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The season of Preparation, Culture and Harvest have passed. It is in the Home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm. In a few weeks we will be in the midst of the 132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange in Norwich. We will meet up with old friends and meet new acquaintances for future friendships. Many resolutions will be debated and compromises will result in approval or rejection by all. This is the most important feature of the State Session is good debate and results in an agreed ending. So please let us all allow for an open mind for the opposition. And we will have a great State Session. This year will be the election of officers so please be prepared as delegates to keep the balloting running smoothly.

This past year many new programs have come from the State Grange, Grants for a new Community Service Project, American Senior Benefits, a new Grange Store, new certificates, assistance for membership drives from the State Membership Committee. These new programs have shown gains in membership by Granges that have utilized these benefits.

We are expanding our affiliation with American Senior Benefits by offering cash bonuses for Granges having a community-wide meeting that gets three people to make contact with AMB following the meeting. The bonus will be \$50. Granges who have a Grange-wide meeting with the same number of contacts to ASB will receive \$25. Here's a chance to open up your

halls in an attempt to get new members and provide a benefit for all. Another Medicare open-enrollment is from October to December.

This year we are reviewing a program for Grange Secretaries and Treasurers, as to their duties in these offices. This is in rough format and has to be approved by the Board of Directors. But I feel this is important information because there are many new Secretaries and Treasurers that have no mentors to guide them or some misinformation is given to them. So please participate in this program when released.

Many fairs are ongoing in our local Granges, let us all get out and visit these functions and support our neighbors. Also there are some Granges that are struggling with membership, just remember Affiliate Membership can help the survival of a Community Grange. If you can assist, please consider helping a neighboring Grange by affiliating with them. Your help can help them in gaining new members.

It is sad to say goodbye to Quinebaug Pomona No. 2. September 30, 2016 is their last day. I hope that their members will attend those Pomona Granges that they have been assigned to. They are waiting to welcome you into their groups, so please give them a chance.

As your State Master I wish to thank all the officers, Deputies, and Committee members of the Connecticut State Grange for the assistance you have given me and Marcia over the past two years. Many good things have come out of these past two years and many things need to be changed or improved. But with us all working together we can improve the image of the Grange in the State of Connecticut. Our past history shows that we have had many ups and downs, yet we have always overcome any problem that has been put before us and I feel that we can do it again. So let us roll up our sleeves and work together to move us forward in the next year.

National Representatives Joe & Tammy Fryman

The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Joe and Tammy Fryman as our National Representatives to the 132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, October 20-22.

Joe Fryman was born, raised, educated, and presently lives near Blair, Nebraska. Growing up on their family farm his family raised corn, soybeans, oats, alfalfa, and hogs, and milked Jersey cows for many years. Joe graduated from Dana College in Blair in 1970 with a degree in accounting and economics. He was a member of the Army Reserve for six years where he was trained as a radio repairperson and as a drill sergeant. Joe served on the Washington County ASCS County Committee for nine years, chairperson for several of those years. He served on the Blair Community School Board for twenty years, President for five years. Joe was Treasurer of the Blair Area Community Foundation for two years.

Joe married Tammy Christensen in 1971. They have two daughters, Erin Ring and Laura Jackson, and one son Matthew along with three granddaughters and two grandsons. They presently raise corn and soybeans on their farm, which has been in their family for nearly 140 years. A prenuptial agreement eliminated the dairy portion of the farming operation. Joe was also an income tax preparer for thirty years. The Frymans are members of First Lutheran Church in Blair where Joe served six years on the church council and as Congregational president. Joe and Tammy joined Riverview Grange in 1974 where he has held various offices. Joe was Nebraska State Grange President/Master from 2004 - 2012, National Grange Treasurer 2007 - 2009, and National Grange Board of Directors 2009 - present. He enjoys restoring old tractors and cars, crossword puzzles, reading farm magazines and traveling. Trips to China, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Europe have been highlights of Joe's traveling experiences.

Tammy Fryman was raised on a farm south of Blair, NE. with her parents and four brothers. She moved to a farm



Joe & Tammy Fryman of Nebraska

north of Blair when she married Joe. They raised their three children there. Their daughter Erin is a histologist Omaha, Nebraska, married to Chad Ring. They have a son Will who will be one in December. Their daughter Laura is a middle school vice principal in Blair, NE., married to Michael Jackson. They have two daughters Hailey 7, Lanea 5 and a son Tage born in May. Their son Matt is a sales manager in Omaha, Nebraska and is married to Beth. They have a daughter Nora who was one in April.

Tammy quit her job on the Cargill site in Blair to care for grandchildren which seems to be a full time job. Tammy has been active in their church, subordinate Grange, and State Grange. Tammy served as National Grange Flora from 2005 through 2007. She enjoys family get togethers, gardening, travel, decorating and refinishing furniture. Tammy feels blessed beyond measure to have been raised on a farm, raise her children on a farm and to be married to a very special farmer.

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150th Session of The National Grange

November 15-19, 2016

Hilton Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia



150TH ANNIVERSARY



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Resolutions to be considered at the 2016 State Session

PLEASE NOTE: Resolutions #1-11 were printed in the September issue. Due to space limitations, we are only able to print resolutions received since the last issue (#12-21). The complete list of Committee Assignments and Resolution Assignments to Committees are also printed in this issue for your reference. Granges who have not yet submitted their adopted resolutions to the Central Office should contact the State Secretary as soon as possible. Resolutions will be accepted until the date the Session Book goes to print (not an exact date). If the book has gone to print, you will be told how many copies of the resolution should be provided for insertion into the Delegate Packets.

2016-12) RE: HOUSING OF POULTRY

WHEREAS there has been and continues to be much discussion and criticism concerning the housing of poultry in flocks of all sizes, and

WHEREAS one of the major criticisms is the limited space allowed per bird in most large scale poultry operations, particularly birds housed in battery cages, and

WHEREAS many people who are not active in farming believe the best housing for poultry is to allow them free range, and

WHEREAS there are enough wild predators of poultry in Connecticut including, but not limited to hawks and coyotes that frequently catch and kill all species of domestic poultry, and

WHEREAS this results in a direct economic loss to the farmer, and

WHEREAS one of the basic principles of the Grange is the proper care and protection of all farm livestock, and

WHEREAS there does not appear to be any one simple answer to all of the problems concerning the housing of poultry, and

WHEREAS suggestions have been made by the general public that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture should investigate these matters in an effort to determine what should be the minimum standards for the housing of poultry, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut Department of Agriculture does not have sufficient staff nor funds to hire outside consultants to investigate these problems, and

WHEREAS the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources has staff devoted to research agricultural issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources to research what would be the most humane way to house all species of poultry in a manner that would allow the farmer to make a fair profit for his investment and labor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to appropriate sufficient funding to the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources to complete the research on what would be the most humane way to house all species of poultry in a manner that would allow the farmer to make a fair profit for his investment and labor.

SOURCE: Glastonbury Grange #26; East Central Pomona #3
REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation

2016-13) RE: DOG LICENSING AND RABIES

WHEREAS rabies is a very serious disease, and

WHEREAS it is currently mandatory that dogs have current rabies vaccinations in order to be licensed annually, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut General Assembly, in a move to save money is currently considering Bill Number 5178, which would change the annual licensing to a three-year license program, and

WHEREAS animal and human health could be compromised due to lack of proper monitoring of the dates of rabies vaccinations and currently unlicensed, unleashed dogs expose licensed animals to possible rabies, where they have to be quarantined.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange go on record as favoring continuation of mandatory yearly licensing of all dogs so that proper monitoring of rabies protection can be maintained, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that letters be sent to our Representatives and Senators to vote against Bill 5178 due to the possible serious health consequences.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona #2
REFERRED: Good of the Order/ Membership

2016-14) RE: MANDATORY GMO LABELING

- Clear and transparent labeling and the right of the American public to know what is in their food

WHEREAS the best approach would be a clear and easily identifiable label, and

WHEREAS avoiding hidden labeling which limits the public's understanding and right to know, and

WHEREAS the proposed federal government bill allows companies to hide the labeling in a bar code, and

WHEREAS we support open and clear labeling as in the Vermont law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to provide clear and understandable labeling so all consumers may make an informed choice with all food products and not allow back door labeling that the general public has no ability to see. This is not a pro or anti GMO statement, this is purely about labeling allowing the public to make an informed personal choice.

SOURCE: Norfield Grange #146
REFERRED: Credentials/ Master's Address

2016-15) RE: ROBOCALLS

WHEREAS many of us are inundated with telephone calls which are not only unsolicited but also tend to have been sent by a computer with only a recorded message on the line, and

WHEREAS many of these calls are scams or otherwise fraudulent in nature, and

WHEREAS technology exists that can stop these robocalls (while allowing legitimate robocalls such as school closings and prescription reminders to come through), and

WHEREAS telephone companies have made no effort to let their customers know that such technology exists or to let

them know they may install such technology.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, through its Legislative Committee, petition the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation requiring that telephone companies operating in Connecticut either install and use technology to stop these robocalls or assist their customers in acquiring and installing such technology, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange urge its constituent members to contact their elected representatives, asking for such legislation to be passed.

SOURCE: Cheshire Grange #23; New Haven County Pomona #5
REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

2016-16) RE: DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

WHEREAS the deadline for submitting Community Service Reports each year is September 1st, and

WHEREAS this report includes all activities of Subordinate Granges through August 31st, and

WHEREAS if a Grange holds major activities, such as a fair, in the latter part of August it becomes almost impossible to properly summarize all the community service aspects of such an event in time to have them included in the report due September 1st, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at least two weeks be allowed between the end point of activities to be included in the Community Service Report and the actual deadline for the report itself.

SOURCE: Cheshire Grange #23; New Haven County Pomona #5
REFERRED: Credentials/ Master's Address

2016-17) RE: SUBORDINATE OFFICERS

WHEREAS the State Grange has issued a directive that a member of the Subordinate Grange cannot hold two offices with the exception of members of the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS the numbers of members at Grange meetings has decreased and it is not possible to fill each office, and

WHEREAS some members are capable and willing to be appointed to two offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange amend the directive and allow a member to hold two offices in the Subordinate Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this change be part of the Standing Rules of the Connecticut State Grange.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange #92; Fairfield County Pomona #9
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

2016-18) RE: COUPONS ISSUED BY WHOLESALE STORES

WHEREAS some of the wholesale stores, such as BJ's, issue coupon books, and

WHEREAS these coupons allow a savings on the article shown, and

WHEREAS some of these stores, such as BJ's, have no "Rain Check" policy when the article is not available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public relations committee of the State Grange send a letter to BJ's listing these grievances to our members and the general public.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange #92; Fairfield County Pomona #9
REFERRED: Good of the Order/ Membership

2016-19) RE: TRANSFER OF COLLEGE CREDITS

WHEREAS the 4 State Universities and 12 Community Colleges are now under one State Board of Regents, and

WHEREAS some of the Community Colleges have been in existence for more than 50 years providing excellent educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS the most cost effective way to receive a college degree is to receive an Associate Degree from a Community College, and

WHEREAS transferring credits to a State University has been a problem from the beginning, and

WHEREAS many non-state universities accept the credits from Connecticut Community Colleges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge the State Board of Regents to establish a working group to establish a program that requires any Connecticut State University to accept all the credits for a student who receives an Associate Degree from a Connecticut Community College in an accredited course.

SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169; Mountain County Pomona #4
REFERRED: Legislative/ Insurance

2016-20) RE: CT STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has provided scholarships for decades to aid students as they pursue educational goals, and

WHEREAS the cost of an education in this state and nation continues to rise creating tremendous debt loads for most students, and

WHEREAS the White House has stated the average debt load of a 2015 college graduate was \$35,000, and

WHEREAS the total amount of outstanding student loan debt in the U.S. is \$1.2 trillion, second only to mortgages in consumer debt, and

WHEREAS it has been the policy of the Connecticut State Grange to not offer scholarships to first semester freshmen, and

WHEREAS freshmen need every opportunity to succeed with as little debt as possible, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange Scholarship amount awarded to qualified students has been a constant \$2,000 regardless of the amount of income generated by the Scholarship Fund investments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Scholarship Committee determine its awards based on the money available in a given year and not be limited to a pre-determined \$2,000 award. This would give them the ability to award smaller scholarships when there's a greater number of qualified applicants or they may be able to award higher amounts to larger or smaller groups of recipients, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that students entering their first semesters of college be able to apply and receive scholarships from the Connecticut State Grange by using the same process and providing a high school (or equivalent) transcript.

SOURCE: Mt. County Pomona #4
REFERRED: Const. & By-Laws

2016-21) RE: THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

WHEREAS the National Anthem is the official anthem of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS divas and professional singers have decided to take creative license with the anthem at various public venues as though it is just another song, and

WHEREAS these performers tend to lose the significance of the anthem when not done properly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange lobby Congress to pass a law requiring the National Anthem be performed to the melody and cadence in which it was originally composed.

SOURCE: Beacon Valley Grange #103
REFERRED: Good of the Order

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Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

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

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| Granby #5 | Hillstown #87 |
| Manchester #31 | Litchfield #107 |
| Cawasa #34 | Taghannuck #100 |
| Whigville #48 | Lyme #147 |
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Chair: New London County Pomona #6
Vice Chair: Jody Cameron

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| Stafford #1 | Beacon Valley #103 |
| Wallingford #33 | Killingly #112 |
| Ekonk Community #89 | Hemlock #182 |
| Senexet #40 | Simsbury #197 |
| Groton Community #213 | Hillstown Jr. #87 |

Constitution and By-Laws

Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5
Vice Chair: Phil Prelli

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| Redding #15 | Cannon #152 |
| Glastonbury #26 | Bethlehem #121 |
| Southington #25 | Stonington #168 |
| Meriden #29 | Riverton #169 |
| Winchester #74 | Echo #180 |

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Chair: Excelsior Pomona #7

Vice Chair: Fairfield County Pomona #9

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| Wolf Den #61 | Greenfield Hill #133 |
| Coventry #75 | Prospect #144 |
| Ashford #90 | Norfield #146 |
| Preston City #110 | Norwich #172 |
| Higganum #124 | Wolcott #173 |

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: Mountain County #4

Vice Chair: Alma Graham, Legislative Director

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| Cheshire #23 | Beacon #118 |
| Vernon #52 | N. Stonington Comm. #138 |
| Eureka #62 | Enfield #151 |
| Harmony #92 | Bridgewater #153 |
| Ekonk Community Jr. #101 | |

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point BUT we always end up expanding our block as Session comes closer. This hotel is the closest to Mohegan Sun, so additional rooms may be difficult to find as Oct. 20-22 draws near. Those who require handicap accessible rooms or have other special needs should also reserve their rooms as soon as possible. As always, remember to mention the Connecticut State Grange when making your reservation to receive the group rate.

Resolution Assignments by Committee

Constitution & By-Laws

- 1) Future of Pomona Grange in Connecticut
- 9) Pomona Jurisdiction
- 17) *Subordinate Officers*
- 20) *Connecticut State Grange Scholarships*

Agriculture/Conservation

- 2) Ecology
- 12) *Housing of Poultry*

Good of the Order/Membership

- 3) Using Correct English
- 4) Witchcraft Hangings
- 11) Solar Heating Panels
- 13) *Dog Licensing and Rabies*
- 18) *Coupons Issued by Wholesale Stores*
- 21) *The National Anthem*

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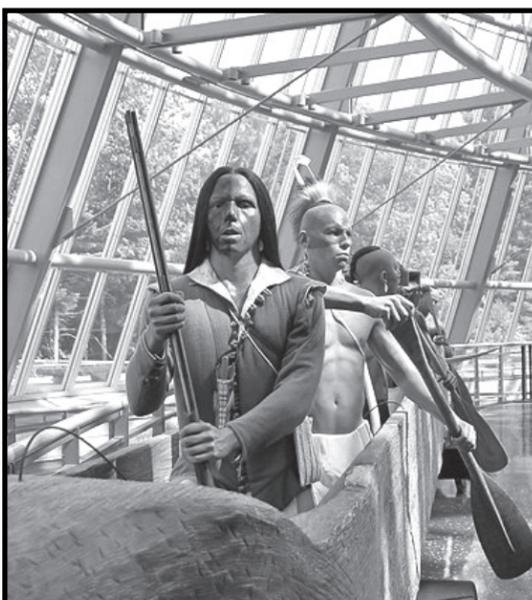
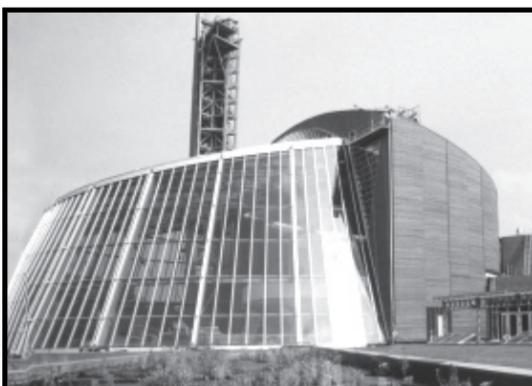
- 5) Treaties & Trade Agreements that May Override National Sovereignty
- 7) Full Disclosure on Campaign Financing
- 8) Deputy Commissioners
- 10) Cigarette Smoking in Vehicles
- 15) *Robocalls*
- 19) *Transfer of College Credits*

Credentials/Master's Address

- 6) Access to Sleeping Rooms & Public Rooms in Hotels and Similar Places of Public Accommodation
- 14) *Mandatory GMO Labeling*
- 16) *Deadline for Community Service Reports*

Resolutions in italics are printed in their entirety in this issue (Resolutions 12-21). Resolutions 1-11 were printed in the September issue and cannot be re-printed this month due to space limitations.

Junior Tour of Mashantucket Tribal Museum planned for State Session



The CSG Junior Committee is planning a trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Museum on Saturday, Oct. 22 during State Session. Tribally owned-and-operated since it opened on Aug. 11, 1998, the Museum brings to life the story of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. It serves as a major resource on the histories and cultures of Native Americans in the northeast and of the region's rich natural history.

The Museum is a 308,000-square-foot complex, consisting of permanent exhibits, the Mashantucket Gallery, classrooms, a 320-seat auditorium, a restaurant, a museum shop and administrative offices. The Research Center houses collections, a library, a children's library, archives, and archaeology and conservation laboratories.

Multi-sensory dioramas and exhibits introduce visitors to the history of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the natural and cultural history of the eastern woodlands. Films and videos, interactive programs, archival materials, ethnographic and archaeological collections, commissioned art, and traditional crafts by Native artisans are featured in the exhibits.

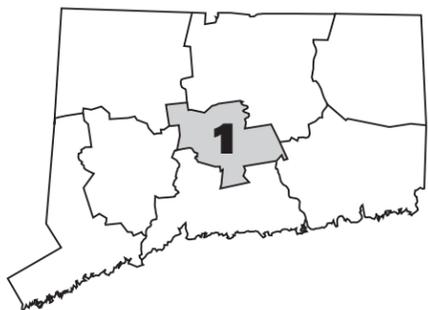
Contact Michelle DeDominicis (860) 558-4688 if interested in tour (leave message) Or meet at Registration Table on Saturday 10/22 at 8:15. The tour will depart the hotel at 8:30 A.M. and return by Noon in time for the Luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

Snacks Anyone?



Donations of snacks are needed for the Hospitality Room at State Session. If you would like to donate, please bring them along with you to Session. Sister Irene Percoski, Family Activities Director, is coordinating the room. The committee will provide the coffee and beverages. If you have questions, please contact Irene at 860-749-0463.

Central Pomona No. 1



- Central #1
- Southington #25
- Meriden #29
- Higganum #124
- Hemlock #182



CENTRAL POMONA #1
Corr: Robert Charbonneau
Oct. 13: Meeting at Southington Grange Hall. The literary program is entitled, "Culinary and Medicinal Uses of Herbs" by Martha Trask and Michael Relyea.
Dec. 8: Meeting at Hemlock Grange Hall with Potluck Supper at 6 P.M. The

program is "History of and Make Your Own Wreath."
MERIDEN GRANGE #29
Corr: Robert Charbonneau
Oct. 14: Regular meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Program is "Harvest Time"
Oct. 28: Regular meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Program is "It's Pumpkin Time"
 We had a successful

Meriden Grange Fair on Sept. 10. Our entertainment in the afternoon was put on by our President, Bob Charbonneau who put on a live radio program. Our longtime member, Phyllis Maynes was also given a "Special Service Award" for her many years as a volunteer at Meriden Grange Fair.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
Oct. 14: What floats your boat?
Oct. 28: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled
 Meetings start at 7:30 P.M. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

ELECTIONS CENTERSTAGE



Alma Graham
 Legislative Director
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The primary legislative focus nationwide for the next few weeks will be the elections which will occur on November 8th. We are experiencing a very unusual Presidential election season this time with two very unusual candidates. We have our first ever woman candidate breaking through the glass ceiling of a male dominated position. We

also have a non-political businessman candidate breaking into the political empire. This combination of candidates has given us a unique presidential campaign season introducing behavior and issues unheard of in prior elections. At least it is not dull.

We must also remember that all of our state General Assembly members will be up for election this November as well as all our national congressmen and one senator (Sen. Richard Blumenthal). Now is the time to meet your candidate for your house or senate district. Invite them in to have a meet the candidate night and invite your community to this event. Ask the candidates about local issues that you are concerned about and ask about their concerns and plans.

Remember that the Grange is non-partisan so we can not endorse any candidate or show favoritism for one, even if they are a Grange member.

If you have any questions on voting, the Connecticut Secretary of the State web page has a lot of information that may help. <http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp> For a listing of who is running in your area check out BallotPedia - https://ballotpedia.org/Connecticut_elections_2016. There is a "Whats on Your Ballot" section near the top of the page where you can enter in your address and find information pertaining to your home address.

Remember to vote on November 8th, even if you are not comfortable with any of the major candidates, as there are rumors around that many are. The other national and state legislative positions are also extremely important in the running of this country and your state. Your vote will always be important.

If you are going to be out of town or unable to get to the polling places on November 8th, apply for an absentee ballot. They may be picked up at your local town hall or downloaded from the Secretary of the States web site - <http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/electforms/electforms/aabeng.pdf>. Remember that they must be received in the mail or returned in person to your municipal clerk by the close of polls on the day of the election or they will not be counted.



132nd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. All members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the previous year and start a new Grange year inspired and energized.

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The 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 Saturday also includes admission to that days' buffet luncheon. The Celebration Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions. Make additional copies of this form, if necessary.

REGISTRATION

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<small>if Delegate</small>	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

Adult Registration - \$30.00	# of Members _____	x \$30.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$20.00	# of Members _____	x \$20.00 = _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (Saturday Evening at 7:00 P.M.)

of People _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- 1) Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish Aoli
- 2) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 3) Roasted Atlantic Salmon and Shallot Jus
- 4) Vegetarian Lasagna

All entrees include Freshly Tossed Caesar Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

THURSDAY, OCT. 20 & FRIDAY, OCT. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 = _____
Junior Registration - \$10.00	# of Jr. Members _____	x \$10.00 = _____

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00	# of Members _____	x \$15.00 = _____
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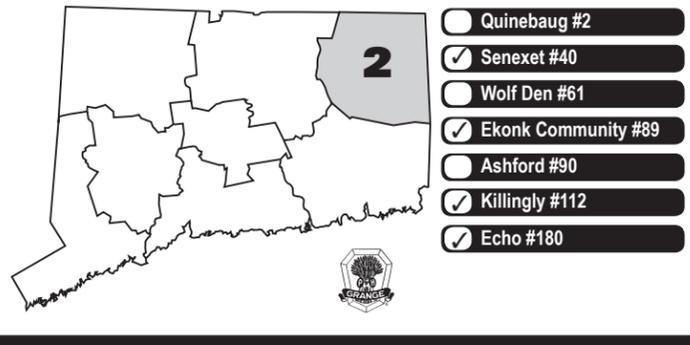
Questions: Please call the Central Office at 860-633-7550 or the State Secretary's Cell 860-307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201 (mention the Connecticut State Grange to receive our group rate)

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



NOTE: Quinebaug Pomona had not yet closed as of this printing. Granges in this Pomona will appear in the next issue as part of their new Pomonas.

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Oct. 19: Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

We had a successful food booth at the Woodstock Fair. Lots of customers and beautiful weather. We also had a really nice display for the Grange exhibit area. Thanks to all who set it up. We will be serving lunch during the Celebrating Ag here in Woodstock on Sept. 24. Another great event to showcase agriculture in our area. After the first of October we will be joining New London County Pomona. We will be having our annual Grange fair on Sept. 17 from 9-noon. This is always very popular and many Grange members as well as friends exhibit their produce and needlework.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

The Sterling Community Calendars for 2017 are now at the printer and should be available in November. This is the 15th consecutive year that our Grange has supplied Sterling, CT families with this valuable resource. Our Grange booth at Brooklyn Fair was successful, thanks to Jodi Ann Cameron for heading this event. 20 of our members volunteered at Washington County Fair, Richmond, RI.

We played a very active role in Sterling Family Day in mid September as well as hosting a "Meet the Candidates Night" at our hall, with the four Democrat and Republican candidates present running for State Senatorial and Representative positions. Many questions of vital interest to our area were asked and answers received.

October 8th we will serve an all you can eat roast beef supper, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our handicapped

accessible hall is located at 723 Ekonk Hill Road on the town line of Sterling and Voluntown. November 19th we will serve our annual all you can eat Turkey Supper.

This traditional Thanksgiving meal is a tradition and well worth the ride to enjoy! Verna Cole is already accepting reservations for \$10.00 table spaces at our annual Christmas Bazaar-- December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. As usual, great food will be available in the Grange kitchen throughout the day. Verna will take table reservations at 860-564-2388.

Our cancelled/stamped envelopes have become a real hit with philatelists across the United States; the farthest to date was mailed to Seattle, Washington. Oneco Postmaster, Maurice Bessette, set up the one day recreated Ekonk Post Office, arranged for an Ekonk cancellation stamp from the United States Postal Service and many came and took advantage of this unique opportunity. Maurice further sent flyers about our cancellation stamp to Post Offices and collectors around the United States--a real success story for Ekonk thanks to Maurice!

Maurice will set the Ekonk Post Office up again at our Christmas Bazaar. Folks are encouraged to bring their Christmas cards and get them cancelled from Ekonk Post Office! Questions on any Grange event call 860-564-2131.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: John Bennett

Mark your calendars! The 3rd Annual BIG-little Apple Festival will take place on Saturday October 8th, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm (rain or shine) at the Killingly

Grange #112 in Dayville. A Walktober 2016 event, the festival will once again feature live entertainment- The Frost Brothers- who will inspire and enliven us with their performance of early rock, folk and classic country tunes by the likes of musical icons Johnny Cash and Van Morrison.

An outgrowth of other annual events at the Killingly Grange, the festival represents something truly fresh and unique when it comes to enjoying the October splendor of The Last Green Valley. Our theme is the celebration of everything that comprises Autumn and the apple harvest. The festival has a season of its very own.

An Apple Pancake Breakfast will be served all day. The tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 in advance, if purchased from Grange members, or \$6.00 at the door- children 12 or younger are \$4.00. (The purchase of a breakfast ticket gives each patron a chance of taking home a door prize. There will also be an extensive basket raffle. The drawing for the raffle and door prizes will begin promptly at 3:30 pm).

Other apple-based culinary delights include apple sauerkraut hot dogs, apple pies and fritters, apple cider donuts, and candy apples. And please don't walk on by our little farmers' market either! Cider; eating apples; pumpkins; chrysanthemums; apple jellies, butters and sauces; or pickles and relishes will all be available. Maple Leaf Farms of Canterbury will be back selling their delectable maple syrup and candy produced at their state of the art sugar house, which is a destination in itself.

The Salon de MacIntosh Art Show will include a display of paintings, prints and quilts. An antique cider press and kitchen utensil exhibit will give us all a glimpse of the practical aspects of Yankee ingenuity and hospitality in the country farmhouse of long ago; and you can peruse all the unique knitted items, soaps and primitive folk art offerings of artisans as you plan your upcoming holiday celebrations. Children may participate in some old-fashioned lawn games and

a donut eating contest.

All across New England, Autumn is a time of reflection on favorite family remembrances like pumpkin carving or smelling your grandmother's apple pie just as its coming out of the oven. Please join us, as we listen to some great toe-tapping music or watch re-enactor/craftsmen practice their trade. Come and visit our little jewel of a festival in Connecticut's Quiet Corner-just sit back and let someone else do the cooking! And if you enjoy yourself at the festival, be sure to come back and check out one of our blue grass concerts (the first one of the season will be held on Saturday, October 22nd).

For more information or to reserve apple pancake breakfast tickets, call John at 860-705-3643. The Killingly Grange is located

at the corner of Route 101 and Dog Hill Road (801 Hartford Pike) Dayville, Ct, ½ mile east of Zip's Diner. Admission is free.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Sept. 13: "Gathering"

Sept. 27: A New Year-Potluck Supper, 6:30 P.M.

I made a mistake in last month's Connecticut Granger. Alma Graham received her Golden Sheaf (50 year) certificate from State Executive Committee Member, Jeff Barnes. It was reported as her 25 Year Certificate. We are meeting twice a month now, the second and fourth Tuesdays.

We hope that the Connecticut State Grange has a successful convention at the Holiday Inn in Norwich.

Fair time at Ekonk



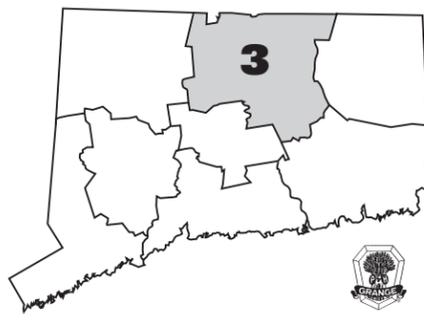
Russell Gray, member of Ekonk Community Grange #89, assists with his tractor as Ekonk members get ready for the 2016 Ekonk Community Grange Fair on August 13.

75 Years of Membership



Elsie Johnson of Wolf Den Grange No. 61 in Pomfret receives a certificate in recognition of her 75 continuous years of Grange membership at a meeting of that Grange on August 10.

East Central Pomona No. 3



- East Central #3
- Granby #5
- Glastonbury #26
- Manchester #31
- Vernon #52
- Coventry #75
- Hillstown #87
- Enfield #151
- Simsbury #197

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Oct. 1: Meeting 5:00; Potluck Dinner at 6:00, Degree at 7:00; Host is Hillstown

If you have members in need of the 5th Degree, bring them along for fellowship and a meal. We welcome Echo #180 and Ashford #90 to join us at our meetings. There is work and fun for all so please come out to see your new Pomona family. Happy Halloween!

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Noel Miller

Oct. 4: Hobbies/Treasures
Nov. 1: Entertainment Tidbits

On October 4 we will learn about our members' hobbies and treasures. Hopefully everyone will bring something to talk about. Our second meeting in October is canceled due to state session. Our November 1 meeting will be about Entertainment Tidbits presented by our Lecturer.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Oct. 6: Halloween, Ref. Ted Beebe

Working on getting awards for years of service and 50 year certificates. We

hope that members will join us at our meetings since we have lost some members that always attended. Come back and tell us your Grange experience and visit with us. Third Thursday meeting is omitted this month due to State Session.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Hillstown Grange is holding a Pancake Breakfast and Grandma's Attic Sale on Saturday October 1, 2016, doors open at 8:30 AM and the Grange will be cooking and selling until 11:00 AM.

Breakfast of Pancakes including sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$5, \$3 for kids 14. This month's special features Apple pancakes with special sauce.

Grandma's Attic and Jon's Book Sale will be held in the upstairs.

Come to browse, eat, or just visit the historic Hillstown Grange Hall. Free Admission.

Hillstown Grange is located at 617 Hills Street, East Hartford, CT. Located in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is one of the oldest Agricultural and Community Service groups

in the United States.

For more information on this event: Frank at 860-690-2945 or e-mail: hillstowngrange@aol.com.

For more information on Hillstown Grange, visit the Grange's website at www.HillstownGrange.org. More information on the Granges across Connecticut can be found at www.CTStateGrange.org.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Oct. 8: Roughing It
Nov. 12: Red, White & Blue

Installation of Officers went off with some confusion as we had to make a room change due to some renovations at the church. Hopefully all will be in order soon. The Enfield Farmer's Markets have been going slowly as the heat is taking its toll on customers and vendors alike, but we are determined to stay the course all the way through the end of October. Our new Grange banner shows up our booth very well and everyone likes it. A big thank you to everyone who

has helped in any way, especially with set-up and taking down.

Reminder to members to bring in your diaper donations along with whatever hats, mittens and scarves you have for a big Christmas bundle for our daycare kids, and it was good to welcome Sister Elaine Lietz back to our meeting. We have missed her.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Susan Masino

If you read this before September 17th - come on over to our Fair from 10-3! Live music from Bill Benson, a NEW Lemonade Garden and a NEW special area for junior vendors! A free welcome bag full of swag is waiting for the first 150 attendees. And anyone who completes an on-site map-guided scavenger hunt will be rewarded with a free game or hayride. If you missed it, our fair next year will be September 16th from 10-3.

Our next meeting is October 12 at 7 pm and our next event this fall

is electronic recycling, October 29th, from 9-12 on Hopmeadow St. Visit our website for www.simsburygrange.org for more information.

If you have any extra seed packets we are accepting any and all donations to support our "Read and Seed" Little Free Library. Any and all leftovers are welcome for distribution next spring to community gardeners with limited income.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: We have a new T-shirt design that we are excited to showcase at our fair. A limited number will be available for sale at cost during and after the fair. We worked with Mike Warner at Monroe Classic, Inc. Monroe Classic, Inc. took over most Grange "wearables" and our Grange can vouch for their patience and personal service. The design is suitable for ANY Grange and has the official 150th logo on the back. With a large order it can be as little as \$10 per shirt for quality 100% cotton. We hope to be wearing them next time we see you!

Enfield Grange out in the community



In an effort to increase their visibility in the community and to possibly increase membership, the members of Enfield Grange #151 have been setting up this booth at their local farmer's market this summer/fall.

Simsbury & Green Monster Grange E-Cycling

Monster-Size Recycling Event Saturday, October 29th • 9 AM - 12 Noon

Andy's Shopping Center
836 Hopmeadow St, Simsbury, CT 06070

ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Televisions
- Computer Monitors/Screens
- Toner and Ink-jet Cartridges
- Modems/Routers, Switches or Hubs
- Main-frames and Server Racks
- DVD and CD Players
- ALL Storage Media
- Computers and Laptops
- Printers and Fax Machines
- Telephones or PBX systems
- All Types of Cables and Wiring
- Stereos and Radios
- iPods, Walkmans and P.D.A.s
- and more

More information on the items accepted can be found on Green Monster E-Cycling at <http://www.GreenMonsterEycling.com> or contact them at 860-231-1426

Information on Simsbury Grange can be found at <http://www.SimsburyGrange.org>



- NOT accepting ANY of the following:**
- Air-Conditioners
 - Washers/Dryers
 - Refrigerators
 - De-humidifiers
 - Water-coolers
 - Light-bulbs
 - Vacuums
 - Microwaves
 - Household batteries

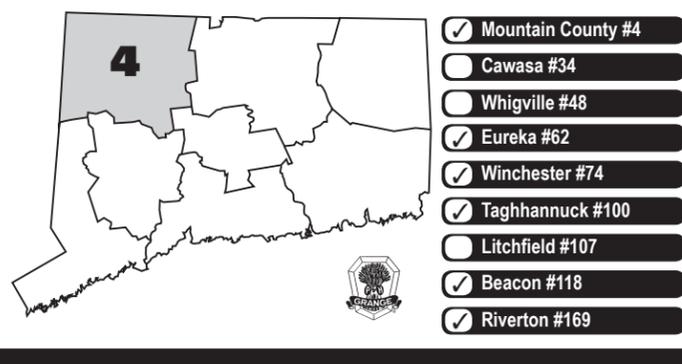
A \$10.00 donation is suggested.



The cut-off date for making hotel room reservations at the Hilton Washington/Dulles Airport for the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange is Tuesday, October 11. The contracted sleeping room rate is \$105 plus tax. After October 11th, the rate will be the standard rack room rate. Please be sure to make your hotel reservations by October 11 with the host hotel.

The cut-off date for ONLINE registration is Monday, October 31, 2016. You are welcome to register and pay for meal functions on-site at the Host Hotel.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Nov. 14: Meeting at Eureka

Dec. 12: Meeting at Winchester, Grab Bag Gift Exchange

It was voted at our June meeting to omit the October meeting of Pomona as it always has made the week of State Session much more complicated for those who are delegates, officers and committee members at State Grange. Our meeting schedule will resume on November 14 when we meet at Eureka Grange Hall. December 12 will be our Christmas meeting to be held at Winchester Grange with a grab bag.

The Pomona Handbooks have been printed. One complication of omitting the October meeting is distribution of handbooks. We will make every attempt to get them into the Granges as soon as possible. Those Granges with delegates to State Session will definitely get them there if not prior. If you would like to make arrangements to pick them up, please call Todd Gelineau at (860) 307-1522. They would be very expensive to mail so it might be worthwhile to give Todd a call. They can be made available at the first meeting of Winchester Grange in October if you would like to arrange to pick-them up there on Oct. 11.

EUREKA GRANGE #62

Corr: Earl Phillips

Savor the flavors of fall when Eureka Grange hosts its Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, October 1st.

A small town celebration of food, family, and fun, the Annual Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM at Eureka Grange Hall, 777 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 202), in the Nepaug section of New Hartford. The meal is buffet style, featuring all the trimmings including baked potato, macaroni salad, tossed salad, hot vegetables, rolls and butter and a beverage, as well as a selection of homemade desserts. The

price is \$14.00 for adults, with a reduced rate for children. Tickets are available at the door.

All funds raised will benefit the Eureka Grange Building Fund, as well as their community programs.

Eureka Grange No. 62 was organized in 1887. Today there are approximately 80 members from New Hartford and the surrounding area. The group meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at the Grange Hall, with meetings beginning at 7:30 PM. Grange membership is open to all. Visit the Eureka Grange page on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org for more information.

For Pig Roast tickets, and more information, please contact Earl Phillips at 860-482-1111.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Oct. 11: Summer is Over, Ref. Pam Wright & Donald Fancher

Oct. 25: The Color Orange-Country Store (Halloween Themed), Ref. Sandy & Earl Phillips

Nov. 4: Super Prize Party, Doors open at 6, drawing at 7

Nov. 8: A Chill in the Air, Ref. Sara Bement & Mimi Grustas

Please note the calendar listing above as the Handbooks for Pomona have not been distributed as of this writing.

A big thank you to the Cameron Installing Team for coming across the state to install our officers and NEW Grange Master Bill LaTulipe. Congratulations to Billy and all of the officers of Winchester Grange.

We participated in another successful Winchester Center Day with the Winchester Center Congregational Church, Winchester Historical Association, Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Little Red Schoolhouse Association. It was a beautiful (but hot) day with plenty of attendees to enjoy all of the events.

Winchester Grange hosted an art show, crafters, a book sale and our famous Apple Crisp and hot dog stand.

Our Fall Super Prize Party will be held on Friday, November 4 with our annual Cookie Walk incorporated into the evening's activities. Doors open for ticket sales at 6 P.M. and drawing will begin at 7 P.M. All are welcome even if you just want to buy some cookies... we would love to see you there!

BEACON GRANGE #118

Corr: Chuck Bezio

Congratulations to Dan Bezio (Grange member) who won Best in Show with his photo of a red squirrel at the 53rd Annual Beacon Grange Fair. Congratulations to Mary-Irene Clark, Flora, for winning Best in Show runner up at the 53rd Annual Beacon Grange Fair, for her photo of her dog at the Litchfield Pet Parade on July 4.

Apple Peeling Contest at the 53rd Annual Beacon Grange Fair: Ryan Smith of Northfield (1st), Grace Richard of Northfield (2nd) and Master Bea Neri of Torrington (3rd).

Congratulations to Grangers Amanda Bezio and Josh Tito for receiving their food prep certification. Selling lunches and baked good at Beacon Grange

events.

Beacon Grange had a successful and festive Christmas in July event on July 29.

Beacon Grange is selling aged firewood for \$650. If interested, contact Treasurer Ron Neri at 860.782.1492 for more information.

Beacon Grange is seeking donations/volunteers for facility maintenance, light maintenance of the grounds and landscaping. If interested in donating or volunteering for facility maintenance, please contact Overseer Chuck Bezio at 860.605.5368 for more information.

Beacon Grange would like to thank all the sponsors, vendors and patrons who attended the Grange Fair, Community Tag Sale and Christmas in July.

A very merry special thanks to our Steward Dan Bezio who braved the 10 day heat wave in July as Santa Claus to bring a festive air and cheer to our holiday event.

Treasurer Ron Neri thanked Lecturer Jen Bezio and Overseer Chuck Bezio for all their help with the 53rd Annual Beacon Grange Fair Book.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Shirley Moore

Oct. 7: Meeting, Preparation for Riverton Fair Dinners

Nov. 4: Meeting; Program: Grateful for My Grange Friends; Ref.: Cindy & Mark Prelli

As you will note in the handbook, our Grange is meeting once a month unless otherwise noted. After the meeting on Oct. 7, we will be busy preparing for the turkey dinners on Saturday and ham dinners on Sunday during the Riverton Fair days.

In August we had a very successful fair with over 200 entries that included fruits & vegetables, flowers, sewing & crafts, baked & canned goods and photography. I wish to thank everyone for their ideas and cooperation. We had excellent displays about bees and trees; Raine Anstett, a bee keeper, brought along her bee protective attire and John Krish provided a display featuring trees. A luncheon was also available with our Master, Sue Belle-Isle, in charge (please note that Sue is not a cook).

We would like to see more of our members at our meetings. There are several projects going on, in addition to the dinners. The roof on our very old building is being replaced this fall. Also, the porch is being stabilized and painted. Thanks to our executive committee for taking care of these repairs.

Taghannuck takes first place



Taghannuck Grange took 1st for its exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair in September. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the display. Special thanks to Deborah Prindle Hanlon, Mike Taylor and Brent Prindle for setting up and taking down the exhibit.

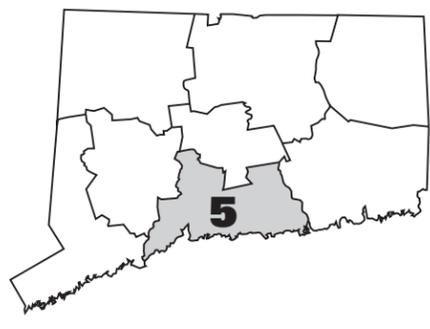
Granger
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Thank you to Ron Fischer who painted our ramp with non-skid paint. Good job!
- Beacon Valley Grange

Thank you to Eloise Osuch and Barbara Robert who pitch in and help whenever they come to our Grange. The members of Beacon Valley Grange appreciate it.
-Beacon Valley Grange

Granger@CTStateGrange.org. They can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- New Haven #5
- Cheshire #23
- Wallingford #33



NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Oct. 17: Fall is in the Air, 7 P.M. meeting at Cheshire

Dec. 4: Open Meeting-Christmas is Around the Corner; Bring a \$3 gift to exchange; Potluck Supper to following the meeting/program.

Jody Cameron and his team installed our officers on the 12th of September in a very impressive ceremony.

Sister Marge Bernhardt was presented with her Pomona Past Lecturer's Pin for all the years she had served New Haven County Pomona as Lecturer.

Did the leaves begin to turn color for our October meeting?

Please do stop by to visit us as our doors are always open!

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Oct. 5: Bada Bing Bada Boom

Oct. 19: Fall Social. All About Pumpkins

Our annual Cheshire Grange Community Fair was held on August 27 and 28 and was one of our best fairs ever. My thanks to each and everyone who contributed to its success.

Our officers were installed on Sept. 7 by Jody Cameron and his team in a most impressive manner. Our Monday craft nights will be resuming as we make Christmas items to be delivered to our shut in members and others. We presented Marge Bernhardt with her Past Lecturer's pin as she is now our treasurer. Marge has been our Lecturer for many many years, doing an outstanding job all her time in office. We welcome Lori Martins as our new

Lecturer. Several of our members will be attending our State Session which is right around the corner.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

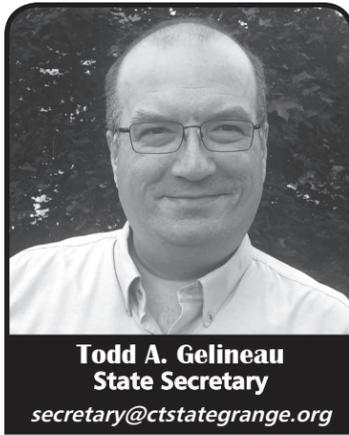
Meetings in August: August 25th – Summer's End: The thing on most farmer's and gardener's minds has been the ongoing drought conditions. We are expecting the vegetable entries to be way down this year. The dryness in North Guilford area has been the worse I have seen it. Janet reported that all the reports have been sent for the CWA and we had entries for the craft and hat projects. We are planning for doing a setup for the fair on September 7. Jim reported that the date for November 10th guest speaker will not work and will need to change. He also said for the Bluegrass concert Amy Gallatin will send out a e-mail blast about a month before the concert to raise awareness for the concert. It was also suggested that posters for the concert be sent to the local community access TV. We are all getting fair books and posters out.

Upcoming Events:

October 13 – "History of Bluegrass Music" Program: Jim Lamoureux, Ref: Dan.

October 15 – Come to Wallingford for some great Bluegrass music with Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters Bluegrass Band. The band starts at 7pm. Telephone Jim or Lisa Lamoureux @ (203) 238-1510 for tickets.

October 27 – "Harvest Supper" Pot Luck Supper @ 6:15pm. Bring a covered dish.



Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary
secretary@ctstategrange.org

WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?!?! It seems like yesterday that I was making arrangements for the meals and rooms at State Session. Now it's here! We have a packed schedule this year with 21 resolutions (so far) on the docket and a full election of officers.

Have you made your room reservations? Please do so today! The contact information is included in this issue. **Have you sent in your registration forms?** If not, please do so as soon as possible. **Have you or your Secretary returned the Credential Card to the Central Office?** Please get it in to me right away. We need all of this information to make sure meals are reserved, badges are prepared and Session materials are printed in accurate quantities. The earlier we can complete these projects the better.

Between last issue and this issue, we have printed all of the resolutions received to date. If there are any Granges that have adopted resolutions but

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have not submitted them to the Central Office, please contact me at (860) 307-1522 as soon as possible. Although the deadline was Sept. 15, I will accept resolutions until the Session Book goes to print. You can only know when that might be by calling me. By doing so you my save yourself the expense of having to print enough copies for all delegates and officer packets.

Our Grange Store has a supply of new Grange logo t-shirts that will go on sale at State Session. Be among the first to get yours! The shirts are 100% cotton and grey with a full color Grange emblem over the left breast. They are very attractive and will be \$15 apiece. Our supplier also has the ability to print shirts for each Grange that might be interested. The same Grange emblem will be printed with the name of your Community or Pomona Grange below it. The minimum order would be 12 shirts (sizes can be mixed) and printing on the back can also be done for an additional charge. Full details on this program will be provided at State Session.

Your Executive Committee has been working for quite a while on ways to increase NON-DUES related income and allowing me and the State Treasurer to build up the Grange Store is one of those important

ways we can help prevent dues increases, at least on the State level. Please shop the Grange Store at State Session and know that you are greatly helping the State Grange help you and your Community Granges.

The G Note program instituted by the State Executive Committee has been a RESOUNDING success due to the support and excitement of members and Granges across the State. As you will see on the "Leader Board" printed elsewhere in this issue, we have surpassed the anticipated amount of the National Assessment for this year with \$3,471.00 raised to date. We expect more to come in at State Session but I am personally blown away by the amount raised this year. Congratulations and thanks to each and every member who worked on the program. It's been fun to have coffee cans, zip lock bags, envelopes and just handfuls of money given to me wherever I go. Keep up the good work... I'm sure this program will continue for the upcoming year. Don't forget that without this project each Grange in the state would receive a bill proportional to their membership to cover the cost of the National Assessment. 2016 has been paid in full... now on to 2017!

Enjoy the fall weather and see you in Norwich!



DORITO CASSEROLE

Many Granges host potluck and harvest suppers during the fall. This easy to make recipe for Dorito Casserole from Recipe 4 Living is perfect for potluck and family gatherings and will disappear fast.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 can diced Ro-Tel tomatoes
- 2 1/2 C. cooked, shredded

chicken breasts

2 C. shredded colby/jack cheese

1 bag nacho flavored Doritos

1/2 C. chicken broth

DIRECTIONS:

Crush Doritos and spread in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Mix the soups, Ro-tel, chicken, chicken broth, and 1 C. of the cheese. Spread on top of Doritos. Top with additional cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

SOURCE: http://www.recipe4living.com/recipes/dorito_casserole.htm

Wallingford Grange

Presents

An Evening of Bluegrass with Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters

Saturday October 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
Wallingford Grange Hall
586 East Center Street, Wallingford
Tickets \$12.00 • Call 203-238-1510

Southern Connecticut Past Masters

The Southern Connecticut Past Masters will hold their October meeting on the 8th at Bethlehem Memorial Hall. All Grangers invited.

This will be our annual Fun Fair in charge of Joanne Cipriano. This year's theme is "Halloween." The cooking contest is "Baked Macaroni and Cheese." A real comfort food. The macaroni should be at the hall by 6:15 so that it can be judged and they can be enjoyed for supper. Premium books available from Joanne.

Supper is served promptly at 6:30 P.M. with a short meeting called to order as soon as the dishes are done. Charles Dimmick, President, will preside.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- New London County #6
- Colchester #78
- Pachaug #96
- Preston City #110
- N. Stonington Comm. #138
- Lyme #147
- Stonington #168
- Norwich #172
- Groton Community #213

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Dec. 14: "Christmas Songs"

Our holiday celebration will take place at Norwich Grange this year. We will hope for good weather so some of our new members can come and join us. Of course, we want all our "old" members to come, too.

Norwich is just off I-395 which should make it very accessible to all.

The fall is upon us, with cloudless, blue skies.

With pumpkins and apples and cider and pies.

Please come to Pomona before the year ends;

Enjoy the refreshments, make memories with friends.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct 14: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

Oct. 28: "Every Family Has a Skeleton in the Closet"

We are sad to report that we have lost yet another of

our Golden Sheaf members. Ruth Hirst was very active in our Grange in years past, having served as our Pomona and serving for years on our Ladies' Degree Team under Degree Master, Marcia Thompson.

Our one August meeting was held on a very warm (to say the least) evening. The program was held downstairs where the temperature was at least 20 degrees cooler, but still very warm. Various members contributed to the program with games, jokes and information on inspirational phrases. Jeff Barnes read from a 1949 souvenir program of the Stonington Tricentennial in which North Stonington participated.

Our Oct. 14 program is in the hands of the Legislative Committee. On Oct. 28 we will hold our annual Halloween Party. There will be no meeting that night and the party begins at 7:30. Come in costume and bring

the grandkids. Prizes for costumes and games, with activities for all ages and spooky refreshments. And if we can just get a little moisture from those clouds that drift by occasionally, next time we'll tell you all about superb September.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Nov. 3: Ag. Program, "The Frost is on the Pumpkin"

Dec. 1: Potluck Supper at 6:30- Certificate night. Make way for Rudolph.

Dec. 8: Snow date for Dec. 1.

Jan. 5: Show & Tell - Let's Share our hobbies and small antiques.

First of all, I'd like to mention three of our longtime members who have worked on our Hamburg Fair. Marita Rand, who in 1980 (36 years ago) took on Secretary of Lyme Grange, corresponding Secretary of the Fair and chairperson of the veggie dept. of our Fair. Then we

have Sandy Peterson who has worked on the gates for 37 years. The last two years she has volunteered where needed. Lois Evankow, who in 1976 took over chairperson of handicrafts and was elected Lecturer of Lyme Grange. All three are still going strong. We thank all the many volunteers who work so tirelessly at our fair. Too many to mention here. These three stand out.

It finally cooled down and we had a very pleasant September meeting. Still don't know the results of the Fair but the Grange Snack Bar cleared about \$2,300, down last year due to the small fortune we had to pay for pies.

We voted two delegates to State Grange Session and our Junior Grangers to the J.G. luncheon on Saturday.

Rain- wonderful rain, at last. So welcome. It's been so dry..

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- Excelsior #7
- Beacon Valley #103
- Bethlehem #121
- Prospect #144
- Bridgewater #153
- Wolcott #173
- Oxford #194

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox
Oct. 24: Meeting

We had an exhibit in Bethlehem Fair. Come join us we need you at our meetings.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our October meeting will be held on the 14th. The theme of our evening is "Apples". We are trying something new. All meetings will have a fruit or color theme. We hope this will carry through the Country Store and refreshments.

Lecturer Cindy Legg will present a program titled "Creepy Crawly Things." Refreshments will be in the charge of Diane and Victor Godin.

We had a tag/bake sale and open mic in September and we are planning to have another the beginning of December. We could use items for both.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

Bridgewater Grange did NOT have a roast beef dinner on Saturday, September 24. There was a conflict with another event in Bridgewater that day. Our monthly meeting will be moved to Wednesday, Oct. 26. The Grange will have a haunted tent for

the Bridgewater Trunk or Treat on Halloween which falls on Monday, October 31. We will have a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 5th. Further details will be coming. Our regular meeting will return to the second Wednesday of the month which will be November 9th.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck

Oct. 7: Mystery Ride-Destination TBA

Oct. 20-22: CSG Annual Session/Meeting moved to October 28

Oct. 28: Apple Pie Baking Contest

The Open Mic on Thursday nights has been going well. It was postponed in August due to excessive heat making the hall upstairs quite uncomfortable, but will continued when things cooled down in September. The Pop-Up Market has been a nice addition this past summer. Both the Open Mic and Pop-up Market have gained us some new members, about ten in total.

Due to the generosity of Selectman Jeff Haney donating his labor, the Grange Hall will finally get a handicapped ramp. We have final plans, a materials list, and necessary permits with which to proceed. A generous donation from

Oxford Cultural Arts Commission will allow us to start by laying footings this fall for the structure. We are exploring fund raising options to raise the balance to purchase necessary materials for the ramp itself. We hope to complete

this project by next spring at the latest depending on funding.

The landscaping and beautification of the grounds by member D. Raye Hodgson continues. The project will combine wild plants and cultivated

ones representative of Ceres, Pomona, and Flora. Plantings are being chosen to fit the environment of the grounds and make it relatively low maintenance.

Back by popular demand...



Marge Bernhardt
 State Lecturer
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND... I received so many complimentary remarks about our entertainment at last year's State Session Banquet that I have invited "MOJO" back to entertain us again.

Please bring your dancing shoes and dance to your favorites from years gone by or if you prefer just sit and enjoy his music.

Another new Grange year is starting. What a great time to get a fresh start on our projects. Let's all think positive. Do you remember "The Little Train That Could" from your childhood reading? Well, we can do it too. Think positive about your Grange. Talk positive about your Grange. And, let's all do positive things. Put on a special program and open it to the public. Put up a display where it will be

seen by your townspeople. Visit a convalescent home and put on a program. The residents there will tell their family about it. Now is the time to start on your new Should Auld Acquaintance projects. Living in a convalescent or rest home can make you feel isolated from the real world. If we can take the residents minds off their problems for a few minutes then we have accomplished a lot.

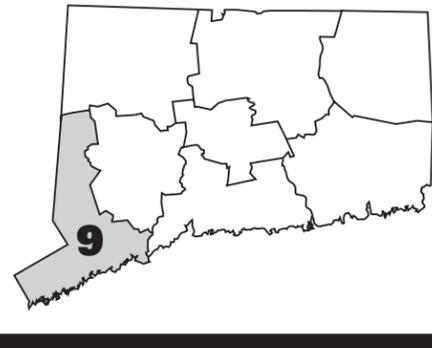
I will be looking forward to seeing you all at State Session.

1st Grader takes Best in Show!



Wilton first grader Kayla McCauley, 6 years old, won the Baked Goods and Preserves "Best of Show" Rosette and a First Premium ribbon at the Cannon Grange No. 152 Agricultural Fair this past Sunday, Aug. 28. Kayla received her ribbons for her "Gone Fishing" themed, decorated banana chocolate chip cupcakes. "We're so proud of her!" her parents, Suzanne and Kiernan McCauley say, adding, "Kayla was so surprised and excited, it was the perfect way for her to end her summer holiday." Kayla will be starting first grade at Miller-Driscoll School next week.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



FAIRFIELD CTY. POMONA #9

Corr: Robert Sendewicz

Oct. 5: Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Potluck Supper will be at 6 P.M. Norfield and Harmony Granges are hosts.

Dec. 7: Potluck Supper at 6 P.M. Redding and Cannon Granges host. Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Oct. 10: Veteran's Day, 7:30 P.M. Meeting

Oct. 24: Halloween Parade, Meeting at 7:30 P.M., Potluck at 6 P.M.

We held our Awards Night program on Monday, Sept. 26. Marge Bernhardt, our State Lecturer, presented awards to the following members for their years of continuous service to the Grange: Joan Ziegler (40), Marie Parker (40), Dorothy Crofut (40), Ronald Gunther (35), Margaret Sendewicz (35), Robert Sendewicz (35), Eileen Doherty (30), Dorothy Joselovitz (25), Kevin Parker (25) and Eric Sendewicz (25). Congratulations to all.

On Oct. 24 we hold one of our favorite meetings, Halloween. It starts off with our 6:00 P.M. famous "Hobo Stew" supper. Each member brings their own recipe hobo stew and everyone gets to pick which one or all they choose to enjoy. They are all delicious. After dinner the hall is full of witches, ghosts and goblins and there may be a scary story or two.

It's a fun night and if you wish to attend please contact our Secretary.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

Oct. 14: Regular Meeting, Ref. at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30. Lecturer's program to be announced.

Our Agricultural Fair for August 2016 is history. Overall the fair was successful. The exhibits were good, but attendance was down because of the weather. Temperature was 90 plus degrees. Many thanks to members and others who made the Fair a success.

A value for the land that the Department of Transportation will be taking for the roundabout at the intersection of Routes 110 & 111 has been received and is being evaluated by the membership.

At our August meeting we postponed our 125th Anniversary from Oct. 2, 2016 to a later date when adequate planning can be done to make

the event interesting and enjoyable for members and guests.

Harmony Grange has elected three new members and will do the Welcoming Ceremony at our September meeting.

We have two more applications to be evaluated for membership. The applications were received at our Agricultural Fair.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

The Greenfield Hill Grange #113 in Fairfield held its annual Fair on Saturday, Aug. 27. It was a great day! People enjoyed the exhibits, good food, baking contests, pony rides and games for the kids.

Various vendors selling their wares were enjoyed. Everything from antiques, giftware, hand-crafted greeting cards, to produce, farm-fresh eggs, and honey. Local musicians spent the day and entertained the crowds. It was a fun day for kids of all ages!

Up and coming events:

Oct. 8: Cabaret Night

Oct. 14: Open Mic Night

Oct. 29: Halloween Theme Party with October fest food and movie: Abbot and Costello meet Frankenstein.

More to come, stay tuned...

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Nov 3: Special Program with our First Selectman

Nov 12: Acoustic Night - 7 PM

Nov 17: Special Program on Geothermal Heating with real world example

Dec 1: Business Meeting followed by Holiday Party

Dec 3: Holiday Market 10 AM - 3 PM

Our 84th Agricultural Fair held on August 28th featured several new contest categories: one for children and one for adults. The kids outdid themselves in the new category of 3-D Printing. With much appreciation to the Ridgefield Library staff and their 3-D Printer, demonstrations were held all day that captivated the attention of adults and children. The kids were asked to prepare a model of something they's seen on a farm and the items they created were fantastic. Our Bil Mikulewicz organized this contest and our thanks to Bil! The adults' new category was Adult Coloring,

apparently the new craze for adult relaxation. We had terrific weather along with a nice crowd of fairgoers all day long with beautiful and tasteful exhibits and vendors. Thank you to Doug Shepherd for the set up and take down, and to Michele Clark for keeping us organized.

We have some very interesting programs and events prepared for the year ahead, and the sampling shown in the calendar for the first weeks of the new Grange year is no exception. Come hear an update on our First

Selectman's review of her first year in office and her plans for the remainder of her term. November 12th will feature our second ACooustic Night, where we will have the stage and piano available to singers, instrumentalists and ensembles to perform among 20 five-minute time slots. Contact us to reserve your time! Also, a fascinating program on Geothermal Energy and channeling it to heat a home will be explored on November

17th; detailing how to get a home off of oil and gas for heating and cooling. This should be intriguing and informative. Looking into December, come do some holiday shopping at our 3rd Annual Holiday Market featuring some very fine area artisans, crafters and confectioners. All of these events are free, and open to the public. Please note the start time for each event!

Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Smart Phone Photo Tips

by Terri Fassio, Public Rel. Co-Director

Whether you have an iPhone, an Android Phone, such as any of the Samsung models, or a Windows phone, smart phones have transitioned from a popular trend to the norm. One thing in common with most smart phones is that they have the ability to take photos. This is great news for your Grange! Now many of your members are always equipped with a camera at hand at each meeting. This makes it super simple to document important Grange moments, and use photography to promote the happenings at your Grange.

Here's a few tips to make your Smart Phone photos stand out and shine:

- Turn off the flash in most situations. One of the down falls of many smart phone cameras is that the flash can actually ruin your photo by adding too much light, thus making your photo too bright and giving it a washed out effect. Unless the subject is in the dark or poorly lit, keep the flash off.

- Be sure to keep the lens clean. No one likes blurry photos - and a dirty lens is usually the prime culprit. Most smart phone cases have a hole where the camera lens resides for the ease of photo taking. But the dirt and dust from your pocket, purse, and every day use will quickly accumulate on the lens because it is not protected. Just a quick wipe with a soft cloth will go a long way, but remember to break out the lens cleaner every once in awhile.

- Practice using your phone's camera. Take chances and play with the camera and software on your phone. The more photos you take, the more comfortable you will be taking photos. Try out the different modes,

like panorama or HDR. Sample the filters. Adjust the lighting effects. You don't want to miss that perfect Grange photo opportunity because you are fumbling around with your phone's settings.

- Learn the rule of thirds. This is the basic rule of photo composition. Think of an imaginary grid when you are setting up a photo. Divide this grid into three pieces - both on the horizontal and vertical planes. (Some phones may even have a grid you can turn on to view.) Place your subject in the frame at the points where the lines intersect, instead of directly in the center of the photo. This makes photos more interesting to look at, and give balance to your photo.

- Remember to share your photos. You've taken all these great photos of your Grange Fair, meetings and special events. Now what? Print out some of the best photos and hang them in a display in your hall. E-mail and text your photos to members. Post your photos on your Grange's Facebook page. Make a scrapbook chronicling and documenting all of your Grange events, and have the scrapbook at the hall for all to view. Photos are meant to be shared - and will bring happiness and memories to others!

If you have any photography questions, or would like the CT State Grange PR Committee to photograph a special occasion at your Grange, please send an email to Robert Charbonneau at publicrelations@ctstategrange.org to coordinate schedules.

Family Activities



Irene Percoski
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Regional meetings are set to follow State session. There will only be two. The first is at Cheshire Grange on October 29 and the second at Norwich Grange on November 19. It is important to attend as there will be changes in the contests for EACH of the next two years. Packets will be distributed and will cover two years of programs. This means that there will NOT be a packet handed out next year. Each meeting will start at 12:00 noon. I hope to see you all there.

2017 CSG Calendars are Coming!

The 2017 edition of the Connecticut State Grange Calendar will be available at State Session. This year's calendar will feature more historic photos of Grange Halls and meeting places throughout our state. This color and black and white 12 month calendar is the second in the series. It's very collectible and limited in number. Plan on getting yours before they're gone! A great Christmas or anytime gift for friends, family and neighbors!

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 history 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 Janet Haller regarding the September photo. The photo is from the Winter Youth Caravan which was held at Hemlock Grange, and featured a "fellowship of youth" between the Connecticut and Vermont State Granges. This event was held in either January or February of 1976. Janet said that the photo appeared in the March 1976 issue of the CT Granger. The man in the first couple is Duane Millard, who was the CT State Grange Prince for 1976. The second couple is Danny LeVange, and the lady with him is Sheila Squire, who was the Vermont State Princess. Janet Haller was the CT State Grange Youth Chairman at the time, and directed the drill.



Hank
the Burro

345 Likes!

Connecticut's
Grange Mascot

By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

Fall has arrived as has the start of a new Grange year - and with it cooler weather, hanging leaves - and many Grange activities on the calendar. Granges install their officers in September, and Noel and I have attended a few this past month.

In early September we went to Wolcott to install their officers, and it was so nice to see our Grange friends and take in all the beautiful work they have been doing on their building.

We then went to Oxford Grange, where we performed the Welcome Ceremony initiating 6 new members.

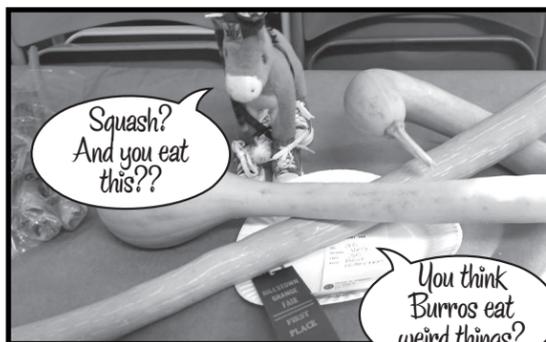
Fall is also Fair time - and there are a lot of them across the state. We visited the Hillstown Grange Fair on September 17th. There were a lot of nice displays of exhibits, and great food prepared by Frank on the grill!

Speaking of good food, we stopped by Manchester Grange for their Breakfast. Yum - it was so good! They had a nice display promoting their Grange.

We also went to the joint installation of Hillstown and Manchester Granges. Such a beautiful ceremony performed by Edith Schoell's installing team.

Want to keep up on my adventures as I travel around the State? Be sure to follow me on Facebook. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Say Hello if you see me!



Are you a farmer?

The National Grange is seeking to learn more about our members so we can provide better programming and services. Today is a focus on our farmers.

Please tell us if you or a member of your Grange is a farmer (large or small scale). Please provide their name and contact information (if permitted) and the type of farming they do. Also, if you or if you know your farmer member uses precision ag, drones, and other new innovations that rely on networks and a solid internet connection, we would appreciate you noting that.

You can reply to this email or send the information to lecturer@nationalgrange.org.

Thank you so much!

Amanda Leigh Brozana

National Lecturer

National Shoe Drive

Did you know there are 46.5 million people living in poverty right here in the United States? Did you know that 16.1 million of these are children?

We help people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When you donate used shoes to Soles4Souls, you are helping finance our distributions of new shoes to people in your own community.

Donate your gently used shoes at our next shoe drive!

150th National Grange Convention, November 15-19, 2016.

Convention Hotel: Convention Registration Desk

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Rd., Herndon, VA 20164.

Host Committee Co-Chair, Jessie Cope, 240-606-6146.

West Nile Update

New Haven, CT – The State Mosquito Management Program announced today that mosquitoes trapped in Voluntown on September 12, 2016 have tested positive for eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus. This represents the first sample of EEE-positive mosquitoes identified in the state by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) this season. In addition, West Nile virus (WNV) infected mosquitoes have been identified in 20 Connecticut towns: Bridgeport, Cromwell, Darien, East Haven, Easton, Fairfield, Hartford, Manchester, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, Newington, Stamford, Stratford, Wallingford, Waterford, West Hartford, West Haven, Westport, and Wethersfield.

"Although mosquito populations are declining, the detection of EEE virus requires continued monitoring," said Dr. Philip Armstrong, Medical Entomologist at the CAES. "This is the first detection of EEE virus in mosquitoes since 2013 when a human fatality occurred in that same region of Connecticut."

"Mosquitoes are still active, and EEE and West Nile virus continue to be detected in the state" said Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director of the CAES. "I encourage residents to take measures to prevent mosquito bites, such as using insect repellent and covering bare skin, especially during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active."

Eastern equine encephalitis is a rare but serious viral disease in people. On average there are 6 human cases each year in the United States. The mortality rate of hospitalized patients is one-third and approximately one-half of people who survive infection suffer from permanent neurological damage. In Connecticut, outbreaks of EEE have occurred sporadically in horses and pheasants since 1938 and the first locally-acquired human case was reported in the fall of 2013.

West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne viral disease in the United States and reemerges every summer in Connecticut. Since 2000, 131 human cases of WNV-associated illnesses including 3 fatalities have been confirmed in the State. The CAES maintains a network of 91 mosquito-trapping stations in 72 municipalities throughout the state. Mosquito traps are set Monday – Thursday nights at each site every ten days on a rotating basis. Mosquitoes are grouped (pooled) for testing according to species, collection site, and date. Positive findings are reported to local health departments and on the CAES website at <http://www.ct.gov/caes/mosquitotesting>.

For information on EEE and WNV and how to prevent mosquito bites, visit the Connecticut Mosquito Management Program Web site at www.ct.gov/mosquito.



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Junior Grange

at Hearts that would be interested in participating.

Also - this year - we will be holding the Junior Speech and Sign Language contests during state session as to changes in the National rules. If you have a Junior interested, they will need to be signed up by 9:00 am Saturday of state session - contest will be held after the Junior Luncheon. Contest rules can be found on the National website. All first place winners will then be able to participate in the National contests. (at contestants own expense)

Happy Fall!

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

At our September meeting, we held our Installation. Congratulations to our new officers! We also harvested our garden. The produce will be donated to an area soup kitchen.

We learned a lot in August, and had fun too!

We had a report about

the Resource Recovery Center that we visited in August. Ten Juniors and several adults attended. We learned a lot!

They also had a great activity center to make additional learning enjoyable. The whys of recycling. It is easy to recycle and so important to our environment. Special thanks to Oaklawn Grange in Rhode Island for setting up this great activity!

Nine Juniors and several adults visited Tara Farm Rescue. The kids had a great time meeting the animals! We donated \$50 from our Grange, as well as bags of grain, and cash from the families.

Many Juniors entered crafts, flowers, and sweets in our Grange Fair. The duct tape table and Animal Experiences continue to be the favorites at the Fair. Our Junior Grange paid for Animal Experiences to be there; his animals are just GREAT!

We received a donation

from Mr. & Mrs. Larkin in memory of Mr. Chuck Thurlow. A thank you went around for all to sign. Mr. Thurlow will be missed by

the many lives he touched. Special shout out to Casey who made September's treat! It was definitely a hit! Good job Casey!! ☺



Ekonk Juniors learned recycling and composting in conjunction with the Oaklawn Grange # 42 at Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

In Memoriam

- Betty Bement, G.S. Winchester #74
- Ruth Hirst, G.S. N. Stonington Comm. #138
- Gladys Anstett, G.S. Riverton #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.

State Chaplain

Seek and Serve Christ in all Persons



Matthew 25:37-40 New International Version (NIV)

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Every summer from 1946 through 1952 I attended a YMCA camp in the mountains of northwestern New Jersey. Either written upon or carved into the mantle over the very large fireplace in the middle of one side of the main lodge was this inscription "We are born not for ourselves but to help others". Seeing this message every day for two or three weeks every summer, the words became embedded in my mind, and I have never forgotten them. Some years later I began to associate these words with the scripture verse which starts this article.

Putting this message into practice is not always easy. Sure, it is no problem if you assume that all you have to do is be nice to those people around you that you like anyway, but what about people who you don't like, or who don't like you, or who do things that you find to be hateful or disgusting? But Jesus has given us clear instructions about this. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel we find Jesus saying: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'"

Since God created all persons in His own image, that means that there must be some good in every person if only we would make an effort to find it. And yes, sometimes it is a real effort. E.W. Hochs, about 100 years ago, said:

There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly behoves any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

But as followers of Jesus we need to go beyond talk, and seek to find and serve the good in even the worst of us. This will not be easy, and often we will fail, and find ourselves confessing "we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done". Nevertheless let us continue to strive to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

G Note Leader Board



Ekonk Community #89	\$ 822.00
Cheshire #23	536.00
Vernon #52	485.00
Winchester #74	383.00
Prospect #144	175.00
Colchester #78	160.00
Cawasa #34	157.00
Beacon Valley #103	147.00
Meriden #29	125.00
Enfield #151	108.00
North Stonington #138	74.00
Riverton #169	54.00
Manchester #31	47.00
Taghannuck #100	41.00
Wallingford #33	30.00
Coventry #75	30.00
Harmony #92	23.00
Oxford #194	19.00
Anonymous	50.00
Glenna Bruno	3.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
	\$3,471.00

These totals represent all Granges who have turned in G Notes to the State Secretary as of September 22. We know there are many other Granges collecting notes and are saving them up to turn in at a later date. A check may be submitted in lieu of turning in the actual notes. Checks may be sent to the Central Office and made out to the Connecticut State Grange with a memo that says "G Notes". This program will continue until State Session when the last of the money may be turned in. *Thank you for your support of this program!*