Favorite sport
- 5d - Season of the year
- 5e - Junior Granger doing an act of kindness

Entries should be in place in the Junior Room at State Session by 12:00 noon on Friday, Oct 17th - for more details refer to the Blue Book.

We are also planning a fun activity for Juniors for Saturday morning of State Session - details to follow.

Celebrate being a Junior Granger!

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis
We have had a busy summer! Hillstown JGs had fun at the end of June with a fun meeting where we tie dyed t-shirts and had water balloon contests! then after

a pizza dinner - we held our annual inspection with Brother Carl B.

We are proud to have sent 6 Junior Grangers to the annual Northeast Regional Youth conference in Nashua NH. The Grangers had a blast meeting Juniors and Youth from all of New England and New York. Here is some comments they had on the overall conference:

- "I had a lot of fun and met a lot of others who are also in the Grange. We did many activities that helped us understand the Grange."

- "I learned about our Grange Heritage and about different people's backgrounds and differences"

- "I learned that by working together we can put a Grange Day event together - working with other Granges - and by having a plan"

- "It was great meeting new people - and our rooms were good!"

They also learned how to say "Yes" in the Land of No's. Why people may be resistant to change. And how if you prepare accordingly, you can get even the "No Way Joses" to say yes!

We are excited for our very own Anna Greenwald who has been busy filming this summer for a movie based on Wally Lamb's book Wishing and Hoping. She is playing a catholic school girl.

We thank all those that continue to support the Hillstown Junior Grange!! THANKS!!



282 "Like" me already...



Mason Gray and Carly Sebastian were such great sports when they became human mummies (wrapped in toilet paper by Adam Griffiths and Jaimie Cameron) at a recent meeting of Ekonk Comm. Grange.

Welcome New Members

- Louise Nadeau
- James Palmer
- Hillstown Grange #87
- North Stonington Comm. Grange #138

We welcome all of these new members and congratulate the Granges for helping to Grow the Grange. There has to be many more new members statewide! Let us know who they are. Send in the names of your new members as they come into your Grange.

BACK TO SCHOOL

SALE



National Grange has partnered with Office Depot to bring you a FREE national discount program. Find amazing deals online and in-store for your back to school and office needs. For more information and a free member card, visit NationalGrange.org for more information!

Camp Berger Final 2014 Session



Granby makes vegetable donations



22lbs of vegetables were donated to area food pantries with the first picking or harvesting 2 weeks ago, and yesterday (August 14th) 42 pounds of zucchini, yellow squash and cucumbers donated. Way to go.



Prospect Grange

150 Patriotic favors were delivered by Prospect Grange to the local convalescent home for their Veterans Program.

In Memoriam

- Charles H. Holbrook, G.S. Wolf Den Grange #61
- Irene Brown, G.S. Coventry Grange #75
- Rita Shaefer, G.S. Hillstown Grange #87
- Ernest Finch, G.S. Bethlehem Grange #121
- Rujo Moore, G.S. Riverton Grange #169

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

Chaplain's Message



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

chaplain@ctstategrange.org



But the Lord says,

“Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago.

Watch for the new thing I am going to do.

It is happening already -- you can see it now!

Isaiah 43: 18-19a (GNB)

As we begin our new Grange year, this September, let us strive to make it an even better one than last year. Let us continue to work in our communities through our many community service projects, feeding the hungry, helping those who are in need and remembering our numerous volunteers within our towns. Have a great Grange year in whatever you strive to do.

Bless the work of our hands, Lord, that it may always bring glory to You.

Jeffrey Japinga

Granby Grange presents CT Local Agricultural Fair

Friday, Sept. 5 & Sat. Sept. 6

Friday's Events:

- Chicken Barbecue
- Live Entertainment - Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers, 5:30 PM

Saturday's Events:

- Fair
- Chili Contest Lunch
- Live Entertainment - The Just Cuz Band, 5:30 PM

Granby Grange No. 5
212 N. Granby Rd., N. Granby 06035
2 miles out of Granby Center on Rte. 189