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## Some thoughts on respect



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48! This is my 48<sup>th</sup> article. I must admit this has been the hardest and most painstaking part of my job as State Master. I hope they have been at times thought provoking, provocative and useful. I have tried to hit upon subjects that are timely and relevant to the current environment or situation. I hope this month is no exception.

I want to touch on respect. Respect for each other and

for the Grange. As State Master I field a lot of calls and emails from upset members who feel they have been disrespected by another. This is far too common. Many times it is a simple misunderstanding, but other times it does seem deliberate. I understand we will not always see eye to eye on every issue, and that is ok. Differences of opinion are healthy and productive during deliberations and debate but should never be used as a platform for personal attacks or belittling.

I must remind every member of our oath(s) we take when becoming a member or an officer of the Grange, and when all else fails let's rely on the most basic thing we learned as children; play nice! Embrace each other's input, if you know details that will

not allow the discussion or event to proceed address those issues with tact and fact and not with "I've been here a long time and I know everything."

When it comes to new or newer members not knowing the "Grange way," or questioning why things are done the way they are, serve as a mentor and make the information available to them so they too can be as knowledgeable as you, the seasoned member.

I work with someone that says something that drives me nuts, "you don't know what you don't know." Did you know what you know when you started anything new? No, respect where each other is coming from, and when those differences arise, and they will, remember we are all in this together!

## 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the CT State Grange

By Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

The 130th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange will be held Thursday through Saturday, October 16-18, at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT.

Representing each of the over 50 Community Granges across the state will be delegates to the Convention to debate resolutions and policies on subjects ranging from handicap accessibility to school milk programs to traffic safety.

The delegates will also work on resolutions dealing with a variety of internal Grange organizational topics.

Resolutions passed at the session will become policy of the Grange and will be lobbied for by the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee at the Connecticut

State Legislature. Those resolutions pertaining to national policies will be sent to the National Grange Convention, to be held this November in Sandusky, Ohio, where delegates from Granges across the country will consider them.

The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Scott & Marie Nicholson as the National Representatives to the 130th State Session. Marie currently serves as National Flora and Scott is Master of the Montana State Grange.

2014 is a Connecticut State Grange election year. Outgoing Connecticut State Grange President Jody Cameron will present his final address on Thursday evening, October 16, at 8:00 PM.

Election of Officers will be held on Friday morning, October 17, at 9:15 AM, with installation of the new officers

being held Saturday, October 18, at 3:30 PM.

On Friday evening, the conferral of the Sixth Degree by the officers of the Connecticut State Grange will take place, featuring a Rose Drill presented by Grange members from across the state.

The Celebration Banquet will be held Saturday evening, featuring Scholarship awards and a program prepared Connecticut State Grange Lecturer Marge Bernhardt of Cheshire.

## Fall Festivals



Kids enjoying the hay ride at the Simsbury Grange Fair held in September.



Hank and a Junior from Hillstown await the step-off of the Daily Parade at the Big E on "Grange Day" at the Fair, Sept. 21.



Taghhannuck Grange's second place winning exhibit in the Grange Exhibit Contest at the Bethlehem Fair held in September. Bethlehem Grange took first for their exhibit.

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Hometown Roots*

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# Resolutions for Consideration at the 130th Annual Session

## 1) RE: PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS the number of members within the Subordinate Granges are declining, and WHEREAS in effect this has caused the number of Subordinate Granges to decline, and WHEREAS most Grangers feel that the Pomona Granges have a vital role in the Grange ritual work, and WHEREAS some of the Pomona Granges are near to the minimum number of Subordinate Granges to keep the Pomona Grange in existence. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange redistrict the communities of Connecticut to form four Pomona Granges, two on the east side of the Connecticut River and two on the west side of the Connecticut River. SOURCE: New Haven County Pomona No. 5 REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

## 2) RE: REVISING THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE TO DELETE THE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND MILEAGE TO VOTING DELEGATES

WHEREAS Article 4, Section 7 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws requires that delegates to State Session be reimbursed \$2.00 per session for each session attended plus mileage at the rate to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Grange, and WHEREAS these reimbursements and mileage payments currently cost the State Grange in excess of \$2,000 each year, and WHEREAS other Fraternal organizations do not reimburse delegates from local units for attending the state level meeting of those organizations, and WHEREAS the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange as revised in October 2013 eliminated the Board of Directors because all of the Directors were made voting members of the Executive Committee. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 4, Section 7 of the By-Laws be deleted. SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147; New London County Pomona #6 REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

## 3) RE: OUTSIDE MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS local governments have faced many challenges financially and otherwise of late, and WHEREAS not all local governments are operated the same and as effectively as others, and WHEREAS a number of local governments have special districts set up for specific purposes such as fire districts and others, and WHEREAS failure of local government operations have become so severe courts and other government entities have had to intervene, and WHEREAS the need to keep local government strong is very important because of the services it is expected to deliver, and WHEREAS outside management studies can be used as tools to assist the running of local government and help remove and reduce some political pressure, and WHEREAS outside management studies can be conducted by competent, disinterested

parties not involved in the local governments and politics. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grange support the possible use of outside management studies as a tool to be used for local governments who have serious problems in a financial and operational realm; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Grange support local governments in possibly considering the benefits of outside management studies from time to time.

SOURCE: North Stonington Community Grange #138; New London County Pomona #6 REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

## 4) RE: CHIROPTEA, DEFENDERS OF ECOLOGY

WHEREAS bats are present throughout most of the world, performing vital ecological roles of pollinating flowers and dispersing fruit seeds, and WHEREAS bats are important, as they consume insect pests, reducing the need for pesticides, and WHEREAS bats' dung, or guano, is so rich in nutrients that it is mined from caves, bagged and sold to be used by farmers to fertilize their crops, and WHEREAS some varieties of bats are now on the endangered species list. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange be in favor of the promotion of the placement of bat houses on Grange properties as a worthy cause to pursue, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every Grange should take similar action to promote the welfare of bats. SOURCE: Granby Grange #5; East Central Pomona #3 REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

## 5) RE: STATEWIDE CONNECTICUT GRANGE HERITAGE DAY

WHEREAS a Statewide Grange Heritage Day with all Granges that own their halls hosting open houses to the public and especially educators learning about the Granger Laws, and WHEREAS most educators and students learning about the Granger Laws believe that the Order of Patrons of Husbandry is a dying organization, and WHEREAS this trend needs to be reversed, and WHEREAS the general public knows little about the Grange and what the Grange has done and is still doing, and WHEREAS we need to educate the public on the need for the Grange today and in the future. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Granges that own their halls have a Grange Heritage Day and Granges without halls to assist their fellow Grangers, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange with recommendations that the State Information Committee and the Social Connection Committee make this a one day statewide event. SOURCE: East Central Pomona #3 REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address

## 6) RE: ATTRACTING BUSINESSES

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut is looking for new businesses to locate in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS those businesses will offer new jobs, and

WHEREAS the State tries to lure businesses to the state by offering tax incentives or deferments, and WHEREAS many businesses have left the State, leaving unused buildings and the empty buildings are a blight to the towns and cities, and WHEREAS many firms want to use pristine land for new buildings rather than an existing structure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to encourage new businesses by offering tax incentives and deferments only when existing buildings are used, thereby saving open space, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to East Central Pomona for action and forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange for further action. SOURCE: Manchester Grange #31; East Central Pomona #3 REFERRED: CREDENTIALS/MASTER'S ADDRESS

## 7) RE: REDUCING COSTS OF NATIONAL SESSION

WHEREAS the National Grange has been experiencing serious financial challenges, and WHEREAS the National Grange, by vote of the delegate body, has borrowed in excess of \$100,000 in order to remain solvent, and WHEREAS the National Grange spends in excess of \$125,000 annually on National Grange Session, and WHEREAS the largest portion of this expense is travel, meals and lodging. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange no longer cover the cost of travel, meals, and lodging for non-essential staff and Honorary Delegates that are not elected National Grange Officers. SOURCE: Ekonk Community Grange #89; Quinebaug Pomona #2 REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

## 8) RE: SEAT BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS the merits of installing seat belts on school buses have been debated for decades, and WHEREAS school bus seat belt requirements depend on the size of the bus. Federal regulations require seat belts on school buses whose fully loaded weight is less than 10,000 pounds ("small school buses"), but do not require them on buses weighing 10,000 pounds or more ("large school buses"). Large school buses make up more than 80% of the nearly 500,000 school buses in the nation's school bus fleet. WHEREAS seat belt advocates, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, argue that seat belts would reduce injuries and deaths to school bus passengers. They say that wearing seat belts also would improve student behavior, reduce opportunities for bullying, and cut down on behaviors that might distract bus drivers, and WHEREAS when 3 students sit on a single seat, the occupant in the aisle seat is likely to be seated outside of the seating compartment and not afforded the protection provided by the school bus seat, and WHEREAS Connecticut does not require seat belts in large school

buses despite years of debate and bills that died without being voted on.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we should again urge the state and local authorities to mandate seat belts in large school buses and require that the seat belts be used.

SOURCE: East Central Pomona #3

REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

## 9) RE: LOCATION OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE ROOMS IN HOTELS

WHEREAS at present, the Handicapped Accessible Rooms are located on all floor levels of hotels, and WHEREAS in the event of a fire, the elevators used to transport residents to the upper floors cannot be used to evacuate the residents from the upper levels, and WHEREAS the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) has provided that a room be provided on all floor levels as a place of Refuge. This room is to be fire rated and accessible to a stairway, and WHEREAS residents, confined to a wheelchair, will have to be carried down the stairway from these Rooms of Refuge by firemen responding to the fire call.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all handicapped accessible rooms be located on the ground floor of all hotels, thus giving direct access to the exterior, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to New Haven County Pomona Grange #5 and to the Connecticut State Grange for further action, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution be submitted to the Connecticut State Building Code Officials for their adoption. SOURCE: Cheshire Grange #23; New Haven County Pomona #5 REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

## 10) RE: SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

WHEREAS proposals have been suggested to do away with allowing flavored milk to be allowed in the Federal School Lunch Program due to higher sugar content of the flavored milk, and WHEREAS studies have shown that when flavored milk is excluded from the milk program, sales of milk has decreased, and WHEREAS milk, including the lower fat varieties are needed for the healthy growth of children and efforts should be made to increase the sale of dairy products including milk products in the school lunch program. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support efforts to increase the sale of dairy products in the school lunch program including the continuation of the sale of flavored milk drinks, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose any changes to regulations of the School Lunch Program that would curtail the sale of flavored milk as part of the program.

SOURCE: Mountain County Pomona #4; Riverton Grange #169 REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

## 11) RE: ELIMINATION OF POMONA GRANGES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS there are eight Pomona Granges presently existing within the State of Connecticut, of which two have a minimal number of Community Granges from which to select members for officers, committees and Grange activities, and WHEREAS at one time the

Pomona Granges were essential in communicating State Grange information to the Granges within its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS the purpose and function of Pomona Granges has now been bypassed with the State and National Grange corresponding directly to Community Granges thus eliminating the need for Pomona Granges to inform the Granges within its jurisdiction of necessary communications, and WHEREAS formerly there were enough members that many State Grange contests and other activities required Pomona-wide judging to reduce the number of entries that were advanced to the state level, and WHEREAS, due to the dwindling Grange membership within the State and the loss of Community Granges the judging of these contests and other activities are no longer needed at the Pomona Grange level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Master and Executive Committee eliminate Pomona Granges within the state since Pomona Granges no longer serve any necessary function, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Master and Executive Committee revise the by-laws of the Connecticut State Grange to reflect this restructuring and present the changes at the next Annual Convention.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona #2 REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

## 12) RE: FARMERS FACE GMO-RELATED ECONOMIC LOSS

WHEREAS 60% of countries in the world, not including the USA and Canada, will not import any product that has Genetically Modified Organisms (hereafter referred to as GMO) in them, USA farmers face great economic loss even if their crops were accidentally contaminated by GMO seeds, and WHEREAS the USDA continues to approve a steady stream of new GMO crops, the threat of GMO contamination due to cross contamination or commingling by GMO seeds claiming that the seeds were stolen by the farmers, and WHEREAS the Federal and State governments have not dealt with these financial burdens on our farmers, and WHEREAS the Grange was organized to help farmers. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange urge legislators to address the issue of liability for the contamination of non-GMO and organic fields, and that legislation be passed requiring the cost of GMO contamination be borne by biotech companies that hold the patents on these seeds. SOURCE: Prospect Grange #144; Bridgewater Grange #153 REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

## 13) RE: CAMP MAUD ISBELL BERGER BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange is responsible for the full management of the Camp to include the infrastructure which has been the responsibility of the Camp Maud Isbell Berger Board of Trustees Committee. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3 of Article IX with reference to the Camp Maud Isbell Berger Board of Trustees be eliminated from the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange

and the remaining sections of the article be re-numbered.

SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Executive Committee  
REFERRED: Good of the Order/ Membership

**14) RE: DUES INCREASE TO NATIONAL GRANGE**

WHEREAS the National Grange continues to be in a precarious financial condition with expenses related to the Trademark Protection Program and more substantially, the California State Grange litigation exhausting the cash reserves and credit of the National Grange, and WHEREAS expenses routinely far exceed the amounts budgeted by the National Grange, and WHEREAS even the most robust new membership campaign and the resulting dues collected would fail to outpace the spending at the National level, and WHEREAS the National Grange has placed the organization on the brink of insolvency with no real plan to correct this situation other than raising the dues to Community Granges by \$2.00, and WHEREAS dues increases already enacted by the National Grange have already taken their toll on Community Granges as they continue to struggle to keep halls open with ever-increasing heating oil, electric, insurance, etc. also forcing Granges to raise dues to bridge widening budget gaps, and WHEREAS recent dues increases have stretched the membership to the breaking point with especially the older and less active members making the choice to drop their memberships in the face of the increased cost, and WHEREAS the National Grange cannot continue to use the Community Granges as back-up treasuries when there are shortfalls in the National budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange oppose the pending \$2.00 dues increase and any other dues increase proposed or adopted by the National Grange until adequate financial controls a put in place to ensure the National Grange will not out-spend its current financial means or at the very least has a sound plan that will considerably improve its current financial condition.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74  
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

**15) RE: THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT**

WHEREAS recent national news broadcasts are informing us that we may be losing the African Elephants if something isn't done to protect them, and WHEREAS poachers are killing the elephants by the 10's of

thousands for their ivory, and WHEREAS they are even hunted by helicopters, which gives them no way to hide and protect themselves, and WHEREAS it has been calculated that from 2010 to 2012 we have lost over 100,000 individual elephants due to poachers, and WHEREAS there are more being killed than are being born. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED there should be a way to enforce present laws to prevent anyone, and any country, from hunting the elephants, and other animals, with helicopters. They certainly cannot protect themselves from a helicopter, anymore than we could protect ourselves from one, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the easiest way to haven an immediate impact on protecting the animals is to have the Connecticut State Grange and local Granges to become part of the (IFAW) International Fund for Animal Welfare online community, or any other National Organization such as World Wildlife, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by joining with one or more of these organizations our voice will be joining with the larger organizations so that we can help have an effect on protecting these voices that cannot be heard.

SOURCE: Glastonbury Grange #26; East Central Pomona #3  
REFERRED: CREDENTIALS/ MASTER'S ADDRESS

**16) RE: DOG RESTRAINTS IN AUTOMOBILES**

WHEREAS we have witnessed many motor vehicle drivers with dogs in their laps while driving on our roads, and WHEREAS these lap dogs, some as big as 50 lbs. appear to interfere with the driver's visual and ability to navigate a motor vehicle on our roadways, and WHEREAS we as drivers cannot have children on our laps, talk or text on cell phones, for the safety of others on the roadway, and WHEREAS there are no statistics of dog on lap causing accidents, or loss of control of motor vehicles. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange take a stand opposing this practice and the State Grange Legislative Committee work with the General Assembly to ban lap dogs from the driver's seat and to have them restrained to the rear seat while in transport.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy be forwarded to the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action there-to.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange #75; East Central Pomona #3  
REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/ INSURANCE

**17) RE: FISHER CONTROL**

HISTORY: Department of Environmental Protection, now called DEEP (Department of

Energy and Environmental Protection) website states that by the 1900s, fishers, a member of the weasel family, were considered extirpated or extinct from Connecticut forests. By 1988, reforestation and changes in land-use practices have restored the suitability of the fisher's habitat in part of its historic range. Fishers were obtained by selling wild turkeys to Maine and purchasing fishers from Vermont and New Hampshire. In 2005, Connecticut instituted its first modern day regulated trapping season for fishers.

WHEREAS for over ten years the fisher population has been growing and now is in most areas of Connecticut, and WHEREAS according to DEEP the diet for fishers consists of squirrels, rabbits, mice, voles, carrion, fruits, mast (primarily beechnuts), porcupines, birds, and frogs, and

WHEREAS many farmers and suburban pet owners have lost fowls, cats and dogs in areas from backyards to dense woodlots and blame coyotes or fishers. Wild turkeys have disappeared from many areas of the state after a robust recovery just a few years before the fisher population surged, and WHEREAS mink, muskrat, weasel, coyote, gray fox, red fox, raccoon, opossum, and skunk have a trapping season from November 2 to March 15 with no limit, and WHEREAS fishers may be trapped only from November 20 to December 31 with a limit of 4, and

WHEREAS the fisher population has grown dramatically and has been sighted in many suburban neighborhoods both day and night.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange should support legislation, if needed, to require DEEP to broaden its trapping season and limits to match that of other furbearers including coyote, fox, and raccoons.

SOURCE: Hillstown Grange #87; East Central Pomona #3  
REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/ C O N S E R V A T I O N / ENVIRONMENT

**18) RE: ALTERNATES FOR STATE SESSION**

WHEREAS all Granges are encouraged to send representation to State Grange Session, and WHEREAS Delegates, other than the Master and Spouse, must be elected by the Grange, and WHEREAS Connecticut State Grange By-Laws do not allow the election of alternate delegates, which sometimes could result in a Grange having no representation at all,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws be changed to allow the election of alternate delegates to

State Session.

SOURCE: New London County Pomona #6  
REFERRED: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

**19) RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY AT INTERSECTION OF I-95 AND I-395 NORTH**

WHEREAS the split with I-95 and I-395 in Connecticut has been the location of numerous accidents and that stretch is the worst part of I-95 east of the Connecticut River, and

WHEREAS the continued accidents occur due to driver's error, whether it is following too close, being in the wrong lane, or speeding, and

WHEREAS a more visible presence by the Connecticut State Police in the area would slow traffic, thereby reducing accidents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a sign on the north side of I-95 be placed to indicate that the exit for I-395 is on the left side of the highway, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cameras with warning signs be placed near the fork of both intersections to warn speeders to slow down and beware of on-coming and exiting traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriations be made for the new State Enforcement Position for this area be included in the State of Connecticut budget.

SOURCE: Groton Community Grange #213; New London County Pomona #6  
REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/ INSURANCE

**20) RE: VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

WHEREAS Connecticut issues many classes of Motor Vehicle registrations: passenger, commercial, combination, trailer, farm, etc., all coming due for renewal in varying years and months, and

WHEREAS Connecticut no longer issues expiration stickers which remind the registrant of the renewal date, favoring instead a renewal notice delivered by US mail, and

WHEREAS given the sometimes unreliable service of the Post Office these renewal notices can be lost or delayed, resulting in late or expired motor vehicle registrations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge legislation favoring the reinstatement of motor vehicle registration expiration stickers affixed to the inside of the vehicle windshield or to the license plate itself or other appropriate location.

SOURCE: North Stonington Community Grange #138; New London County Pomona #6  
REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/ INSURANCE

**21) RE: LED LIGHTING**

WHEREAS electronic LED (light emitting diodes) billboard and sign usage is increasing, and WHEREAS increased use of LED based lighting is an economical choice not likely to be eliminated, and

WHEREAS such large fixtures that emit significant amounts of light that cause drivers to be distracted, especially in high traffic areas where fixtures are most common.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the number of lumens be drastically reduced to a safe level and no brighter than common (incandescent) lighting, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange supports legislation that regulates the use of electronic (LED) signage by requiring a limit on the number of lumens transmitted by each sign.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange #168; New London County Pomona #6

REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

**22) RE: IN FAVOR OF COMPETITIVE POWER VENTURES POWER PLANT IN OXFORD, CT**

WHEREAS Competitive Power Ventures, Inc. (hereafter called CPV) has proposed to build an 805 megawatt combined cycle power plant in Oxford's Woodruff Hill industrial complex, which would help fill the New England regional energy deficit, and reduce electricity costs by increasing competition at regional energy auctions, and

WHEREAS the Town of Oxford would benefit from construction jobs created by the project as well as the projected tax revenues of \$53 million over 18 years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the CSG go on record in support of this proposed CPV power plant venture due to its economic benefit to the town, and that the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut State Grange support this endorsement in its official policy due to its benefit to the State of Connecticut as a whole.  
SOURCE: Oxford Grange #194; Excelsior Pomona #7  
REFERRED: AGRICULTURE/ C O N S E R V A T I O N / ENVIRONMENT

**23) RE: HARMONY IN OUR GRANGES**

WHEREAS there has arisen in recent years some degree of divisiveness within some of our Granges across Connecticut, and WHEREAS this has led to infighting and lack of cooperation in these Granges, reducing the power of these Granges to do good in their communities, and WHEREAS this type of thinking and behavior has no place in our organization as it directly conflicts with our obligations and core principles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of this 130th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange pledge to recommit themselves to abstain from this negative behavior and encourage cooperation by discouraging factional infighting among members by adopting this resolution and rededicating themselves to upholding our obligations and core principles.  
SOURCE: Oxford Grange #194; Excelsior Pomona #7  
REFERRED: GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

**24) RE: AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS RECALLS**

WHEREAS many automobiles and trucks have been sold with defects, and

WHEREAS the manufacturer has been made aware of these defects and wait until there is an accident or public outcry before acting, and WHEREAS these defects have been responsible for many injuries and deaths.

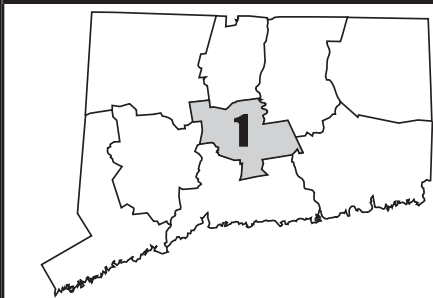
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said manufacturers be held responsible for taking appropriate action within a reasonable time, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said manufacturers be heavily fined if they fail to notify the public and an injury or death occurs as a result, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the National Grange bring this to the attention of the Congress of the United States for consideration.  
SOURCE: Beacon Valley Grange #103; Excelsior Pomona #7  
REFERRED: LEGISLATIVE/ INSURANCE

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## Central Pomona No. 1



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

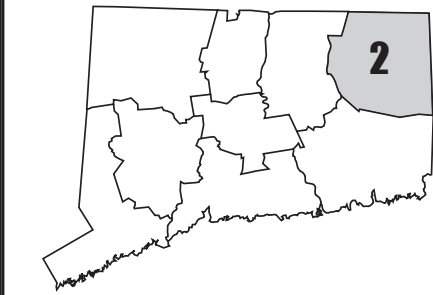
Contest, Meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.  
*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*

**Oct. 10:** Omit for Portland Fair

**Oct. 24:** Pumpkin Carving

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

*Corr: Elsie Johnson*

**Oct. 8:** Harvest Time

**Oct. 22:** Potluck, 6 P.M.

**Nov. 12:** New Leaders

Gardens are winding down. They sure have been good.

A lot of vegetables were large in size. Biggest tomatoes ever. One slice hamburger size. So enjoy while we can. State Session is coming up – what's new? Anything new for the Big E?

Installation will be over and another year being planned. Halloween Party with prizes. Oh yes and pumpkins too. Apples and cider too. Farmer's haying done.

Getting ready for winter – make sure your chimney is cleaned. I think my humming birds have left for the south already. Sent soup labels to school.

### EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

*Corr: Sue Gray*

**Oct. 6:** "It's Apple Time" 7:30

**Oct. 11:** Roast Beef Supper 5pm--

**Oct. 24:** Halloween FUN 6 pm--

**Nov. 3:** "Pecan Pie Sounds Yummy!"

National Grange notified us that we again qualified for "Distinguished Grange". We have young people applying for various National Grange Youth offices/awards. Chris Sebastian has adjusted well to life in D.C. and our members are keeping in touch via letters and Facebook.

Oct. 2nd we have "Meet the Candidates" Night at 7 p.m. between candidates for 45th District State Reps. (Stuart Norman-R and Paul Bryckid). The profits from our Oct. 11th supper will be donated to TALVHI for the 3rd year in a row (The American Legion VETERANS housing Inc.-home for homeless vets). Our Halloween party is Oct. 24th-fun begins at 6 p.m.-all ages welcome. We will again be prominent in the Sterling town Halloween party--trunk a treat plus giving hayrides, helping with refreshments and story/game time. This year's programs theme is "What's Cooking", guess it is obvious by the titles listed in coming events! Thanks to Verna Cole for painting our Grange kitchen this fall! We again had a net gain in membership at the year end. Visit us any first Monday at 7:30 p.m.

### KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

*Corr: Glenna Bruno*

**Oct. 6:** Meeting

**Oct. 11:** Apple Festival, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

**Oct. 20:** Meeting

As of this writing, dates and program are not available. Our annual Grange Fair is in progress and with a sigh of relief, will be over by the time this news goes to press.

A new prospective member has been scraping old paint from the building windows getting them ready for putty and paint. His plans are to

paint the front and road side of the building which needs it badly. That will be a great improvement.

The flower and veggie gardens planted earlier didn't do as well as we expected but the sunflowers are starting to bloom. Also a nice pot of pepper plants have 6+ peppers and the tomato plant has small plumb tomatoes and a pot of regular tomatoes has two good sized tomatoes getting red. We will be entering the Tomato Festival on Sept.

13 and plan another tomato head contest. Time of the festival is 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Davis Park in downtown Killingly.

Apple Festival is next in Oct. on the 11th from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Killingly Grange #112. Lots of activities. The "potato eye" I planted in a pot yielded two egg sized potatoes and several smaller ones. We won ribbons at both Brooklyn and Woodstock Fairs for our exhibits.

### ECHO GRANGE #180

*Corr: Gloria John*

**Oct. 7:** All leaves are falling down

**Oct. 21:** Ghouls Night Out

We are back to our regular meetings for October.

We notice that everyone is complaining about the bugs in their gardens.

We are still collecting items for our Nov. 22 tag sale.

Our penny collections will be given to a charity.

We have donated several items to the "From the Heart" organization.

# Killingly's Tomato Head Contest



Entries in the Killingly Grange Tomato Head Contest at the Killingly Tomato Festival held on September 13. This is the second year Killingly has sponsored the contest.

## Two big events on the horizon



**Alma Graham**  
Legislative Director

[Legislative@ctstategrange.org](mailto:Legislative@ctstategrange.org)

We have two big events occurring soon. The first one for all Grangers is the Annual State Grange Session which will convene on October 16<sup>th</sup>. This is when we will be concluding Grange business for the year. This year is also an election year for our State Grange offices. A major portion of the session will be the consideration of all resolutions that you have submitted though your local Granges and were sent on to the State Grange. There is one resolution from last year that will again be addressed as it was sent to the Agricultural Committee for study and recommendation. This was the one concerning the labeling of Genetically Modified Organisms or more commonly known as GMO's. Charles Dimmick wrote an excellent article in the March Granger titled "What

is a GMO?". I encourage all to review that article before state session.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> residents of Connecticut will be heading to their polling places to determine who will be our Governor and other state officers for the next four years. This year we have Thomas Foley challenging the present Governor Dannel P. Mallory for the office of Governor. Also on the ballot is Joe Visconti as a petitioning candidate for Governor. We will also be electing the Lt. Governor, along with the Governor as well as the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, Comptroller and Probate Judges. All five of the National Congressman are also seeking reelection. Neither of the two Federal Senate seats are up for election this year.

There are 36 State Senate seats and 171 State Representative seats also being chosen. I was looking at the Secretary of States web site at the list of those running. I noticed for the 36 Senate seats there are six districts that do not have a opponent to the incumbent. In the House, of the 151 seats, there are 27 districts that also do not

have opponents running. There are also a number of districts what have a major candidate along with only a minor party running against them. I sometime wonder why we don't have more people who are concerned about our state and government and are willing to speak out and step up to challenge the incumbents.

With the election season upon us, please remember that the Grange is a non-partisan organization. We as a Grange cannot endorse one party or person for any position. We do encourage you all to participate in the elections process. Invite your local candidates to meet and express their positions on various issues or host a meet the candidate's night. This is also the time to meet with your candidates to express the concerns that your Grange may have on local issues that you would like to see addressed. The State Legislative Session starts in January and the Legislators will start introducing possible bills for the upcoming session right after the elections occur. So if you have something that you want them to consider, get the information to them soon after the elections.

## East Central Pomona No. 3



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### STAFFORD GRANGE #1

*Corr: Kim Jones*

Rain conspired against for the second summer in a row, forcing our annual picnic to move from Bradway's Pond to the Grange. It didn't dampen our spirits, though, or the tastiness of Milo's homemade maple walnut and vanilla ice cream!

The Grange as a-buzz at our August meeting, as guest speakers Kevin and Cathy Lamberg of Stafford treated us to a lecture about their sweet hobby – bee keeping. August is a busy time for bees and beekeepers alike as late August/early September is harvest time for keepers and storage time for the bees. Bees need 40-60 pounds to winter over in their supers (what those white pine boxes are called). Bees and their keepers need to work especially hard in our area due to the high elevation and short blooming season.

The Stafford Grange will be sharing a booth with the Down to Earth CSA on Farm Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Visitors to the booth will have the chance for some corny hands-on fun making fruit and vegetable prints. So leek the word and come on out to Heritage Park in Stafford on Sunday. A – pear- ently it will be a great time!

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**Oct. 2:** Meeting, 7:30 PM, Apple Treats. Ref. Ann Gilnack, Mary and Aratha Baribault

**Oct. 4:** Semi-Annual Food and Tag Sale, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

**Oct. 11:** Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7 P.M.

As I am typing this it is Labor Day Weekend. Where has our summer gone? I noticed school buses on the road yesterday. So fall is here.

Our Fall activities have begun. Oct. 4 the Semi-Annual Food and Tag Sale is scheduled and will require everyone's support. Phone calls will be made to remind our members about it. We

certainly need everyone's support. Please mark the event on your calendar.

Then on Oct. 11 our Card Parties begin for the season. This is another fundraiser that we need all the support that you can give. Attend the party and bring a neighbor with you. It is really a fun evening.

Membership is a committee that requires all the Grange members to assist with. The State Master has asked all the Granges to work towards a net gain in membership. His own Grange has grown to 140 members. We are down to 50. This trend needs to be turned around. We all must have a neighbor that would enjoy the Grange. Should you need an application, just call me and I will gladly mail one or two or three to you. My number is 860-315-5336.

### MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

*Corr: Leona Wilson*

**Oct. 7:** Black Cats & Witches

**Nov. 4:** Remember When – Open House

**Nov. 7:** Neighbor Exchange at Vernon

It is hard to realize that summer is almost over and a new Grange year is beginning. Manchester Grange's officers were installed on Sept. 2 by Sister Edith Schoell and her installing team. On Sept. 16 we learned about the Falling Leaves and Autumn Weather. Our next meeting will be Oct. 7 with "Black Cats & Witches." On Nov. 7 our Grange will travel to Vernon Grange and put on the program for them. I hope you will come and join us for this fun evening.

### VERNON GRANGE #52

*Corr: Nancy Strong*

**Oct. 3:** "A Little Light on the Subject!"

Vernon Grange's September meeting was a very interesting program all about letters, letter writing, stamps and the post office. The next meeting will be all about light and electricity. Members are to bring their

favorite flashlight or little lamp. It will be interesting to see what lights up!

### ENFIELD GRANGE #151

*Corr: Irene Percoski*

**Oct. 11:** Reaching Out – Ref. Florence and Charlene

**Nov. 8:** We Give Thanks – Potluck

Fun and games at our August meeting included

a foot race, hand to hand combat and the standing broad grin. Prizes were given out and a great luncheon followed. September had our officers installed and both short term and long term goals were set. As we start our new program year we welcome the members of the FFA to our meeting and will judge their pumpkin

carvings. Please come and visit, it's a great way to start the weekend.

Don't forget your Christmas Stocking or gallon ziplock bag filled with goodies. This will be one of our projects for our soldiers. November we should have information for the next one. Stay excited!

## Granby Grange at Apple Festival



Granby Grange No. 5 sells mums at the First Church in Granby Apple Fest. Proceeds from this first Mum Sale will go towards a new Grange stove and dishwasher.

## Litchfield meeting a success!

*Todd A. Gelineau, Litchfield Grange Scout*

Litchfield Grange is one step closer to being a fully operating Grange in Connecticut again. On Tuesday, September 10, Grange members from around the area and those interested in learning more about the Grange gathered at the hall for an informational meeting. No one was obligated that evening, as we were more concerned with having all of their questions answered and with giving them a better idea of what the Grange is all about.

We thank the many members who came out to fill stations for the Opening and

Closing Ceremonies. You all did a wonderful job and left a great impression.

While the meeting has not yet happened, as of this writing, a second meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, when we plan to get down to more detail and hopefully

take the necessary steps toward re-instating the charter and re-opening the Grange. The prospects are very positive! Look for more information on the revitalization of Litchfield Grange at State Session and in the next issue of the Connecticut Granger.



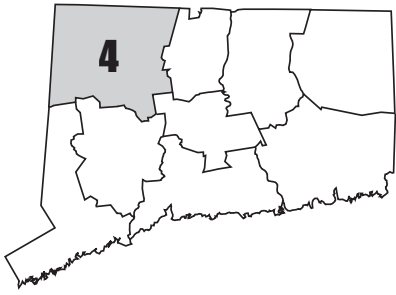
Hank poses with the Damiani's at the first Litchfield meeting.

## Enfield displays at Farm Fest



Enfield Grange's display at Farm Fest held at the Hilltop Farm in Suffield.

## 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

*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau*

**Oct. 13:** Fifth Degree, 7:30 P.M.; Supper, 6:30 P.M., Winchester Grange Hall

The next meeting of Pomona will be held on Monday, Oct. 13. As always, it will be the conferral of the Fifth Degree preceded by a supper prepared by the members of Winchester Grange. If you have candidates, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the Master or Secretary know in advance. While it is not absolutely necessary, it does help us in planning for the evening.

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

*Corr: Todd A. Gelineau*

**Oct. 3:** Super Prize Party, 6:00 P.M. Doors Open; 7:00 P.M. Drawing Begins

**Oct. 18:** Iceland Affair, 10-5, Winchester Grange Hall

Another busy summer has concluded in Winchester Center and an even busier fall season is upon us. The fall events began with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winchester Center Day held in conjunction with the Winchester Center Congregational Church, Winchester Historical Association, Winchester Grange and Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Department on Sat., Sept. 13. The began with very chilly weather followed by overcast skies that held off the rain until our closing time at 2:30. While attendance was down for the day there was a good profit realized by all organizations. Plans are already underway for the 2015 event.

Coming up on October 3, we will hold our annual Fall Super Prize Party or Penny Auction. The fun begins when the doors open at 6:00 P.M. and the drawing of prizes will begin at 7:00 P.M. It's an early evening with lots of fun and refreshments. Join us.

Winchester Center will be turned into the center

of Icelandic education and culture in America on Saturday, October 18 when Iceland Affair returns to Winchester Grange for its second year. This year, Winchester Grange is a sponsor of the event that will feature Icelandic horses, an Icelandic falcon, native foods and speakers and presenters flown in from Iceland. It's a unique event that you can only experience in Winchester Center. Admission is free and there will also be free samples of Icelandic food available. The event is organized by Gerri Griswold known by many as the traffic announcer on WTIC-AM and locally is known as the "Bat Lady" for her love of bats.

Looking further ahead...

on Saturday, November 1, we will have our annual Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk at the Grange Hall

from 9:00 to 2:00 P.M. Admission is free and there will be plenty of early-bird Christmas gift ideas

available along with our cookie walk and luncheon foods served all day. Join us!

## WINCHESTER GRANGE



### HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND COOKIE WALK

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
9 AM - 2 PM**

Festive Homemade Crafts, Jewelry, Holiday Decorations, Gift Giving Ideas, Popular Cookie Walk, Delicious Soup & Sandwich Luncheon and More!

**WINCHESTER GRANGE NO. 74**  
100 NEWFIELD RD., WINCHESTER CENTER, CT 06094

## EUREKA GRANGE NO. 62



**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

**EUREKA GRANGE HALL**

**ROUTE 202 • IN THE NEPAUG SECTION OF NEW HARTFORD, CT**

\$14.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6 - 12, and children under 6 eat for free.  
Tickets available at the door.

Buffet style meal, featuring all the trimmings, as well as a selection of homemade desserts



For tickets & info:  
please contact  
Earl Phillips  
860-482-1111

## Update on NGPR Campaign

Earlier this year, our very own National Grange Public Radio suffered a catastrophic setback. The equipment used to produce and broadcast the station was damaged beyond repair by the severe weather that afflicted the area. As many of you know, National Grange Public Radio has become an excellent resource for Grange members and non-Grange members alike. Since its inception in November of 2013, NGPR has been slowly but surely increasing not only the number of listeners, but also the types of informational, educational and informative programming it has to offer.

To raise money for the new equipment,

the National Grange held a Booster T-Shirt drive with all profits going to purchasing new equipment for NGPR. The shirts, emblazoned with the National Grange Public Radio logo, were one-of-a-kind and would never be sold again.

And the results were overwhelming. Over the 30 day period, we sold 88 shirts and raised \$1630 for National Grange Public Radio. We want to thank all of you that helped out this great cause. Your support will allow National Grange Public Radio to get back on the air and to continue offering high quality programming.

## WINDOW TO THE PAST

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

### From Kay Ruff:

I know 3 of the people who are in this month's picture. The gentleman on the left I knew as Roscoe. Don't remember the last name as I am not sure if he is a son-in-law or son to the couple on the right. The couple on the right are Helen Weeks and Brother Weeks. I still can't bring back to my mind his first name. It just came to me that his first name may be Ellsworth. Ellsworth Weeks sounds correct to me. I hope someone knows who they all are. Kay Ruff

### From Alice Patenaude:

This month's picture is the Week's Family of Storrs, Ct. Ellsworth and Helen Weeks, Daughter Joyce and husband Rusty Roscoe, Daughter Eleanor, Granddaughter and

2 gentlemen that I don't know there names. Ellsworth and Helen belonged to Mansfield Grange.

Alice Patenaude, Cape Coral, FL Belonged to Tolland Grange #51

### From Evelyn Urda of Ashford Grange:

The photo is of the Weeks family. They were from Mansfield Grange, Natchaug Grange and then went to Echo Grange. They helped build the Grange Hall in Chaplain in the 1930s. The photo looks as if it is from the 1960s. The photo is of Ellsworth Weeks, his wife Helen, and his daughter Joyce Roscoe and her husband Rusty, son Ernest and daughter Eleanor. Also pictured are Joyce's daughter and son Linda and Larry Roscoe.

### From Gloria John of Echo

### Grange:

The picture is the Weeks family from Storrs. They belonged to Echo Grange after Masnfield Grange closed. The father is Ellsworth and his daughter is Joyce.

**From Barbara Moore** formerly of Chaplin Grange (Natchaug) and now Ashford Grange: Pictured is Ellsworth Weeks and his wife Helen. Also pictured are their children Joyce, Eleanor and their brother and I do not remember his name. Rusty Roscoe is Joyce's husband, and their children Linda and her brother, who I also do not

remember his name.

Also heard from Conrad Krupa, who thought that the man on the right in the photo was Walter Howe of Windsor Grange (his wife Jackie's father), but then called back to say that he was mistaken and that he believed it was not Mr. Howe after all.

### August Photo:

From Phyllis McCall from Colchester Grange - Pictured is Harold Maynard from Lyme Grange. I do not know who the woman pictured is.

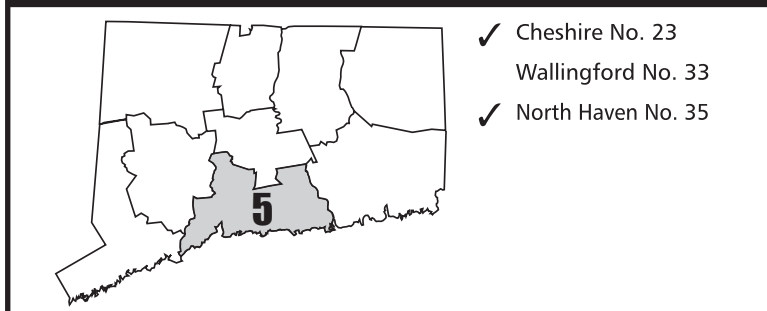


**This Month**



**Last Month**

## New Haven County Pomona No. 5



### 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!

### NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

*Corr: Wesle Dymoke*

**Oct. 28:** Regular Meeting at Wallingford. Program: "It's Halloween" (Come in Costume)

**Dec. 8: (Sunday)** – Open Meeting in Cheshire. Program: Our Christmas – Grab Bag (\$3) Gift Exchange. Potluck supper to follow.

### CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

*Corr: A. Ruel Miller*

**Oct. 1:** Autumn Leaves

**Oct. 15:** Open Meeting – Fall Social

Our fair this year was a huge success, one of the best in recent years. We credit this to the hard work of our members and others as well as very good publicity.

Our officers were installed by Edith Schoell and her team in usual most impressive manner. A potluck supper preceded the meeting. We will host the Social Committee's event with a ham dinner on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have a good number of our members attend the State Session.

## Cheshire Fair



A sampling of the exhibits at the 2014 Cheshire Fair held at Cheshire Grange Hall.

Craft nights are continuing with items being made for our shut in members at Christmas time. We are planning our third annual craft show for December 13<sup>th</sup> at our hall. We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our members, Fran Spirito.

### NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

*Corr: A. Tolette*

**Oct. 7:** Autumn Comes or Leaves

**Nov:** What's cooking? Bring non-perishables for Food Closet

School has started. Where did summer go? August was different. It was mostly comfortable. I heard the katydids on Aug. 2. And now we already have maple trees with some good color. What does the almanac say about that?

We are going along. Not as peppy as we once were (who is?).

We look forward to hobby night. Some are interesting and some are unusual. Time will tell.

Next time we will probably be raking leaves and not mowing them.



**Edith Schoell**  
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

# State Secretary

State Session is around the corner and the Central Office is somewhat hectic. Boxes are beginning to get filled and ready for the session. I wonder what will be forgotten.

Reservations should have been made and delegate cards sent to the Treasurer, Philip Bergquist.

If your request for supplies or recognition seals are slow getting to you, it may have been under other paperwork.

Hope to see you at State Session.



## Getting Noticed by the Press

### A Few Tips When Promoting Your Grange So The Press Will Notice You

Now is the time to stop complaining about the lack of press for your Grange and do something about it. But what can you do as a Grange to ensure that the local media notices your press releases? Start by being brief, to the point, and concise, then answer the four following questions.

#### 1.) Is your Grange interesting to others?

The media is always on the lookout for interesting stories. The editors will sit up and take notice when your Grange offers something that will pique the interest of their readers and viewers.

#### 2.) Does your subject stand out in the crowd?

What is your Grange doing that is different than all of the other organizations in town? How does your Grange stand out? Always think outside the box when planning your Grange events and activities.

#### 3.) Are you casual and friendly when contacting the media?

Be honest, be transparent, be friendly, and be approachable when submitting

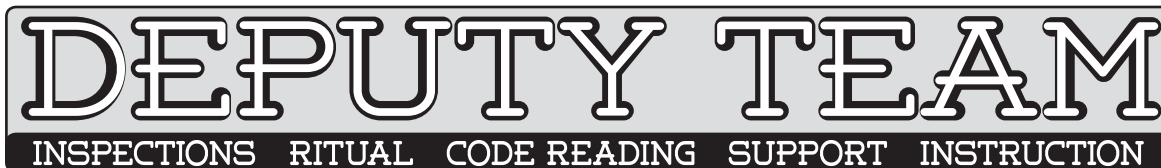
your information to the media. Honor their deadlines, and don't be pushy if you don't see your press release in the paper in a couple of days. Remember to respect the media sources, and they will respect your Grange in return.

#### 4.) Is your information complete?

Always include as much information as you can when contacting the media. Items often overlooked are price, time, and contact information. If you were interested in the event your Grange is sponsoring, what information would you need to and want to know?

The key to having the press notice the activities of your Grange is to understand that media sources receive a lot of information to publish each and every day, and they will only print (or broadcast) what they feel is important, cool, relevant and that which affects their reading/viewing public.

Ultimately, the best way to get noticed is to form relationships with journalists who you regularly will be contacting with your Grange news. Media sources are more likely to read your news if they know you.



## Thanks and appreciation

*Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy*

It's hard to believe this is the last of our four years in this administration. There's been a lot of work to do and even more work lies ahead for the next administration. There always is!

It is very important for me to take this space to thank the Deputy State Masters of the Connecticut State Grange for their service to our organization and for their dedication to the Order. It is not an easy job. Many of our members would rather not see the Deputy walk into their halls on Inspection Night, but it is a job that has to be done and they ALL have done their jobs well and with respect and honor.

We have also relied on the help of Brothers Jeff Barnes and Jody Cameron

for filling in wherever an extra hand was needed. Jeff inspected as many Granges each year as any other Deputy and we thank him.

Victor Salazar, Joan Ziegler, Irene Percoski and J. Allen Cameron also served as Deputies but stepped down for various reasons during this term and we thank them for their service. You continue to be considered a part of this team.

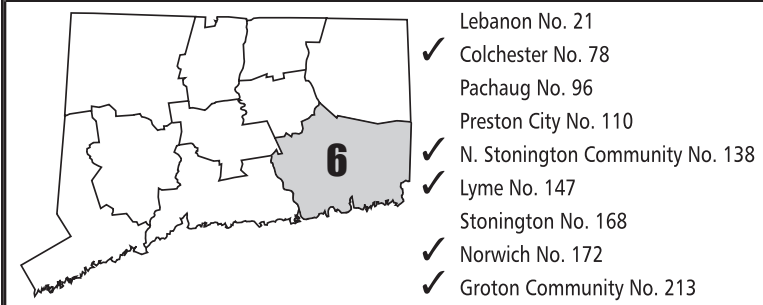
Finally, I would like to thank Brother Cameron for his friendship and for the opportunity to serve as General Deputy of the Connecticut State Grange. While in some respects it seems like a very long road we have traveled, it also seems like we just started yesterday!

## Thank you from the Finch Family

Thank you on behalf of my family. Thank you for all the acts of kindness you gave to us upon the death of our father, husband, friend Ernest Finch. It will be long remembered.

*Cindy Finch*

## New London County Pomona No. 6



### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Dec. 10:** Holiday Cheer, Norwich Grange

A small but enthusiastic group enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Bluff Point. There were hot dogs and hamburgers to go with delicious sides brought by the revelers. After lunch all enjoyed a lively game of Bingo.

Our December meeting will be held as guests of Norwich Grange and will feature a holiday theme. Please come and enjoy an evening of friendship and fun.

The summer is over, oh where did it go?

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

But here comes the holidays, better get set!

I'm sure they will be the best holidays yet.

### NEW LONDON CTY. SIMPLY ANTIQUES FESTIVAL

*Corr: Susan Kenney*

New London County Pomona hosted the annual Simply Antiques Festival on Sept. 20 located at 21 Wyassup Rd. at the North Stonington Fairgrounds from 10-3. A good time was had by all!

Newly elected Master Debbie Barnes reported the Fair has grown from previous years. The fair originally started with displays from local museums and local appraisal shops. Many of the new vendors were dressed in period costumes. The vendors were from Rhode Island and Connecticut.

One of the enjoyable new additions to the festival were the antique cars parading into and out of the fair beeping their old fashioned horns. There were to performers, Richard Tarryk on the accordion and Rick Spencer playing Americana Music.

### COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

*Corr: Bonnie Trecarten*

Colchester Grange welcomed guests from Norwich, Coventry, Manchester, Enfield, Lyme and Groton for installations at our Sept. 8 meeting. Meeting was followed by a social and all enjoyed getting together for some great food and conversation.

We received a thank you from the Willimantic Food Bank for our donations to their food kitchen. Colchester Grange has donated over 600 lbs. of vegetables to food banks this season.

A special thanks to Leonard Farm for all their contributions that add so much to our community service goals.

Colchester Grange will be continuing their sponsorship of Veterans this year for the holidays, and will soon be receiving information as to how we can fulfill each Veteran's needs for Christmas. This is a worthwhile project that our entire Grange enjoys.

Our August picnic was held at Leonard Farm and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Polly Leonard for hosting us again this year.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Marion Culhane our outgoing Secretary for her years of service and dedication, and welcome to Heidi Brown as she takes Marion's place.

All are invited to our free talk by Edward Jones Investments at our meeting on October 13. This is a great opportunity to learn about investing savings for the most profit for our Granges with the least risk. Please call Marion Culhane by Oct. 2 if you are attending, 860-537-5437.

Don't forget if you love to travel, Cathy Russi is organizing a fabulous trip next spring to Ireland and Scotland. Please contact Cathy for details.

Happy Fall to everyone!

### N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

*Corr: Nancy R.*

*Weissmuller*

**Oct. 10:** "Incredulity"

**Oct. 24:** "Stupefaction"- Halloween Party starts at 7:30

We are sad to relate we have lost two more members to the Great Grange Above. Horace Knight, a Golden Sheaf member, and Marge Penley, a long-time member, have gone on before us.

Our August programs were lots of fun. On the 8<sup>th</sup> the ladies all became pirates looking for new members of their crew. The men were the candidates and proved adept at throwing a pink cannonball around, constructing Jolly Rogers, picking up pretzels with their "hooks" and following treasure maps. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Men's Program, based on horse racing, offered learning and laughter to the ladies. We are still trying to figure out Jason's trick and Jeff's rendition of "Beetlebomb" by Spike Jones sure brought back memories.

The Legislative Committee has the first meeting in October. Let's see what Nick has in mind for us. Dig out the costumes and pack up the kids and grandkids on Oct. 24 because the ghosts and gremlins take over the hall for the evening. The party starts at 7:30, with games, prizes and fun, followed by refreshments and our annual cup social to raise money for Christmas baskets.

And if those pesky bees that keep scaring my hummingbirds away from the feeder will just take a hike, next time I'll tell you about sweet September.

### LYME GRANGE #147

**Nov. 6:** How Plentiful Was Your Harvest?

**Dec. 4:** Christmas Memories; Potluck Supper at 6:30

**Dec. 6:** Our Turn to Donate to Auction Table at East Central Pomona at Good Will Grange Hall

On a lovely evening in September we voted our Master and Overseer to be our delegates to State Session in October. Also voted to send the Jr. Leader, Asst. Jr. Leader and the three Jr. Grangers to J.G. Day at State Session.

Gift cards have been purchased for foster kids. 1400 something pounds of vegetables were reported to have been donated to local food pantries. Congratulations to all who

made this possible.

Two of our members will volunteer at the New England Grange Building at the Big E in September.

The year is winding down. Reports are being completed and submitted to the proper people. A busy time of year for all.

The Lyme Grange Snack Bar at the Hamburg Fair made over \$3,000. Many thanks to Edie and Jim for hard work and for that matter all the volunteers also.

### NORWICH GRANGE #172

*Corr: Susan Kenney*

A fine time was held at Norwich Grange's August meeting. Our program for this month was "Life's a Beach." Grangers learned about different sea creatures and also viewed different crafts and decorations that can be created from seaside treasures. The program concluded with an opportunity to make seashell magnets to take home. Thank you to our Lecturer who works hard to provide Grangers with interesting and informative programs each month.

At the September meeting of Norwich Grange, we voted to send Master Ted Beebe to the State Session as our Delegate.

We had a short program on Apples.

Norwich Grange is still collecting soda tabs for a dialysis charity, and box tops for education for the local school system. We are also collecting Campbell's Soup Labels.

We also sent out membership letters to revive the membership and as a reminder that dues are now payable.

### GROTON COMM. GRANGE #213

*Corr: Susan Kenney*

The Groton Community Grange had installation of 7 Officers. Anne-Marie Knochenhauer as Master, Mike Doyle as Steward, Bill Knight as Assistant Steward,

Della Cusati as Lady Assistant Steward, Clarissa Matthewson as Treasurer, Jennie Knight as Secretary, John Knochenhauer as Gatekeeper. Mike Doyle was also installed on the Executive Committee for 3 years.

We discussed our fundraiser of cookie dough tubs.

Our two Delegates who will be going to State Session, are the Master Anne-Marie Knochenhauer and Treasurer Clarissa Matthewson.

## Simply Antiques



Top: Harry and Kerry Eck appraising an Indian mural from Sunflower Company Antiques. Bottom: Jeff and Debbie Barnes awaiting the next parking customer at the New London County Pomona Simply Antiques Festival held at North Stonington Grange Fairgrounds in September.



## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Excelsior Pomona met at Prospect Grange where raffle tickets for the annual raffle were passed out to the Grange members. This year the theme of the baskets are holidays. The drawing for this raffle will be at our November meeting.

We are all looking forward to the State Grange Session later in the month in October.

### BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Oct. 27: 6:00 PM- Nick's Country Kitchen Supper, Meeting at the Hall at 7:30

We had an exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair which received 1<sup>st</sup> place.

We donated \$500 to the Memorial Hall Kitchen Stove Fund.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Pomona Picnic about 40 people attended on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

### PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange members are busy making tray favors for the Paragon health Center and the

Prospect Senior Center for their Halloween Parties. Patriotic favors were made for their Patriotic program.

The new officers were installed and looking forward to working together for the new year. New ideas and new plans have come in for the members to work on.

October 11 Southern Connecticut Past Master will have their Fun Fair at the Prospect Senior Center with the theme birds. Prospect Grange members will furnish the dessert.

Our new lecturer ask that members bring something spooky to our meeting for her Halloween program.

### WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

Corr: Josh Mears

Wolcott Grange is remodeling the kitchen and expanding the gardens and wants to remodel the restrooms along with updating the power box for the stage area. We are seeking monetary donations for our projects. If you would like to send a donation, please send to Wolcott Grange #173, 313 Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT 06716 to the attention of the Secretary. Thank you.

## Groton Grange Backpacks



Della and Anne-Marie taking the two donated bag packs with school supplies from The Groton Community Grange to Groton Social Services.

# And the Winners are...

Pat Palmer, Family Activities Director

The judging at the BIG E is completed and the results are in: Congratulations to:

**Class A-** Afghans - 3rd Place - Ramona Fassio - Winchester Grange

**Class B-** Doilies - 2nd Place- Josephine Fazzino - non-member Beacon Valley Grange

**Class D-** 3 piece Baby Set - 2nd Place - Joan Toomey - Colchester Grange

**Class F-** Counted Cross Stitch - 1st Place and **Best of Show** - Priscilla Schmartz - Glastonbury Grange

**Class G-** Adult Garment - 1st Place - Irene Percoski - Enfield Grange

**Class H-** Latch Hook - 2nd Place - Dorothy Joselovitz - Redding Grange

**Class I-** Quilted Wall Hanging - 2nd Place - Karen MacDonald - Redding Grange

**Class J-** Stuffed Toy - 2nd Place - Ruth Herbele - Manchester Grange

**Class K-** Baby Afghans - 3rd Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire Grange

These winning entries and all the other winning entries from CT that went to the BIG E for judging will be on display at State Session in case you didn't get to see



Priscilla Schmartz of Glastonbury Grange won Best of Show with this entry in the Counted Cross Stitch category at the Northeast Needlework Contest at the Big E.

them at Let's Celebrate.

Also, congratulations to Alma Graham for her entries in the National Grange quilt square and table runner contests. They have been sent to National and the results will be announced at the National Session in November.

Finally, National Grange is looking for donations of socks for soldiers. They can be brought to State Session to be forwarded to the National Grange.

## See you at the 130<sup>th</sup> State Session!



Marge Bernhardt  
State Lecturer  
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

When you read this the weather will have cooled off a bit and the crisp fall air should be in place. Hopefully this will put you in the mood for Grange work. There is a lot to be done and what better way to get started than to attend all or part of our State Grange Session. Here we can reap the rewards of our last years' work and get information on what's



Connecticut's Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers performs on Saturday.

ahead. Saturday evening is when the Lecturers Awards will be given out. Come and enjoy the banquet and sit back and enjoy the music of the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers.

This is also a great time to visit with old friends and make new ones. You can

exchange ideas and bring them back to your own Grange.

We all have a lot of work to do to keep our Granges strong and healthy. Let's use the invigorating fresh air of autumn to create new programs that will bring out our current members and to attract new ones.



## Easy Fall Apple Crisp

Fall is the perfect time to head to your local orchard for apple picking. This recipe is perfect for Grange potlucks and refreshments.

Easy Fall Apple Crisp  
Ingredients:

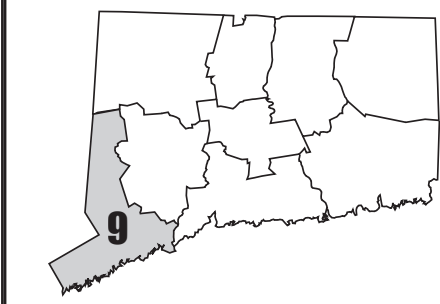
- 1 C. flour
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 6-8 apples, diced (enough to fill an 8x8-inch pan)
- cinnamon sugar mixture (1/2 C. sugar + 1 Tbs. cinnamon)



Mix flour, 1 C. sugar, and butter with a pastry cutter until well-blended. Place diced apples in an 8x8-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Cover with flour mixture and bake at 375 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Source: Recipe is from Recipe4Living.com

## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### HARMONY GRANGE #92

*Corr: George Ward*

**Oct. 10:** Halloween "Fright Night"

Our annual Agricultural Fair is now history but the event was very successful. The weather was ideal for everyone, including the outside exhibits. Some of the outside exhibits included a small stationary gasoline engine belt driving an air compressor, two Model "A" Fords, several farm tractors, farm displays, and a display of goat products, including soaps, and two fenced goats. A variety of plants were available for sale.

Inside the Grange Hall we had vendors and an exhibit by the Farm Bureau. Also vegetables, flowers, canned goods, and needlework were on display and judged for awards. A big thank you to our dedicated workers who made the event possible and a special thank you to the kitchen crew including Barbara Standley for preparing the food in the kitchen which included pulled pork and hot dogs and to Ronald and Gail Bunovsky for securing and arranging the outside exhibits.

Our Grange was saddened on August 23 by the death of our oldest member agewise (102) Mary Mazur. The wake was on Friday, August 29 and the funeral on Saturday August 30. Mary was well known for her sense of humor and her commitment to service to others. Her obituary was published in the Connecticut Post. At our August meeting, we celebrated Mary's 102 year birthday. We

had ice cream and cake and Mary blew out the candles on the cake.

In our October meeting, we will decide on a Sunday in October for our 125th anniversary. We will have speakers from the local historical societies and town officials. Our membership is from Monroe and several nearby towns. We will also have entertainment and refreshments.

After our anniversary celebration, we will move our effects to secure more members. With Monroe being a farming community, there are individuals and families interested in keeping farming alive and to keep the Grange in Monroe healthy.

### GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

*Corr: Dennis Rich*

**Oct. 20:** "Harvest Time", 7 P.M. Meeting

In August, we were busy completing details for our Annual Agricultural Fair as well as continuing our fundraising efforts. Preliminary results indicate that we have been successful on both fronts. It would seem that the Fair was a success from a financial standpoint and an increase in exhibits was experienced. The continued "Songbird" Friday night concerts and positively written appeals to members and neighborhood residents are helping us reach our goal of having sufficient money for painting the exterior of our hall this year. Last but not least, there was the chicken barbecue dinner coordinated and prepared by Diane and Paul Lytwyn.

Our early September activities consisted of hosting, along with Redding Grange, the Pomona meeting and participating in a Fairfield Public Library program on tomato tasting and seed saving. It was led by Eric Fisk, our Master. Besides being a Granger, Eric works with the Seed to Seed Library and the Fairfield Community Garden.

In October, we will be planning our late year activities. The program will include information on pumpkin growing. Call (203) 259-3577 for information on their second Saturday in October Pumpkin Festival at Greenfield Farm around the corner on Congress Street. All of our Grange friends are welcome!

### CANNON GRANGE #152

*Corr: Don Offinger*

**Oct 2:** Program - Winemaking: the tools and techniques

**Nov 6:** Program - Nutrition & Healthy Eating

**Nov 20:** Program - What to cook for Thanksgiving  
**Dec 6:** Holiday Market (10 AM - 3 PM)

Our 82nd Annual Agricultural Fair held in August was a booming success. Many thanks to the Fair Planning Committee for a job well-done! The Kids Zone was admirably managed by Anna Clark and her friends. Anna is the daughter of Michele and Harry Clark. The Information Booth that provided Grange information, a cool drink of lemonade and an assortment of gifts was beautifully managed by Sarah Shepherd, daughter of Doug and Kara Shepherd. The weather couldn't have been better, and all who came enjoyed our vendors, the exhibits, the musical entertainment, the watermelon eating contest, the food, and the kids games. Throughout the day we welcomed more than 2000 visitors! Nearly 100 pounds of canned goods

were collected at the Admission Gate, which will be provided to the Wilton Interfaith Food Pantry for those who in need of assistance in town.

We'll be starting the planning process for the 2015 fair shortly, incorporating new ideas from our debrief sessions. Of special mention is the great work done for the fair by our newest member, Bil Mikulewicz. Bil helped to re-letter the advertising signs for the fair, he made the fabulous oversized welcoming wall posters that now hang in our Hall.

We'll begin the new Grange Year in October with a great line up of fascinating programs by our Program Director, John Kriz. The programs planned for the year ahead are varied in topic, and many will be interactive, and most of all they will be opportunities to enjoy and to learn something new. Please note our program schedule and come visit us. Our meetings start at 7 PM with a short business meeting, followed by the program topic.

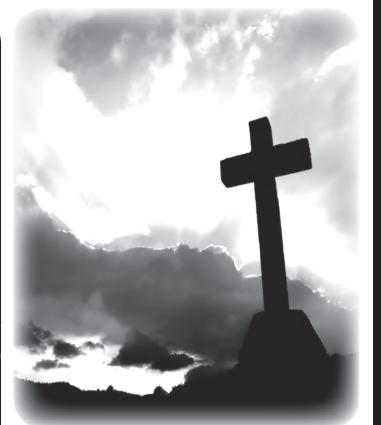
Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

## In Memoriam

Marion Bradley, G.S. North Haven Grange #35  
Horace Knight, G.S. N. Stonington Comm. #138  
Marjorie Penley N. Stonington Comm. #138

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



Once again our Pink Sash Family Circle has been broken. We remember the following members who have passed before us into the Great Grange above:

**Robert Irwin Brockett**, Dec. 22, 2013, Past State Grange Chaplain (16 yrs.)

**Donald C. Beard**, March 25, 2014, Past Deputy of New Haven County Pomona #5

**Brian Alan Carpenter**, April 3, 2014, Past Vice President of the Connecticut Granger

**Eloise V. LaBonte**, April 30, 2014, Past Jr. Deputy of East Central Pomona

**Rita J. Schaefer**, May 18, 2014, Past Deputy of East Central Pomona #3

**Thomas M. Perry**, July 4, 2014, Past Jr. Deputy of Quinebaug Pomona #2

**Ernest S. Finch**, Aug. 1, 2014, Past Deputy of Excelsior Pomona #7

**Marion Bradley**, Aug. 13, 2014, Past Jr. Deputy of New Haven County Pomona #5

Friendship is the sunshine that turns the sky to gold.

Friendship is the fragrance a thousand blossoms hold.

Friendship is the pathway that leads to dreams come true.

For Friendship is the blessing of having known such Worthy Brothers and Sisters like all of YOU! AMEN!



By Hank the Burro

Greetings Grange Friends!

It's been a summer that's been full of fun!

In early August I was in the Moosup Annual VJ Day Parade with Ekonk Grange. What a fun experience. Then I made the trek out to the Sharon/Cornwall area and visited with my new friends at Taghannuck Grange. I had a front row seat for the meeting! What a nice bunch of Grangers!

I got to hang out at the Goshen Fair over Labor Day weekend, greeting lots of new friends! That was so much fun!

On September 6th, I got to see my very first Installation of Officers. My hostess, Jodi Ann Cameron was installed as Master of Quinebaug Pomona Grange

#2. Oh my gosh, what a meeting. The Installation of Officers is very impressive.

I attended the Reorganizational Meeting of Litchfield Grange on September 10th. It's such a great feeling watching a Grange come back to life!

I then attended the Installation of Officers ceremony at Winchester Grange. Jeff Barnes and Jody Cameron do part of the Installation Ceremony by candlelight. It's makes for a lasting impression.

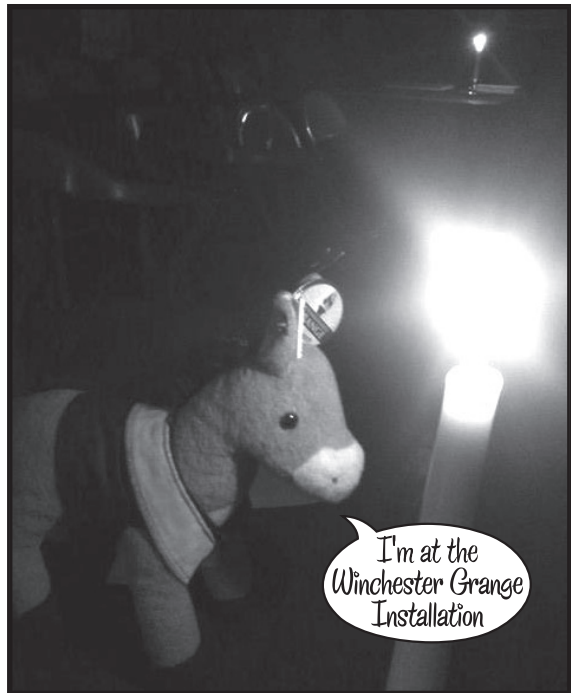
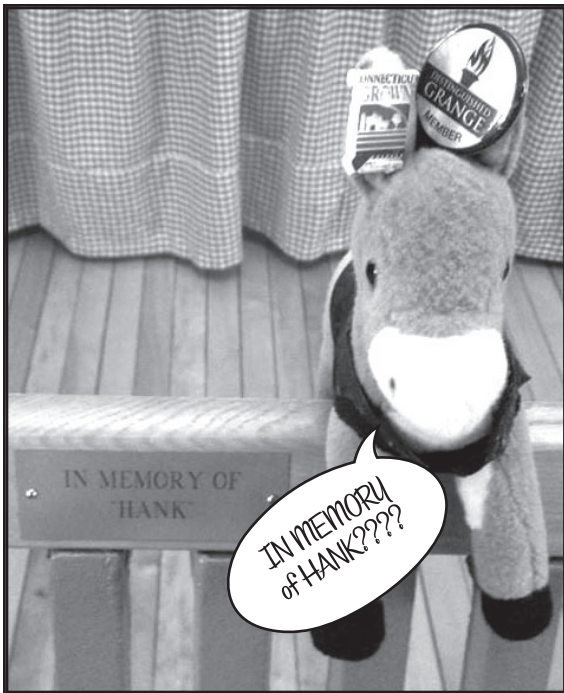
I spent some time at the Big E. It was nice to see some of my Herd Friends from the region, and I even helped Claire Logan clean the New England Grange Building. I marched in the parade during Grange Day at the Big E too with my longtime friends from

Hillstown Junior Grange.

Won't you share my page with your friends and help me reach my next goal? As of this writing, I am now only 15 Likes away from my 300th friend on Facebook. My 300th friend will receive an autographed photo of me! Please take a moment and visit my Facebook Page at [www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro](http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro). While you're there, be sure to click the "Like" button so that you can follow all of my adventures.

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

See you next month!!



285 "Like" me already...

### Cannon Wine Making

Cannon Grange will be hosting a Winemaking Presentation at their October 2nd meeting, at Cannon Grange Hall, located at 25 Cannon Road in Wilton (just off Rt 7 North).

The evening begins at 7:00 PM. John Kriz will be the special presenter.

Free parking is available at the Grange Hall and Cannondale RR Station. Mass Transit options include MetroNorth Cannondale Station, Bus (Route 7 Danbury Link).

For more information, contact Cannon Grange at 203-762-1900 or via the web at [www.CannonGrange.org](http://www.CannonGrange.org).



### Prospect Dictionaries

On September 23 Prospect Grange members presented the 3rd grade students with their dictionaries and hand made book marks. Specially crafted pencils were made and presented to each of the 3rd grade teachers and a pencil holder and specially crafted pencil was presented to principal Dr. McGeehan. This was the 15th year Prospect Grange has given out the dictionaries and the last time in this school as next year all the students will be in a new school being built just down the road from the old school.

Due to confidentiality photos of the students receiving their dictionaries cannot be published. Tina Meehan is pictured placing the handmade book marks in each of the dictionaries that we gave out. The second photo is of some of the teachers receiving their specially crafted pencils.



**Michelle DeDominicis**  
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# Junior Grange

"Celebrate being a Junior Granger"

## HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

*Corr: Michelle DeDominicis*

Greeting from Hillstown Grange!

Regular meeting to be held on October 9th and Halloween Costume night will be held on October 23rd - all are welcome!

As we look forward to the fall weather - we appreciate the bountiful gardens we tended this summer - enjoying all the fresh fruit and vegetables. Donations to our neighbors and food banks have been well received.

Notice was sent this summer and we met to update our Grange's bi-laws - for any Hillstown Granger that would like details of what was changing - please contact Frank Forrest, Master. The changes are now on their way to the State for review.

The Junior Grangers at Hillstown are busy little bees!

Many of our Grangers were excited to start school this year as most are moving into a new school. Some are starting high school. Others are starting middle school, getting braces on, getting

them off!

We were excited to have the opportunity to go to Grange Day at the Big E. Always a favorite activity to march in the parade and hang out in the Grange Building.

We are preparing our crafts for State Session and are looking forward to the Junior/Youth Tour to the Dinosaur State Park! We are looking forward to seeing other CT Juniors there too!

Hope all is well with everyone - Happy Fall!

## EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

*Corr: Rebecca Gervais*

Our Grange Fair has passed, and, unequivocally, the "best thing" about the fair was the duct tape station! The Animal Program was deemed "pretty cool", too. Did you know that in the dark, when you shine a ultraviolet light, a scorpion's exoskeleton will shine a neon-ish green/blue? Super neat! - I am not sure WHO came up with that method of searching for scorpions, but, surprising to see.

At our September meeting, all of our Officers were installed. THANK YOU to Sister Sue Gray for running a wonderful

Installation. One of the special things about our Installation is that our parents/family are the ones who introduce us and give us our sashes.

We also performed the Badge Ceremony, where 12 Juniors earned 16 Badges: Carly, Donalyn, Jenna, and Lillian who earned their Grange Adventures Badge #1 (Camp, Drill Team, Special day at State Grange); Carly, Connor, Abby, Evelyn, Casey, Patrick, and Brianna, who earned Grange Adventures Badge #5 (finger spelling); Russell, Lillian and Brianna who earned Grange Adventures Badge #6 (for attendance); and Jared who earned

Team Up America #7 (a train trip across the USA with 5 stops) and Discovery Network Badge #8 (family tree). GREAT JOB!! We would like to thank Brother Cooper, Ekonk's President, for assisting us with this ceremony.

At our October meeting, we will be harvesting our garden. There were some big pumpkins in there, I hope there is an abundance of butternut squash, as well! October will be a busy month, leading up to the super-busy months of November and December. Can hardly believe we will be preparing for our Christmas musical.

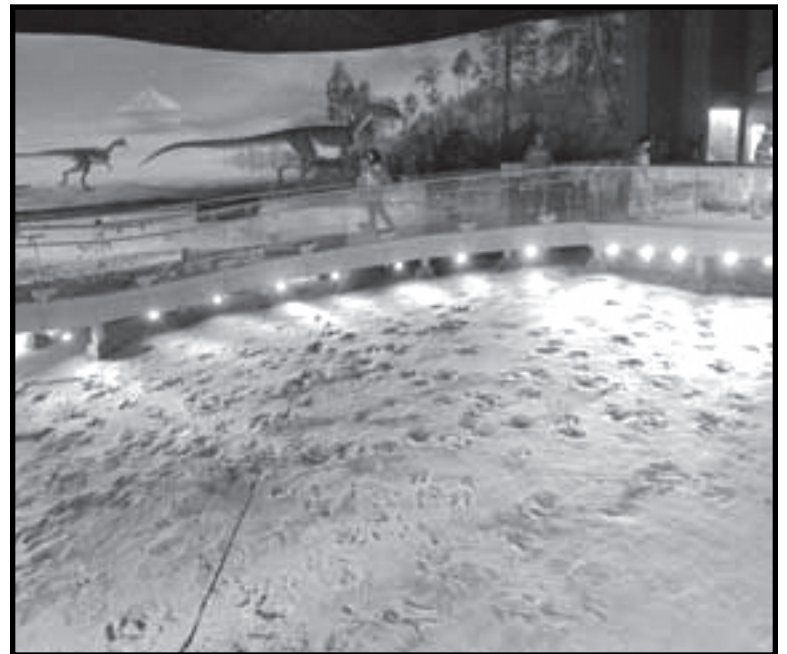
If you're ever able to, feel free to join us!



Members of Ekonk Community Junior Grange pose for a photo following their Badge Ceremony in September.

## Youth and Junior Tour:

# Dinosaur State Park



Saturday, October 18, 9:00-11:30 (meeting at Hotel at 8:45 and returning by noon).

The Connecticut Valley has a long history of fossil track discoveries. Outstanding specimens uncovered in 19<sup>th</sup> century brownstone quarries found their way into museums throughout the world. A new chapter in the history of such discoveries was written in 1966 when hundreds of tracks were exposed in Rocky Hill. This remarkable site became Dinosaur State Park.

Once at the park, participants will be able to visit the Exhibit Center, explore the Nature Trails, and participate in a group project of casting a dinosaur track.

For those interested, you can also EarthCache at Dinosaur State Park. An Earth Cache is a place where you find an interesting geologic feature or process that will enrich your outdoor experience.

Also for an additional fee, participants can sluice at the outdoor mine for gems and fossils. Purchase bags of mining rough from the bookshop (\$5.50-9.00 per bag).

Contact Michelle DeDominicis at (860) 558-4688 or Helene Forrest (860) 568-6268 if interested in tour (leave message) or meet at the registration table on Saturday, 10/18 at 8:45!

## Granger Shout Out



**Congratulations to: Luke and Jenn Hawkins and Adam and Emily Griffiths on the birth of their first children. Both Grange couples welcomed daughters!**



**A great big thank you to Jim Percoski for building a beautiful display booth for Enfield Grange to use.**



**Evan, Anna and Aaron Clark - for a great job overseeing the Kids Zone at our recent Ag Fair**  
**Michele Clark - for arranging for the two bands, and managing the Admission Gate at the Fair**  
**Bil Mikulewicz - for making the huge informational wall posters welcoming guests at the fair**  
**Sarah Shepherd - for overseeing the Grange Information Booth and creating beautiful fairies for sale**  
**Doug Shepherd - for masterminding this year's Ag Fair from set-up to take down**  
**Karen Tartell & Billie Sue Hollingsworth - for manning the Secretary's desk and processing all the entries!**  
**Sandy Strain and Bob Hudak - for help with fair judging in Photos and Crafts**  
**John Kriz - for being the staff photographer at the fair**



**Andrew Molodich: trophy winner among northeast for largest buck shot in 2013**

## Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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