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## Celebrate the positive



**Jody A. Cameron**  
State Master/President  
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**Did you know** that the CT Youth Drill Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Northeast Youth Drill Competition?

**Did you know** Wolcott Grange held a VERY successful event at the New Britain Rock Cats game and were able to talk about the Grange from the field between the double header games?

**Did you know** we have a few extremely musically talented Junior members?

**Did you know** there were around 100 members and future members that enjoyed a picture perfect summer day at the CT/RI Annual Grange Picnic?

**Did you know** Ekonk

Community Grange recognized several members for over 775 years collective service and continual membership to this organization?

**Did you know** there is a group that is in the process of coordinating the potential reorganization of Groton Grange?

**Did you know** there are some 10 people taking Code Reading classes, and to date 3 have tested positive for Code Reading?

**Did you know** Cannon Grange received a major award from the US EPA?

**Did you know** the Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward and Gatekeeper elect of one of our Granges are all under the age of 20?

**Did you know** the leadership of the Director and Staff of your Camp are doing an amazing job running Camp Berger?

This is just a very tiny sampling of the amazing and

positive events and efforts of the members of this State Grange. This list, if I had all of the details, would fill this paper. Why doesn't it? Why are we keeping this information so tight lipped? Why are we continually reading articles nationwide about the diminishing membership numbers and the loss of yet another Grange? Why is it so easy for us to talk about these items and not CELEBRATE the POSITIVE?

I will not kid anyone, if we do not change our outlook and stop dwelling on the past and the negative, we WILL perish as an organization. I don't know about you, but I and my family (I am at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Granger) have all put too much into this organization for us to let it go away. The aforementioned in this paragraph is a real and scary possibility; it is NOT our true future. Our true future is bright, it is exciting. It is one of Growth in membership, in the number of Granges,

in well educated members and in GREAT Leaders at all levels. Our true future holds endless possibilities and opportunities for all members and communities.

How do we move from our current state to the true future state? Stop! Stop focusing on those things that we cannot change, stop putting effort into negative energy. Instead, forge a path of growth and prosperity for your Grange, your members

and yourself. Learn from our short comings.

Be positive. A positive attitude is contagious. Everyone wants to be part of something that is meaningful and progressive. Embrace others ideas with the curiosity of a young child learning something new. Support your Brothers and Sisters through good times and hard times, after all we are FAMILY, and above all else, CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE.

## A perfect day



photo by Todd Gelineau

**Members of the Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges sample the dozens of dishes available at the 2012 CT/RI Picnic at North Stonington Grange & Fairgrounds on July 21.**

## Grange cookbooks highly prized

by *Jim Hillibish,*  
*CantonRep.com (Ohio)*

If you chance upon a cookbook with "Grange" in its title, at a garage sale or flea market, buy it immediately.

These books, self-published by the thousands as fundraisers by Grange farm organizations nationwide, have become valuable.

The 1948 "Ohio State Grange Cookbook" sells for \$50, used. Editions, such as the 1977, are commanding \$10 or more. The usual garage-sale price of similar items is less than a dollar.

"I love them, have hundreds of them in my collection," says Mary Network of Cleveland.

She emailed me for potential sources of the early (pre-1950s) Stark County Grange series of spiral-bound cookbooks.

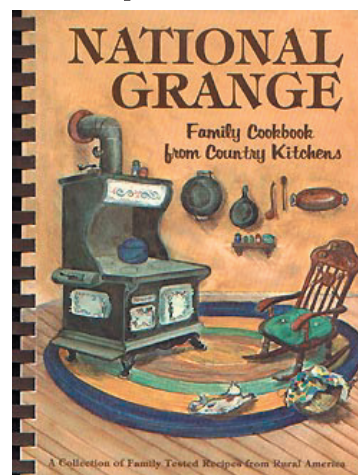
There are a lot of Grange titles, and that pleases collectors. But a few have become exceedingly rare, and that adds a financial kick to the hobby.

One of the most sought after is "National Grange Family Cookbook" published in 1979 by Favorite Recipes Press. It recently sold in an online auction for \$160.

"I'd bid on it," Network said, "but my limit is \$10. That lasted about 10 seconds."

Adding to the hunt is the books are never published

by major booksellers. They are printed by obscure companies specializing in fundraising efforts. As a result, they have small press runs, are not stockpiled and rarely are available in all but antiquarian bookstores.



National's 1979 Cookbook

Network gives her collection a workout in the kitchen: "Grange recipes are obviously tested and approved, unlike recipes in many cookbooks. My family is hooked on them," she said.

The recipes reflect their agricultural source. They specify fresh, healthful ingredients and nearly always are hearty enough to satisfy hungry farmers on harvest days. Still, they are economical and quickly prepared in busy farm kitchens.

One of Network's favorite recipes is in a 1933 edition of a book simply labeled "Grange Recipes."

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# Excelsior Pomona No. 7



Beacon Valley No. 103  
Bethlehem No. 121  
Watertown No. 122  
✓ Prospect No. 144  
✓ Bridgewater No. 153  
✓ Wolcott No. 173  
Oxford No. 194

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**PROSPECT GRANGE #144**  
*Corr: Jean Meehan*

Prospect Grange was happy to have been able to furnish four large watermelons to the Prospect Senior Center for their Fourth of July Picnic. Prospect Grange held its annual potluck picnic in July. It was enjoyed by many of our members and grange friends.

Our August meeting taught us about the many insects

found in Connecticut and tips on protecting ourselves from those that could cause us harm. We are planning another open house to give out membership awards to our members and a public service award. We are hoping to attract some new members.

Our September 13th meeting will be a neighbors night. A short number for the program would be greatly

appreciated. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Prospect Senior Center. We invite you to come visit us.

**BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153**  
*Corr: Dean Perry*

**July 11:** Regular meeting - Wed 7:30 at Grange Hall

**Aug. 8:** Meeting and picnic at Nancy Mascio's home.

**Sept. 8:** Roast Beef Dinner Sat 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall

**Oct. 13:** Roast Beef Dinner Sat 5:30 at the Bridgewater Grange Hall

We had our second Roast Beef dinner on Sat June 9, 2012. It was a great success. We were busy, busy, busy! We set records for the number of people served and money made.

We had a regular meeting

on Wed June 13 at the Grange Hall

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM from April to November at the Grange Hall off the Bridgewater Town Green. We meet the 1st Wed. in December there. The Hall is closed from the 2nd week of December until April. All our meetings are in members' home during the winter. All winter meetings are on the second Sunday in the afternoon.

Our biggest events and best attended are the Roast Beef

Dinners. We have two in the Spring and two in the Fall.

**WOLCOTT GRANGE #173**  
*Corr: Maryalyce Lee*

The "dog days" of August find Wolcott Grangers continuing to work in and out of our building.

As we are located in the Historic District of Wolcott we needed to have the paint color that was chosen by us for the trim approved. Our "Grange Blue" was a go and we will begin to paint shortly.

Come to our picnic, July 23rd, 6:30 p.m.

# Wolcott Grange re-dedicated



Wolcott Grange threw a party on Thursday, July 26 to celebrate the re-dedication of their Grange hall after putting in many, many hours of hard work bringing the community landmark back to life. The event was attended by the Mayor, their State Senator and many members of the community. Pictured above, Rocky the Rockcat of the New Britain Rockcats relaxes with friends on the front porch of the hall.



## 40 Years

Hank Ouimet, Master of Wolcott Grange, receives a seal in recognition of 40 years of continuous Grange membership. The seal was presented at a recent meeting of Wolcott Grange by Connecticut State Grange Gatekeeper Rob Buck.

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# Prized Cookbooks

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**ALMA'S BETTER BISCUITS**

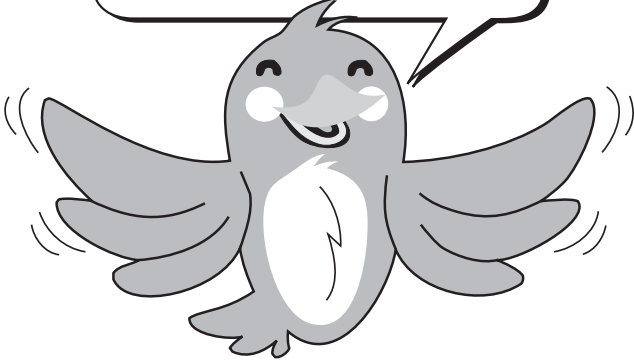
1 1/2 pound flour  
1/4 cup baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 pound butter  
3/4 pound margarine  
1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, grated  
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

Mix top four ingredients. Cut butter and margarine into cubes and using hands work them into mixture until it is granular. Mix in cheese and buttermilk to make a dough. Roll out on floured surface to 3/4 inch. Cut with biscuit cutter or floured water glass. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Makes 30 biscuits.

Notes: For softer biscuits, bake close together so they touch. For seeded tops, brush cut dough with milk, then scatter poppy or sesame seeds.

Biscuits are best served warm with butter and jam or applebutter.

## Granger Shout Out



- All messages should be NO MORE than 140 characters (roughly 20 words)... the max. length of a Twitter Tweet.

- The editor reserves the right to edit all messages

- The editor also reserves the right not to publish any message deemed to be inappropriate.

**HOW TO SUBMIT:**

Email your "Shout Out" to [Granger@CTStateGrange.org](mailto:Granger@CTStateGrange.org) (use "Granger Shout Out" in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

**Taghhannuck Grange thanks Jim Bement of Winchester Grange for the donation of his late mother's handicap ramp to be used at our Hall.**

**Appreciation and thanks to Lisa Lamoureux and all who helped to make the Northeast Youth Conference such a great success!**

**Submit your Shout-Outs today!**



# National Representatives



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Dwight and Kathy Baldwin of the Iowa State Grange as the National Representatives to the 128th Annual Session to be held October 18-20 at the Plaza Hotel in East Hartford.

Dwight currently serves as Treasurer of the National Grange and is also Master of the Iowa State Grange, a position he has held for the last eight years. He is always striving to attain new members and start new Granges. He enjoys being a National officer for the opportunities it provides to meet so many wonderful people and visit other states. Say hello and give a warm Connecticut welcome to Dwight and Kathy at State Session!

## Session Schedule

**THIS SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

Ballroom, Plaza Hotel, East Hartford, CT  
7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree  
Introduction of National Reps. Dwight & Kathy Baldwin  
Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees  
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree  
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates  
Roll Call of Granges  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Session Committee Announcements  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate  
8:00 P.M. Address of State Grange President Jody A. Cameron  
Report of Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, and  
Executive Committee/Board of Directors  
9:00 P.M. Closing  
9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes of Previous Day's Session  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate  
9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of officers  
9:30 A.M. Reports: Legislative, Agriculture, General Deputy,  
Pomona Deputies  
10:45 A.M. Break  
11:00 A.M. Reports: Camp Berger, Connecticut Granger, Conn.  
State Grange Foundation  
Business Session (Resolutions)  
12:00 P.M. Luncheon - Reports and Presentations of Family  
Activities, Membership, Public Relations & Agriculture  
Contest Awards  
2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates  
2:15 P.M. PowerPoint by CT State Grange President  
Jody Cameron - "Future Goals and Objectives"  
2:45 P.M. Business Session  
3:15 P.M. Break  
3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building Trustes  
Report of National Grange Session State Coordinator  
4:30 P.M. Closing  
8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral -  
*Candidates must be at the hotel by 7:30 P.M.*  
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree  
Escorting of National Representatives  
Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates  
Conferral of the Sixth Degree  
Rose Drill

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions by YOUTH  
Roll Call of Officers  
Minutes from Previous Day's Sessions  
Introduction of Business to be referred without debate  
(Last Opportunity)  
Youth & Junior Tour  
9:15 A.M. Memorial Service  
9:45 A.M. Business Session  
10:45 A.M. Break  
11:30 A.M. FFA Representative  
12:00 P.M. Youth and Junior Recognition Luncheon  
2:00 P.M. Installation of the Officers of the Conn. State Grange  
3:30 P.M. Business Session  
5:00 P.M. Closing  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet  
- Professional Agriculture Awards  
- Scholarships  
- 2012 State Grange "Granger of the Year" Presentation  
- Lecturer's Program  
- Past Deputies Raffle

128<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

#### FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 18 - Sat., Oct. 20)

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. 18 & Fri., Oct. 19 (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. 20 (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 = \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2012 Connecticut State Grange Session Committee Assignments

### Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Excelsior Pomona No. 7  
Vice Chair/Sec: Jon Russell, Agriculture Director  
Meriden #29 Ashford #90 Greenfield Hill #133  
Tolland #51 Preston City #110 Riverton #169  
Wolf Den #61 Watertown #122 Echo #180  
Coventry #75 Higganum #124 Oxford #194

### Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: Fairfield County Pomona No. 9  
Vice Chair/Sec: Central Pomona No. 1  
Granby #5 Whigville #48 Killingly #112  
Tunxis #13 Hillstown Jr. #87 Lyme #147  
Wallingford #33 Pachaug #96 Hemlock #182  
North Haven #35 Beacon Valley #103

### Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: East Central Pomona No. 3  
Vice Chair/Sec: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2  
Redding #15 N. Stonington Jr. #105 Old Lyme #162  
Lebanon #21 Prospect #144 Norwich #172  
Southington #25 Norfield #146 Wolcott #173  
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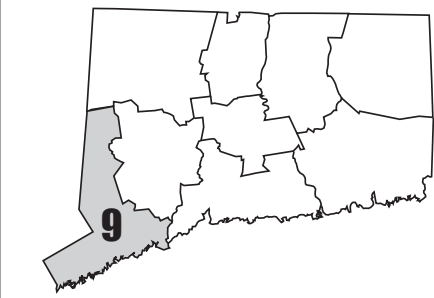
Chair: New Haven County Pomona No. 5  
Vice Chair/Sec: Alma Graham, Legislative Director  
Stafford #1 Winchester #74 Taghhannuck #100  
Glastonbury #26 Colchester #78 Ekonk Comm. Jr. #101  
Manchester #31 Hillstown #87 Bethlehem #121  
Cawasa #34 Ekonk Community #89

### Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Mountain County Pomona No. 4  
Vice Chair/Sec: New London County Pomona No. 6  
Cheshire #23 Harmony #92 Enfield #151  
Brooklyn #43 Putnam #97 Bridgewater #153  
Vernon #52 Beacon #118 Stonington #168  
Eureka #62 N. Stonington #138 Cherry Brook #210



## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9**  
*Corr: Bob Sendewicz*

Our dairy supper in June was a feast and thanks to Cannon Grange for hosting it. It was really a fun night with the contests and the judging. Our needlework contest winners went to let’s celebrate that weekend and our Pomona had several winners. We also had a first place and a third place winner in the decorate a basket contest.

Our A number contest winner went on to participate at Cheshire Grange Sunday afternoon. This was a fun filled day.

Fairfield County Pomona does not meet in July and August but we will be back in September. Enjoy the summer.

**REDDING GRANGE #15**

*Corr: Marge Sendewicz*  
**Aug. 27:** School Daze.  
**Sept. 10:** Honor Grange

We had fun at our July Grange picnic and a lot of comradely with our friends.

Bob and I will be at the Lecturers Conference in NH. Hope to see many of you there.

As you can see we only have one meeting in August but we will be back again in September with our usual two meetings a month. Enjoy the summer.

**GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133**  
*Corr: Dennis Rich*  
**Aug. 20:** “SummerMemories”, Meeting, 7 P.M.

Change moves fast! In June, we voted to have a limited budget available for activities aimed at recruitment and making the community at large aware of what the Grange has to offer.

We are having to reschedule our annual Fair originally announced as being held in August, to September. This is to avoid conflicts of schedules for vacations for a number of our members. Please see the September issue of Connecticut Granger for exact date and times.

All our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities!

**CANNON GRANGE #152**  
*Corr: Don Offinger*  
**Aug. 2:** Business Meeting - 7 PM  
**Aug. 19:** 80th Agricultural Fair - 10 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine  
**Sept 6:** Business Meeting - 7 PM  
**Sept 20:** Business Meeting - 7 PM

Please note that our 80th anniversary AGricultural Fair takes place on Sunday, August 19th. Plans are being

made for all types of activities, including entertainment, delicious food, exhibits of Horticulture and Home-making, and exhibits of farm animals in the rabbits and poultry areas. It should be a fabulous event, and there will be a wide variety of concessionaires and kids games, too. The day will end with the Rubber Duck Race down the section of the Norwalk River that fronts the Grange Hall, river-flow permitting. We hope to see you there!

The month of July and August allows us some downtime so we can attend to annual preventative maintenance to the building, and of course fair set up. Come SEptember we’ll be back in full swing with the rental program and our program schedule.



## Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

# It's Fair Time

*Terri Fassio, P.R. Co-Director*

It’s that time of year when Agricultural Fairs and Grange Fairs begin to take center stage. Many Granges across Connecticut host Grange Fairs (of all shapes and sizes.) How does your Grange promote your Fair? Do you have a Premium Book or Flyer? Do you issue Press Releases? Do you have posters hung around your town? Are you talking about your Fair on Facebook and Twitter? Do you send out an e-mail to all your members? And most importantly, do you start EARLY with your promotions?

Granges need to use all the standard promotional methods to get the word out to the public about their Fairs - but to take it to the next level requires thinking outside of the box. Here’s a few suggestions and ideas that each Grange can utilize when promoting their Fairs.

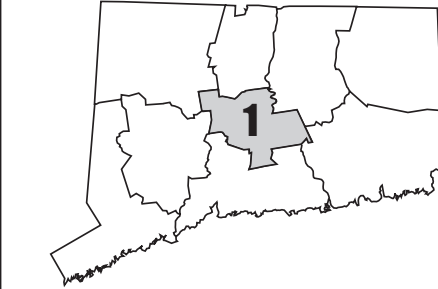
- Advertise you Fair at your other Grange events. Put table tents on each table at refreshments and/or dinners spotlighting your Fair’s activities and contests, hang posters and signage promoting your Fair in your hall, and be sure to handout flyers at each meeting for two to three months prior to your Fair.
- Distribute coupons. In this day and age - people love to save money. If your Fair charges admission, then coupons worth 50¢ off admission can bring new people to your event. If your Fair offers free admission, a coupon for a free beverage or snack item will entice the public to attend.
- Creative Contests. Not everyone can knit, bake or has a garden full of

veggies. Let your imagination flow. Offer something different and fun for the whole family. Ideas: a display of collections, setting a dinner table, recycled art, LEGO building, paper airplanes, and more. Once you come up with your best idea - write a press release just on this contest, create a special advertisement for the newspaper, distribute a special flyer or handout, and poster to promote it!

- Offer a “Kids Zone” or a special area just for the youngsters. Offer interactive crafts and demonstrations where the kids can be the center of the action, such as planting seeds in egg cartons, creating friendship bracelets, macaroni art, handprint drawings and more. Promote this area as something special and new. Post on local and family websites and forums talking about your Kids Zone. Distribute flyers to daycare centers, nurseries and schools.
- Host a booth at another local event, such as the Farmer’s Market, baseball game, car show, etc. to promote your Fair. Be sure to have flyers and coupons to distribute.

The CT State Grange Public Relations Committee is here to help with your Fair promotions. We can write and distribute press releases about your event. We also offer graphic design services including brochures, posters, flyers and more. All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs! Contact any member of the committee, or e-mail us at [information@ctstategrange.org](mailto:information@ctstategrange.org) or [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) for more information.

## Central Pomona No. 1



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

**HIGGANUM GRANGE #124**  
*Corr: Barbara R. Smith*

The next meeting of Higganum Grange #124 will be on August 3, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. Discussion of the float for the Haddam River Days will be held. Refreshments will follow.

**HEMLOCK GRANGE #182**  
*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*  
**Aug. 10:** Memorial  
**Aug. 24:** Omit (summer vacation)

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

# Big E Quilt Ready



Alma Graham recently completed the quilt to be given to the State Grange for the New England Grange Building drawing at the Big E in September. It will be raffled off there and the proceeds will go to a charity. The pattern is Ranchers Daughter and Alma added the Herringbone border. Thanks to Laurie Lanka for some of the material and use of her long arm sewing machine to quilt it with.



# Legislatively Speaking



**Alma Graham**  
Legislative Director  
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Congratulations to Grace Boatright who was recently appointed as the Legislative Director for National Grange and look forward to working with her. She has been a staff member with National Grange since 2010 and has worked extensively in the legislative affairs of the Grange. Boatright grew up near Austin, Texas and knows first-hand the challenges of rural life. Prior to working for the Grange she worked for the Sargent-at-Arms of the Texas State Senate.

Following her appointment, Boatright sent out an email to the State Legislative Directors outlining some of her plans for the Legislative Department. She plans installing “a rigorous grassroots advocacy campaign through an updated Action Alert system.” She is working on the details but plans on making it easier for Grangers to contact their National Representatives. One idea is to utilize the Grange webpages to link to their Grangers representatives’ webpage.

Boatright would also like to see the State Granges to get more involved with state legislatures. She had offered to work with the State Granges to write letters, make phone calls, or encourage Grangers to go to their State Capitols. She also plans on reviewing the current legislative publications attempting to simplify and make them more user friendly.

We in Connecticut do have a good working relationship with our State Legislators at the Capitol but more involvement by Grangers would increase our visibility. We annually publish the State Grange Legislative Policy Guide and send copies to all of the General Assembly members. Gordon Gibson spends many hours at the Capitol in Hartford during Legislative Session representing the State Grange and conveying our opinions on various bills that affect rural Connecticut. This does not have to be our only means of communication for the Granges. Don’t be afraid to have your Grange contact your local Representatives or Senators, or call them yourself, when you have an issue you wish to discuss with them. Invite them to attend a meeting and invited local residents to discuss issues.

Feedback from members is important for the Grange, both National and State, to communicate the concerns of its members. Boatright is looking for feedback from Grange members with comments, suggestions and other ideas. Our State Grange Legislative Committee is also looking for feedback at well. One of the best ways is through your resolutions to State Grange. We recently held resolution writing workshops to assist in composing resolutions. The few members who did attend seemed to feel that they were very informative. The information that was provided in these workshops is available on the web. Included is a template for writing resolutions. Go to <http://www.ctstategrange.org> select Grange Information from the left menu and Downloads. At the Select Category drop box select Legislative. There are three versions of the Resolution Writing Template, MAC, Word, and PDF. Included on that page is also a How to Write a Resolution Flyer that you can print out.

Remember that all resolutions should be sent to your Pomona Granges before sending them on to the State Grange. All resolutions for this upcoming session should be sent to the State Grange office prior to September 15th.

# Did you graduate from UConn or another Land-Grant University?

The National Grange is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Public Land-Grant University System, established under the Morrill Act of 1862.

The legislation, better known as the Morrill Land Grant Act, named after its sponsor, Justin Morrill, founded the system of federal funding for public institutions that agreed to “teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts ... in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes...”

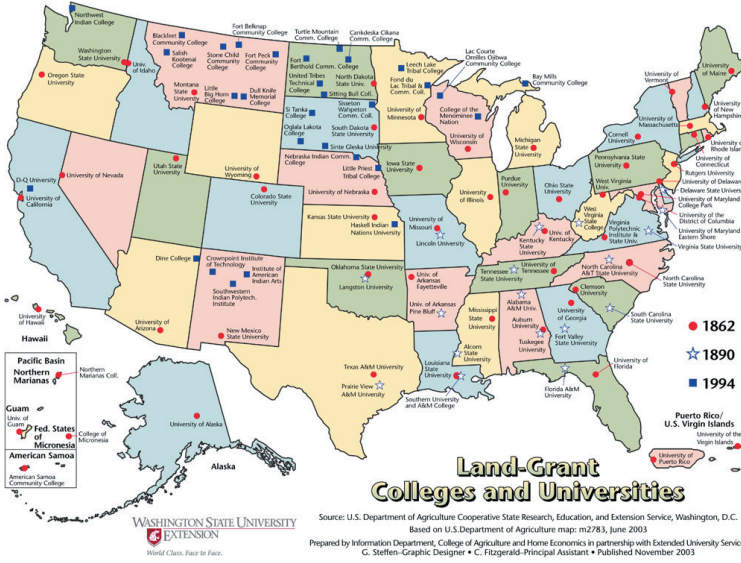
“Tens of millions of Americans, many of whom are or have been Grange members, have benefited from the educational opportunities extended as a result of the Morrill Act,” National Grange President Ed Luttrell said. “As we look forward to our own 150th anniversary in 2017, we understand the importance of celebrating roots, heritage, success and impact over a century and a half.”

Under the Morrill Act, each state received 30,000 acres of federal land for every member of Congress representing their state. Total, the Act allocated 17,400,000 acres of land that provided an endowment of \$7.55 million in 1862.

The Act helped spark the establishment and growth of numerous universities, including the University of California, Kansas State University, and Rutgers University. Today, more than 100 Land-Grant colleges and universities are in operation.

The state of Iowa was the first to accept funds provided by the Act, which helped to grow Ames College, now known as Iowa State University, still in the top ten agricultural schools in the United States.

“Many top institutions of higher education are Land-Grant colleges and universities that continue to advance knowledge and research in the field of agriculture,” Luttrell said. “Without the foresight of Congress in 1862, American agriculture could not have grown and prospered so much in the past



150 years, today providing food, fiber and fuel for our nation and much of the world.”

Although provision six of the Morrill Act originally stated; “No State while in a condition of rebellion or insurrection against the government of the United States shall be entitled to the benefit of this act,” the Act was eventually extended to all Southern states as well.

As part of the celebration, the National Grange is asking any Grange member who is a graduate of a Public Land-Grant University to submit their information for recognition. Specifically, members should submit their information using the form on the National Grange website under News called “Land-Grant Alumni Members” by Oct. 2. Information for deceased members may be submitted as well.

The University of Connecticut is one of many Land-Grant Universities in the Northeast that include: the Universities of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

To learn if your college or university was one established because of the Morrill Land Grant Act, please view the map above or view it on the National Grange website and then fill out the submission form at: [www.nationalgrange.org/news/land-grant-alumni-members/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/news/land-grant-alumni-members/)

The name, Grange affiliation information, college information and occupation of the alumni members will be listed on the National Grange website and posted at the 146th Annual National Grange Convention in Boise, Idaho, in November.

## A “feel good” story...

# “Lucky Larry” rescued from dinner plate

from the Associated Press & The Day of New London

WATERFORD - A Connecticut man purchased a 17-pound lobster at a Waterford restaurant, then released the crustacean back into Long Island Sound.

Don MacKenzie of Niantic tells *The Day* of New London he knew the lobster, nicknamed “Lucky Larry” by local children, would have to be about 80-years-old to reach his current size and felt it deserved to live.

MacKenzie won’t say how much he paid The Dock restaurant to take Larry off the menu.

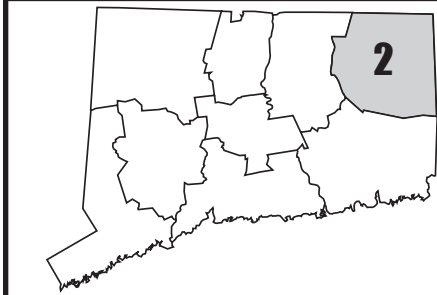
He took the lobster back to sea Tuesday (7/24), releasing it in a secret location.

MacKenzie received a send-off from a group of children chanting “Let Larry Live” and the lobster was given a salute from the Niantic River Bridge operator who sounded the lift bridge’s siren as the boat carrying it headed back to sea.





# 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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**WOLF DEN GRANGE #61**  
Corr: Elsie Johnson  
July 11: Neighbor’s Night, Ref. All  
July 25: Eat Out- Picnic  
Aug. 8: Who’s Who- Membership Committee  
Busy busy! School will be out - vacations being planned, more traffic on roads- more kids on bikes so be careful. Noisymotorcycleseverywhere. Yard sales and road repairs. Gardens are growing- those fresh vegetables. Patronize your local farm stands. Great strawberries this year.  
With gas prices still high, those old push type lawn mowers are being used.  
We had election of officers- some new, some same. Happy birthday- happy summer.

**KILLINGLY GRANGE #112**  
Corr: Glenna Bruno  
July 16: Taste of Summer, Youth  
Aug. 20: Mystery Ride (Dine Out)  
Sept. 17: Celebration, Installation  
June 4- meeting instead of the printed program “Authentic America.” We held our Election of Officers, despite the fact we had many pro-tems.  
Our charter was draped in memory of our recently passed Ceres Wanda Mack. Eleven of our officers and members attended her Memorial.  
On the sick list is Sue Dupre and Mildred Briggs.  
Bernadette Schuster reported collecting \$100 from her flower sale at our plant and bake sale held in May. Our last dance was held until Sept. was well attended with four squares- and this correspondent met a gentleman (who reminded me of a smaller Burl Ives) that celebrates the same birthday and age as mine in July.  
On June 18 Eleanor Davis, Lect., with the assistance of several of our members, presented the flag and words associated with the meaning of our flag such as church, school, hospital, farmer, and sports. Good program.

Janie Stenback read a poem “The Flag.” All sang songs- Grand Old Flag, Little Brown Church, Take Me Out to the Ballgame and other patriotic songs.  
We had 16 members present and guests and are looking forward to our Dine Out Picnic on July 16.  
Killingly Grange also boasts of having four (4) generations as members of our grand organization. With the Blain and Aubin families, that hasn’t happened in many years. Congratulations are in order to Gert Blain (Great Grandmother, Grandmother and Mother to Victoria, Tiffany, Denise  
See you in September.

**EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89**  
Corr: Sue Gray  
Aug. 6: “The Happy Wanderer” Mtg/Prog. 7:30pm  
Aug. 11: 30th Annual Fair 9-2  
Aug. 11: “Blueberry Supper” 5pm-  
One of our active youth has stepped up to the plate to rebuild the Grange pavilion, which was the subject of discussion at the previous two meetings:  
Chris Sebastian offered to make this his Eagle Scout project and after verifying that all work was covered by insurance, he has been given the “green light”!  
We voted to have Ekonk Grange t-shirts and hats made. It has been several years since we did this. We also voted to take on a MAJOR new Community Service project: we will prepare and serve all of the food for the annual Plainfield Relay for Life! This is a two day event and all monies made from the sale of our food will be donated to Relay for Life (it is NOT a fundraiser for the Grange)! The committee in charge is David Griffiths, Link Cooper and Jody Cameron. Congratulations to this year’s Scholarship winners: Brandi Hawkins and our President-elect, Katie Molodich!  
By the time you read

this, our young people will be back from the Northeast Youth Conference where they represented CT in the Drill competition. The girls received their Scholarships at our Awards Luncheon where an amazing 705 years of Grange service certificates were presented to 12 dedicated Granges, including THREE 75 year certificates to: Doris I. Frink, Esther Jalkanen and Edith Remington. Sister Remington travelled all the way from her Florida home to

receive this certificate; she is very active in the Grange in Florida too!  
Looking ahead: plan to enjoy our “Blueberry” Supper, starting at 5pm on the day of our 30th annual Fair: Sat., August 11th! Visit us anytime!  
**ECHO GRANGE #180**  
Corr: Gloria John  
Aug. 14: Omit  
Aug. 28: “Overseer/ Stewards”  
We are sorry we had to

cancel our picnic at Sara Tormey’s home because of rain. We always have a good time there. We had 3 craft entries. Alma Graham won the first prize.  
At our June meeting, State Master Jody Cameron presented Florence Palmer with her 75 year seal and Jim Palmer with his 50th.  
We will have our annual Ham and Bean supper on Sept 15th from 5 to 7pm. Come and join us.

# Palmers receive awards



Pomona Deputy East Jim Palmer (center) receives his Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Certificate from State Master Jody Cameron at a recent meeting of Echo Grange No. 180. Also pictured is his mother, Florence, who received a certificate in recognition of 75 years of Grange service.

# Veterans are "Home Again"



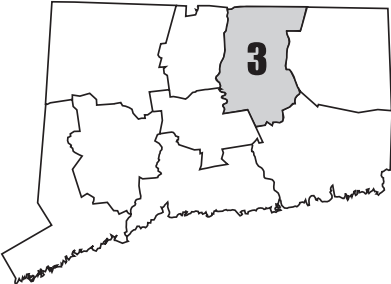
Pictured left to right: Ekonk Grange members Sue Gray and Mae Flexer (also State Representative) and Link Cooper at the dedication of Home at Last. Home at Last is a first in the nation project to provide homes for homeless veterans in Jewett City, CT. Ekonk Grange was invited to the dedication having held a significant fundraiser for the construction. Another fundraiser for Home at Last is scheduled for October 13.



**Ekonk Awards**  
At Ekonk Grange's annual Awards Luncheon in July, Past State Master Russell Gray presents (l to r) Edith Remington and Esther Jalkanen with certificates in recognition of 75 years of continuous Grange membership. Sister Remington entertained the group with remembrances from her many years of membership in the Grange.



# East Central Pomona No. 3



Stafford No. 1  
Granby No. 5  
Tunxis No. 13  
✓ Glastonbury No. 26  
Manchester No. 31  
Tolland No. 51  
Vernon No. 52  
Coventry No. 75  
Hillstown No. 87  
✓ Enfield No. 151

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### STAFFORD GRANGE #1

We will be having our summer picnic on July 29 with members from Enfield and Tolland Granges. An Installation of new officers will be on September 25 instead of at our regular meeting because the installing team is very busy this year. We are all hoping for more rain for our gardens and wells.

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*  
**Aug. 2:** Meeting 6:00 p.m. Annual Picnic  
**Sept. 6:** Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers; You are a Peach by Lecturer; Refreshments: Ann Gilnack Martha Zink

The Officers of Glastonbury Grange wish all a wonderful summer. We hope some of you will try to join us at the annual picnic. All are welcome. Glastonbury Grange is providing the hot dogs and hamburgers and the members will all provide a covered dish. Hope to see you

# JUNIOR GRANGE



**Contact:**  
**Jody Cameron, State Master**  
*president@ctstategrange.org*

members hooked her own back, luckily just a scratch. However, she informed us that her fishing days are OVER! Sister Kay Ruff inspected us on July 6th. It is always nice to see her, she is one of those people who make you feel better for having spoken to them. We had a nice program including jokes by Russell Sharpe who is too funny; and a skit performed by several volunteers. Always a good time when friends are there, feel free to drop on by.



Above, Emily Bonner and below, Jonathan Sarette participate in the Ekonk Junior Grange Fishing Derby.



at the Masonic Hall at 6:00 p.m. The picnic will follow a short business meeting at 6:00. September brings us to the Installation of Officers. Do join us when we begin another year of grange activities.

**ENFIELD GRANGE #151**  
*Corr: Irene Percoski*

# Junior Grange Award Winners

The following are the winners in the Junior Contests held at the Northeast Region Youth Conference held July 13-15 at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

1st Place – Kayla Michaud  
2nd Place- Angelina DeDominicis  
3rd Place- Anna Greenwald

**Aug. 11:** Bingo and Ice Cream  
**Sept. 8:** Installation of Officers  
More recipes. That’s the request of the Cookbook Committee. So dig through those old files and see what you can find. How about some of your mother’s or grandmother’s favorites?

This is our fundraiser and we all need to get busy to make it the best book ever. Summer is here and the flowers and trees are putting on a show for all to enjoy, so take some time to relax outside and get some sun.

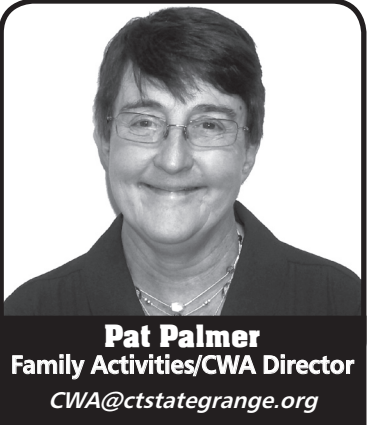
**SIGN LANGUAGE**

1st Place- Kayla Michaud  
2nd Place- Angelina DeDominicis

**TALENT STARS**

Angelina DeDominicis  
Anna Greenwald  
Kayla Michaud  
Maria Angelone

# And the winners are...



Thank you again to all that entered the contests for “Let’s Celebrate Day” (winners are listed below) and now that you are all wondering what you can do during these exceptionally hot days of July and August, the National Grange will again be decorating Christmas Trees to be displayed at the National Session. As such, we are asking anyone who would like to make Christmas ornaments to be donated for the CT tree. They may be brought to State Session and will be mailed to National. Also a reminder of the quilt squares contest as well.

## NEW ENGLAND NEEDLEWORK CONTEST WINNERS – 2012

*\*Only the Community Grange of the winner is listed. Each entry won at their respective Pomona Grange to qualify for State Competiton.*

**Class A - Afghans**

1- Diane Leith - Colchester Grange  
2- Linda Beers – non-member/New Haven Cty.  
3- Dawn Percoski – Enfield Grange

**Class B – Doilies**

1- Doris Shaw – Tunxis Grange  
2- Cindy Anderson – No. Stonington Grange  
3- Shirley Lemieux – Winchester Grange

**Class C - Embroidery**

1- Sandy Peterson – Lyme Grange

**Class D – 3-Piece Baby Set**

1- Edna Schneider – non –member Harmony  
2- Elizabeth Ryducha – Cheshire Grange  
3- Wilma Zemko – Colchester Grange

**Class E – Plastic Canvas**

1- Cindy Hupper – Meriden Grange  
2- Joan Ziegler – Redding Grange  
3- Ted Beebe – Norwich Grange

**Class F – Counted Cross Stitch**

1- Mariellen Baxter – Vernon Grange  
2- Barbara Foskett – Cheshire Grange

**Class G – Adult Garment**

1- Gail Stephen – Harmony Grange  
2- Marilyn Stitham – Old Lyme Grange  
3- Lois Evankow – Lyme Grange

**Class H – Latch Hook**

1- Dorothy Joselovitz – Redding Grange  
2- Place – Lois Evankow – Lyme Grange  
3- Place – James Tucker – Bethlehem Grange

**Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging**

1- Lois Evankow – Lyme Grange

**Class J – Stuffed Toy**

1- Maryalce Lee – Wolcott Grange  
2- Alione Cone – Lyme Grange  
3- Cindy Anderson – No. Stonington

**CT STATE CONTEST WINNERS – 2012**

**Baking Contest - Adult**

1- Eloise Osuch – Bethlehem Grange  
2- Doris Johnson – Old Lyme Grange  
3- Lila Cleveland – Stonington Grange

**Baking Contest – Junior**

1- Lillian Sharpe – Ekonk Jr. Grange

**Scrapbooks**

1- Cheryl Robinson – Tolland Grange  
2- Michele Bernhardt – Cheshire Grange

**Decorate A Basket**

**Group A – Outside & Inside**

1- Marcia Cutrole – Wallingford Grange  
2- Margaret Nevelos  
3- Michele Bernhardt – Cheshire Grange

**Decorate A Basket**

**Group B – Outside Only**

1- Karen MacDonald – Redding Grange  
2- Cindy Legg – Beacon Valley Grange  
3- Peggy Garrity – Cannon Grange

**Craft Contest – Needlework**

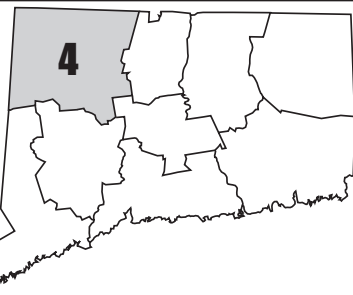
1- Alma Graham – Echo Grange  
2- Cindy Anderson – North Stonington Grange  
3- Lois Evankow – Lyme Grange

**Craft Contest – Other Media**

1- Cathy Russi – Colchester Grange  
2- Maryalyce Lee – Wolcott Grange  
3- Cathy Russi – Colchester Grange



# Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Cawasa No. 34

Whigville No. 48

Eureka No. 62

✓ Winchester No. 74

Taghannuck No. 100

Litchfield No. 107

Beacon No. 118

Riverton No. 169

Cherry Brook No. 210

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4** Mountain County Pomona  
*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau* is on its annual summer break

# Emerald Ash Borer Invades

New Haven, CT - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) today announced that the emerald ash borer (*Agilus planipennis*) was detected in Prospect, CT on July 16, 2012 by staff members at CAES. The identification has been confirmed by federal regulatory officials in the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS-PPQ). this is the first record of this pest in Connecticut, which is added to 15 other states where infestations have been detected. A new probable site of infestation is located in the Naugatuck State Forest. The beetle identification is unconfirmed. The emerald ash borer is responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of ash trees from the mid-west to New York State and south to Tennessee. Ash makes up about 4% to 15% of Connecticut’s forests and is a common urban tree.

“The detection of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in Prospect and probably in Naugatuck reaffirms that statewide surveys for this pest were necessary,” said Louis Magnarelli, director of CAES. “We expected to find the beetle in areas of Connecticut across from infestations in Dutchess County, New York; however, the EAB has great flight potential and can travel in infested wood moved by people. This pest attacks all species of ash trees. Our immediate goals are to determine how extensive the Connecticut infestation is, notify residents in the Prospect and Naugatuck area, and implement strategies to slow the spread of the insect.”

The insect specimens were recovered in Prospect from a ground-nesting, native wasp (*Cerceris fumipennis*), which hunts beetles in the family Buprestidae, including the emerald ash borer. The developing wasp larvae feed on the beetles provided by the adult wasp. The wasp provides a highly efficient and effective “bio-surveillance” survey tool and does not sting people or pets. This work was supported by the US Forest Service. In addition, 541 purple prism detection traps, containing special chemical lure, have been set across the state in all eight counties by the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System via an agreement with the USDA APHIS PPQ. Three additional EAB have

and will resume its meeting schedule beginning on September 10 with a meeting entitled “New Beginning” at Beacon Grange Hall. Our meetings start at 7:30 P.M. and we would love to see you there!

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau*  
Aug. 11: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market  
Aug. 14: American Indian Heritage Month- Country Store. Ref. Pam & Don Fancher  
Aug. 28: Annual Picnic & Awards - Open Meeting

been captured in a trap located in Prospect, while other beetles were captured in a trap in Naugatuck.

“This is a disturbing discovery and one that has the potential for great environmental harm in the state,” said DEEP Commissioner Daniel C. Esty. “Connecticut has more than 22 million ash trees. The presence of EAB here could have a devastating effect on the beauty of our forests, state and local parks and neighborhoods, as well as the state’s wood product industries. Now that EAB has been detected here, it is more important than ever to limit its spread. It is imperative that residents and visitors throughout the state not move firewood. The movement of firewood that contains the presence of EAB is the quickest way to rapidly spread the insect. We will continue to work closely with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and other state and local agencies to do everything in our power to minimize the presence of EAB in Connecticut.”

The EAB is a small and destructive beetle, metallic green in color, and approximately 1/2 inch long and 1/8 inch wide. Adults emerge from the bark of infested trees leaving a small “D”- shaped exit hole roughly 1/8 inch in diameter. This insect is native to Asia and was first discovered in the Detroit, MI and Windsor, Ontario regions of North America in 2012. It has since spread through the movement of firewood, solid-wood packing materials, infested ash trees, and by natural flight dispersal.

It is unknown how the EAB entered Prospect or Naugatuck. Movement of infested wood is a high risk activity that can spread the beetle over long distances. Prior to the pest’s discovery in Prospect, the closest known infestation to Connecticut is in eastern New York near the Hudson River.

The emerald ash borer is a regulated plant pest under federal (7 CFR 301.53) and state (CT Gen. Statute Sec. 22-84-5d, e and f) regulations. For more information about the EAB, please visit the following website: [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).



Winchester meets twice a month every month and August is no exception with a regular meeting on Indian Heritage on August 14 and our annual Open Meeting & Picnic on Aug. 28. The meal is provided by the Grange so fill up the car and enjoy a nice evening of food, fun and appreciation for the dedication of our many members.

August also means it’s time for our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market at the Grange Hall and on the Winchester Center Green on August 11. Spaces are still available for the Flea Market.

Call Master Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326 to reserve your space. A low price of \$20 can’t be beat with plenty of profit to be made on the day.

The Grange Hall will be filled with entries of flowers, fruits, vegetables and baking. Have an entry? Call the number above if you would like entry forms or information. A large book sale, children’s games and lunch will be served all day long. Take a chance on the many valuable door prizes or just come to spend some time with friends. We would love to see you there!

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

# Change to Honor Grange requirements

As summer wraps up, it becomes time to think about those many reports that are due in to the various committees of the State Grange. Among those reports is the Honor Grange Report. Last year, a requirement to be a Gold level Grange was to have a NET GAIN for the year. **A NET GAIN IS NO LONGER REQUIRED** to qualify for the Gold Level! There were several Granges last year who would have qualified for Gold had there not have been as many deaths during the preceding year. Of course, this is not something Granges can control in any way so the State Master felt it would be more fair to all Granges to relax that requirement. All other requirements, as listed in the Blue Book, remain unchanged.

We would love to see MANY, MANY more Honor Grange submissions this year. It’s not difficult to do. You can make your report by simply typing up the answers to the questions in any one of the three (Bronze, Silver, or Gold) levels that are outlined in the Blue Book and submit your report to the State Master by SEPTEMBER 15, 2012.

Pomona Granges do not have to file Honor Grange reports as their Inspection Scores serve as the criteria for their awards.

There’s still time to finish up the last few requirements and get those reports in. Good luck!

# State Secretary



**Edith Schoell**  
State Secretary  
[secretary@ctstategrange.org](mailto:secretary@ctstategrange.org)

The days are flying and soon it will be fall and cooler weather. The animals have now decided my garden makes a good salad! I am trying to nurse along the squash plants but with little success.

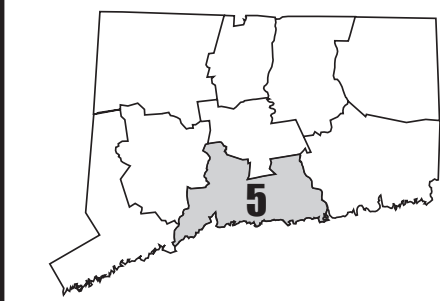
While you are sipping a cool iced tea, perhaps you could check some of the reports

that are due, contest entries that need to be completed. Time is drawing near for scholarship applications to be submitted. Prod your youth to get busy, get the necessary information and complete the form.

While reading a Grange newspaper from the midwest, I found it interesting that one Grange supplied earplugs to attendees to the Light and Sound Parade. It seems that parade goers complained of the loud noise from sirens on the emergency vehicles. One Grange used this as their community service project by attaching an information card to ear-plugs and distributed them. Perhaps you can think of a small but useful way to help your community.



# New Haven County Pomona No. 5



Cheshire No. 23

✓ Wallingford No. 33

✓ North Haven No. 35

✓ Old Lyme No. 162

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33**  
*Corr: Dan Lauttenbach*

June 14- Business meeting followed by a planning meeting for next year's programs.

June 28- Election of Officers- Those who have current offices will stay where they are and Lisa Lamoureux will be our new Treasurer and will also be our Steward.

We helped Lisa prepare the program brochures for the Northeast Youth Conference.

Upcoming meetings:  
**Aug. 23:** Program- "Last Fling of Summer"

Hope you are enjoying your summertime and stay cool!

**NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35**  
*Corr: A. Tolette*

**Aug. 7:** Cool Down or Heat Up

**Sept. 4:** Let Autumn Begin

Summer has arrived. If it could be as cool as winter was warm we would be happy. This is New England and we have to take what comes.

We were saddened by the loss of our oldest member. Cynthia Barnes. She was just one month short of her 101st birthday. She had been a Granger for 80 years.

I was pleased to present her with that award. We had a good visit, with the aid of loud talking, notes and sign language.

A 70 year seal was sent to Marion Bradley who is now living in New Hampshire. She joined us when Totoket disbanded. Also, at a recent meeting Caroline Kranyak was presented with a 65 year

seal. Where did all those years go?

Keep cool and God Bless America.

**OLD LYME GRANGE #162**  
*Corr: Barbara Kulisch*

**Aug 24:** 6:30 Pot Luck Picnic - August Is.....

**Sept 14:** "Star Spangled Banner"

**Sept 28:** Installation of Officers

We were finally able to have our Election of Officers and am happy to say, we have a full slate for the next two years. We will be installed in September.

We had 3 entries in the CWA baking contest with Sis Doris Johnson going to State. One entry in the Adult Garment found Marilyn Stitham coming in 1st in Sub judging; 1st in Pomona

judging & 2nd on the State level. Congratulations to you both!

Brother Ross brought up at the last meeting how proud we are of Sis Barbara, as she is proteming for our Worthy State Chaplain, Amy Whitcomb, and is doing a really fine job.

She conducted the entire Grange Sunday Service in June at Cheshire. She then traveled with the State Master, Jody Cameron, to Rindge, New Hampshire to do the Call to Worship & the Responsive Reading for the Go To Grange Sunday at the Cathedral of the Pines.

Hope to have seen you at the Ct/RI picnic held in July at North Stonington Grange Hall. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

# Still time to enter contests



I hope summer is treating everyone well. This year we are definitely having those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. We took 10 days off and went to Virginia. When they forecast temperatures over 100 degrees for days on end, we decided to spend extra time in the air conditioning.

Still it was nice to get away. Hope you have plans to get away for a while too!

If you are already back from your summer excursions, why not write an essay for our contest. This years' title is "How I Would Change Our Grange." It should be 150 words or less and I need it by October 1st so we don't rush our judges. If you have ever judged one of the contests you are aware of what a hard job it can be. I still say, if I got three sets of judges for the contests, we could end up with three different winners in each contest.

There is still to write a letter to a solder. If you don't have an address you can get

them to me and I will see that they make their way to a soldier, sailor, marine or airmen fighting to keep our country free. Many Granges report sending packages on a regular basis. This is not a requirement but makes a great community service project. If you do send a box, please be sure and send a letter in it. Remember you do not have to be a Lecturer to do these projects.

Lecturers – you should have received your packet with next years' materials by this time. If you haven't, please let me know and I will track it down for you.

See you around the State.

# Resolutions due Sept. 15

All Connecticut Granges should be working on resolutions to be acted upon at State Session. Resolutions must be received by the Central Office before September 15th. Any resolutions dealing with By-Laws changes must be on file 30 days before State Session, or they cannot be acted upon.

It is preferred that all resolutions go to a Pomona Grange for action prior to being submitted to the State Grange for the Annual Session. If this is not possible due to time constraints, please submit them directly to the Central Office before the September 15th deadline.

If your Grange needs help in writing resolutions, the CT State Grange Legislative Committee is available to assist. E-mail: [legislative@ctstategrange.org](mailto:legislative@ctstategrange.org).

Also, a PDF flyer is available for download from the CT State Grange website at the following link: [www.ctstategrange.org/statedownloads/Legislative/HowtoWriteaResolutionFlyer-5-2012.pdf](http://www.ctstategrange.org/statedownloads/Legislative/HowtoWriteaResolutionFlyer-5-2012.pdf).

For more information on submitting your resolutions prior to the deadline, email [secretary@ctstategrange.org](mailto:secretary@ctstategrange.org).

# National Grange video featured in NYC

The Grange is now appearing on Broadway! Starting in July, the National Grange will have a 15 second commercial airing for 78 days on the CBS video board located at 239 West 42nd Street in New York (pictured above- the video has been superimposed on this screen shot of the board for the purposes of this article).

The commercial, which will be made available for any Grange to use for promotion, says "Grange" not National Grange, and only makes mention of our annual National Convention as a nod to National, so all Granges should like it. It will be available in August.

Until then, if family members or friends are visiting NYC, tell them to watch out for the ad. It will appear at least once per hour, every hour between 6 A.M. and midnight each day.

Many thanks are extended to Grace Boatright (new National Legislative Director) for finding funding for the ad.




At right, a "screenshot" from the new Grange video being featured on the video board in New York City, now through September.

At left, the CBS video board located just off of Times Square at 239 West 42nd Street in New York City. The National Grange's ad will be featured at least once per hour from 6 A.M. to midnight for 78 consecutive days beginning in July.





## 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

### MISSION STATEMENT

*New London County Pomona* did not adopt a Mission Statement at their School of Instruction, but plan to work on it in the future.

**NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6**  
*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*  
**Aug. 25:** Picnic at Bluff Point  
**Sept. 8:** North Stonington #138

Election of Officers was held on June 7. Our Master of four years, Dan Mutchler, has decided to take a hiatus from Pomona and pursue a career in long-distance trucking. We will miss him very much, but wish him well in his new venture. Our Master-elect is former Steward Scott Bill Hirst. Ted Powell will take over the duties of Steward. Jeff Barnes moves to Overseer and Wilma Zemko will be our Flora. Lecturer Deb Barnes and Chaplain Anne-Marie Knochenhauer have exchanged jobs for this term. Other officers remain the same. Installation of Officers will be done be at North Stonington Grange on Sept. 8. Jack Lawson (former RI State Master) and his team will conduct the installation.

Anne-Marie conducted a lovely Memorial Service remembering Pomona friends who went on to the Great Grange Above this past year.

Hope to see a big crowd at our picnic at Bluff Point. Please bring everything you need- food, utensils, etc. Grills and picnic tables are available. Picnic starts at noon with games and recreation to follow.

*It's August, the summer's half over,*

*We hope you've enjoyed all the sun.*

*It's time for our annual picnic,*

*So come to Bluff Point and have fun.*

**COLCHESTER GRANGE #78**  
*Corr: P. Joan Toomey*  
Colchester Grange received awards in competition at New London County Pomona #6 and the Connecticut State Grange in Cheshire. We are very proud of our CWA Chair Cathy Russi and all our participating entries. Keep your eye on Colchester, we are looking at expanding competition in all criteria.

Those who received awards were: Class A Afghan was Diane Leith, 2nd place Ruth Tallman and 3rd place to Cheryl Leith. The Baby Set (3 Piece Set) 1st place to Wilma Zemko who also placed first in the Adult Garment category. At the State Contest Diane Leith won 1st prize on her beautiful butterfly afghan, her Mom, Polly Leonard got second place for a mounted photo, Grangers in Action taken during Colchester's Memorial Day Parade in which Colchester #78 enters a float every year. Wilma Zemko placed honorable mention for her baby set and Cathy Russi 1st place painting and 2nd place for her grape vine wreath. Also Colchester donated over 50 items to be sold in the New England Grange Building during the Big E.

**NORTH STONINGTON GRANGE #138**  
*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*  
**Aug. 10:** "T'd like to visit... Canada- Yukon Territory!"  
**Aug. 24:** "T'd like to visit... Mexico and the Aztec ruins"

Election of Officers returned all officers except Chaplain to their previous positions. Our new Chaplain is Dorothy Gurnee and we welcome her back to the fold. Chaplain Cindy Anderson conducted an impressive candlelight memorial ceremony in which we remembered with love and sadness members lost this past year.

Thirty-five members, Juniors and friends enjoyed our annual picnic. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, soda and coffee were provided by the Grange; and a plethora of delicious salads, sides and desserts were provided by others. Lecturer Sue Pianka kept the youngsters busy with games and contests until the sent went to bed, and the evening ended with a marvelous, giggly water fight. All went home full, wet and happy.

Our first meeting in August finds the men in charge of the program (heads up, guys) and the ladies in charge of

refreshments. The second meeting flip-flops the venue with the ladies providing the entertainment and the men the goodies. These programs always prove to be lots of fun. Hope you can visit us. And if this heat wave will just leave a few vegetables in the garden, next month I'll tell you all about joyous July.

**LYME GRANGE #147**  
**Aug. 2:** Picnic  
**Aug. 17-19:** Hamburg Fair  
**Sept. 2:** School Days  
**Oct. 4:** Here Comes Another Grange Year

Our July meeting was led by our Overseer Sandy Peterson due to the Master recovering from back surgery and a broken arm. Sandy did a wonderful job.

Skip Beebe, a contractor and a new member along with Greg Landry- a plumber and the husband of a member, installed our new modern toilet. Nice high one and a vanity with a sink. Thanks to both of them, a job well done! Our Secretary, Marita Rand has been on the sick list and is back again- thank goodness.

We're all getting ready for our Hamburg Fair. It's a lot of work and it takes many people. Town folks and Grangers all work together to make it a success.

**STONINGTON GRANGE #168**  
*Corr: Jeff Barnes*

I've been told that change is the only proof of life. Well, at our recent election of officers six members were elected to new positions, including our two newest members. A nice face-lift, a positive change and a real proof of life for our Grange.

Two of our long-time members have been busy in the theatrical world as director and stage-manager at the Katherine Hepburn Theatre in Old Saybrook. They are presenting the comedy, "You Can't Take it With You" in mid-July. So we are off on another adventure outside of the grange hall as we are going as a group to see the play and enjoy a nice meal and an evening out. Even our affiliate members from Rumford, RI are coming down for the event. These little extras between meetings from time to time add to the experience of belonging to the Grange and seem to fill a need for our members. We are looking forward to this outing!

Our annual picnic is July 12 at 6 pm and our regular meeting will take place directly afterwards. Debbie

has a fun program planned for after the meeting to keep us entertained well into the evening. We'll be escaping the heat as we meet downstairs, and we'll get a chance to offer our congratulations to Shirley

Lawson, our newest Golden Sheaf member. We will raise a dish of ice cream in her honor. Here's wishing everyone a great Summer- not too hot, not too dry- just right!

## Colchester helps Veterans in need

by Joan Toomey, Colchester Grnage #78

This June a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held and Bill Czmyr Jr.'s longtime dream became a reality following ten years of work and planning. The over 5 million dollar project dedicated may have been a first of its kind in our country which provides homeless veterans with not only furnished homes but continual support as they start 18 new lives. Many Granges contributed money spearheaded by Colchester Grange. The Granges are North Stonington, Norwich, Stonington and many local Colchester businesspeople as well as the American Legion Post 54, Local AARP #4019, the Harrington Court Healthcare, Skyview Realty and area associates and the St. Andrew Ladies Guild. Many Grangers offered not only financial help but contributed many household necessities such as linens, dishes, pots and pans and small appliances.


We at Colchester Grange thank all who participated in this important and well-deserved project. Mostly we thank the faithful, devoted veterans who serve and give us the freedom, protection and God given rights to live in the USA.

## Past Deputies Picnic

The annual Picnic and meeting of the Past Deputies Association of the Connecticut State Grange will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 beginning at 2:00 P.M. with a social hour. The meeting will be held at 3:00 P.M. followed by supper. The festivities will be held at the home of Lin Erickson at 21 Thayer Ave. in Collinsville.



**Congratulations to the Connecticut State Grange Youth Drill Team for placing third (out of five Northeast teams) in the Competition held at Youth Conference in July in Springfield.**



### Did you know?

Organized in October 1771, the First Company Governor's Foot Guard is the oldest military organization in the U.S.? In 1780 the Foot Guard escorted Washington to his meeting with the Compte de Rochambeau in Hartford.



# A great day for a picnic

Games such as the corn hole game, kick ball and softball were enjoyed as the Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges co-hosted an Old-Fashioned Grange Picnic held on Saturday, July 21, 2012.

More than 100 people from across both states made the trek to North Stonington Community Grange Hall and Fairgrounds in North Stonington, Connecticut to enjoy a day of good food, fun and fellowship. Entertainment was provided by the Rhode Island Rednecks,

a country-western band from West Warwick, RI. It was one of the highlights of the day, which included the old-fashioned picnic activities. This is the second annual combined picnic hosted by the two State Granges.

Jody Cameron, Connecticut State Grange President, stressed the benefits of Grange members not only working together but playing together. "Sometimes you need to stop and enjoy each others company," he said. "This event is just that, a social

time for our members to come together and visit. No meetings, no lectures, no workshop. Just good old fashioned visiting, great food and field day style games. Who could ask for more?"

Rhode Island State Grange President Stephen Logan agreed. "There is nothing better than spending an afternoon with friends, relaxing, playing games and of course the food! There are no boundaries when it comes to fun and fellowship."

Both State Grange

Presidents and their members look forward to the third annual picnic to be held next summer in Rhode Island.



An early photo of Jerry & Emma



Governor's Foot Guard Hall, Hartford



Emma Keech



Keech Memorial Field dedication plaque at Camp Berger



Presentation at Hamden #99



Southbury Training School

## Jerome Keech

Jerome Keech - Here lived a man who would be content to live by the side of the road, but life would not let him. In a real sense, some are born to greatness, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them; such was the case with Jerry. His sixty-odd years were packed full. Home, school, civic organizations, and friends filled his life. He seemed to breathe the air of good will. To neighbor, acquaintance, friend or stranger he gave the warm assurance of personal interest and understanding. To many he gave hope and courage. In a paradoxical manner, he did not seek for himself; the office sought the man whether it be Stage Grange, Lions Club, Masons, Church or any organization he identified with - because he was a friend of man. It was his life to know, to love and help his brethren for whom he spent, to the limit, his time, strength, talents. Wise both in council and administration, he led others into wider vision, greater strength and usefulness. He served God in the service of men. He, like his Lord and Master, gave himself for us and for all. We shall never forget his handclasp, his friendliness, his good practical sense and his utter commitment, whether in the intimate circle of his family held so dear, or in the great company of fraternal fellowship or citizenship in humanity is the better, the stronger the closer to God because of the gallant man and true friend.

Rev. George Smith

## Do You Remember?

### Jerry & Emma Keech

by Betty Jane Gardiner

We are taking a little different direction with the column this month by asking if you remember a special couple who played a part in our history. They were Jerome and Emma Keech of Pomperaug Grange #185 (located in Southbury). Jerry and Emma were on the staff of the Southbury Training School and lived there. They were folks who had a great fondness for young people- not only those of the school, but of the Grange as well. Emma worked with the Junior Grange and Pomona young people. Cynthia Finch, our present State Lady Assistant Steward, tells me that as a teenager she looked to Jerry and Emma for help and guidance and felt they were mentors for the Grange youth.

They were a hard-working couple for their community, the church, other organizations as well as the Grange.

As Jerry worked his way through the "chairs" toward State Master, I was fortunate to serve as Lady Assistant Steward when he was Assistant Steward and must share with you a most unforgettable moment working with him. It was the first time we did the Sixth Degree and held at Governor's Footguard Hall in Hartford, a huge cavern of a building which left much to be desired. The degree was just getting underway, the lights were out (as they were supposed to be) but someone backstage had made the mistake of throwing all of the switches including the exit lights over the doors leaving us in a darkness of pitch blackness to which our eyes couldn't get accustomed. We knew we had no choice but to "go." We were responsible for taking the marching candidates with us. I held tight to Jerry's arm so we wouldn't get separated and as we slowly started off I heard a stage whisper from Jerry saying one word - "PRAY!" It seemed an endless time until he gave the signal to stop. I believe he had the instinct of a homing pigeon because when the lights came up by some miracle we were only a few feet away from where we were supposed to be. To this day I can't sit through the start of the Sixth Degree without thinking how lucky we were that year to have had Jerry Keech as our Assistant Steward and to learn the valuable lesson of how to NOT let such a situation happen again.

Jerry was installed as State Master in October of 1965 with the potential of being a fine leader. His committees were all in place (each having been fed by Emma who was famous for her good cooking). A new feature was being introduced which called for each town to carry on a program of bicycle inspections. Things were looking good and then in April of 1966 fate intervened and Jerry was called to the Great Grange Above. It was one of our saddest periods as Kingsley Beecher found himself so suddenly entrusted with the reins of our organization. At that time a close and firm friendship between Emma Keech and Betty Beecher began which lasted the rest of their lives.

Do remember Jerry and Emma!



# Support the National Youth Foundation

The National Grange Youth Foundation campaign is a project that seeks to provide present and future Grange Youth and Young Adults with the chance to participate in the National Grange annual session and provide them the needed tools to support the Grange mission at home.

- Last year, 29 outstanding Grange youth - nine youth ambassadors, one young couple, a National Grange Youth Officer Team of 17 grange youth and a John Trimble Legislative experience participant - were supported through the fund.
  - Several of these youth have returned home to serve on Grange Growth teams, assisted in organizing new Granges, serve as subordinate Grange officers and committee members and are working to grow the Grange for the next generation.
  - A set of six youth and young couples have been selected for advanced membership training at a Grange Growth Summit.
  - These Grange youth are also leaders in other organizations serving as state FFA officers, 4-H leaders, and earning scholarships for academic excellence; the Grange has helped these youth achieve these successes.
- The National Grange Youth Foundation

must receive \$15,000 to support the costs of the National Grange Youth Horizon Leadership program, John Trimble Legislative Experience Program and National Youth Officer Team. Historically, the Youth Foundation has covered housing costs, convention tickets and youth tours. Your financial support is critical to continue providing Grange Youth and Young Adults with a valuable experience at the National Grange convention. Your support makes it possible for these young Grangers to attend the National Grange Youth Leadership Days and participate in Grange Youth Programs.

Pledges made to the National Grange Youth Foundation are tax-deductable. Please contact National Grange Youth Director Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade at (717) 361-2844 or by e-mail at [youth@nationalgrange.org](mailto:youth@nationalgrange.org) for further information.

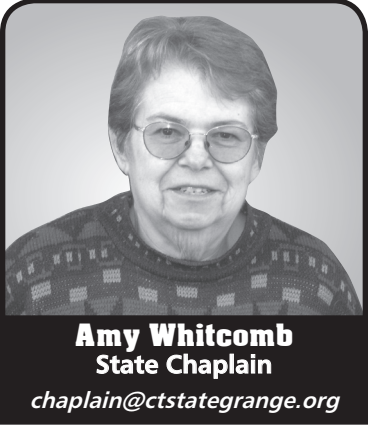
Donors will be recognized at the Youth Department display at National Session and on the National Grange Youth Foundation website, as well as with a certificate of thanks to hang in your Grange hall or home. Thank you again for your careful consideration and support of our Grange youth leaders.

## In Memoriam

Cynthia Barnes, G.S.	North Haven Grange #35
Grace Bement	Winchester Grange #74
Charles Berger, Jr.	Winchester Grange #74
Helen M. Begun	Colchester Grange #78
Gilbert Scott Standley	Harmony Grange #92
Wanda Mack	Killingly Grange #112
Richard Mann, G.S.	Hemlock Grange #182

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



Marvin Wilbur,  
Past State Chaplain

I am discovering how strange we are as human beings. We say things are important to us and are an important part of our lives. But I am discovering differently.

Take our friends for example. We all have friends, even 1 or 2. What do we think of them? How do we treat them. When we first become friends with someone we call or visit them often. They are included in our plans and we enjoy each other's company. Then a strange thing happens. We begin to grow apart and do not communicate with them as much. In time perhaps cards are sent at Christmas or at some other time. Perhaps we have developed new friends and the circle continues.

It is the same with our God—whatever name you wish to call him. We when first realize that God is supreme and that He loves us, we stand in awe! We worship Him, want to have Him with us, talk to Him and invite Him wherever we go. After a while things change. We are not so involved with Him. Perhaps our other friends laugh at our relationship with God. And you know, we don't want to lose our friends, now do we.

The same is true of the Grange. When we first join we are enthusiastic and want to take part in all the activities. Soon after some members dislike the newcomers doing everything and having fun. We complain about people not coming or caring, but perhaps there are some of us that foster that feeling. We perhaps feel jealous or hurt or disappointed. We don't seem to care about members, or friends.

And you know what? Pretty soon we have no friends. Pretty soon our Grange will have to close because no one cares. And it all starts with each of us. I am willing to guarantee that there are members of your Grange that have not heard from you in ages, except when dues are due. Do we visit—no. Do we call—no. And you know what, we ignore not only our Grange family, but our friends as well. What a shame that we have forgotten something we have all heard: "In the Grange, we are like one great family..."

There is time to make changes; there is time to instill a sense of caring; there is time to show all that they are important and needed. So, it is time to get started and change our attitudes to something positive. Let's get going today!

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

July Photo -- We heard from May Royce from Stafford Grange that the person on the right is Felix Gay from Stafford Grange. No word on who the person on the left is.

June Photo -- We heard from Elliott Smith who believes that the man on the far left in the photo is Dick Mann.

April Photo -- We heard from Mary Medbery on April's Photo. The lady with the question mark near Joe Bell is Mary Peckham from Preston City Grange.

