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## See you at State Session



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"Another season in the work of our Order has passed. The lessons we have endeavored to inculcate are appropriate to all the walks and seasons of life." We are all getting ready for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Connecticut State Grange, October 19-21. This year some changes have been made to the schedule so please carefully read the forms and schedules. We hope to make this year a great success, but we need your help to do this so please

come out and attend.

The New Pomonas are meeting with the mentors, so every member should attend their meetings to answer questions you may have and to get the organizational schedule for the forming of these three new Pomona Granges. Everyone has a say in the goings on of the new Pomonas so don't sit out and complain later.

National Grange's 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Spokane, Washington will soon be here in November. This year is election of officers and will try a new one day shorter Convention. We hope that the fires in the area are contained as to not "smoke-out" the area we will be in. Prayers for Grangers in these areas whose homes and Grange Halls are impacted by this unusual fire season.

As we start a new year we must all have a serious conversation as to how we

can attract young members to our Order. Our "This is how we do this" attitude is not working. We have to find a way to spark the interest of the younger generation to help us grow. I know that today young people rely heavily on electronic devices and systems. They also look for quick gratification, not requiring hard work and lengthy hours. They also tend to have a short attention span if they are interested, then they are here, but if not then they are off to their electronics to satisfy themselves. There must be something that we can organize to engage everyone in a common goal. So during State Session, let's make this the discussion during our off time and to see ways we can achieve this goal.

Hope everyone had a successful Grange year and let's start working for the next year.

## Important Hotel Information

Todd Gelineau, State Secretary

Room reservations for State Session have been selling very well this year. Unfortunately, we are running very close to the total number of rooms allocated for this year's convention and the Holiday Inn is otherwise sold out. By the time this article is printed we expect our block of rooms to be sold out. Fortunately we have been able to work out an arrangement through the Holiday Inn with the Hampton Inn. The Hampton Inn is located across the street from the Holiday Inn at 154 Salem Tpke., Norwich. The rate is \$129.00 per night plus tax. A hot breakfast is included in the room rate. This hotel opened in the spring of this year so it is a brand new property with all of the conveniences

The Holiday Inn assures us they will make any cancellations available to our

members so please call them first to see if any are available there. If not, please call the Hampton Inn and remember to mention the Connecticut State Grange to be sure to get one of the rooms reserved for us.

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Our thanks to Richelle Meneses at the Holiday Inn for making this arrangement with the Hampton Inn possible.

## Secretary Perdue visits Conn.

LEBANON- Norwich Bulletin (8/31/17) – Among greenhouses spread over 600 acres, more than 40 farmers and agricultural leaders from across the state came together to give voice to the challenges they face in their work to U.S. Secretary Sonny Perdue, who made a stop Thursday at Prides Corner Farm for the first of three listening sessions on the 2018 Farm Bill.

Complicated regulations tied to the Food Safety Modernization Act, challenges in finding laborers, and a lack of quality

insurance that should be acting as a safety net for farmers can  
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## National Grange Representatives



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Claire Logan, National Grange Ceres, and Steve Logan, Past Master of the Rhode Island State Grange as National Representatives to our 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session.

Claire is a first generation Granger taking all seven degrees in one year along with her husband, Steve, when National was in Rhode Island in 1982. In her Grange journey she has held many different offices at all levels including Master/President of her local Grange and State Flora, which she really enjoyed. She is now Ceres of the Rhode Island State Grange and she feels that being Lady Assistant Steward, which she currently holds in her local and Pomona Grange is the most fun and that being elected National Ceres is a great honor.

Born third of nine children and the elder of two girls by eleven months, she had plenty of domestic training and put it to good use with Steve. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. So now they have second and third generation Grangers.

Claire is a committee member of the Washington County Fair (RI) and a Certified Food Safety Manager of the Pomona kitchen which not only runs during the five days of the fair but is open for many special events all summer long. She is lovingly referred to by her family and others as the "food police" because she is always asking "did you wash your hands", "where are your gloves," "put a hat on," etc. She enjoys cooking, baking, sewing and crafts and definitely camping. But most of all she enjoys spending as much time with her grandchildren as she can.



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# Secretary Perdue visits Conn.



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue talks with Prides Corner Farm's President Mark Sellev and Gov. Dannel P. Malloy during his stop at Prides Corner Farm in Lebanon, as part of his second "Back to Our Roots" RV Tour together information for the 2018 Farm Bill (Photo: Aaron Flaum/Norwich Bulletin).

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often make working in agriculture difficult, farmers said, who asked that their concerns be addressed and mitigated in new legislation coming out next year.

"We have a safety net, but it's lying untethered on a concrete floor," said Bob Wellington, a dairy economist with the Agri-Mark Cabot Cooperative, who pushed for changes to insurance programs after explaining how, in 2014, farmers in his area received no financial help after losing parts of their barns to fire.

"They were told the wrong side of their barn burned down," Wellington said. "That leaves a bad taste."

Gordon Gibson, Legislative Liaison for the Connecticut State Grange, a fraternal organization that supports initiatives aimed at helping farmers, called for greater flexibility among national agriculture regulations, asking that state USDA offices be allowed to modify programs to better serve farmers in Connecticut.

"It's not one size fits all," he said.

Perdue agreed, saying the USDA "needs to be very mindful of that fact" adding that Connecticut is in a unique position of experiencing growth in agriculture.

Over the last decade, agriculture has increased statewide by about 33 percent, according to U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, who attended the session along with U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

"You don't see that in many states," Perdue, who has a background in farming, said of the upswing. "It's a broad, diverse agricultural ecosystem that you have here."

Perdue said he supported putting a federal trust in place to preserve farmland at a national level, and supported a comprehensive immigration reform package that would make it easier for farms to hire help.

Diane Karabin, owner of Karabin Farms in Southington who was representing the Connecticut Greenhouse Growers' Association at the listening session, said finding workers are among the "most pressing" issues for association members.

"It's extremely hard to get laborers on farms," she said. "I think we're all waiting on the immigration laws to change to make it easier to have migrant workers."

And while Karabin says she supports the Food Safety Modernization Act, which gives the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate how foods are grown and harvested, it adds more work to an already demanding job. For example, farm workers must record exactly what they're harvesting, when they're harvesting it, and at what time it's being harvested while they're out in the field.

"There's a lot of secretarial work, almost, that's involved," she said. "If somebody gets sick, there needs to be a paper trail on where that food came from. I'm in absolute agreement with that, but its difficult. It's hard to be a farmer in the state of Connecticut."

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# State Secretary



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We hope most of our members attending State Session made reservations with the hotel early. Just prior to printing, we learned the Holiday Inn was down to just 3 or 4 rooms for Thursday and Friday night. Judging by the number of Delegate cards returned to the Central Office I felt we needed

a "back-up plan." Working with the Holiday Inn, we were able to set up an agreement with the Hampton Inn Norwich. They are a brand-new hotel located just across the street from the Holiday Inn. They will have 10-15 rooms available to our members should the Holiday Inn sell out.

The rate at the Hampton Inn is higher (\$129) but a hot breakfast is included and, as mentioned, the hotel is brand new and offers all the conveniences you would expect, including a pool. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email at the address listed above. The numbers for both hotels are included on the front page of this issue.

Registrations continue to come in at the Central Office. Unfortunately, some delegate registrations are missing the delegate cards. One card is to be filled out and given to the delegate(s) to turn in at State Session. The other card is to be completed and mailed in to the Central Office as soon as possible. This is an important part of the credential process. Please send in your delegate card if you haven't already done so.

Please remember State Session is not just for the State Officers and delegates. It is your State Session and all members are encouraged to take part. The Lecturer's Program on Friday evening and the Sixth Degree on Saturday afternoon are open to members without registration. Registrations can still be made by filling out the form in this issue. Registration on Thursday/Friday and/or Saturday also includes your lunch. Banquet tickets are also available until Oct. 5 for \$30 per person. Please keep in mind the Banquet has been moved to Friday evening at the Holiday Inn beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The Sixth Degree will be conferred at the hotel beginning at 3:00 P.M. Candidates for the Sixth Degree should arrive by 2:30. Tickets to receive the Degree are available for \$10 from me throughout the Session. You may also call or email to receive them in advance.

Resolutions can still be submitted for State Session. However, by this printing, we require 150 copies of each resolution to be accepted. All resolutions should also have been adopted by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange prior to being submitted to State Grange.

The Grange Store will return to State Session with many new items for sale. We also have a good supply of the new blue short and long sleeve t-shirts for the 2018 National Session in Stowe, Vermont. We also should have a supply of jams, jellies, and dressings from the New England Grange Building at the Big E. All are great gift ideas.

Dues Receipts were sent out to all Granges in September. If your Grange did not receive them, please let me know. Unfortunately I did not receive nearly enough responses from our Granges. Last year's orders were repeated in most cases. We will print a separate run of dues receipts for Pomonas once they are ready to open and have selected their names.

We are still missing officer listings for the 2018 State Directory. If your Grange has not already sent it in, please do so as soon as possible. If the form has been lost or misplaced, please use the current Directory as your guide in providing current information. This can also be emailed to me. With Pomona Handbooks not being printed this fall, it is very important for the Directory to have the most complete and up to date information.

# Resolutions for the 133rd Annual Session of the CT State Grange

## 1) RE: CONNECTICUT'S FIRST FIVE PLUS PROGRAM

**WHEREAS** since 2011, Governor Malloy's First Five Program has given over \$381 million in grants and tax credits to companies through the Department of Economic and Community Development, and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Economic and Community Development is only required to provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly with an exemption from public audits, and

**WHEREAS** the funding for this program reduces tax revenue and increases state borrowing, and

**WHEREAS** companies receiving money from the program include ESPN, Charter Communications, NBC Sports, Cigna, Bridgewater Associates (a large hedge fund) and Alexion Pharmaceuticals, and

**WHEREAS** this program was established to encourage companies to grow in Connecticut providing more jobs for Connecticut residents and vitally needed tax revenues to the State and its municipalities, and

**WHEREAS** recently Alexion Pharmaceuticals announced layoffs of more than 200 people due to restructuring and as of September, announced plans to relocate their headquarters to Massachusetts taking with them more than 400 jobs, leaving another 400 jobs in Connecticut for their research facility, and

**WHEREAS** bills requiring more public scrutiny of this program died following committee hearings in the General Assembly this session, and

**WHEREAS** this program is difficult to justify at a time when the State of Connecticut is in fiscal crisis, unable to adopt a budget and pay its bills with even greater financial trouble on the horizon for every town and resident as State aid continues to be reduced.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange encourage our lawmakers to pass legislation requiring greater oversight of this program or its elimination if it is determined to be in the best interest of the State and its residents.

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange No. 74

**REFERRED:** Constitution/By-Laws

## 2) RE: CONNECTICUT'S CORPORATE MIGRATION CRISIS

**WHEREAS** CNBC has referred to Connecticut's corporate business climate as a "Migration Crisis," and

**WHEREAS** the list of large corporations leaving the state continues to grow with General Electric moving to Boston, Aetna moving its headquarters to Manhattan after 164 years in Connecticut and, most recently, Alexion Pharmaceuticals moving 400 employees from New Haven to new headquarters in Boston, and

**WHEREAS** other corporations like United Technologies hang by a thread only due to incentives and tax credits offered by the state, and

**WHEREAS** the Governor and some Mayors in affected towns and cities only talk of fiscal responsibility and belt tightening while the even greater discussion should be about why these companies are leaving and how the climate for both large and small businesses can be improved, and

**WHEREAS** well-intentioned programs like the Governor's First Five Plus have helped some businesses while others, like Alexion, have decided to pull up stakes and pay back the money rather than staying in Connecticut.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to make it a high priority to determine what needs to be done to make this state more attractive to new businesses coming in and to encourage the businesses that are here to stay and thrive here and then implement the changes needed.

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange #74

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

## 3) RE: TOWN FUNDING

**WHEREAS** towns must adopt their annual budget prior to the beginning of their fiscal year, July 1st, and

**WHEREAS** over the last few years the State Budget has been late and this year the budget was not even adopted by September 1st, and

**WHEREAS** towns depend on State funds in establishing their budgets and mill rates especially where it applies to Education and Road Repair spending, and

**WHEREAS** Town Tax Bills are sent out usually before June 1st each year and having late information can cause supplemental tax bills.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Grange support legislation that would require that the formula for distribution of the Education Cost Sharing Grant, Special Education Grant and Town Aid Road Grant be approved by May 15th each year even if the State Budget has not been passed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the deadline is not met that these grants be established as the same as the previous year plus 3 percent, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the legislation call for an amendment to the State Constitution adopting the above wording to be voted on at the next State General Election.

**SOURCE:** Mountain County Pomona #4

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

## 4) RE: IMAGE/LIKENESS RIGHTS OF GRANGE MEMBERS

**WHEREAS** Grange members, as well as the general public, are often photographed or video recorded at Grange meetings, activities, fairs and events, and as such, these photos are used for publicity, membership drives, promotional and public relational purposes of the Grange, and

**WHEREAS** instances of use by the Grange or about the Grange include newspaper and magazine articles, postings on Facebook and other social media entities, internet blogs and other postings, websites, traditional posters, fliers, brochures, and other printed pieces, television and radio, and

**WHEREAS** an opinion may be formed that the above mentioned instances are an invasion of the subject's privacy, and

**WHEREAS** under U.S. law, the right of privacy is defined by Black's Law Dictionary in the following way:

"The U.S. Constitution does not explicitly provide for a right of privacy or for a general right of personal autonomy, but the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that a right of personal autonomy is implied in the 'zones of privacy' created by specific Constitutional guarantees," and

**WHEREAS** in the United States, photographs or images that are taken in a public place generally enjoy Constitutional protection under the right of free speech and freedom of the press, from the First Amendment, and

**WHEREAS** the First Amendment states that people have the right to speak freely without interference and gives the press the right to publish news, information, and opinions without interference, and

**WHEREAS** First Amendment rights, including freedom of the press, are not limited and apply to both traditional media as well as social media, and

**WHEREAS** states have instituted "Paparazzi Laws" to further define rights regarding public photography/videography including rights of the photographer/videographer versus the subject, and

**WHEREAS** under Connecticut "Paparazzi Laws" the state recognizes four privacy torts:

**Intrusion** – "One who intentionally intrudes, physically or otherwise, upon the solitude or seclusion of another or his private affairs or concerns, is subject to liability to the other for invasion of his privacy, if the intrusion would be highly offensive to a reasonable person."

-Restatement (2nd) of Torts, § 652B.

**Private Facts** – "One who gives publicity to a matter concerning the private life of another is subject to liability to the other for invasion of privacy, if the matter publicized is a kind that (a) would be highly offensive to a reasonable person; and (b) is not of legitimate concern to the public."

-Restatement (2nd) of Torts, § 652D.

**False Light** – "One who gives publicity to a matter concerning another that places the other before the public in a false light is subject to liability to the other for invasion of his privacy, (a) the false light in which the other was placed would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, and (b) the actor had knowledge of or acted in reckless disregard as to the falsity of the publicized matter and the false light in which the other would be placed."

-Restatement (2nd) of Torts, § 652C., and

**WHEREAS** in the Supreme Court case of *Zacchini v. Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Co.*, 433 U.S. 562 (1977), a precedent was set by the ruling stating that using a relevant photograph to illustrate a newsworthy article will not create liability, and

**WHEREAS** the Mission Statement of the Connecticut State Grange states "The mission of the Connecticut State Grange, a fraternal organization with roots in rural and agricultural history and the Grange ritual, is to serve as the unifying and supportive organization of community and district Granges in programs of community service, family activities, legislation, and other activities relevant to local communities," and

**WHEREAS** when a person joins the Grange they take on a public role within their communities, and as such, may be interviewed, photographed, and/or video-recorded, and thus may have their words and likeness publicly used.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a statement be added to the Connecticut State Grange Membership Application Form that reads:

"As a Grange member I am a representative of the organization, and as such my image and/or likeness can be used for the purpose of promoting the good works of our Order unless expressly requested not to at any time by myself or legal guardian."

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange #74

**REFERRED:** Good of the Order/Membership

## 5) RE: TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

**WHEREAS** the President of the United States has a term limit of two 4 year terms as President, and

**WHEREAS** many of the Senators and Representatives have held these offices for many years, and

**WHEREAS** in the past few years these members have not done any Legislative Work to solve this Nation's problems, with debt control, a balanced budget, immigration, healthcare, Social Security, and the Farm Bill, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Grange be in favor of term limits for U.S. Senators of two terms and U.S. Representatives of three terms. These term limits are to be in effect for the 2020 election.

**SOURCES:** Coventry Grange #75, East Central Pomona #3

**REFERRED:** Credentials/Master's Address

## 6) RE: INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ALONG CONNECTICUT'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

**WHEREAS** Connecticut's interstate highways have areas that can support the installation of solar panels to produce electricity, and

**WHEREAS** these solar panels can be beneficial to the State of Connecticut by providing revenue and save mowing

costs in these areas, and

**WHEREAS** by using land around the interstate system it would relieve the pressure to have solar panels on Prime Agricultural Land and Pristine Forest.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to promote the installation of solar panels along Connecticut interstates as a revenue venture and a farmland/forestry preservation effort.

**SOURCE:** Coventry Grange #75, East Central Pomona #3

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

## 7) RE: TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

**WHEREAS** before October 1991 the following items were exempt from Connecticut Sales Tax: Livestock (including horses), rabbits and poultry, feed for livestock, rabbits and poultry, seeds and tree seedlings, fertilizer, ground limestone, hydrated lime, insecticides, fungicides, seed inoculants, seed disinfectants and plant hormones, and weed killers and herbicides that assist vegetation, vegetable plants, seed potatoes, onion sets, asparagus roots, berry plants or bushes, and fruit trees, and

**WHEREAS** as of October 1991 all of these items became subject to Connecticut sales tax, and

**WHEREAS** sales and use tax on supplies necessary for agricultural production, whether for the commercial farmer or for the backyard gardener, are a burden on people producing for the Connecticut Grown market, and in the end cause an increase in the cost to the ultimate consumer of a basic necessity.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange, through its legislative committee, petition the Connecticut State Legislature to restore the previous Connecticut Sales Tax exemption on all agricultural products.

**SOURCE:** Cheshire Grange #23, New Haven County Pomona #5

**REFERRED:** Agric./Cons./Environment

## 8) RE: STATE GRANGE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut State Grange Balance Sheet for Sept. 30, 2013 shows an ending balance of \$3,314,532.38, and

**WHEREAS** the 2014 report changes the 2013 ending balance to \$3,361,801.09 with a gain of \$47,268.71 and ending 2014 with a balance of \$3,572,421.77, and

**WHEREAS** the 2015 report changes the 2014 ending balance to \$3,587,560.82 with a gain of \$15,139.05 and ending 2015 with a balance of \$3,333,809.22, and

**WHEREAS** the 2016 report changes the 2015 ending balance to \$3,137,070.61 with a loss of \$196,738.61 and ending 2016 with a balance of \$3,350,922.10, and

**WHEREAS** Subordinate and Pomona Granges are required to use the Sept. 30 balance as a starting point for the new year starting Oct. 1.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Balance Sheet committee be required to use the Sept. 30 balance as a starting figure for the Oct. new year starting figure, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should there be a discrepancy in the ending figure, an amount to correct it should be entered and explained.

**SOURCE:** East Central Pomona #3

**REFERRED:** Constitution/By-Laws

## 9) 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.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to provide clear and understandable labeling to all food products so that the general public can make an informed choice with their purchase, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the 2017 National Grange Session for their approval.

**SOURCE:** Norfield Grange #146

**REFERRED:** Agric./Cons./Environment

## 10) RE: CONNECTICUT VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut Valley trap-rock landscapes of central Connecticut (as distinguished from the Connecticut River Valley) constitute a geologically significant landform of regional importance for economic reasons such as mining of trap rock, scientific study, and public enjoyment, and

**WHEREAS** these areas remain relatively unspoiled as outstanding examples of this type of resource.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange join in supporting the establishment of a Connecticut Valley National Heritage Corridor within the National Park Service (such as the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts) so that this unique

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## 2017 Resolutions

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landscape may be preserved for future scientific study and the enjoyment by the public, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange for their consideration and action thereon.

**SOURCE:** Oxford Grange #194

**REFERRED:** Good of the Order/Membership

### 11) RE: PROCEDURES FOR DENTAL PATIENT EXPENSES

**WHEREAS** patient rights include informed consent, and **WHEREAS** dental patients typically receive and agree to an initial estimate provided by the dentist of the total costs of procedures, and **WHEREAS** when planned procedures take place, additional work may be deemed necessary at additional costs, and **WHEREAS** the patient as a consumer should have the right to be informed of and approve the revised estimate of total expenses of all procedures before they are continued, and **WHEREAS** it is unethical if an original price is agreed upon and then additional procedures are added with the expectation that the patient will pay for them even though he or she has not agreed to the added payment prior to those procedures taking place, and **WHEREAS** patients should not be expected to pay for procedures which they had not provided approval for that represent additional expenses beyond the original price quote.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange contact the Connecticut State Dental Association regarding this consumer protection issue and request they establish procedures for patients' informed consent related to expected and potential additional procedures prior to the initiation of any added dental procedures.

**SOURCE:** Greenfield Hill Grange #133

**REFERRED:** Credentials/Master's Address

## Session Committee Assignments

The above resolutions are provided to give members and Delegates the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the text of the resolutions and to look up any additional information that would help in the committee resolution process at State Session.

### Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

**Chair:** East Central Pomona #3

**Vice Chair:** Central Pomona #1

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### Constitution & By-Laws

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**Vice Chair:** Alma Graham- Leg. Director

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## Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

## Holidays the best time to promote Grange

By Terri Fassio, P.R. Co-Director

The holiday season is right around the corner - starting with Halloween and continuing through to the New Year. This is the time when many Granges host special events - from Bazaars to Festivals to Christmas Parties and more. It is also the time when Granges begin their new community service projects - such as having a drive for non-perishable food items, collecting toys for underprivileged children, making favors for nursing homes, hosting a carol sing for the elderly, and more. This is the perfect time for Granges to reap the benefits the holidays provide and promote their activities and efforts.

What does your Grange want to accomplish during the holidays? The first step is to answer the question, and then plan a themed event or activity to achieve your goals. Remember to be sure that what you are planning is relevant to your community, and makes people feel good about what you are trying to achieve.

Once your Grange event or activity is planned, the next step is getting the word

out. Utilize the resources that are available at little or no charge — mass emails to members, press releases, posters, a sign in front of the hall/meeting location, social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and old-fashioned word-of-mouth.

Start early, and make your promotions timely to the event. Use visuals such as photos and videos in your marketing, and make your call-to-action the centerpiece of your promotions. Folks receive a lot of ads and promotional pieces during the holidays, so make sure yours stand out from the crowd. Make it personal, engaging and easy for folks to participate.

The holidays are the most memorable season of the year. Granges should be taking advantage of these opportunities.

Need help? The Public Relations Committee is ready to lend a hand. All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs. [information@ctstategrange.org](mailto:information@ctstategrange.org) or [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) for more information.

## Budget passed... sort of



As of this writing our country has been hit with multiple hurricanes leaving quite a few States and United States territories with considerable damage. Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico were especially hit hard by these hurricanes. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the areas affected. Fortunately the U.S. House and Senate worked together releasing emergency funds for the areas affected. It is going to take many years to fully recover from these disasters.

We have seen our government, businesses and citizens pitching in to help these affected areas. The National Guard has been sent to the different areas to assist with rescue and security. Different organizations and businesses have collected items to send to the affected areas. Truckers have donated their trucks to transport these items. The cruise industry has assisted in rescuing people from some of the hard hit islands. Many

fund raisers have happened to assist the affected areas through the Red Cross and other agencies. Most of us probably know someone who was affected by the storms.

Isn't it great to see our country working together! Now it would be nice to see the government continue working together to move bills along and obtain common goals.

Connecticut has finally passed a budget, but as of this time it was up in the air if the Governor would sign it. The Republicans managed to pass a budget for the first time in many years with the help of a few Democrats. There were some good things about this budget but there are also many questionable sections. The State Universities were quite upset over this budget and have been lobbying hard to have the Governor veto it. UCONN is threatening closures of campuses and eliminating some financial aid for students. The states employee union contracts are also in play again with this budget with a provision that all future state union contracts require legislative approval. Hopefully all sides can get together and work out their differences. If there is no budget approved by October 1<sup>st</sup> then Governor Malloy's cuts will have taken effect.



## Cannon members grow unusual cabbage

Don Offinger and his dad, Adrian, pose for a picture with a 15 pound head of green cabbage grown on their farm this summer. The Offingers are members of Cannon Grange.



## Central Pomona No. 1

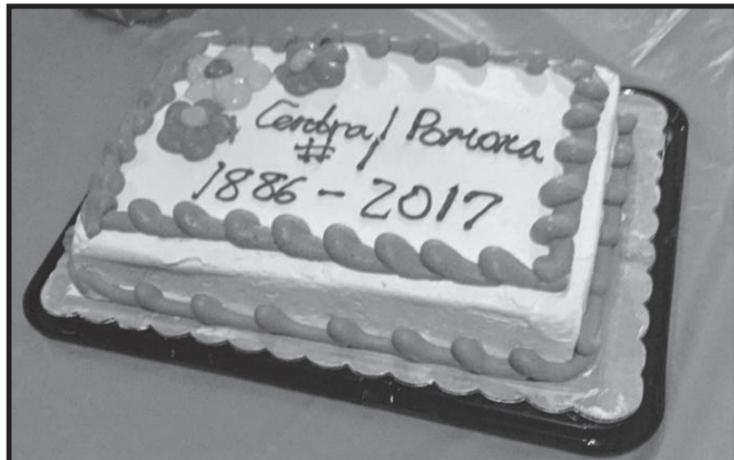
Southington #25  
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Hemlock #182



Since November 30, 1886



Normand Manning is presented with his Past Master's pin by Cynthia Charbonneau, Secretary at the last meeting of Central Pomona #1 in September.



A cake in honor of the final meeting of Central Pomona #1.



Central Pomona Lecturer Martha Trask being presented with a Past Lecturer's pin by Secretary Cynthia Charbonneau.



## East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1	Hillstown #87
Granby #5	Ashford #90
Glastonbury #26	Enfield #151
Manchester #31	Echo #180
Vernon #52	Simsbury #197
Coventry #75	



Since September 7, 1887

**EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3**  
 Corr: Noel Miller  
**Oct. 7:** Meeting at 5:00 P.M., Potluck at 6:00, Degree at 7:00 P.M.

October 7 will be our last meeting so let's everyone join hands one last time as

some of our Granges will go to another Pomona. We thank all that have made our Pomona one of the best Pomonas in the state and hope that we all can work together to make our new Pomona as great as we are.

Anyone needing the Fifth Degree are welcome to join us and have a great time. See you there.

**GRANBY GRANGE #5**

Corr: Vivian Shaw

Granby Grange mourns the loss of Lyall Harry Shaw of East Hartland and beloved husband of Vivian Shaw. Lyall was a veteran of the Korean War in the Army until his discharge in 1957. Lyall and Vivian regularly gave blood and helped organize blood drives for Granby Grange for many years. He was a Master of Granby Grange and Farmington Valley Pomona and served as a Deputy for Farmington Valley Pomona.

In August, Jean and Paul Sutton of Suffield made it possible for Granby Grange to receive a (new to us) farm stand.

Granby holds its annual Agricultural Fair on September 16.

**COVENTRY GRANGE #75**

Corr: Noel Miller

**Oct. 5:** Ritual; Ref. By Noel and Marcia

We have had visitors from Echo Grange #180 checking us out as they are turning in their Charter on September 30. We welcome them to join our happy little group. The Coventry Agricultural Committee is having a Harvest Festival on Oct. 8 as part of the Coventry Farmers Market showing local crafters and gift baskets and farm fun. No second meeting due to State Session.

**ENFIELD GRANGE #151**

Corr: Irene Percoski

**Oct. 14:** Looking in the Rear View Mirror

**Nov. 11:** Everything Orange

A big thank you to Charlene and Marian for the addition of fresh fruits and vegetables for our table at the Farmers' Market. We have been asked, along with other groups, to set-up our booth at Asnuntuck Community College next month as they will have the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly remodeled campus. Dignitaries will include local and state representatives who will tour the buildings and welcome all to an open house.

Don't forget to bring in new items for Day Care and the Enfield Community Cat project.

# Meriden Grange Fair



Some of the many entries at the annual Meriden Grange Fair.

## Have a Good Day!

Chris Hamp, National Lecturer

I know each and every one of us is busy, busy. It is fair season, for most of you it is get ready for State Convention time, and of course, it is that glorious time of the year when seemingly everything in our gardens is ready to be canned, frozen, or dried!

**I am asking you to encourage your Granges and Grangers to subscribe to our new National Grange magazine, Good Day!**

This is a quarterly publication of the highest quality! In my opinion, *Good Day!* is a beautiful, glossy, substantive magazine with a breadth of content and information that can keep any reader interested and absorbed. I'm positive that you will also find a plethora of ideas for Lecturer's programs (bonus!).

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# Southington BBQ



Barbecued chicken and grilled corn on the cob were on the menu for the 2017 Southington Grange Fair in August.



## Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghhannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

### MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4

*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau*

On September 11, Mountain County Pomona held its last meeting at Winchester Grange Hall preceded by a potluck supper. The closing of Mountain County is bittersweet as we close the book on a history that began in 1888 and open a new book as part of the new Pomona A. The entire current Mountain County moves into the new Pomona with some additions from other current Pomonas so we will remain together and will make some "new" friends.

The Lecturer's Program featured props from her "archives" through the years with Farmington Valley Pomona. A nice evening for all.

Now, on to the future...

### TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

*Corr: Barbara Prindle*

Welcome to our two new members Bill and Pat Kelsey. They will be taking the 1st-4th degrees on September 30th at Freedom Plains Grange in LaGrange, NY.

Our October 12th program will be a Surprise by Linda Kinney and our October 26th program will be Halloween by Carol Knutson.

Refreshments for the month are provided by Millie Massey, Bill Beeman and Carol Knutson.

We had our Grange Exhibit at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair this year on September 9th with the idea we could "spread the word" and maybe get new members. I will let you know next month if this worked out well.

Our Master and Treasurer are looking forward to attending State Session again this year. There is so much great information given out to the delegates to bring back to their Grange. Everyone is friendly and helpful no matter how many questions we ask of them.

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

**Oct. 10:** Autumn, Ref. Pam

Wright & Donald Fancher  
**Oct. 24:** Halloween (Country Store), Ref. Ted & Linda Benedict  
**Nov. 14:** Veterans Day, Ref. Sandy & Earl Phillips  
**Nov. 28:** Giving Thanks, Ref. Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Because Mountain County Pomona is not printing Handbooks this year, Winchester Grange has put together it's own program guide for 2018. They were handed out at the Installation of Officers and extras are available by contacting the Lecturer or Secretary--- OR come to a meeting! We would love to see you there!

September has been an EXTREMELY busy month for Winchester Grange! Every Tuesday during the month was Grange night. Starting with a rehearsal of degree work on Sept. 5 followed by the First and Second Degrees on Sept. 12. The Third and Fourth Degrees followed on Sept. 19. We are extremely excited to welcome **SIX NEW MEMBERS**. Several of our new members love ritual and wanted all of the "bells and whistles" of full degree work.

Winchester Grange is blessed with a dedicated bunch of officers and members who almost always say "yes" when help is needed and are happy to fill in any voids the crop up on degree teams. It was good to brush out the cob webs and confer the degrees again after a two year hiatus. With only a few hiccups, the degrees went off well and the candidates seem very impressed. Congratulations to them and thanks to our members for their support!

September 26 was our annual Installation of Officers by the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team. We know it's a long drive out to Winchester from the "Quiet Corner" and we thank them for getting us off to a good start for 2017-2018.

On September 30, Winchester Grange again participated in Winchester Center Day with the Winchester Center Congregational Church,

Winchester Center Vol. Fire Dept., Winchester Historical Association and the Little Red Schoolhouse Association. This event has become a fixture of the fall season in the Center and is an opportunity for all of the organizations in Winchester Center to work together. Winchester Grange holds an art show in the upper hall, a tag sale in the lower hall and sells Apple Crisp and has a hot dog stand in front of the hall while a car show is held on the Green and the historical association is open to visit in the old Chapel.

### RIVERTON GRANGE #169

*Shirley Moore, Corr.*

**Oct. 6:** Meeting and Program, Ref.: Kitty McKee & Ed Downs

**Oct. 13:** Preparations for Riverton Fair Dinners

**Nov. 3:** Meeting and Program, Ref.: Cindy & Mark Prelli

All of our regularly scheduled meetings have been held throughout the summer. We had a very successful fair on August 19 with many entries for judging. I wish to thank all who worked tirelessly to make this happen, including the judges.

Officers were elected in June and will be installed

by the Prelli team at the September meeting.

Our members are really needed in preparing for the Riverton Fair dinners which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15, turkey on Saturday and ham on Sunday. We will be setting up the hall and preparing vegetables on Friday night, Oct. 13.

Please try to attend meetings if you are able. We have had good meetings this summer with sparse attendance. It is much more interesting to have more members present for the lecturer as well as the refreshment committee.

## Taghhannuck Grange #100



Taghhannuck Grange #100 (Sharon, CT) participated in the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on Sept. 9 with an information booth with plenty of things to see and do.

## Riverton Coffee, Music & Cards



Maureen & Phil Prelli of Riverton Grange #169 enjoying the Coffee, Music and Card Party on September 9 at the Grange Hall.



Mark Franklin performs on guitar at the Riverton Grange Coffee, Music & Card Party.



**New Haven County  
Pomona No. 5**

Cheshire #23  
Wallingford #35

Since December 4, 1888

# Cheshire Grange Community Fair

## NEW HAVEN CTY. POMONA #5 Meeting

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Oct. 23: "Let's Reminisce"

This will be our last meeting in Cheshire Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. as members of New Haven County Pomona #5. Our State Master, Noel Miller will come that evening to collect up our Charter as we will no longer exist after October 31, 2017. We will become members of Pomona B.

## CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Oct. 4: Ritualism Night

Oct. 18: Fall Social – Open

Our August Fair was very successful. It involved a lot of hard work and commitment by our members and others. My thanks to everyone who had a part in it.

Our officers were installed by the Jody Cameron and Jeff Barnes team in early September. The installation meeting was preceded by a potluck supper. Cheshire Grange will be well represented at our State Session in Norwich. Plans are getting underway for our annual Craft Show, which this year will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>.



# Box Tops for Ed.



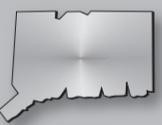
A sampling of the box tops collected by the members of Cheshire Grange #23 for local schools.

# Corky Santas



Cork Santas made for shut-ins by the members of Cheshire Grange #23. One of the many projects made throughout the year for distribution to shut-in members and residents of area nursing homes during the holiday season.





## New London County Pomona No. 6

Senexet #40	Killingly #112
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138
Colchester #78	Lyme #147
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172
Preston City #110	Groton #213



Since January 10, 1890

**SENEXET GRANGE #40***Corr: Diane Miller*

We have continued to be busy keeping the hall in order. We exhibited at the Woodstock Fair with a nice display of Grange work. We will have our Grange Fair on September 16 and we will be active with the Celebrating Ag event on September 26 at the Fairgrounds. The AARP continues to meet in our hall and the 4H Dairy club will meet in our hall again in the fall. We welcomed the former members of Wolf Den Grange #61. It is good to have them join us.

**COLCHESTER GRANGE #78***Corr: Bonnie Trecarten*

We welcomed our guest Lois Evankow, Lecturer, Lyme Grange at our September meeting, and as always we thank Lois for her contributions to our Grange.

Our annual picnic was held at Polly Leonard's farm. We were serenaded by several goats that were watching the proceedings and letting us know they were there for any leftovers. The good food and conversation were enjoyed by all.

We continue with our community service to local rehab facilities and food banks and kudos to Polly Leonard who donated several hundred pounds of vegetables to local food pantries and local lunch programs. These donations are much appreciated. We are also collecting donations for animal shelters in our area and recently Cathy Russi delivered several needed items to the Humane Society shelter in Waterford. Our Grange also applied for and received a \$150.00 grant from Ct State Grange and we were able to match that amount for a local educational project for our elementary school. We coordinated with CT Agricultural Education Foundation and the Farm Bureau to supply the school library with a beautiful barn themed book case and cash donations enabled us to supply agricultural themed childrens books for the case. The dedication

was done at an assembly with 200 second graders, teachers, representatives from the Farm Bureau, Colchester Agricultural Commission, and Colchester Grangers. The book case was dedicated in memory of John Mohrlein, a long time local farmer in Colchester.

Anyone interested in travel please remember to contact Cathy Russi, CWA representative for exciting travel opportunities.

Fall harvest is upon us, hope all are enjoying the beautiful weather and the changing of the seasons.

**EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89***Corr: Sue Gray*

Busy does not begin to describe our Grange! ThankstoJodiAnnCameron & crew Brooklyn Fair is now history--our Grange has its own BUSY booth for the entire Fair! Several members also volunteered helping Washington County Pomona Grange Fair--Grangers helping Grangers is absolutely fantastic! National Junior Ambassador, Jomni Tarbell and her chaperone, Stephanie Inglis returned to East Pembroke, NY area after five delightful days withEkonkandWashington County Fair--a delightful duo of inspirational Junior and Subordinate Grangers. Our members are major players in Sterling Family Day; the singly biggest day in our town especially for families. By this reading our first venture into "Celebrate AG" will be history. At this writing 22 volunteers are in place to prepare and serve 700+ hungry folks breakfast and lunch at the tock Far grounds.

We had an incredible write up with numerous pictures in the local newspaper on our Ekonk Fair--our chests swelled with pride in our organization with the words that the reporter used in describing our Fair and our Grange. Four Juniors (Ariella Bessette, Brianna Gervais and Lillian and Russell Sharpe) are attending classes to eventually earn their Super JG award. These four have

memorized the Junior Grange pledge, know how to properly set up a Grange and are all soon to have completed knowing how to run a business meeting, including knowing the Masters part! All for have taken the Super JG written test too. Installation found Lillian Sharpe installed as new President. Lillian makes the 7th generation of Grange Masters/Presidents in our family! Numerous badges were presented to many diligent Juniors at Installation. They are a bright light to those of us who are seniors; may they never lose their enthusiasm!

**KILLINGLY GRANGE #112***Corr: Glenna Bruno*

**Oct. 2:** Installation of Officers

**Oct. 7:** Apple Festival

**Oct. 16:** Meeting & Halloween Whatever

**Oct. 28:** Bluegrass

Our Sept. meeting was "Around the World" and hopefully a speaker was there on gardening. Many of our members have traveled som, so a peek into their trips and a short talk on gardening will do for a program.

In Oct. we will be having another apple festival with John Bennett as head of activities. Later in the fall our Bluegrass will be performing.

We held a dinner on Sept. 13 with turkey and all the fixings.

We finally have repaired the corner of the building on the dining room end thanks to Mr. Paul Grandalski doing the labor and Glenna Bruno being the "Sidewalk Superintendent and Financial Supporter."

Mr. Grandalski is a close relative of two of our former members, Wanda Mack and Bertha Kruger. Wanda passed away several years ago and Bertha is in a rest home. Bless them both.

Our breakfast chef Bruce Kohl has been in and out of the hospital and rehab. for some weeks now. Hope he is progressing in health.

As of this writing, our Sept. 16 Grange Fair has yet to happen but by the time of printing, it will have passed for another year. Hopefully the weather cooperated.

For our Golden Sheaf Night, we had our own regular five Golden Sheaf members in attendance. We are all still active, alive and well. What a great generation!

We did well on our Ham and Bean Dinner and July our Cold Dinner did well. Happy Fall!

**N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138***Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Oct. 13:** "The Strength of a Nation Derives from the Integrity of the Home"

**Oct. 27:** "Everything has Beauty but not Everyone Sees It"

The men had the program on August 11. We learned a lot about cats, tried to figure out how to tie a knot in a string without letting go of either end, took a test on antique tools and puzzles over how you could fish with your foot. (You had to be there.) On the 25<sup>th</sup> the ladies took over. Three guys tried to stack nuts (the metal kind) with a skewer, listened with awe to an inspiring speech, tried to get untangled from our partner (string again!), heard a rendition of The Emperor's New Clothes,

danced the Alley Cat and took a "cat" quiz. Look at all the fun you're missing if you're not at the meetings.

Our October 13 program is in the hands of the Legislative Committee. Hopefully Nick will have some good news for us. Start getting your costumes ready for the annual Halloween Party on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes for costumes, games, contests, spooky refreshments and a cup social. Bring all the kids and grandkids! No meeting, just fun for all. Party starts at 7:30. And if those pesky hurricanes forming off Africa will just stay away from us, next time I'll tell you all about super September.

**LYME GRANGE #147***Corr: Lois Evankow*

**Nov. 2:** How productive was your garden? Ag. Program – Notes to Vets

**Dec. 7:** Will Santa come by sleigh or car?

**Jan. 4:** Our favorite "hobbies"- Show & Tell

State Master Noel Miller came with his team and installed the members of Lyme Grange at our Sept. meeting. Thank goodness the weather cooperated and we didn't have excessive heat.

We voted to send our new Master, Kathy Tefft (TEFFT) and her grandson David Sanford as our Delegates to State Session in October.

We're looking forward to a wonderful two years under the leadership of our new Master.

Just a note of interest. Kathy is the daughter of Louise Chapman, an ex-State Lecturer and David is her great grandson.

## Book Barn Case Donated



Colchester Grange members and guest donating a Book Barn case and books to a local school.



**Excelsior  
Pomona No. 7**

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



Since October 22, 1891

**BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103**

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Following Installation of Officers on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be ready to start a new and we hope an exciting year. The officers held a planning meeting in July and all meeting dates, program themes and refreshment committees have been established.

We also planned some fundraisers. We will have an open mic the third Saturday of each month. Ron Fischer is in charge. We planned and had a bake sale at WalMart on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and had an information table at a town-wide event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all our Grangers who made baked items for the sale. As of this date, we have no planned a tag sale date but I'm sure we will at our meeting this Friday (September 8).

**OXFORD GRANGE #194**

Corr: Robert Buck

**Oct. 6:** Welcome Fall**Oct. 20:** Meeting postponed 1 week due to State Session**Oct. 27:** G.O.M.A.D. music

and dance party/potluck begins at 7:00 PM.

While as of this writing, our handicapped ramp is still not completed, hopefully it will start to materialize by the time you see this. As a result, we have had to change some of our schedule. Our last Excelsior Pomona meeting had to be held in Bethlehem instead of Oxford. On the upside, we had the annual fire department inspection at the end of July and have corrected all the areas of concern. This involved some hall repairs on several of our doors which were sorely needed. We have also set plans to cooperate on and get involved with our local fire department on future projects, like their annual car show.

We have taken in a couple of new members recently and hope to get them involved. The G.O.M.A.D. monthly music and dance parties held the last Friday of each month continue to go well. They are well attended and have raised some interest in the Grange.

## Wolcott in bloom



Dozens of sunflowers surround Wolcott Grange Hall.



A harvest of vegetables grown in the Wolcott Grange garden for donation to the Wolcott Senior Center.

# Time for a fresh start



**Marge Bernhardt**  
State Lecturer  
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

WOW! IT'S OCTOBER. I don't know where the summer has gone. Welcome to our new Grange year. If you have had a bad year it's time to put it behind you and get a fresh start. We all need to strive to make our Grange better. We have to work together and build our attendance. The Grange has many good programs. Let's take advantage of them.

The programs printed last year were for two years so you should be all set to start thinking about them. If you need a new copy, just let me know and I will get it to you.

With the impending changes in our Pomonas we won't be receiving new

program books this fall. I need your help. If you have a new Lecturer in your Grange, please let me know so I can get them the information they need. All Lecturers receive a newsletter every other month. This newsletter keeps them up to date on current programs and contains numbers that can be used as part of your programs.

October also means it is time for our State Grange Session. I hope your Grange will be represented when we pass out the Lecturers' Awards at the Celebration Banquet on Friday Night. As I write this I don't know how many Granges will get recognition in the Lecturers Department but I hope that you will congratulate those who receive these awards. They worked hard on your behalf. Entertainment for the banquet will be by Ashly Cruz. She entertained at Cheshire Grange last spring and was a big hit. I'm sure you would enjoy seeing her in action.

## Northeast Needlework Winners

The following are the winners in the Northeastern Needlework Contests for 2017:

**Class A** – Afghans: 1- Karen Flagg, ME; 2- Charlotte Brenon, NY; 3- Nancy Dulong, NH

**Class B** – Doilies: 1- Linda Kesby, NY; 2- Doris Roberts, VT; 3- Josephine Fazzino, CT

**Class C** – Embroidery: 1- Karen Flagg, ME; 2- Dawn Percoski, CT; 3- Katherine Lynds, VT

**Class D** – 3 Piece Baby Set: 1- Janice Rouselle, VT; Wendy Avann, NH; 3- Margaret Easton, CT

**Class E** – Plastic Canvas: 1- Doris Roberts, VT; 2- Synda Beron, RI; 3- Richard Ballard, NY

**Class F** – Counted Cross Stitch: 1- Janet Hughes, ME, 2- Marcia Smith, RI; 3- Mariellen Baxter, CT

**Class G** – Adult Garment: 1- Sharon Stickney, NH; 2- Edith Schoell, CT; 3- Ruth Persano, MA

**Class H** – Latch Hook: 1- Dorothy Joselovitz, CT; 2- Stanley Douglas, ME; 3- Lynn Conklin, NY

**Class I** – Quilted Wall Hanging: 1- Alma Graham, CT; 2- Patricia Libby, ME; 3- Diane Lafavre, NH

**Class J** – Stuffed Toy: 1- Deborah Ploof, VT; 2- Janet Huhtala, CT; 3- Alivia Fuchs, NY

**Class K** – Baby Afghan: 1- Clara McGinnis, NY; 2- Dorothy Mrowka, CT; 3- Ruth Parsons, MA

**Best of Show:** Janet Hughes, ME  
**Honorable Mention:** Josephine Fazzino, CT, Karen Flagg, ME

## Prospect Grange hurricane help



## Southern Conn. Past Masters

The next meeting of the Past Masters will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Beacon Valley Grange. The program will be our annual Fun Fair – them "Sports" in the charge of Joanne Cipriano. Our cooking contest is Shepherd's Pie. This will be our main dish for supper.

As always our meetings start with a potluck supper at 6:30 P.M. followed by a short meeting, a program and country store.

Come and join us – we love visitors.



**Fairfield County  
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15      Norfield #146  
Harmony #92      Cannon #152  
Greenfield Hill #133



Since February 20, 1895

**HARMONY GRANGE #92**

*Corr: George Ward*

**Oct. 13:** Regular Meeting

Harmony Grange is still negotiating with the State of Connecticut for the land being taken for the cul-de-sac south of the Grange Hall on Hurd Avenue and for the roundabout at the intersection of Routes 110 & 111. Our parking lot adjacent to Hurd Avenue and the contractor has made provisions so we can use our facilities during the construction.

Our Agricultural Fair held in August was a small success. We had some people come by to see the exhibits and buy items on sale. Because of the construction effects on attendance, we did not have food for sale or a bake sale.

At our August meeting, we draped our Charter for our 50 year member, Henry Barrachina. Henry was a former member of Trumbull Grange and became a member of Harmony when the two Granges consolidated. Henry was loyal member and did considerable work on the facilities. He was a 50 year Masonic member of Washington Lodge #19 in Monroe.

We held our election for 2017-2019 at our August meeting and we were assisted by Karen Macdonald and Geno Piacentini and Bob & Marge Sendewicz. All stations were filled. Ronald Bunovsky is the new Master/President and Betty Blackwell is the new Overseer/Vice President. Betty is a new member of Harmony Grange. Before our election, Bob Sendewicz did the Welcoming Ceremony on two new candidates, Karen Ceneviva and Abigail (Aby) Kende. Our installation will be at our September meeting by Bob & Marge Sendewicz.

As a reminder for those wanting to visit Harmony Grange, our parking lot, as stated above, is adjacent to Hurd Avenue and you must take surrounding streets to get to Hurd Avenue. Direct entrance to and from Route 110 is permanently closed. From Route 111, use Jeannette Street. From

110, use Moose Hill Rd. and Ruth St.

On October 4, Sister and Brother Ward will celebrate 65 years of marriage.

**GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133**

*Corr: Jim Golias and Lori Golias Burany*

Our annual Agricultural Fair was held on August 19, 2017 and it was very successful. Thanks to all who helped -- the judges, the vendors, and all the volunteers that made it happen.

A special thanks to Beth Bradley and friends for the musical entertainment. -- a big hit at the fair, Thank you to Rob and Maggie Buck from Oxford Grange & Ron and Gail from Harmony Grange. Thank you to Larry Baldyga from Big Little Sanitation. Again, a big thanks to all.

Upcoming Dates: Our September 23 Pasta Night is coming up featuring a special presentation on backyard birds and migration. Save the date for "Fall into Spring -- a Tea Talk Luncheon" with a presentation on Spring Bulbs. On November 18 we'll host a Holiday Boutique.

Also, plans are in the works for Greenfield Hill Grange's 125th anniversary in 2018 -- founded in January of 1893. More to follow. Happy Autumn Y'all

**CANNON GRANGE #152**

*Corr: Don Offinger*

**Oct. 5:** Business Meeting

**Oct. 19:** Business Meeting

**Nov. 2:** Business Meeting

**Nov. 4:** BARN DANCE 7-10 PM

**Dec. 7:** Business Meeting

Our 85th Anniversary Agricultural Fair enjoyed a day of perfect weather and eager crowd of attendees. Prize ribbons won by all in many categories ranging from Bakery to Sewing to Flowers & Vegetables to Bunny Rabbits and our newest competition in Water-Color Painting. Over 125 pounds of canned and packaged food was collected at the gate for admission for donation to the local Interfaith Food

Pantry. This forms part of our Community Service project for this year within the topical theme for all our programs: Healthy Living and Eating.

We welcome our newest member, John O'Reilly who joined as a result of our recent fair. Many thanks to all of our fair workers who put together our fair this year and headed up by the

committee leaders: Doug and Sara Shepherd, Bil Mikulewicz and Michele Clark. Also, thanks and appreciation to Karen Tartell who gets up very early on Fair Day to take entries and process the Entry Forms and Exhibit Tags.

Our program theme for the new Grange Year is "Eating Well in order to Live

Well". All of our programs this year are designed to this topic, and many of the programs will be interactive and led by fascinating instructors. Please check our website often to see the topic title.

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

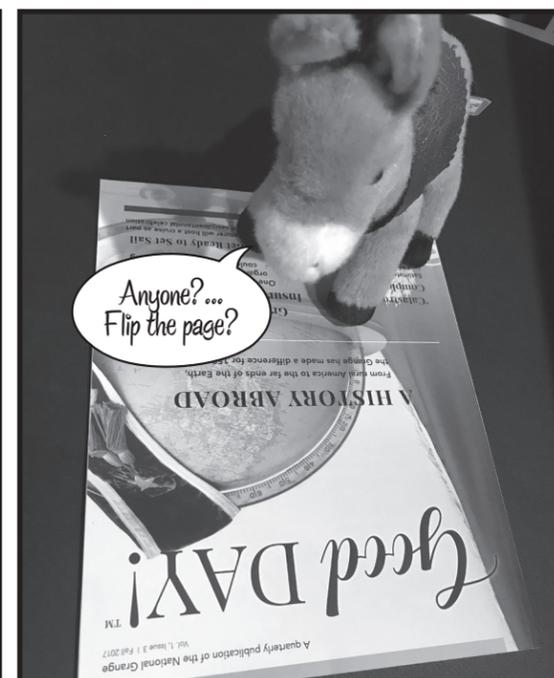


*By Hank the Burro*

Hello Grange Friends!

September has been Fair Time - and that includes the Big E! We hope that you all had a chance to visit at least one Fair this season. State Session is on the horizon - and I look forward to seeing everyone in Norwich.

Be sure to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>.



## Past Master Harry Logan Page

Harry Logan Page was born on October 29, 1887 in Montrose, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Charles Stanley Page and Sarah Clark (Whitmarsh) Page. (Sarah Clark Whitmarsh was born in England coming to this country at an early age).

He received his education in the local Grammar and High Schools and Cornell University at Ithaca, NY.

He married Lavinia Kenyon Haynes on August 26, 1914 in Preble, NY. She was the daughter of Perry S. Haynes and Ann Florence (Carlyle) Haynes.

He has served as a member of the Board of Wardens and Burgesses and the Agent of the Town Deposit Fund of the Town of Guilford, Conn. He is Past President of the Eagle Hose Company and Past President of the Guilford Fire Department and past President of the Guilford Fair Association and Past President of Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of which he was a Director, and Past Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For a number of years he was a close friend of Governor Rollin S. Woodruff and



managed his farm in Guilford, a pleasant relationship that continued until the Governor's death. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His first interest has always been of the farm and pure bred cattle at his farm on Boston St. in Guilford where he also had a General Insurance business.

Sister Page was always very active in Grange work. She was Normal College trained and substituted frequently as a

teacher in her local town.

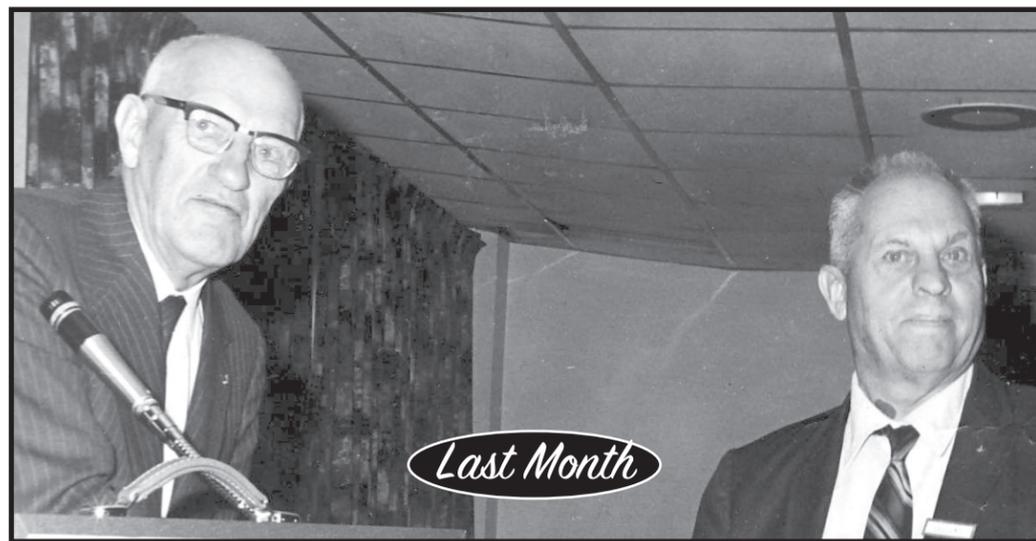
Brother Page had a long and worthy Grange career having held many offices in the organization such as: Master of Guilford Grange; Master of New Haven County Pomona in 1934; Deputy of New Haven County Pomona, Assistant Steward, Steward and 18<sup>th</sup> Master of the Connecticut State Grange from 1944-1947. He was appointed Priest Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange at the death of Thomas Roy Brooks and held that office until November 1949. He was Priest Messenger of the Assembly of Demeter in 1946.

# 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](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).



*This Month*



*Last Month*

There were no answers to last month's Window Picture.

## About Gov. Rollin S. Woodruff

*This month's Past State Master article (at left) refers to Governor Woodruff. Most of us know the Governors during our lifetimes. Here's a little biographical info. to accompany the article.*

Rollin Simmons Woodruff was born in Rochester, NY on July 14, 1854. He was a successful businessman and was involved in several banks and corporations. He was a director of the Mechanics Bank of New Haven, the Connecticut Savings Bank, and the Connecticut Computing Machine Company. He was vice president of the Federal Adding Machine Company. In addition, Woodruff was president of Grace Hospital of New Haven and C. S. Mersick Company, a manufacturer and wholesaler of heavy hardware, railroad supplies, machinist supplies and other metal products.

Beginning in 1896 became active in the state militia, and in 1899 he was appointed aide-de-camp to Governor George E.



Lounsbury with the rank of colonel. In 1902 he became a member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Republican, he was elected to one term in the Connecticut State Senate in 1903, and was chosen the Senate's President pro tempore.

He was President of New Haven's Chamber of Commerce from 1905 to 1907.

Woodruff became the 51st Lieutenant Governor of CT in 1905. He held that position until 1907.

Winning the 1906 Republican gubernatorial nomination, Woodruff became the Governor on January 9, 1907. During his term, he vetoed several acts of the legislature, arguing that they were too costly. Woodruff remained active in his business. He became a member of the Union League Club.

Woodruff died in Guilford Center, CT on June 30, 1925, exactly two weeks short of his 71st birthday. – Wikipedia



Fall is here, and along with it comes harvest dinners and potluck suppers. Here's a dish from Oprah's O Magazine that's a little different, but easy to make, and perfect for the next Grange potluck!

### Caramelized Onion and Bacon Tart

#### INGREDIENTS:

4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
4 small onions, cut in half lengthwise and thickly sliced  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped  
Kosher salt  
1 cup whole milk ricotta cheese  
1 egg yolk  
Freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon Parmigiano-Reggiano  
1 (8-inch) frozen pie or tart shell

#### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook bacon in a medium frying pan over medium-high heat until fat is mostly rendered and bacon is crisp around edges. Transfer to paper towels to drain, and set aside, leaving 1 tablespoon bacon fat in pan. Crumble bacon after cooling.

Add onions to pan and cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until they start to brown, about 8 minutes. Turn heat to medium-low and add 1 tablespoon thyme and pinch of salt. Continue to cook until onions are soft and deep golden brown, about 20 minutes more.

Meanwhile, combine ricotta, egg yolk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, pinch of pepper, 1 teaspoon thyme and 1/4 cup Parmigiano in a small bowl. Stir well to combine.

Spread ricotta mixture evenly on the bottom of tart shell. Arrange onions on top of ricotta and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon Parmigiano. Sprinkle bacon over top. Transfer to oven and bake until edges of filling are golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes.

**Serves:** 6-8

SOURCE: <http://www.oprah.com/food/caramelized-onion-and-bacon-tart#ixzz4tMwBLVpb>

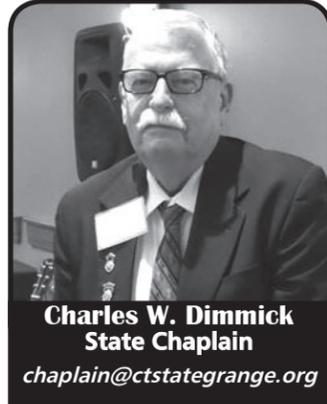


Some of the many entries at the Hillstown Grange Fair in East Hartford.

# Simsbury Grange Fair



# A prayer for change



We are living in a time of great conflict and discord, both in this country, and throughout the world. There are wars in the Middle East, threat of war in the Far East, political, religious, and racial tensions both here and abroad, and conflict over uneven distribution of natural resources, such as water and arable land. We, as individuals, may feel helpless

in the face of all this. But we, as Christian believers, should recognize the need to do whatever we can do to lessen these tensions, ease the pain and turmoil, and help to restore the brotherhood of Man. Our attempts to reach these goals should be by both word and action. Our words should be used to stir others to action, to comfort those that need comforting, and to admonish those who need admonishing. And do not forget the power of prayer, St. James tells us: "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

The Women's Prayer Circle, St. John's Episcopal Church, North Guilford, developed A Prayer for Change to reflect the state of the world and how to bring God's love to this time.

Loving God, You have made the whole of human life in your image; Each one of us shaped in love.

Your goodness is ever-present within us all. But, there is so much evil and pain in our world, it comes at us from every direction.

Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us, to use that love as a force for good.

Help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope, praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.

Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness can never overcome.

## Social Connection Thanks

Joanne Cipriano, Dir.

As I write this, we are still checking the mailbox for entries in the "Granger of the Year" Contest. As you read this the deadline has passed but I am optimistic we will still receive a few more. The winner will be announced at State Session at the banquet on Friday evening.

As another year has come to an end, Barbara and I would like to thank everyone who helped us in anyway this past year. We had a lot of good help.



## 133<sup>rd</sup> 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 _____	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 \$30.00 = _____

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

# of People \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above): **BEFORE SEPT. 15, \$30 - \$40 AFTER**

- 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. 19 & FRIDAY, OCT. 20 (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. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

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

**TOTAL** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange**

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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)