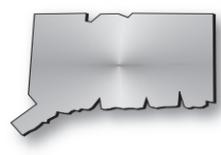




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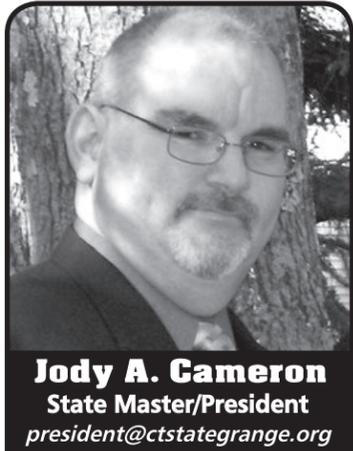



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Promote your Grange



Jody A. Cameron
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As we look down the road to the next few months in the remainder of the Grange year, we have many happenings on the horizon. Many Granges will be holding their annual fairs; this is an excellent time to promote your Grange.

One of the requirements for Honor Grange is an Open House or event to promote your Grange, what a better use of a member's time than to be available to answer questions and hand out material about your Grange. Brothers and Sisters, we must be continually selling our Grange and its potential to the public in order to grow. We need to optimize these opportunities we have with the public and sell, sell, sell. There are many ways for us to sell our Grange and not be "pushy", one

will again be hosting the CT Room during the entire 17 days of the fair and will be making a BIG showing on Grange Day. Contact me if you want to participate on Grange Day.

Our State Grange Social Connection has a Competitive Night planned on September 17th, at Prospect Grange, this sounds like another home run idea from these ladies, you do not want to miss this one. Come enjoy a potluck dinner and then the competition.

All Granges should be looking down the road to our upcoming State Session October 20 - 22, 2011 at the Plaza Hartford Hotel in East Hartford (formerly the Sheraton). Our annual session completes our work for the year and charts our course for the future. There will be much, much more on the Annual Session come soon.

Only we can ensure these and many other events are successful, our Granges work hard to meet the needs of their members and community, so let's support them and make this summer's events one for the record books.

By the time you read this article, the joint picnic with RI State Grange will have passed, RI hosted, and we thank them, they had over 100 members in attendance, congrats to them. We had a wonderful day of food, fun and festivities, if we do this again, you really do not want to miss it.

Fast approaching is the Big E which runs from Sept 16 - Oct 2, 2011. Your help is always needed in the NE Grange Building. Contact Betty Jane Gardiner or Dawn Percoski if you can help. We congratulate Dawn Percoski on accepting the position of Grange Experience Director. I know Lisa Lamoureux is planning a day for all juniors and youth to help in the NE Grange Building, look for details, this is a GREAT way for our younger members to support the Grange. We

Management while working full time at We Li-Kit Farms in Abington.

Both of these gentlemen are two of the youngest Deputy State Masters this State has had, and I commend them for all they have done thus far. There is a bright future for these two young men, one that will benefit the Grange greatly in the future.

It has been my honor to serve with each of you. On

behalf of the members of the Connecticut State Grange, we thank you for your service to date and wish you much success as you both pursue your desired education paths and career goals.

Jody A. Cameron
President

And a good time was had by all!



Some of the more than 150 members of the Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges who attended the first picnic held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in RI on July 16. More on page 12!

State Grange posts NET GAIN!

Jody Cameron, State President

We have said all year long, all we have to do is secure 1 member at a time. Simple math tells us 1 and 1 is 2. Not this time, 1 plus 1 is 11. Congratulations, we had a net gain of 11 for the quarter ending 6/30/11.

Your hard work is paying off, this is the first quarter in quite some time we have seen a net gain and we should rejoice in all your efforts in strengthening your Grange. We believe this is only the tip of the iceberg in membership growth. There is a renewed energy and level of excitement in each Grange. Continue to build on this, be more visible in your community, tell EVERYONE about the YOUR Grange and above all else, continue to ask them to join the Grange.

Here are some ideas for your next public function:
Dinners:

- Put cards on the tables for guests to join a mailing list, events newsletter, Facebook, etc. include an area for them to request additional information about your grange. Make these cards part of a free drawing.

- Place mats: Take an 8.5" X 14" sheet of paper and design an events place mat for each table setting. Include upcoming events and contact information.

Bulletin Boards:

- Put a bulletin board in your hall listing current events and recent news. KEEP IT CURRENT!

Flyer, Posters and Brochures:

- Put flyers and brochures in your town hall and public libraries. KEEP THEM CURRENT!

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Good luck & thank you!

J. Allen Cameron will be stepping down to concentrate on his schooling and career development, he is attending UConn majoring in Dairy

Science.

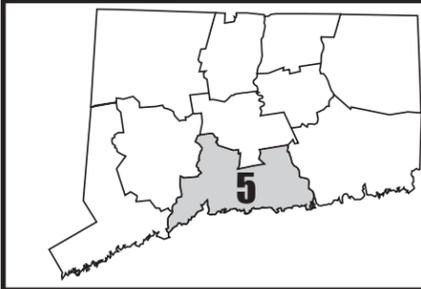
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New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Aug. 3: Omit

Aug. 17: Ice Cream Special

We hosted the annual Celebrations program and Grange Sunday on June 12th. Our talent number consisting of Robyn Lee, Coleen Kelley, and Mary Bathrick placed third in the talent contest that afternoon. with their rendition of "Lolly-Pop"

Our mystery ride on June 15th took us to the Norton Brothers Farm, where we toured the orchards in a tractor drawn wagon

and afterward shopped at their farm store.

We have a new roof on our building and will be finishing up our window project with five new windows for the lower hall.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barb Kulisch

Aug. 26: Summer Vacations Draw To An End-- Picnic before meeting 6:30pm

Sept. 9: September Is.....

We have completed our Community Service Project for this year making monetary donations, through our Penny Jar

March at each meeting, to the Middlesex Diaper Appeal through the United Way in Middletown. We continue to give travel bags to the Waterford Country School plus Birthday Party Supplies. We have already begun to talk about what we would like to do for next year!

We continue to have twelve very faithful members attending our meetings and we all work very hard together! We continue talking about ways to get new members into our organization! It has not been easy being in a Historic District and NOT belonging to the Art Association as that is very huge in Old Lyme. YET, we continue to try to attract new members!

Hope all are enjoying their summer plans!

2011 Connecticut State Grange Session Committee Assignments

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Vice Chair/Sec: North Central Pomona No. 13

Stafford #1	Wallingford #33	Ekonk Community #89
Granby #5	Eureka #62	Pachaug #96
Redding #5	Colchester #78	Stonington #168
Glastonbury #26	Hillstown Jr. #87	Wolcott #173

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: New Haven County Pomona No. 5

Vice Chair/Sec: Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11

Southington #25	Coventry #75	Norfield #146
Cawasa #34	Hillstown #87	Lyme #147
Brooklyn #43	Watertown #122	Enfield #151
Winchester #74	Greenfield Hill #133	Bridgewater #153

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: East Central Pomona No. 3

Vice Chair/Sec: Excelsior Pomona No. 7

Lebanon #21	Beacon Valley #103	Old Lyme #162
Cheshire #23	Killingly #112	Riverton #169
Meriden #29	North Stonington #138	Norwich #172
Harmony #92	Cannon #152	Echo #180

Alma Graham, Legislative Director

Good of the Order

Chair: New London County Pomona No. 6

Vice Chair/Sec: Fairfield County Pomona No. 9

Tunxis #13	Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101	Prospect #144
Manchester #31	Beacon #118	Hemock #182
Whigville #48	Bethlehem #121	Oxford #194
Vernon #52	Trumbull #134	Simbury #197

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Central Pomona No. 1

Vice Chair/Sec: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

North Haven #35	Ashford #90	Litchfield #107
Senexet #40	Putnam #97	Preston City #110
Tolland #51	Taghannuck #100	Higganum #124
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington Jr. #105	Cherry Brook #210

127th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

Ballroom, Plaza Hotel, East Hartford, CT

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Session
- 9:15 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Agriculture Committee
- 9:30 A.M. Special Order of Business:
Election of one member of the Executive Committee
(and any other vacancies that may have occurred)
- 9:45 A.M. National Master
- 10:15 A.M. Report of General Deputy
Reports of Pomona Deputies
Report of Camp Berger
Report of Connecticut Granger
Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon
- CWA Presentation & Awards
- Membership & Public Relations Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
Business Session
- 5:00 P.M. Closing
- 8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral, Ballroom, Plaza Hotel
(Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests & Past Voting Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
Honor Grange Awards
Community Service
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table - Officers and Court

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 10:15 A.M. Business Session
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
- 1:45 P.M. Installation
- 2:30 P.M. Business Session
- 3:30 P.M. Carmen Brickner- Guest Speaker
- 5:00 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet
(members not registered/without a ticket will be permitted to attend the program following the meal).
- Lecturer's Program
- Scholarships
- Agriculture Awards
- Past Deputies Raffle

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Should be made as soon as possible by contacting the **Hartford Plaza Hotel** (formerly the Sheraton-- same hotel, different name) at (860) 528-9703. Room rates are the same as last year (\$79.00 plus tax). Please refer to the Connecticut State Grange Convention when making your reservations to receive our special room rate.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- ✓ N. Stonington No. 138
- ✓ Lyme No. 147
- Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6
 Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Aug. 27: Picnic at Bluff Point, 12:00
Sept. 12: T-Time

Our meeting on June 8 was an evening of reminiscing and remembering those who had gone on before us to the Great Grange above. Chaplain Anne-Marie Knochenhauer presented an impressive memorial service. Flowers were placed on the altar in memory of each member lost. Then several members regaled us with memories of long ago.

There was a discussion of where to hold our annual picnic. Bluff Point in Groton is the chosen site. There are hiking trails lined with beach plums and red and white shore roses that wind along scenic Long Island Sound,

a picnic area with grills available, and restrooms. if you are a birder, bring your binoculars. Over 200 species have been sighted in the area over the years. There is also a boat launch if you ahve a kayak or canoe you want to throw on the car. So pack your picnic lunch (don't forget plates, cups and utensils) and join us at Bluff Point on August 27th.

The September 12th meeting promises to be casual. For the small fee of \$2.00 you may wear your favorite t-shirt to the meeting. This is a fundraiser for the Pomona. It's a good time to show your team spirit. Go Sox! (Yankees! Patriots! Bruins! Steelers! etc., etc., etc.)

It's time for the picnic! Say hip, hip, hooray!

It promises to be a most wonderful day!

We'll eat lots of goodies then go for a hike,

Go birding, play games, or whatever you like!

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Aug. 12: I'd like to visit Ben & Jerry's

Aug. 26: I'd like to visit Gettysburg

On June 10th we elected Robert Miner to another year in the Master's chair. Our Chaplain, Marguerite Rauch, has decided to take a little respite from the officer scene for a while. Cindy Anderson was elected Chaplain, Ellie Banker will be our Pomona and Nick Mullane will serve three years on the Executive Committee. All other officers remain the same. Many thanks for your hard work to retiring officers and committee members, and congratulations to all returning incoming officers and committee members.

After election the CWA presented an entertaining program with skits and music

appropriate to the summer season. Jason Miner brought down the house when he walked on the stage in that cute bathing suit.

Our picnic was well attended, including lots of Junior Grangers. The food was great and the games kept the kids busy until sunset.

On August 12th the men have the program and the ladies have the refreshments. On the 26th our Civil War re-enactors will present the program. This is a re-schedule from July 15th.

On Saturday, August 13th we will hold our annual Super Yard Sale on the grounds from 9 until 2. This year the sale will benefit the Wheeler Library roof fund. We rent tables for \$20.00 each to people who would like to get rid of some of their treasures. We will also have tables of donated items that we sell. All profits from our tables and rental fees for others' tables go to the Library. Our food booth will be open, and those profits

also go to the Library. Last year the sale was a great success and we hope for an even larger crowd this year. And if those slimy slugs who love to munch on my dahlias will just go back to where they come from, next time I'll tell youa ll about juicy July.

LYME GRANGE #147
Aug. 4: We Eat Again- Picnic & Open House
Sept. 1: Come & See

At our planning meeting we discussed programs for the next year.

Lyme Grange Fair Association (a.k.a. Hamburg Fair) will be Aug. 19-21. We're hoping for perfect weather. Not too hot- not too cold and NO RAIN! Ha, ha, we can dream. Ride bracelets are available.

We have a new Treasurer and hopefully our water closet committee will come up with a plan for a year round bathroom so we don't have to use the outhouse.

Hope everyone will enjoy the summer and I will tell you more next time.

NET GAIN!

Continued from page one...

- Hang Posters advertising your Grange and events at town hot spots, again, KEEP THEM CURRENT!

We belong to the Grange at one of the most exciting times, we have the opportunity to chart the course for a stronger, more visible Grange in our community, it can be done, and you know how we know that? You are doing it! A net gain of 11, CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome new members...

- Algert Saunders Cheshire #23
- Joanna Rodgers-Liston Southington #25
- Bonnie Trecarten Colchester #78
- Chris Bourque Colchester #78
- Carol Bourque Colchester #78
- Dorothy Mrowka Colchester #78
- Linda Amerighi Taghannuck #100
- Linda Kinney Taghannuck #100
- Harriet Sawczak Beacon Valley #103
- Kathleen Carroll Greenfield Hill #133
- Stacy Ruttenberg Greenfield Hill #133
- Arthur Beebe Lyme #147
- Nancy Beebe Lyme #147
- Chelsea Evankow Lyme #147
- Tom Freudenthal Lyme #147
- Ted Powell IV Lyme #147
- Timothy Hock Lyme #147
- James Hock Lyme #14
- Billy Fogle Lyme #147
- Peter Evankow Lyme #147
- Robert Grey Bridgewater #153
- Ray Phillips Hemlock #182
- Ellen Pierini Hemlock #182
- Jill Zitnay Oxford #194
- Jordan Zitnay Oxford #194
- Jeff Zitnay Oxford #194
- Joshua Zitnay Oxford #194

127th Annual Session of the
Connecticut State Grange
REGISTRATION FORM

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

Grange Name & Number _____

Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 20 - Sat., Oct. 22)

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

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

Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 22 (ONE DAY)

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

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

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

TOTAL = _____

REGISTRATION AND BANQUET CHOICE MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2011
Late Registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
 Please make checks payable to: Connecticut State Grange
 Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033
 Questions: Please call 860-633-7550 or email: secretary@ctstategrange.org

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay

Pomona winners for the needlework contest held recently were as follows:

Class A- Afghan- Delores Murency (non-member)

Class C- Embroidery- Sue Hallier (non-member)

Class D- 3 Piece Baby Set- Cindy Legg

Class E- Plastic Canvas- Diane Godin

Class G- Adult Garment- Cindy Legg

Class H- Latch Hook- Faith Luran (non-member)

Class J- Stuffed Toy- Cindy Legg

Congratulations to all winners, a job well done.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

On Aug. 12 we will have our annual picnic at the home of Master Joanne Cipriano. The hot dogs will be ready promptly at 6:00 P.M. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Our 122nd anniversary celebration turned out great. Our visitors received a warm welcome- a little bit warmer than we would like it to be. The food was delicious, the program entertaining and the fellowship friendly. It was nice to see so many of our members and former members who we have not seen in a while present.

The song says, "I could have danced all night" well "I could have talked all night."

We at Beacon Valley hope you are having an enjoyable and healthy summer.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

Aug. 22: 7:30pm, Game Night; Ref. Shirley Petrillo

Sept 26: 7:30pm, To Be Announced; 6:30pm, Pizza - Dutch Treat at Theo's

The 120th Anniversary Celebration of Bethlehem Grange was the place to be yesterday, Everyone enjoyed the music of Myrtle Hayden and company.

The speaker was Mike Kiely, the recipient of the Farmer of the Year award 2010.

Food galore and time to visit, what more is needed for a great afternoon in summer.

Some sad news; Mary Bremner died June 30th

in Florida. She was a member 75 years, coming to Bethlehem from Washington Grange when we merged.

Our August meeting we will meet at Theo's across from the hall, enjoy a meal and then back to the hall for a meeting.

I still need some input of ideas for our entry at the Bethlehem Fair. Put your thinking caps on, it won't be long now.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

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

Aug: Antique Cars

We are pleased and proud that an Oxford member, Jill Zitnay, placed third at State level in the baking contest. Also, Faith Lucas, a non-member who entered the latch hook competition through Oxford Grange, placed second. Our congratulations to both individuals for their good work.

Maggie Buck, Oxford's Master-elect, recently was kicked by a horse, resulting in a badly broken right arm. We wish her a speedy recovery from this unfortunate accident.

Bethlehem Grange celebrates 120th years



Mike Keilty of Maple Spring Farm in Morris, CT was the guest speaker at the 120th Anniversary Celebration of Bethlehem Grange No. 121 on July 10. Mr. Keilty received the 2010 CT State Grange Outstanding Farmer Award as a result of Bethlehem Grange's nomination.

State Session nears

The summer is almost over and fall activities are being planned. Those returning to college should send in an application for a scholarship. They are due October 1st.

The State Grange Session will be held October 20-22 at the Hartford Plaza

Hotel (formerly the Sheraton) in East Hartford. The room rates will remain at \$79 plus tax. Registration fees will remain the same and lunch will be included. Now on the agenda will be a workshop by Carmen Brickner on leadership. This will be very interesting. Mark your calendars and be present.

The State Master, Jody Cameron, asked that we bring in a new member a month. Granges have brought in several and we are looking forward to a large class for the Sixth Degree on Friday evening. Sixth Degree applications are available at the Central Office.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

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

This month's picture...



Last month's picture...

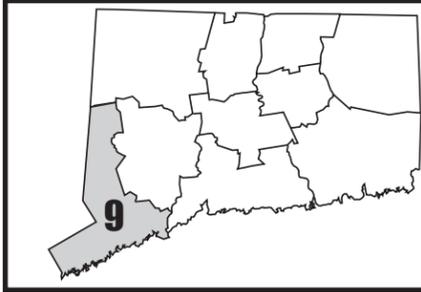


We did not receive any answers to last month's photo.



Edith Schoell
State Secretary
secretary@ctstategrange.org

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Aug: No Meeting

Sept. 12: Installation of Officers

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

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

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Aug. 8: No Meeting

Aug. 22: Summer Fun

Sept. 10: Harvest Fair, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

After being off for a month we are well rested and ready for the work ahead. I hope everyone partook of the variety of activities available in the summer time. We sure did. Well now it's time to get back to work and it seems so soon. As you can see by our programs title, we will try to extend the fun a little longer. We'll see what this has in store for us. Come and join us if you wish to find out.

We will have our final fundraiser in September, our Harvest Fair. Come and see the many fruits and vegetables we have grown this past year. As I write this, Bob already has grapes on his vines. There will also be a plant sale, baked goods, books, refreshments and our usual white elephant table. It's a fun filled fair so come and join us.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Aug. 15: Getting Ready for the Fair, Meeting, 7 P.M.

We are pleased to report that, in June, our Grange received into membership by Welcoming Ceremony Kathleen Carroll and Stacy Ruttenberg. At that same meeting we were inspected by Sister Joan Ziegler. Beth Bradley, our Overseer, won in the Talent Category at Let's Celebrate at Cheshire Grange. She and her mother have become active in Pomona.

The focus of August will be finalizing details for our annual Fair. The date has been set for September 17th. We expect to have premium booklets ready for distribution for those interested in exhibiting.

Your correspondent has been busy with attending Pomona planning meetings and preparing to travel to Lancaster County, PA for Horse Progress Days 2011. All Granges are welcome at our meetings and activities!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Aug. 9: Summer Barbecue/ Picnic 6:30

Sept. 11: Annual Grange Fair and Market

Sept. 13: Installation of Officers

Start thinking about our summer picnic and barbeque on August 9! At this point, it hasn't been decided whether the feast will be held inside or out, but either way, it will be well worth the trip.

In June we voted for our new Grange officers, who will take over at our Installation in September. It's the "Connecticut Granger's" custom to list only the top few, which we will do in the September issue when the officers are installed.

In June we also voted to buy a metal sign featuring Norfield Grange and its address, to be installed as a town marker on Rte. 57.

And, sadly, we draped the Charter for Franklin

"Bud" Holly, who died on June 10 at the age of 92. He had been the Master of New Canaan Grange for 25 years, before they disbanded! Then he and Phoebe moved over to

Norfield. Besides Phoebe, Bud leaves a son and two daughters, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren! Our love and prayers go to that

large family, and especially to Phoebe, who was always as active a Granger as Bud was.



News from the Deputy Team

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

Todd Gelineau, General Deputy

One of the purposes of providing this column each month is to provide useful instruction regarding ritual and procedures. It has become apparent from visiting Granges around the State there are many Masters who are not aware of the protocol for recognizing guests at our Grange meetings.

When I first became Master of Winchester Grange, outgoing Master Shirley Lemieux handed me a small sheet of paper entitled, "Recognition of Honored Guests as Prescribed by the Connecticut State Grange." I have never seen this in print in any other place than this note, but it is a good guideline for properly recognizing visitors to our Granges.

Recognition of Honored Guests as Prescribed by the CT State Grange

Guests are recognized in the following order:

- 1) State Master and Spouse
- 2) National Officers & Past Voting Delegates
- 3) Elected State Officers (announced in order beginning with the Overseer, if the Master has already been recognized)
- 4) Appointed State Officers (beginning with Deputies, then Committees - announced in order of rank)
- 5) Pomona Masters
- 6) Subordinate Masters

Even though there may be members of the "home" Grange that might hold higher offices, they are not recognized at their own Grange meetings.

Ekonk presents membership awards



Robert P. Jordan receives his 75 year certificate from Russell Gray.



Russell Gray receives his Golden Sheaf from Dennis Phelps.



Willis Maynard received his 65 year seal.



Mary Bingham receives her 55 year seal from State Master Jody Cameron.

If a large gathering is anticipated, have someone make a list for you before the meeting, in the order listed here. It will make everything go a lot smoother and save some time.

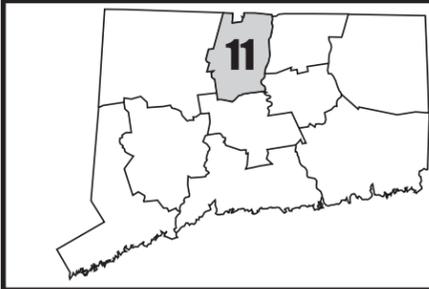
There is one exception to this procedure... Deputies. If a Deputy State Master is making an official visit to your Grange, they are always recognized first and should be escorted first, even before the State Master. Official visits usually are inspection nights or schools of instruction. This is the rare situation when the Deputy ranks higher than anyone else at the meeting.

This also brings us to another important point. Deputy State Masters carry the weight and authority of the State Master. Whenever a Deputy is present at your Grange, treat them as you would the State Master.

I believe the members who do not practice these procedures simply are not aware of them. I hope every Master will put this information on a note card to be kept with the rest of their meeting paraphernalia to be available whenever the need arises.

The State Master has already acknowledged the resignations of Victor Salazar of Mountain County Pomona and J. Allen Cameron of Quinebaug Pomona. I join Brother Jody in thanking both of them for their hard work during this past year. Both agonized over their decisions. In then end, we all knew they made the right decision. There is nothing more important for them than getting the best educations possible. They leave tremendous voids for us to fill but we look forward to the time when they will be able to return to their Grange work. While Victor is moving to South Carolina to attend Clemson, J. Allen will continue to attend UConn. I am pleased to tell you that J. Allen has agreed to be a permanent Special Deputy for upcoming State Sessions and will remain Deputy of Quinebaug Pomona until the close of Session.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



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

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

No regular meeting in August

Aug. 28: Picnic at 21-23 Thayer Ave., Collinsville

We are saddened by the loss of our Lecturer, Wanda Kansas. Expressions of sympathy have been extended to Al and the family.

At our last meeting we welcomed visitors from East Central Pomona-Ted Beebe and Walter Forrest. We are always happy to have Christine Griswold with us. She is a member of Cawasa Grange but belongs to Mountain County Pomona. Our favorite joke is to call her our "half member."

We look forward to our annual picnic. Chaplain, Robert Brockett, will conduct a worship service at noon and the picnic will follow. Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished- the rest of the picnic is potluck. There is always plenty of food- fun and games and a good time. Come join us.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: M. Schofield

We lost another good Granger, Eleanor Tallmadge. I did not know Eleanor, but heard she was a lovely lady and loved her gardens in Canton.

So happy the fall is coming with the cooler weather.

We held a large picnic on July. 23, Saturday for the Canton Historical Museum and the temperature was 97! Fortunately, it started at 3 P.M. and the backyard was shaded where we all sit... "Whew!"

Our Pomona Picnic will be held on Aug. 28... the same back yard.

Our food bank is going well, for August we put together Pasta, dried veggies, can of chicken or

tuna, then they can make their pasta salads.

Not sure what we will be doing in September. The Chex Mix snack was a big hit for July.

We have several Grangers who are doing a lot of community service hours. Keep up the good work.

Funny quotes: "If your parents never had children, chances are... neither will you!" Dick Cavett

"I must be wishing on someone else's star because it seems someone else is always getting what I wished for." Unknown

"I never behold the heavens filled with stars, that i do not feel I am looking at the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look UP into the Heavens and say there is no God." Abraham Lincoln

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Check with us for meeting dates.

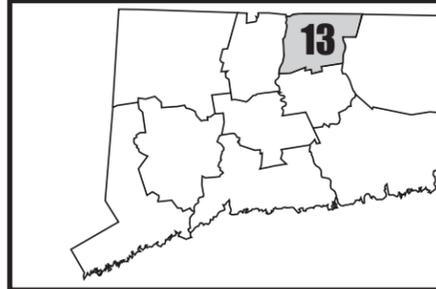
We have lost another good and faithful members with the passing of our Lecturer Wanda Kansas. She will be missed by all. Wanda was a baker and loved to take charge of the baking table at our fair and other events. She was known for her endless crocheting of lap robes for the convalescent homes (making 55 last year). She had a good number made for this year as well. She also made many craft items and donated them to different causes. We have sent sympathy to Al and the family.

Our Steward, Ted Sarnecki, has been in the hospital and convalescent home over the past few weeks. He is making progress. We wish all the

best for him and hope he will be back with us soon.

We were pleased to donate to Camp Berger, a number of large pots and pans which were used when Simsbury was putting on the famous lamb barbecues. There were also many dishes, plates, silverware and other items that had very little use. Our thanks to good friends Deputy Lin Erickson and Maggie Schofield for taking this supply of things to the Camp. We know they will be put to good use.

North Central Pomona No. 13



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

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong
Aug. 5: Picnic Time

Vernon Grange will be holding its annual potluck picnic at Linda Niederwerfer's on Aug. 5th at 6:30 P.M. All are invited

to attend this fun night of just getting together and visiting. Hot dogs and ice cream will be provided. If you need directions, please call Nancy at 860-875-2412 or email: nrstrong@aol.com.

145TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION



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Below is the current Convention Schedule:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Pre-Convention Meetings for Delegates
Luncheon with Guest Speaker \$22

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Election Day
Pre-Convention Tour for Delegates

Opening of the 145th Annual Session of the National Grange

National Master's Address

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Salute to Agriculture Breakfast \$17
Heroes of the Grange Luncheon \$19
Distinguished Grange Award Reception \$5
Youth Activities Begin

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

General Tour \$15 and Youth Tour \$10
Idea Fair and Best of Show Exhibits open
Junior Grange activities begin
Past Delegates Luncheon \$25
Youth/Junior Pizza Party \$15

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Youth Session Open
Workshops
Junior Grange Tour \$10
GROW Club Dinner \$30
Evening of Excellence Talent Showcase

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Junior Grange Breakfast & Awards \$17/\$10
Junior Degree Conferral
Sixth Degree Conferral
Seventh Degree Conferral
Grange Celebration Banquet \$35/\$40

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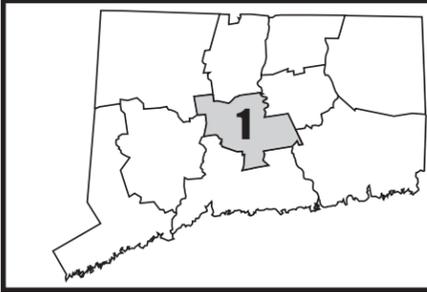
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Central Pomona No. 1



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- Higganum No. 124
- Hemlock No. 182

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Cindy Legg

Aug. 8: Meeting is getting ready for the Fair

Aug. 13: 61st Annual Southington Grange Fair

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011 we will be holding our 61st Annual Southington Grange Fair. We start about 10:00 A.M. and end, around 7:30 P.M. after our auction. We will be holding our usual events: Baking Contests, Needlework Contests, fruit and vegetable displays, photography, and crafts and collectibles displays. A bake sale, pancake breakfast, snack bar and, of course, our famous Chicken Barbecue. We will have many vendors, a magician, a clown and plenty of things for the kids. This is our biggest event of the year, we hope everyone can come and visit us at the Fair.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Dianne Clark

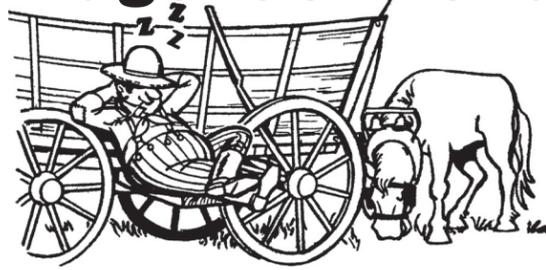
We had show and tell of Hobbies and Talents. Bob Charbonneau shared his music and old Grange books and pins. Michael Relyea shared his fishing (flag), Cindy Hupper (Flowers, crafts, cross stitching), Dianne Clark (jewelry making, painting pictures, poetry, flowers & crafts).

We have our picnics on July 15 and August 12 at Hubbard Park in Meriden.

We have to set-up for our Meriden Grange Fair on Friday, Sept. 9. The fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10. Baked goods, crafts, knitting & sewing, vegetables, fruits, flowers, raffle tickets and much more!

We ask you to come and enjoy our Meriden Fair. We have supper from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. and an Auction after dinner.

Wagons of the Past; Autos of Today



Edith Schoell, State Historian

Here are a few facts found in this article from the Connecticut Granger in October 1981 written by Sperry New Holland:

Who would ever think that today's modern automobile could be linked to a unique farm wagon that was the ship of inland commerce up to the mid-1800's.

But there's evidence pointing in that direction, according to Sperry New Holland, whose worldwide farm equipment manufacturing headquarters is located in Lancaster County, PA, birthplace of the famed Conestoga wagon.

Even the way we drive may have its origins with the Conestoga. These boat-shaped, homespun covered wagons were driven from the left by a walking wagoner.

The lead horse was on the left and passing also was done on the left.

Our autos are equipped with brakeshoes. Conestoga drivers often nailed an old shoe sole to their wagon's braking mechanism to slow their heavily laden vehicles on hilly terrain.

The running boards of vintage autos have long since disappeared from modern design. Many Conestogas had a board that slipped from beneath the wagon bed to provide respite for a weary driver. Then it was called a lazy board.

The roads the wagons traveled were either dusty or muddy. Metal covers, hub caps, were fastened to wheels to protect axles. When a wagoner had to grease an axle, he used a wagon jack, the forerunner of the tool found in every trunk today.

"Come home with your bells on" is still a parting comment for someone taking a trip. In the days of the Conestoga, it meant the returning horse hitch would still have its melodic harness bells, which did not need to be surrendered for help along the way.

Committee on Family Activities



Pat Palmer
Family Activities/CWA Director
CWA@ctstategrange.org

Thank you again for all the entries in the Needlework and craft contests this year. The winners' names will be listed in the September issue of the Granger.

We have received a request from National Grange for ornaments for Christmas trees that will be decorated at National Session in Oklahoma in November and then donated to local schools, hospitals and

shelters. As the contests are completed and you may have some free time on your hands we are asking CT Grangers to make ornaments for our tree. If you are able to help, they can be brought to State Session in October and will then be sent to National. The deadline is November 1st.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Do You Remember?

LOUISE CHAPMAN

Over the years the Connecticut State Grange has been blessed with talented State Lecturers. Often they were excellent musicians as well! Louise Chapman was a leader with many capabilities. If you couldn't march to the piano when played by Louise, you couldn't march at all.

You never would have thought of her as a pianist as her fingers and hands were small- not "piano" fingers at all- but oh, how they flew over the keys! She often wore little black Mary Jane shoes- and the girls of the Rose Drill loved to watch what they called her little Minnie Mouse feet dancing over the pedals. She could play anything- with or without music. Her skills as State Lecturer were remarkable. Not only did she write music, but her pen was responsible for skits, poems, games and clever quizzes. If you have ever enjoyed taking part in the "A Number Contest" at your Grange, you can thank Louise. She started that category for competition and the five State Lecturers who have followed her into the office have seen fit to continue it.

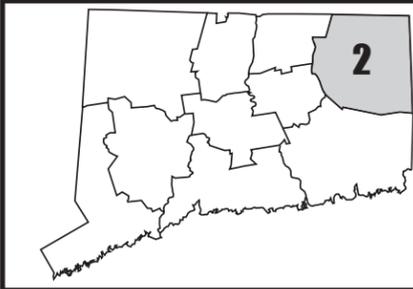
Louise was calm, soft spoken, warm and friendly to everyone. We don't know if

she was always that way at home- guess you'd have to ask Richard or a member of the family about that, but she had a great sense of humor and chuckled at everything.

Her Grange life was a full one from the time she joined Norwich in 1957. She served as Lecturer and Master of the Subordinate for several terms and was Pomona Chaplain as well as Lecturer. In addition to her ten years as State Lecturer she was a Junior Deputy and on the State Publicity Committee. When National Grange met in Hartford in 1972, Louise was chosen as pianist for the session. The Rose Drill enjoyed her at the piano for many years- and she played for several installation teams. She got away from the piano- at times such as being one of the first Directors of the Connecticut Agricultural Fair. Who will ever forget her as pianist for the Norwich Grange Family Band. Oh, the stories she could tell about those many years. Did I just hear someone chuckle?

Do remember Louise!

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- ✓ Echo No. 180

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie M. Johnson

Aug. 10: Membership Committee, Ref. Ice Cream & Cookies

Aug. 24: Potluck, 6:30-Fun Night

Sept. 14: Time Marches On

The long hot days of summer are here. Kids enjoying being out of school and backyard pools are busy and barbecues are in full swing. Gardens are producing and how good are your own homegrown and the farmer's markets are available. Small wild animals are around. Lots of turkeys are about with their young.

We are surprised the garden is growing with all the rain we had earlier in the season. Weeds are growing well too!

Looking forward to a fun night at our eat out picnic. Our Master will go to State Session. We draped our charter for our dear departed Sister Muriel Klemola. Last meeting was Neighbor's Night and we had visitors from Senexet, Killingly and Ashford Granges and a sing along with Dick Dufresne and his guitar. Next Pomona meeting will be here at Wolf Den on Sept. 10. God bless.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

This month we congratulate Jon Hermonot and his fiancé, Erica Prince who will be married on Saturday, August 13th. This will be a very busy day for many of us. This is also the day of our 29th annual Grange Fair! We postponed our Peach Shortcake Supper for that evening and have rescheduled it for August 20th beginning at 5 P.M. The Fair will begin at 9 A.M., instead of 10 and end

at 2 P.M. instead of 3. The wedding is in Woodstock at 3 P.M. and their reception is at the home of Jon's parents at the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, where Jon is a partner. The corn maze at their farm has a wedding theme this fall: perfect!

By the time you read this, we might have a new floor in the main hall, replacing the tiles installed in 1981 (5 year warranty at that time!). Thanks to the generosity of members and memorial donations, we have the funds and will vote at the July 18th meeting what to do!

Next issue I will write more about the big event July 17th and the results of the Youth Drill Competition in Maine (judged July 10th).

In the meantime, all are welcome anytime and have a wonderful summer!

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Aug. 9: Omit

Aug. 23: Overseer/Stewards

This is a correction for last issue. It was incorrectly put in as Apr. 4th. On June 4th several of our Grange members visited Ann Hall's 100th Birthday party at the Mansfield Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation. It was a very nice party. Her son David is also living there.

We had to postpone our annual picnic at Sara Tormey's home because of the weather.

We had election of officers at our June meeting. Jim Palmer is still our Master. All the other officers are the same, except for Bruce Graham who was elected to be on the Executive Committee for 3 years.

On Sept 17th we will hold our annual Ham and Bean Supper. Come join us.

Dust begins to settle in Hartford

Gordon Gibson, State Legislative Liaison

The main focus of the 2011 General Assembly was on the State's finances, just as it has been for the last three years. A family can postpone paying for things they want or need by charging them on a credit card, but eventually the day comes when they have to start living within their means. The State is no different and the day is here when the State must start living within its means. Everyone is going to have to bear part of the means. The state income tax rates were raised on all income earned in 2011, but the withholding for this began August 1. The amount withheld from everyone's income will have to be more to cover the increased taxes they will have to pay next spring. The maximum deduction for local real estate and personal property taxes has been reduced from \$500 to \$300 which means that everyone who was taking the maximum reduction will have to pay at least \$200 more in state income tax. The general sales tax was increased from 6% to 6.35% and many things that used to be tax exempt are now taxable. Among the items now taxed are clothing and shoes costing less than \$50, over the counter medicines and fabric and other supplies for making clothes at home.

The Department of Agriculture came through the financial problems in good shape compared to many other state departments and agencies. The General Assembly authorized \$10 million in new bond funds for farmland preservation. This, plus the money from the Community Investment Act, will allow the Department of Agriculture to maintain its farmland preservation program at its current pace for the next two years. Funds are also available to subsidize dairy farmers when their cost of production is more than they receive for their milk.

Until this year any farmer who wanted to sell his products at farmers markets in more than one health district had to pay for an inspection and obtain a permit in each health district where he wanted to participate in a farmers market. Public Act 11-191 provides that an inspection and permit from any health district is good throughout the state.

The so-called "ten mil" program which postponed most of the local property taxes on farm land before the "490" program existed is scheduled to phase out in 2012. Public Act 11-198 will allow the owners of land under the ten mil program to transfer it into the 490 program without having to pay the postponed taxes on their land and the timber on their land. Without this act many land owners would have been forced to sell some or all of their land to pay the taxes when the ten mil program expires next year.

Governor Malloy has just announced that the animal rescue program operated by the Department of Agriculture will have to be abandoned because of the

budget crunch. Under this program farm animals that were neglected or uncared for could be seized by the Department of Agriculture. The animals were moved to one of the prisons where the inmates nursed and cared for the animals until they were healthy. The animals were then sold at auction to recover the cost of their care. While it may seem cruel that the State could seize a farmer's livestock, there were several cases in recent years where the animals were starving because the farmer could no longer afford to buy any feed.

The Grange supported a bill that would have transferred regulation of outdoor wood burning furnaces from local control to the State. The Environment Committee supported this bill, but the Senate did not act on it before it adjourned. The net result is that towns can still pass any ordinance they want concerning the use of outdoor wood burning furnaces. In several towns all such furnaces have been banned because some people did not know how to use them properly to avoid polluting the air.

Some vegetable farmers now sell shares of their crop to people who want to have fresh local produce all summer. Those who purchase the shares go to the farm each week and pick up their share of whatever crop is ready for harvest. A bill was introduced that would have allowed dairy farmers to sell shares of their milk production and the shareholders would go to the farm each week to pick up their milk. This was primarily of interest to those who prefer raw milk to pasteurized milk. This bill was not approved by the Environment Committee and so it never reached the floor for debate.

The former Public Utilities Control Commission was merged with the former Department of Environmental Protection into a new Department of Energy and Environmental Protection primarily so utility companies will not have to go through two sets of applications and hearings for the same projects. A bill to move the park, forest, fisheries and wildlife sections of the former DEP into the Department of Agriculture was not approved by the Environment Committee.

Several people from various organizations including the Grange asked me about two bills that at first glance seemed to create many regulations concerning bingo, raffles and similar games of chance. All that these bills did was merge the Commission on Special Revenue into the Department of Consumer Protection, but each bill was over 250 pages long because of the many references in the general statutes to the Commission on Special Revenue that all had to be changed to the Department of Consumer Protection. The only change for anyone applying for a license or permit is the name on the forms.

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Diane Small

Aug. 17: Let's Take a Dip....

Sept. 7: Back to the Books

Sept. 21: Installation

Summer is at its midpoint. Vacations are at their peak. Farmers Market are in full swing. Can't you just taste all those great vegetables. It is also time for back-to-school shopping. I'm sure there have lots of cookouts with all types of goodies being cooked on the grill. Somehow the burgers, dogs, chicken, steaks and veggies just seem to taste better when they are cooked outside.

Let's take a dip must surely mean going swimming. Remember

as kid swimming in a lake, river, brook and in someone's backyard pool. Even now it's refreshing to sit in a lawn chair with your feet in a kiddies pool. Remember having water pistol fights. It was fun to see if you could someone else wetter than yourself.

September brings the opening of school. Please drive carefully, be on the lookout for those school kids and remember to stop for a stopped school bus with flashing lights.

Remember the Big E is only a few weeks away. Do you have anything to donate?

Hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is sitting on the horizon and waiting for its turn become part of our year of 2011.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

P.R. Contests - Something for Everyone

The Public Relations committee is offering a total of six fun contests this year. Let's take a quick peek at each one.

1) "Spot On" - 30-Second Grange Video Commercial Contest: Think of an idea for a commercial representing your Grange. Make us laugh. Make us cry. Make us say, "Wow! I want to join the Grange." Make it something you'd want to see on TV. You write it. You cast it. You direct and shoot it. You have total creative control. The Commercial must be thirty (30) seconds in length, including any tags. The entry must reflect the theme "Community Grown."

2) "Spreading the Word" - Connecticut State Grange Website Participation Contest: Spread the Word about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by submitting content to the Connecticut State Grange website. Submissions can be articles, photos, and scrapbook items (such as newspaper clippings and historical data). Submission period runs January 1, 2011 - October 1, 2011.

3) "Show Us Your Stuff" - Grange Marketing Contest: One of the best ways for the Grange to reach the community is to spread the Grange name. Show us a collection of the ways that your Grange promotes itself in the community through its marketing efforts. The possibilities are endless. Some examples include:

- Hosting and then publicizing an Agricultural Fair
- Participation in community programs and projects, such as the Farmer's Markets, Chamber of Commerce, Recycling Centers, Can and Bottle Drives, etc.
- Community Displays and Booths at local non-Grange sponsored community events
- Newspaper, Television and Radio Advertising
- Signage in your community
- Original printed pieces, such as Flyers, Brochures, Letterhead, Postcards and Notecards
- Participation in internet activities such as having an individual Grange Website and Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter
- and more!

To enter, submit a report of NO MORE than 10 pages containing a description and photos/scans on how your Grange promotes

itself through marketing. Note that this contest is not a community service contest, although it incorporates community service fundamentals. Entries should concentrate on the promotional aspects of the projects your Grange participates in.

4) "Convey the Message" - Best Grange-written Press Release Contest: An engaging press release with an interesting 'hook' or angle is an excellent way to gain exposure for your Grange and can lead to publication in newspapers, magazines and on the internet. Show us how your Grange uses Press Releases to capture an audience. Entries must be an ACTUAL press release written and used by your Grange, should be less than 400 words in length, and follow the proper style and format as described in the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Tool-Kit booklet.

5) "Let's Advertise" - Best Grange Event Poster: Set your imagination loose! Let your mind run wild, but be sure that your artwork relates to your Grange event. Submissions must be an ACTUAL poster designed, executed, and used by your Grange for an event. Posters should be either 8.5 x 11 inch or 11 x 17 inch in size, and may be in either black and white, or color, and can be computer designed or hand-drawn.

6) "In the News" - Best Newspaper Article Contest: Research has revealed that the news media is responsible for influencing the thoughts and behavior of the general public. Here's an opportunity to show how the Media has helped promote your Grange through the written word. Entries must be an ACTUAL printed or published newspaper article written about your Grange.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and are also available in the BlueBook. The deadline for all of the Public Relations contests is October 1st. We hope that the variety of contests will appeal to Granges of all sizes - as the saying goes, there's something for everyone.

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This is your life, Ginny Smith

On Sunday, July 10th, various people present a friends and relatives of Virginia "Ginny" Smith (Taghannuck Grange #100) gathered at the Methodist Church in New Milford to celebrate Virginia's 85th birthday. The program was a mixture of music and humor and memories by

of Ginny's involvement in the community, of her work in the history of the Merwinsville Hotel (in which she lived in her childhood) of her dedication to the Gaylordsville Methodist Church. A highlight of the afternoon was when Amy Whitcomb,

Chaplain of the Connecticut State Grange, spoke of Ginny's many years of involvement in the Grange from Junior Grange right up to the State level and presented her with a seal of recognition for 60 years of continuous membership in the Grange.

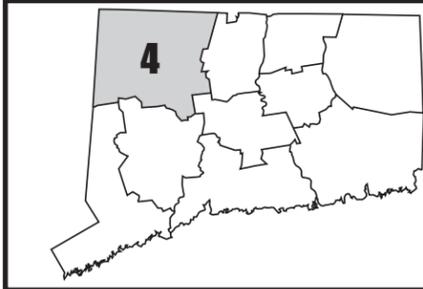
The Elevator Speech

At the Grange Rally held earlier this spring, the State Master separated the attendees into seven or more groups. Each group was responsible for crafting their own elevator speech for the Grange.

After each group presented its speech, everyone voted for their favorite. We have printed the most popular speech below. While you may want to make it sound more like something you would say, we should all have a speech like this at the ready whenever someone asks, "What IS the Grange?"

**"The Grange is a family fraternity
the encompasses these qualities:
friendship, community service,
leadership, spiritualism, patriotism
and opportunities for educational,
legislative and individual growth."**

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- ✓ Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
- ✓ Litchfield No. 107
- ✓ Beacon No. 118
- ✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: T. Gelineau

Mountain County Pomona takes July and August off but there's plenty of news to report in the meantime. Our annual Spring Gift Drawing was held at the June meeting and we thank Riverton Grange for hosting the meeting. The Gift Drawing featured many different items including plants, chocolates, gift cards, and even some cash! We thank everyone who sold and purchased tickets. The gift drawing is the only official fundraiser of the Pomona so its success is very important.

Election of Officers was held at this meeting as well with several significant changes in the line-up for 2012. Master Todd Gelineau will retire in September with George Russell assuming the office. Sara Bement will step down as Pomona with Kim Mele taking charge of the court. We thank Sister Janet Healy for her service as Treasurer of the Pomona as she steps down and Brother Earl Phillips takes her place. There were also several other changes, so join us for the installation of officers to be held on September 12 at Riverton Grange Hall. The Cameron/Barnes Installation Team will be doing the honors.

On a more somber note, it is necessary to make note of a passing in our Pomona. While plans are being formulated by the Grange Growth Team for revitalization, the current leadership and membership of Litchfield Grange has voted to close effective September 22. It has been a painful process for all of the members and we wish the best for each member of Litchfield Grange. Mountain County Pomona has always been a tightly knit family of brothers and sisters and it's difficult to see our brothers and sisters go through these difficulties. We have great hope that revitalization will

plant new roots for a new Litchfield Grange and the current members will find new, happy homes either in Litchfield Grange or in neighboring Granges.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The dates in the Pomona Handbook for the Whigville Grange Fair and the Christmas in Whigville event are incorrect. The Whigville Grange Fair will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. Christmas in Whigville will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3. Please mark your calendars!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Aug. 9: Guess, Ref. Mimie Grustas, Barbara Dreger

Aug. 13: Grange Fair & Flea Market, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Aug. 23: Picnic, 6:30 P.M., Open Meeting

After a busy spring and early summer of Tag Sales, Prize Parties and the Strawberry Festival, we are now looking forward to an even more successful Grange Fair and Flea Market on Saturday, August 13 at the Grange Hall and on the Green in Winchester Center. There are still vendor spaces available for \$20. Contact Todd Gelineau for more information (860) 626-0326. Entries in the baking, fruit, vegetable and flower judging are always welcome along with your favorite collections for judging in our special contest. The fair will also feature children's games, a book sale, a chance table and delicious food from Café 74! Fill up the car and join us for a fun day in Winchester Center!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Susan Belle-Isle

The first June meeting at the Riverton Grange was held on the 3rd with the election of officers. Peter Keefe was elected as Master, Jason Keefe Overseer and Shirley Moore Lecturer.

The next meeting was

held on June 17, starting with a potluck supper under the direction of Cindy and Mark Prelli. Peter Keefe presented a reading of "The Village Blacksmith" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He noted that this related to the Grange as it is about a man who works hard to provide for his family, holds family dear and works for all.

No meeting was held on July 1, because of the 4th of July weekend. The July 15 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with our regular meeting and program (Rubies) with refreshments provided by Gail and Charlie Bierce.

The first August meeting will be held on August 5 with our regular meeting and program (Peridot) and refreshments provided by Shirley Moore, Kitty McKee and Heidi Merz. The second meeting will be for members to prepare for the Riverton Grange Fair beginning at 6:00 p.m.; the Fair will be held on Saturday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

The last report made in the Granger incorrectly reported the winners of the State cookie contest at Riverton. First prize should have been reported as Maureen Prelli with Phil Prelli receiving second prize. My apologies to both Phil and Maureen.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Myrtle Hayden

Aug. 11: Picnic

Aug. 25: Travel & Nature Slide Show

On June 9th we had a good rummage sale and added \$3,000 to our Grange. On July 14th we had a music night with inspection by Deputy Victor Salazar. We draped our charter in memory of Michael Eykelhoff and Charlotte Newton. Plans are being made for our exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair.

We have two new members of our Grange, Linda Kinney and Linda Amerghi.

Competitive Night September 16!



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The date of our Pomona Competitive Night is just around the corner. As I write this I have received confirmations from East Central, Mountain County, New Haven County, Farmington Valley and Excelsior Pomonas that they will have a team. Unfortunately, North

Central will not be able to participate.

These teams will compete in Sports, Cooking, Grange, Music and Luck. Cash prizes will be given to the first three teams and a small gift will be given to the members of the top three teams.

This will be held at the Prospect Senior Center on Saturday, September 17th. The evening will start with a potluck supper at 6:00 and the competition will be held at 7:00 P.M. If you are not a member of a team, come and cheer your team on.

Applications for the "Granger of the Year" Contests have been mailed to each Grange. All Granges have someone that deserves this recognition. They can't win if you don't enter them. Applications must be sent to Joanne Cipriano, Director by October 1st.

Let's work together for a better Grange



Marge Bernhardt
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Remember that old song which began "Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy"? Well it's summertime in Connecticut and our Grange life is easy. Look around. There are Grange picnics, mystery rides, fairs, and I'm willing to bet that some of you receive your Granger while

you are enjoying yourself at Lecturer's Conference. The Grange is our extended family. Let's make the most of it. And, as Lecturers we should be right in there helping to plan these outings. Fun events don't just happen. They take a lot of time and hard work, but are most definitely worth it in the end.

If you have more of these activities scheduled, why not ask your neighbors, your relatives, or even that nice lady that waits on you at the store to come and meet some new people. We all have to work together. Just think, if you help your Membership Committee to get a new member, that person in turn might be a regular contributor to your programs.

This time of year we also plan our schedule for next years' activities. Let's not just keep the same program titles and activities year after year. Spice up your programs and add some new zest to your Grange. Need ideas? How about contacting your schools? Look for Youth Ambassadors or a Spanish or French Club that has travelled overseas over the summer. Speaking before a group is a good experience for them and we can learn a lot from these students. Like to travel? Contact AAA. They have information that is entertaining and educational as well. Still stuck? Give me a call, I'll be glad to help you. Not the Lecturer? I'm sure your Lecturer would welcome an offer of a program they didn't have to do themselves. What a treat it would be for them to sit back in their own Grange meeting and be entertained by others.

We all need to work together for a better Grange. Let's all start today. See You Around the State!

Youth & Junior Grange



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Greetings Fellow Grangers!!! I would like to start off with a big THANK YOU to Pat Palmer for all of her hard work and delicious lasagna that was served at "Let's Celebrate". I would also like to say "THANKS" to all who helped out that day also. Without your help there would be no Juniors or Youths. A very special THANK YOU also goes out to Bob Brockett. He was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle that we held that day to raise funds for an outing to the Science Museum in Hartford during State Session this fall. Bob Brockett generously donated his winnings to the Juniors and Youth to put towards this outing. Thank you again for your generous donation!!!!

Speaking of the Science Museum in Hartford, Junior Grange leaders, I will have more information on this outing for the next issue and will be sending out a letter with the details. Another item that will be featured in this letter will be the BIG E. Yes, I did say, the BIG E. I will have more information for the next issue of the "Granger" and letters will go out to the Junior and Youth regarding this. This should be a fun day for all and we may also be able to participate in the daily parade so make sure that you look for the letter and upcoming information. We are just tying up some things on both of these items.

As I write this, I am also getting ready to head up to Maine (one of my favorite States) to attend the Northeastern Regional Youth Conference. I hope that they are going to serve up some lobster for breakfast, lunch and dinner!!!! We have a full crew going to represent

Connecticut – GO CONNECTICUT STATE YOUTH!!!! Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. This will also be a great experience to see how things are run as Connecticut will host the Northeastern Regional Youth Conference next year (2012). This is very exciting for us. We will need lots of help so if you would like to help out, look for more information in the coming months and we will gladly accept any and all help that anyone would like to give.

Well for now, I have to go pack and get ready for Maine. Keep us in your thoughts and will let you know how we make out in the next issue.

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Sue Gray

Jake Gervais decided the responsibilities of Subordinate Grange necessitated his resignation as our Junior Grange Treasurer and Andrew Hawkins was elected to fill that office. This Aug. 5,

parents and grandparents will be installing their children/grandchildren: the kids decided that this was a unique opportunity to once again bring the "family" into our family organization!

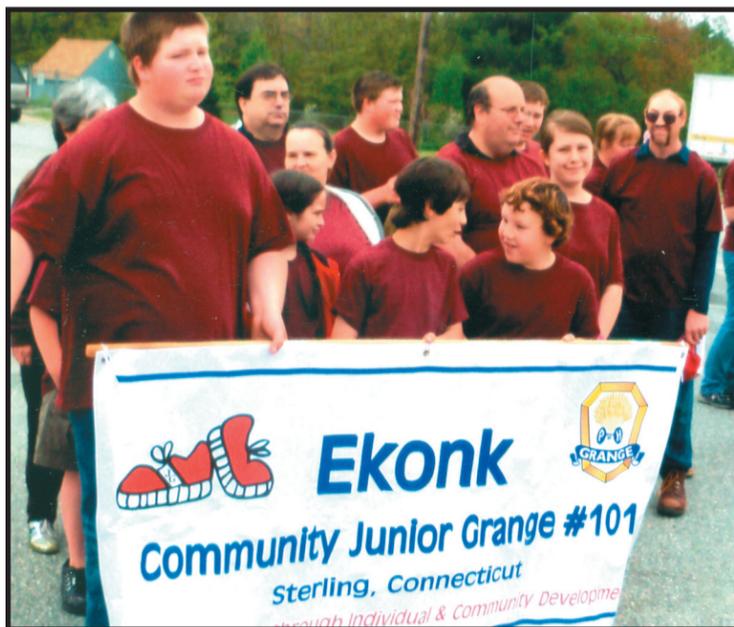
Clifford Gervais will be working on a serious membership drive... he plans on using a variety of media, perhaps starting with Sterling School... Facebook was also mentioned.

We voted to hold a bottle drive on August 20th. In addition to bottles, we will be collecting old blankets. Monies raised will be donated to a pet shelter.

August 13th is the 29th annual Fair. Lots of Junior will enjoy exhibiting, winning prizes and enjoying the magician and free moon bounce: a fund day for all children!

Junior badges and awards were passed out at the July 17th awards Luncheon... These will be printed in the next issue of the Granger.

Happy summer!



Part of the 28 member Ekonk Jr. Grange group that marched in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade in May.



In Memoriam

Eleanor Tallmadge Cawasa Grange #34
Christopher Paul Gilbert Westfield Grange #50
Charlotte Newton, G.S. Taghannuck Grange #100
Mary Bremner, G.S. Bethlehem Grange #121
Wanda Kansas Simsbury Grange #197

Please keep us notified of deceased members.

Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Chaplain's Message



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As we enter the warmest part of our summer, let us consider where true power comes from. True power is from the spirit of God within us and it is never ego-based. Power is pivotal. It can be used for good to embrace our spiritual practices,

or it can be used in ways that are hurtful for us and for others. When fully engaged, power is enormous in its vibration. It is a pulsation of directed energy throughout our lives and throughout the universe. It functions on both a physical and spiritual level.

When the seed is planted in the soil, power causes it to burst forth into a germ that will continue to grow. Power keeps the planets in orbit, as well as plants, animals and each one of us. Power keeps all life in an orderly motion. The location of power in the chakra system is at the nape of the neck, behind which is the seat of the adrenals. This center vibrates with the spoken word. Not only do our words have power, they come from power and go forth into life to create after their kind.

Think back to Genesis and remember how each animal and plant were created after its kind. A squirrel does not create a tomato plant, just as a cabbage plant does not create babies. Tender words create tender responses and experiences. Kind words cause acts of kindness to be returned. Encouraging. Supportive words produce after their kind. Conversely, words spoken in anger return as broken relationships or even broken bones.

The power of words is that they are always creating. As a "Course in Miracles" teaches, there is no such thing as a neutral thought. And I would add, there is no such thing as a neutral word. Let us come together in all of our collective power and magnificence and create a new future.

Camp Berger opens for Camping Season

The Camp opened July 10th with 66 kids for the first week. This is a great change over the last few years. The future of the camp is really moving forward. The kitchen has been updated, painted and restocked and looks great.

We expect a great season!

Sterling Community School third grade prize winners in the Poster Contest sponsored by Ekonk Community Grange #89.

Connecticut takes first at NE Youth Conference



(Steps, l to r): Front: Chris Sebastian, Maria Angelone Center: Katie Hermonot, Shelley St Jean, Jaimie Cameron. Rear: Jody Cameron, Coach, Clifford Gervais, J. Allen Cameron, Katie Molodich and Mike Molodich, Coac

The Connecticut State Grange is proud to announce that Connecticut's Youth Drill Team has taken First Place honors at the National Grange Drill Team Competition held July 10 at the Northeastern Grange Youth Conference.

The Conference was held at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine from July 8 - 10. Second and third place finishes go to Drill Teams from New Hampshire and New York respectively.

The Connecticut Youth Drill Team consists of members representing Quinebaug Pomona Grange, and Ekonk Community Grange, and include Chris Sebastian, Maria Angelone, Katie Hermonot, Shelley St. Jean, Jaimie Cameron, Clifford Gervais, J. Allen Cameron, and Katie Molodich. The Coaches are Connecticut State Grange President Jody Cameron, and Ekonk Community Grange member Mike Molodich. The group ranges in age from 10 to 19 years old. This is the first time that members of this team have competed.

The Youth Drill Team hopes to compete again next year as Connecticut will be hosting the Northeastern Grange Youth Conference in July, 2012.

The Drill Team competition was scored on the following - precision/adaptability of cadence to music, choreography, degree of difficulty, execution of program, and attitude. They are also judged on time for the length of the drill. Drills were required to be 8 to 10 minutes in length.



Past Deputies Assoc. to meet on August 6

The next meeting of the Past Deputies Association of the Connecticut State Grange will be a picnic held at the home of Jodi Ann and Jody Cameron on Saturday, August 6 beginning at 2:00 P.M. with a social hour with a 3:00 meeting and supper to follow. The Cameron's live at 115 Prospect Street in Moosup.

The agenda for the meeting will include a report of the Raffle Committee (tickets will be distributed). Additional fundraising opportunities will be discussed by Chair Jeff Barnes. A program will be presented by Jody, Jodi, Sue and Russell and a "Yellow" themed Country Store will be enjoyed.

2011 Nationwide Grange Gathering:

Connecticut & Rhode Island Picnic



The Four Tune Seekers of Manchester, CT



Grilling the hamburgers.



Socializing with new and old friends.



Part of the large group enjoys the picnic lunch.



Jody Cameron & Jack Cottrell (RI).



Jim & Paul Hnath watch the Wiffle Ball game.



Playing wiffle ball.



Our host, Washington County Fairgrounds in RI.

Games such as the egg toss and kickball were enjoyed as the Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges co-hosted an Old-Fashioned Grange Picnic as part of National Grange Nationwide Gathering Celebration held on July 16, 2011.

More than 150 people from across both states made the trek to the Washington County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Rhode Island to enjoy a day of good food, fun and fellowship. Entertainment by a barbershop quartet - the Four Tune Seekers of Manchester, CT - was a highlight of the day, as were the old-fashioned picnic activities such as a water balloon toss, face painting, and crafts such as jewelry making.

"It was fabulous to have the members of Rhode Island and Connecticut Granges comes together and enjoy a beautiful day of fun and fellowship," said Rhode Island State Grange President Stephen Logan.

Jody Cameron, Connecticut State Grange President agreed. "It was a pleasure to spend time relaxing and enjoying the day with our friends from the East."

The event was part of the National Grange Nationwide Gathering Celebration, which is overseen by the National Grange Lecturer's office. The intent was to build on the energy and enthusiasm that is building within Granges across the country. Granges in every state were invited to hold special events bringing Granges and Grangers together within their communities.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for Grange members of both states to get to know their neighbors who also are advocates for common goals," Cameron said as he stressed the benefits of Grange members not only working together but playing together as imperatives for achieving future community goals. "We hope to have a combined Connecticut and Rhode Island event again next year."