

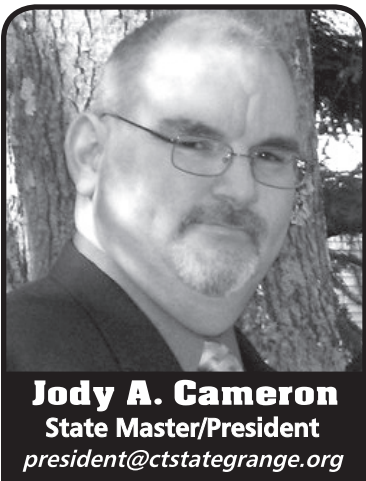


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Follow the leader



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When I was a kid we played “follow the leader”, at that time it was a fun game, wherever the leader went, we went. Where the leader turned, we turned. Why? It was a game, it was fun and we had blind faith that the leader would not lead us into unnecessary danger. Great game for kids, but not so great in our adult lives, businesses, or Grange.

Someone said to me recently, don’t remember who or where it came from, “Do you want to lead followers, or lead leaders?” GREAT question!

What kind of a leader are you? Are you a leader? Do you want to be a leader? Do you know you are a leader? As President of

this State Grange I want to lead leaders. Our State, Pomona and Community Granges must foster an environment that enables all members to be part of the positive transformation of their Grange at all levels. We MUST encourage ideas from all members and encourage them to execute those ideas. It is most important we celebrate with them the successes and overcome the failures.

A leader continually learns better ways to improve themselves, their team members, and their organization. A true leader shares this knowledge and experience with everyone so they can learn, grow and develop their own leadership abilities.

I am fortunate, I believe, to follow in the footsteps of some amazing leaders in this organization at all levels. Some were very dynamic, very boisterous and some, very reserved and more refined. In any case they all left a legacy behind them that has advanced us to our present position over these 126 years. These leaders I respect and

admire all encouraged me and gave me opportunities that have enabled me to grow both personally and professionally. The most detrimental thing one can do is to pull someone aside and say, “When I was in your position.....” by these words you are telling them “I would not have done that!” “I am a better leader!” How do we develop leaders this way? We don’t! We must ALWAYS encourage for a better Grange, not discourage and build a weak Grange. If we criticize, we are building an organization built on sand, one that cannot stand

Our future is dependent upon not only developing and growing future leaders, but to also continue to develop and grow our current leaders. Not all leaders are going to “hit a homerun.” Every leader will stub their toe, every leader will suffer setbacks, every leader; from time to time will be discouraged. It is how we overcome these challenges and turn them into opportunities that will build a stronger Grange for all.

Let's Celebrate on June 12

The 4th annual CT State Grange Let’s Celebrate Day will be held June 12 at Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Rd. (one block east of the Town Hall), Cheshire. The Hall will open at 10:00 AM for viewing entries. Admission to this family-fun event is free, and parking is free.

For 2011, two events - Let’s Celebrate Day and Grange Sunday - have been combined featuring contests and displays including needlework, baking and crafts, photo and publicity,


in both the adult and junior categories. There will be many activities for the whole family to enjoy. The day will begin with a non-denominational service at 11:00 AM by State Chaplain Amy Whitcomb, followed by a Lasagna Lunch by the State Youth and Family Activities. Tickets for the luncheon will be available at the door. The afternoon program by State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt will feature the Talent and “A Number” competitions beginning at 1:00 PM.



Mystery Solved!
Fairfield County Deputy Joan Ziegler discovers what she will be eating for her first course at the Mystery Dinner on April 30 at Cheshire Grange. More on the Mystery Dinner on page 10.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

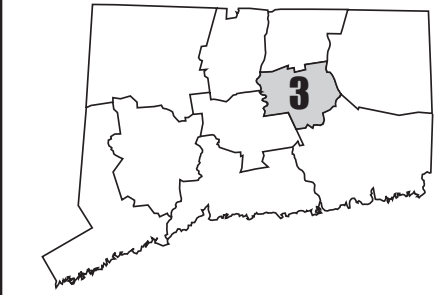
Connecticut Granger adds AUGUST Edition!



The Granger will be adding an **AUGUST EDITION!!!** We are pleased the State Grange and its community and Pomona Granges are so active that we have so much news and information to print in each edition of the Granger. We are not pleased to have so many photos and other information that have to be cut from each issue simply due to space limitations. The Granger always took August off because so many members were involved in the Connecticut Agricultural Fair at the end of July. To help alleviate the bottleneck experienced just before and after the summer break, we are adding a new August edition. We hope all correspondents and chairpersons/directors will take the time to write an additional column/article for this issue. The deadline will follow the pattern of all other issues-- July 5 for the August issue. The number of pages will depend on the number of articles and other information submitted.

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East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
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EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3
Corr: Noel Miller

June 4: He Did That? (Father)

Good luck to Hillstown Grange the winners of our talent runoff, this is the first year that all granges had a skit. we are looking of getting work done around the hall due to last winters harshness. The cookie packing by Hillstown grange and area group went well to get easter treats to the soldiers. Our degree day was a success with 11 candidates takeing the four degrees, I wish to thank all that helped and came to this event, I think this is what a Pomona Grange can so to help the community granges. Happy Summer!

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26
Corr: Kathryn Ruff

June 2: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers; Ref: Priscilla Schmartz, Mary Baribault, Amanda Kean

June 11: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party at 7:00 p.m.

July 7: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Fourth of July; Ref: Nancy & Lou Tryon, Mary Charles How

It looks good to look out the window and see the nice green grass and the flowering bushes, replacing all that snow that we had this past winter. As I am typing this the report from the weatherman is severe storms this afternoon and evening. I hope they are wrong. The report on the TV this morning of the storms in Alabama last evening is horrible. I just can imagine living through a tornado.

On April 22nd Doris Nordstrom and I visited the residents of Gilmore Manor and brought them favors for Easter. They are so appreciative of our visits it does make you feel good that you took the time to prepare something for them. On April 27th Bob Nordstrom, Master of Glastonbury Grange and I had an appointment to visit the FFA students at Glastonbury High School

. We told them about Glastonbury Grange and the grange in general and left them the new Glastonbury Grange applications and other information. I hope we were able to interest 2 or 3 students to join.

At our April 7th meeting we acted on one application. The gentleman willbetakingthe4degrees on May 14th at the Degree Day that East Central Pomona is holding. The First and Second Degrees will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a pot luck lunch. Then the Third and Fourth Degrees will be conferred.

We are asking all our members to invite your neighbors, relatives, friends to join Glastonbury Grange. We need new members at any time during the year. Just call me and I will see that you receive the necessary applications.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31
Corr: Diane Small

June 1: Election

June 15: Smell the Roses

July 6: Red, White and Blue

This is going to be a lengthy article. Get your cup of coffee, find a comfortable chair and put your feet up. It is nice to know that there are folks that still like to read. These articles give me a chance to use various subjects in the context.

Our country has been dessimated by severe weather. Please send your thoughts and prayers to all these unfortunate people. In watching the news on this casatrophe one lady comes to mind. As she stated, we will survive and rebuild their lives. As part of the Grange ritual--we will perservere.

We have several holidays this month. Father's Day is Sunday the 19th. Instead of a tie, how about updating photographs. Does he need new garden equipment? Does he have a favorite snack--make him something special. Home cooked meals are great, find a new recipe and surprise him.

June 14th is Flag Day.

Remember to display your Flag. We should be doing this every day. We live in a country, though not always perfect, we can come and go as we please. It is believed that an annual day to celebrate the Flag originated in 1885. President Woolrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 officially establishing Flag Day--anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th each year as National Flag Day.

June 21 begins the Summer Solstice as the first day of summer. Sol + Stice is a combination of Latin words meaning Sun + To Stand Still. As a major celestial event. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year.

Another reminder don't forget the items we need for the Big E. It is amazing the people that come through the Grange building each year and we see so many of the same people each year. They stop in to replace items they bought in previous years. Popular items are the hats, scarves and gloves and kitchen towels with the crocheted tops, scrubbies, Christmas ornaments and many other things. Another popular section are the jams, relishes and etc. Support this endeavor in any way you can. As I've mentioned before when you make something, do an extra or two so it can be sold at the Grange building at the Big E.

Have a great start to your summer. Good reason to go shopping for new outfits, shoes and a sassy new haircut. Don't forget to use sunbloc if you are going to spend a lot of time outdoors.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75
Corr: Noel Miller

June 2: Lazy days of summer

June 16: Holiday time

Coventry Grange welcomes Nancy Messino in our welcome ceremony, Robert Warner taken in by demit from Marlborough Grange. hopefully we did well on our evaluation. We will be planning our summer programs and activities.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

June 9: Election of Officers

June 11: "Baked Chicken & Strawberry Shortcake"

June 23: Awards Night

July 14: Annual Members Picnic

The Hillstown Grange #87's Annual Chicken Dinner with Strawberry shortcake for dessert is coming soon. Come and enjoy one of the best family style dinners in our area. The dinner will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 6 pm. at the Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. East Hartford. Plan early to order your ticket because this event usually sells out For more information and to purchase a ticket please call

Helen at 860-568-6268.

I guess spring has finally arrived and we probably will now go to hot weather. The early blooming tree blossoms were ruined by the heavy rain.

We've been busy doing some work in our kitchen and hope to have it done for our annual supper.

Our Western Night was well attended as usual, and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Now we have to check up on the members to see what they have done for our fairs in the fall. Before you turn around they will be on our door steps.

We were saddened by the death of our oldest member Alene Foley. I checked on some of our older members to see how they are doing. All are progressing.

As the time goes as I travel on the highways, fields are getting plowed for the vegetables, etc.

Not much news this time but have more next month. Do be careful and stay healthy.

Some reminders



It's June- Congratulations to all the Graduates, happy Fathers Day to all the Dads, and happy vacation time! The summer will pass quickly. Let's Celebrate is around the corner. The day begins with church service at 11 A.M. followed by lunch put on by the Youth and the


talent and numbers will be presented in the afternoon at 1 P.M. This is always a fun day, and should be much cooler than last year. Remember, it is at Cheshire Grange Hall.

Secretaries-- please remember to send in your list of officers and committees for the coming year and the number of dues receipts books you need as soon as possible... not later than mid-July. the Directories could then be printed much earlier and more useful to everyone.

PLEASE! Do not send correspondence or any other mail to the Newfield Rd. address listed below. This is the address for Winchester Grange #74 and is only listed to satisfy USPS requirements. Please mail to the Editor's address listed below, right. Thank You!

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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Whigville No. 48

Eureka No. 62

✓ Winchester No. 74

Taghannuck No. 100

Litchfield No. 107

Beacon No. 118

✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4
Corr: Todd Gelineau
June 27: RIVERTON GRANGE HALL, 7:30 P.M. Program “Happy Summer” - Election of Officers

Mountain County Pomona’s June meeting will be held at Riverton Grange Hall on June 27. It was decided to move the meeting to Riverton in June as their last chance to host was supposed to be in March but was cancelled due to the threat of snow. We thank them for hosting this meeting.

The Pomona was pleased to welcome new members at the May Degree Conferral and we thank State Master Jody Cameron for making the trip out to inspect our Grange. It was one of those rare occasions when both Pomona Deputies and the General Deputy were all unavailable to inspect due to their own Pomona meetings or other inspections.

We remind all members and officers that the June meeting will be our annual Spring Gift Drawing. Please remember your gift items for the drawing and also remember to bring in your sold tickets. This is the only fundraiser for the Pomona, so we rely very much on its success!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: Todd Gelineau
June 4: Tag Sale, 9-2 Grange Hall (Rain or Shine)
June 14: Flag Day- Election, Ref. Shirley Lemieux
June 19: (Father’s Day) Strawberry Festival “Take Dad Out for Dessert”- 2:30-4:30 P.M.
June 28: Father’s Day & Summer, CWA Program, Ref. Linda Senkus

Winchester Grange has gotten off to a great start this spring with five new members and we welcome them all into our Grange family. It was the first time in a while since we were able to confer all four degrees and it was good to brush off the cobwebs. There were, of course, things that could have been done better, but

we hope there will be plenty of practice with many more candidates receiving degrees in the future. We just need 7 more to meet the State Master’s goal. We can do it!

Our spring Super Prize Party was held on June 21 with an EXCELLENT profit. Attendance was way up and the number of great prizes was also better than the September party. Thanks also go to Sister Sandy Phillips for organizing a special basket drawing for the Junior Grange. \$50 was raised for the two baskets that Sister Phillips put together. The money will be divided between the Winchester Jr. Grange fund and the CT State Grange Junior Department. Thanks to all who made the evening a success.

On May 19, Winchester Grange sponsored a garden talk at the Beardsley and Memorial Library in Winsted. The program was presented by Master Gardener and Winchester member Sherri Leblanc. A highlight of the program was the promotion of the State Agriculture Committee’s squash program. We now have 8 or 9 families in the Winsted area (in addition to Grange families) growing squash for donation to area food pantries. We hope to have bushels of squash to donate later this summer. We thank Sherri for presenting the program.

On the next evening 11 Winchester members traveled as a group to Riverton Grange to enjoy the wonderful bell program presented by the Cherry Brook Bell Choir under the direction of Mary Lou Keefe. We thank Riverton for their hospitality and the delicious potluck supper.

We are now looking ahead to our spring tag sale to be held at the Grange hall on Saturday, June 4 from 8-2. We plan on holding the sale outside unless the weather turns against us, then it will be held in the dining room. We have many great items for sale, so stop by and have

a look.
Our largest fundraiser of the year is the annual Strawberry Festival held on Father’s Day. We serve the largest portions of Strawberry Shortcake around made from fresh berries and homemade whipped cream. The perfect cool treat for a warm summer afternoon. Come early as we begin at 2:30 and sell until we run out!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Shirley Moore

After a bountiful harvest supper, third and fourth degrees were conferred upon Kat Prelli and Moe Gabelmann. Degree Masters

were Dennis Jasmine for third and Mark Prelli doing the Fourth. We welcome these new members to the Grange family.
By the time this is published we will have had our cookie contest on May 6 and will announce the winner in the next publication. Our judges were Sara Bement, Sandy Phillips and Helena Schwalm and we thank them for helping us with this project.

May 20 was a special evening of music. First was our usual potluck supper at 6:30 followed by music by the Cherry Brook Chimes of the First Congregational Church of Canton Center.

The ringers include five octaves of hand bells and three octaves of chimes under the direction of Mary Lou Keefe, choir director at the church since 1989.
The first meeting in June as listed in the Pomona handbook will also include election of officers. On June 17, we will have our supper as usual with a program presented by Peter Keefe including a recitation of “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.”

We invite anyone to join us at any of our meetings. Riverton Grange does have fun along with our rituals.

Riverton hosts Bell Concert



Over eighty members and guests enjoyed a potluck supper followed by a concert by the Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir at the May 20 meeting of Riverton Grange. The choir is under the direction of CT State Grange Pianist and Riverton affiliate member Mary Lou Keefe.

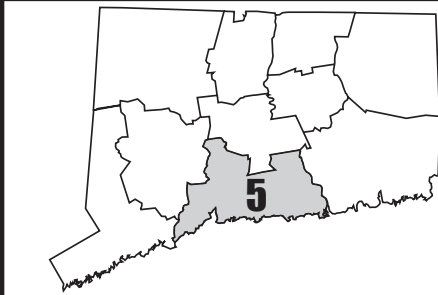


New Members: “Meeting the Challenge”

Arline Avery Stafford #1
Charlotte Hansen. Stafford #1
Tannis Longmore. Stafford #1
Richard Longmore Stafford #1
Ronald Roy Stafford #1
Charlie J. Smith Granby #5
Rose Anne Smith Granby #5
Karla L. Smith Granby #5
Stephen Gilkey Granby #5
Karen Coleman Cheshire #23
Stephanie Hoffman. Cheshire #23
Colleen Kelly Cheshire #23
Michael Batrick. Cheshire #23
Patrick Milne Glastonbury #26
Violet Danila Cawasa #34
Joanne Ritchie Cawasa #34
Starr Lutzen Cawasa #34
Joanne Charon Winchester #74
Bonnie Farrell Winchester #74
Kimberly Brandmeyer . . . Winchester #74
Marie Steiner Winchester #74
Darby Pollansky Coventry #75

Anna Pollansky. Coventry #75
Nancy Messino Coventry #75
Debbie Dubitsky Hillstown #87
David A. Griffiths. Ekonk #89
Susan A. Griffiths Ekonk #89
Gerry Vilhotti. Beacon #118
John Bradley Greenfield Hill #133
Sally Bradley Greenfield Hill #133
Eunice Bourque. Norwich #172
Jacqueline Goddard Norwich #172
Jolene Whitney Norwich #172
Matt Steadman Norwich #172
John Babyak Norfield #146
Nancy Babyak Norfield #146
Loreen Beaudry. Norfield #146
Merci Federici Norfield #146
Deborah Mullikin. Enfield #151
Moe Gabelman Riverton #169
Kat Prelli Riverton #169
Bruce Graham Echo #180
Erin Tomanio Oxford #194
Paul Tomanio Oxford #194

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

NEW HAVEN CTY. POMONA #5

Corr: Don Lanoue

June 13: Regular Meeting Cheshire

At our May 9 meeting we had the pleasure of Jim Palmer to inspect our degree. We HOPE that we did a good job. Our next regular meeting will be entitled "Here comes summer" and after this winter I feel that we just cannot wait for summer any more. Please come and join us the doors are always open.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

June 1: Election of Officers, Memorial Program; Pot Luck Supper 6PM

June 15: Mystery Ride in charge of our Overseer

April was a busy month at Cheshire Grange with two great programs. Our Ballroom Fever program was on April 6th with great dancing exhibitions on all forms of dance.

Our CWA program was an open meeting on April 20th. Some 80 people filled our hall to enjoy a presentation by Horizon Wings of Ashford, Ct. who came with some live raptors which they care for. Our CWA chair Jane Miller, with the help of some of our members, explained the CWA projects to the audience. A teacup auction and refreshments

followed. One of attendees completed an application to join Cheshire Grange.

Our annual dinner for the New Haven Hiking Club was on April 26th and it nicely enhanced our treasury.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach

Hello again everyone, April 14: School of Instruction. Carl Bernhardt, Deputy of New Haven County Pomona, put on a school of instruction for our grange. He informed us of the changes that will be happening concerning inspections of subordinate granges, the flag ritual contest that granges can compete in and answered our questions concerning these changes. Marge Bernhardt, Lecturer of Connecticut State Grange, also accompanied him.

April 28 - Originally schedule for CWA but was changed last minute after Janet Haller was unable to put the program on. We

instead did our Spring Planting program. Everyone got into the dirt to plant pots of dahlia or Ixia and brought them home with them. Hopefully now we will get warm weather! Carl and Marge Bernhardt were once again welcome visitors to our hall.

Next Meetings: June 9 - "Strawberry Festival", Inspection of our Grange. Refreshments: Jane Maxwell.

June 23 - "Election of Officers and next year's planning meeting" Refreshments: Janet Haller.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

June 7: Dear Old Dad

July 5: Grand Old Flag

Aug. 7: Ice Cream Social

Sept. 6: Back to the Books

At last, I believe that spring is really here. The snow piles have melted and the grass is greening. I have been watching the lilacs and other blossoms opening. They have been coming that fast. We had a good attendance at the April meeting when we presented Vickie Strickland with a 60 year seal and Doris & Ed Borrelli with 70 year seals. Several family members as well as Grangers came. We

had a parade of hat wearers that was fun. Emily and I had brought extra hats and we had enough for nearly everyone.

Deputy Carl Bernhardt and Marge came for our May meeting.

Now we look forward to June and more nice days. Enjoy Spring and the beautiful blossoms, even if they make you sneeze. It beats shoveling!

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

June 10: Summer Days are Upon Us

June 24: "Youth Night" - Visitors

July 8: "The Grange Then and Now" - Essay Writing Night

Hope that all went well with our inspection and our Lecturer put on a May program that evening as well! We have donated "Birthday Items" to the Waterford Country School along with T-Shirts for the month of May. We sent another \$45.00 check to the Middlesex Diaper Fund as part of our Community Service Projects for 2010-2011!

Our doors are always open, so come on down!

WINDOW TO THE PAST

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

This month's picture...



Last month's picture...



We had one response from Barbara Bertrand saying she thinks it might be from Metichewan Grange, and that pictured is Alice and Tom Smith (Alice is seated). Also had an anonymous response stating that Dorothy Elwood is in the photo.

CSG Rose Drill

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE ROSE DRILL REHEARSAL & PLANNING SESSION

Good Will Grange, Glastonbury

June 26, 2011 • 1:30 pm

Join in a march and see how much fun it is!

Refreshments served.

Did you know?


Edith Schoell, State Historian

... that the Granges in the State of Connecticut were parents of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance of Connecticut? A resolution from Senexet Grange #40 was announced on December 7, 1886, by George Austin Bowen, M.D., who represented Senexet Grange as their delegate: "By the Patrons of Senexet Grange, Resolved, that we are in favor of making a vigorous and determined effort to obtain from the next General Assembly such Legislation as may be necessary in order to secure the benefits of co-operative Grange insurance to the Patrons of Husbandry of this State..." The resolution was passed unanimously by Senexet Grange.

Considering this was a group of ordinary citizens, one medical doctor, another one a merchant and the rest all farmers, none of whom ever had, either any training or experience in the highly organized field of insurance, but willing to devote their energy and time... and with little or no recompense for their time."

During 1889 applications were received almost daily. During the year they met and paid three losses-- Bro. J. F. Mason of Lebanon Grange, \$350, for total loss of barn; Brother William Baldwin of Cheshire Grange \$90 for loss of three cows by lightning; and Brother George F. Boardman of Westfield Grange, \$200, for loss of a barn in which was \$250 worth of hay and grain NOT insured."

New London County Pomona No. 6



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

NEW LONDON COUNTY
POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
June 8: “I Remember When...” Norwich Grange #172, 7:30 P.M.

Our annual Memorial Service will be held at Norwich Grange on June 8. this is a time to remember our Brothers and Sisters who have joined the Great Grange Above during the past year. In keeping with the theme, please bring a memory with you. You will have three minutes to talk about it. If you prefer not to bring in an object, you can just talk about a memory, that’s o.k., but in either case you will be limited to a talk of three minutes.

Where should we hold our annual picnic this year? We will decide on the place and date at the June meeting. We had a great time last year with good attendance, great food and lots of fun and games. Let’s have an even bigger crowd this year.

Now summer’s upon us, let’s get out the shorts.

The weather is sure to be hot.

The picnic is coming, but where will it be?

Come help us choose the best spot.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE
#138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
June 10: I’d Like to Visit the Best Beaches in the World
June 24: I’d Like to Visit an Amusement Park

Jeff has decided not to jump off any Agway platforms- for a while at least. He’s going to stick pretty close to home for the present; but his spirits are good and we expect he will be back to his old self soon.

Cindy Anderson has written a wonderful book on the history of the first hundred years of our Grange. She has spent months and months going through our records and the result is an amazing volume with many pictures. Thank you, Cindy!

On April 8th we learned a lot about the old south, and on the 22nd we presented seals and certificates to longtime members. Congratulations

to Pat Schach Von Wittenau and Dave Birkbeck on receiving their Silver Star Certificates, Frances Miner, Nancie Gray and Marcia White, on receiving 60 year seals, and Marjorie Anderson and Edwin Bill their 70 year seals.

The program for June 10 will be election of officers and the CWA program. On June 24 we will hold our annual picnic with potluck from members and hamburgers and hot dogs (cooked to perfection by Chef Extraordinaire Gene Bromley) and drinks, provided by the Grange. There will be games for young and old until the mosquitoes tell us it’s time to go home. Please bring the children and grandchildren to this very enjoyable evening.

We would really love to have more people at our meetings. Come on! There isn’t anything that interesting on TV on Friday nights; and we have great programs, refreshments and companionship. Please come. And if that doggone squirrel will just decide to leave my bird feeders alone, next time I’ll tell you all about Marvelous May.

LYME GRANGE #147

June 2: Who Will Serve?
July 7: Salute the Flag.
Aug. 4: We Eat Again- Picnic

Oh!- we have leaves on the trees. Buds are on the lilac bushes. Daffodils have seen better days. It’s getting warmer.

Our Secretary is back from Texas- whoopie! Our pro tem did a marvelous job!

We performed the Welcoming Ceremony on three new members. Two youth and one older person. That makes seven new members this spring. We have more prospects in waiting in the wings.

Planning a plant and food sale May 21 and of course our Lyme Grange Fair (a.k.a. Hamburg Fair) Aug. 19, 20, 21. We meet once a month year round to plan the big event.

Spring has sprung and

it’s just wonderful.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We presented our annual Community Citizen of the Year Award to Judy Mann at our Grange Month meeting in April, Barbara and Roger Read in charge of the program.

Judy devotes a great deal of her time working at the New London Hospitality Center, helping and counseling those in need. Her friends have been drawn in to help as well and her unselfish ways have been an inspiration to all who know her.

We support the Experiment Station



Governor Malloy actually accomplished the unheard of. He managed to get a state budget passed by the General Assembly well before the final days of the legislative session. There are those who complain that it is not a legal budget because of the 2 billion dollar hole in it. This is the amount that Malloy expects to receive from state employee union concessions. To push the unions along with the negotiations Governor Malloy introduced his ‘Plan B’ budget. Plan B made even deeper cuts to state agencies and reduced aid to local towns. The unions have come to an agreement with the Governor so Plan B should not be implemented.

One of the recommendations that Governor Malloy proposed in the Plan B budget was the total elimination of funding for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). The Grange has been a strong supporter of the Agricultural Experiment Station. CAES was founded in 1875 and is the oldest Experiment Station in the United States. Its motto of “Putting Science to Work for Society” is as relevant today as when it was founded. The State Grange sent a letter to Governor Malloy expressing concern that eliminating this facility was even considered. We joined several other

Our hall was filled with Judy’s friends and family. Stonington First Selectman, Ed Haberek presented a commendation to Judy Mann from the town and praised her good works. Stonington Grange presented her with a plaque and a donation to the Hospitality Center. Many of our guests gave their own testimonials about how Judy had touched their lives.

We thank our friends, Nancy Weissmuller and Gene Bromley, for filling in as Assistant Stewards that evening, as our own Assistants could not be present because of health reasons.

agricultural organizations who also expressed concern. The fact that it was even proposed is still a concern. The services offered by this institution are critical to the agricultural community as well as the residents of the state.

What is CAES and why is it important? This is where the first hybrid corn was developed. They test vegetable, crop and lawn seeds to ensure that Connecticut residents are not purchasing inferior seeds and that they comply with Connecticut Seed Law. One focus is on the diagnosis of plant health problems. CAES works closely with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Plant Protection and Quarantine. They are monitoring and regulating several serious plant pathogens with examples being the Ramorum Blight (a.k.a. Sudden Oak Death) and Chrysanthemum White Rust. Other research going on includes the Powdery Mildew of Grapes and the Sudden Dieback of Salt Marshes.

Federal law requires that plants be inspected for insects and diseases before they leave the state. All nurserymen must have their products inspected in order to sell them outside Connecticut. CAES is the only facility in the state that does these inspections. No inspection, no shipping.

Forestland makes up a major portion of the land mass in Connecticut. CAES monitors the forest land for insects that threaten to invade our hardwood forests. One such notable insect is the Asian Longhorn Beetle which is killing hardwood

The evening continued downstairs with refreshments and a fiddle, banjo and guitar trio provided a lively mix of folk music. The tables were decorated with face clothes and granola bars for Judy to take back with her to the Hospitality Center.

That night we also collected 32 pounds of canned goods which together with a check for Easter hams was donated to the PNC.

Our program in May will be a slide presentation to the Queen Charlotte Islands for a kayaking expedition. Sounds like a great time!

trees such as horse chestnut, maple, poplar and willow.

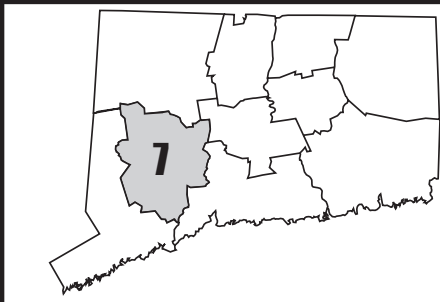
CAES has been surveying Connecticut lakes for invasive species and what the effects these invasive species have on the aquatic ecosystems. They record arrival and track the spread of invasive species along with testing the effectiveness of herbicides and even mechanical removal.

We have heard much of the West Nile Virus lately and CAES is the agency that has been capturing and testing mosquitos for West Nile. They have a strong history of monitoring the mosquito population. They were very active in following the spread of the Yellow Fever and Malaria in the early 1900’s. Throughout its history CAES has been very involved in the spraying and control of the mosquito population around the state. In 1996 they identified and began tracking the mosquitos that were spreading the Eastern Equine Encephalitis in southeastern Connecticut. They are also capturing and testing ticks for Lyme disease and are now tracking and testing the recent invasion of bed bugs.

There are two other CAES stations besides the one in New Haven. The Valley Laboratory in Windsor developed shade tobacco in 1901 which was a major crop in the valley. The Lockwood Farm in Hamden is also a part of CAES.

This is just a portion of what the Connecticut Experiment State does for our state. The continued scientific advancements and research that is conducted by CAES is critical for the safety of Connecticut residents and agricultural community.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Happy anniversary to us. On June 10th we will be celebrating our 122nd anniversary. Members receiving certificates are: Livia Keith and Mary Pranulis 65 years; Barbara Kirk 55 years and Laurie Berki 40 years.

Efforts to raise the necessary funds to restore the World War I monument in Naugatuck will be concluded at this meeting. It all started at our meeting in June 2008 so it is fitting that it finishes at our June meeting. Beacon Valley donated the first \$1,000 and

will donate the last \$1,000. Ron Fischer, our Steward, has done an excellent job heading up this committee.

This will be an Open Meeting, so come and join us.

July 8th our program will be "Patriotic" and on August 12th we will have our annual picnic.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

June 27: 7:30 p.m., Regular meeting due to change in anniversary date.

July 10: 2 p.m. Sunday, Bethlehem Grange Celebrates 120 Years. We have a great day planned. Come and enjoy

yourselves.

July 25: 7:30 p.m. Antique Appraisal Night, Country Store, Ref: Rob and Skip

Before Washington Grange merged with Bethlehem several years ago a scholarship was set up for a deserving Shepaug senior. Each year a committee meets to go over the applications. This has been a truly rewarding experience, to the committee, the senior receiving \$1000 and to the fact that Washington Grange is still remembered.

Bethlehem Grange remembers Lillian Merrill in the baking contest at Bethlehem Fair. Watch for the rules to enter in the summer issue of the Granger.

Also it's not too early to think about the Bethlehem Fair Grange Display. We are looking for new ideas and helpers to set up.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

We were happy to be able

to present the Citizen of the Year Award to Bernice and Bill Sullivan of Prospect for their volunteer work. For many years they have quietly volunteered their time at the schools, helping the Boy Scouts writing cooking tips for the Senior Center newsletter and teaching cooking at the Senior Center. Bill was also, Mr. fix-it where he fixed broken chairs, tables, etc and took photos at all the Senior Center events. Their acts of kindness helped many in our community.

We miss Inez Bramhall, who has been ill and Ruby DeCosta who has not been able to get out to our meetings.

Our June meeting will be a short meeting followed by a potluck picnic with games, etc. We are also collecting non-perishables for the local Food Bank.

We donated vegetable seeds to the Senior Center for their Community Garden, as well as the flower seeds

to the Hotchkiss Historical Farm and both vegetable and flower seeds to the Scott Road Community Garden.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Prospect Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. We enjoy having visitors.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

June 3: Election of Officers

June 17: Gardening Tips

State Master Jody Cameron honored us with his presence at a recent meeting, and since he has encouraged working for membership gains, it was fortuitous that five applications were voted upon that very evening. Two of the new members, Jill and Jordan Zimay, received the Welcoming Ceremony presented by Master Rob Buck.

Election of Officers perhaps will result in some seating changes. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Come and see us!

Do You Remember?

FRANK RUFF

by Betty Jane Gardiner

Raising tobacco, growing strawberries, working with wood- sounds like an unusual combination of interests, but these are some of the things which always bring Frank Ruff to mind.

"Ruff" by name- and also by nature, his strong opinions sometimes intimidated people but when you got to know him, you discovered he was a pussy cat at heart. Frank told it like it was, but his thoughts, actions and decisions were always in the best interests of the Grange. We knew our Order inside and out and was strict about doing things the correct way.

Frank joined Hillstown Grange in 1929 and served in many positions including Master a number of times. He was Master of East Central Pomona. He was extremely proud of being elected to the State Grange Executive Committee in 1964 and served until his death in 1979.

With his wife, Kay, and their pride and joy, daughter Kathy, the Ruffs were an active Grange family and from the time Kathy was three they traveled extensively across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

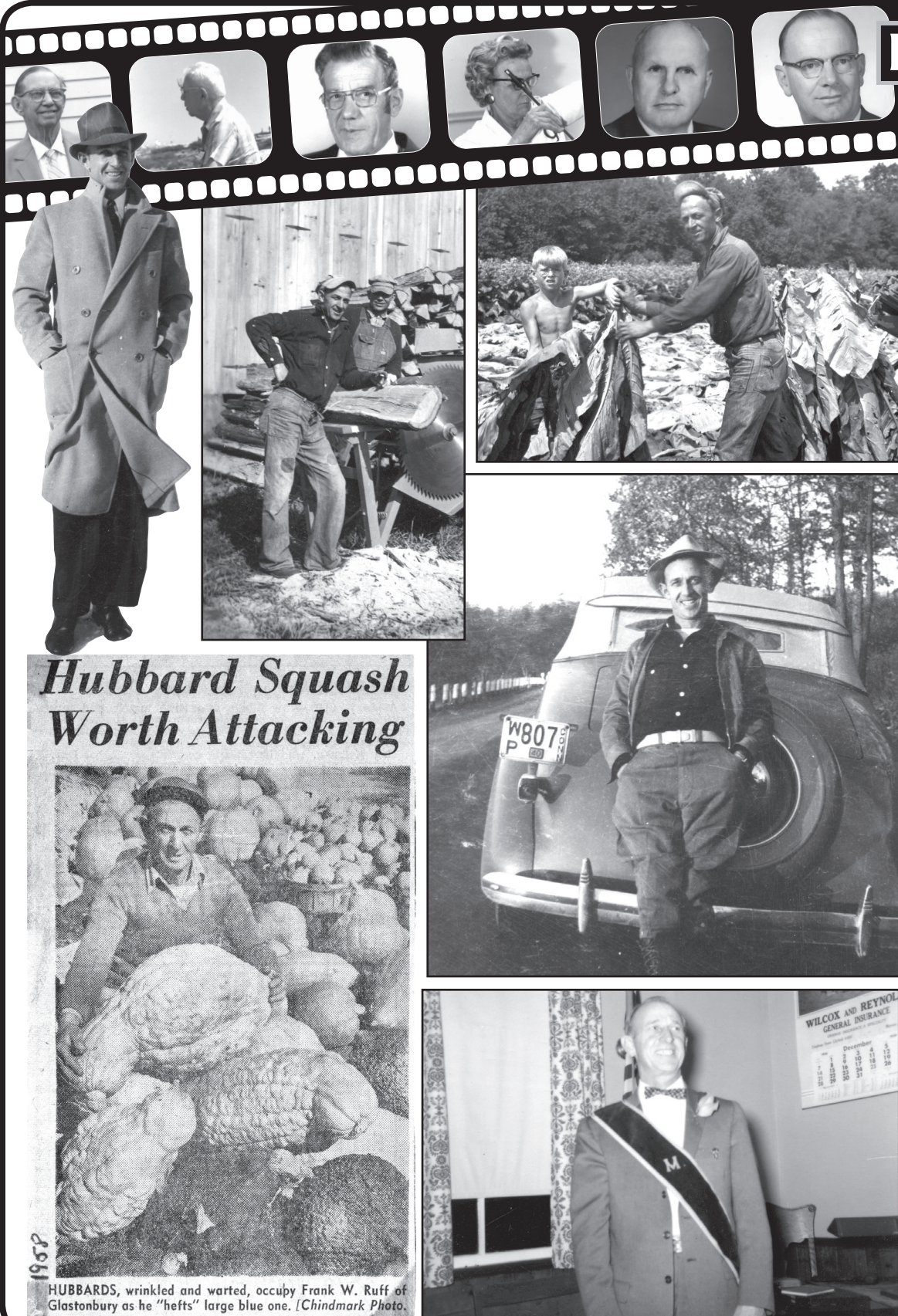
When Frank returned from service in the Air Force in WWII, he became owner of Broadleaf Farms, which he operated for nearly 50 years in the town where he spent his entire life, Glastonbury, Connecticut. He raised just about every vegetable and supplied local truck farms.

His winter pastime was woodworking. He made foot stools and benches and was generous giving them away. He built most of the furniture in the Ruff home including three desks- one for each of the family.

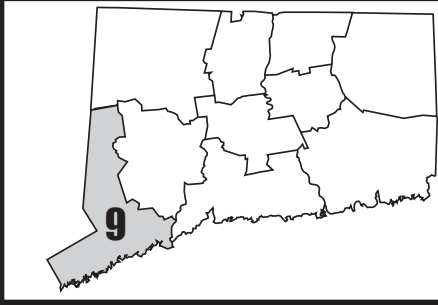
Many of us were pleased to receive pieces of his beautiful woodworking, or gifts of the biggest juicy strawberries, or to enjoy his sweet corn which he firmly believed wasn't fit to eat if it had been picked longer than two hours previously.

In 1972 his health began to fail. Just before his passing he was presented with his Golden Sheaf and pin at Hartford Hospital by then State Master, Frank Warner.

Yes, many things help us recall this good man and his loves- first his family- followed by the farm, the Grange and traveling. Do remember him!



Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

FAIRFIELD CTY. POMONA #9
Corr: Robert Sendewicz
June 1: Dairy Supper 6:00 P.M.

Our June 1 meeting, at Cannon Grange Hall, will be a busy one. It starts with a 6:00 P.M. dairy supper. Then will be the Pomona judging of the CWA needlework contest. The Pomona meeting with the election of officers follows. During the Lecturer’s program we will have the judging of the talent and A Number contests. Last but not least, will be a country store. This meeting should be lots of fun.

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
June 13: CWA Night
June 27: Quiz Night

Our Spring Fair on May 7 was successful and we thank everyone who came and supported us.

At the first meeting in June we will have our CWA night. There will be judging of the CWA contest entries and the cookies for the baking contest. The cookies are always good.

The important part of the meeting will be our election of officers. We can’t forget that.

The second meeting of the month is a Quiz Night. That should be interesting.

If you are interested come and see what it is all about. We are always glad to have visitors and will make you welcome.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133
Corr: Dennis Rich
June 20: “Spring to Summer”, Meeting 7 P.M.

In April our standing committees gave their respective reports. Beth Bradley brought us up to date on activities of the Fairfield Organic Teaching Farm and the “seed library” being established at the Fairfield Woods Branch of the Fairfield Public Library. Our Grange had voted to contribute to that project. Finally rounding out the month was Fairfield’s Earth Day activity with numerous displays and vendors

including one staffed by a member of the State Grange Agricultural Committee.

June’s meeting will be a time for planning summer and early fall activities and establishing special sub-committees to organize our annual fair in late September. Our Grange is slated for inspection. Committee chairs are not required to have written reports this year. We hope to have election of officers. This would facilitate timely submission of information needed for printing the 2011-2012 Pomona Handbook.

All of our Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox
June 14: Election of Officers, Initiation and Awards
July 12: Stars, Stripes and Songs
Aug. 9: Summer Picnic and Fair Meeting

Thanks to the Kimberly Family and many others, our open house in April was a great success. There were outstanding hors d’oeuvres and desserts to delight us, new friends to meet, and two birthdays to celebrate, complete with cake, for Betty Miller and Kevin Parker. And... we have five new members: Julia Braden, Jon Russell, Paula Kipkis and Gail and Steve Flynn.

As a surprise for us all at that meeting, Ted Coley took us back to earlier years by showing his collection of old postcards, Valentines, and letters that he had collected since he was a young man. Not only were they graphic reminders of earlier places and special happenings, but they were an intimate glimpse into the world of Ted Coley- a privilege that touched us all.

Some sturdy Grangers (plus one dog) marched in the CROP Walk for Hunger on April 10. Norfield donated \$50 to the cause. And now we are sponsoring a Tuesday and Thursday Coffee Club in our hall until June, with hot-off-the-press newspapers on every table and free WiFi access. Forty people came

the first morning! It is a free event open to the public from 8 A.M. to noon.

Finally, on May 3 we sponsored a chat with local farmers on Soil and Sustainability. It’s been a busy month.

CANNON GRANGE #152
Corr: Don Offinger
June 16: “Nature Around Us” - a walk along the riverside
July 8: Business Meeting
July 21: “The people who keep Wilton residents safe”
Aug. 4: Business Meeting
Aug. 21: 79th Annual Agricultural Fair - rain or shine 10 AM - 4 PM

Members of Cannon Grange quietly celebrated our 112th anniversary of May 4th at our meeting on May 5th. It is exciting to know that we meet in the same Hall on the same schedule as our founding members did 112 years ago AND that we are still carrying on the tradition of good Grange work serving our community! We are indeed fortunate to be in the terrific location we are.

Our Grange was well represented at the recent townwide event, Wilton Go-Green, in early May. We joined dozens of other community groups in hosting a booth and display of how residents can reduce their carbon footprint with a backyard vegetable garden. We gave away seed packets of green beans along with a colorful card with our name and contact information printed on it, along with planting instructions and when to submit the beans for judging at our Fair. Many thanks to BillieSue Hollingsworth, Julie Wanamaker, Doug Shepherd and Don Offinger who manned our booth throughout the day and greeted event attendees.

Our Fair Planning Committee is working to schedule with event planning for our August 21st Fair. We’ve been narrowing our choices for a Food Concession vendor, and making plans for a full schedule of local entertainment. The ads for the Fair Book are just about all in, and we’ll have our book printed and available soon. We’re looking for good weather, and we’ll be looking for you: please mark your calendar to come to the 79th Cannon Grange Fair on 8/21.

Please note our meeting

schedule. Visiting Patrons are always welcome...won’t you join us? Also, please check our website at www.cannongrange.org.

cannongrange.org or follow us on Twitter or find us on FaceBook.

Family Activities



Pat Palmer
Family Activities/CWA Director
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work going on, so hopefully we will have an abundance of items for all to see.

A reminder also that the state CWA will be in charge of the hospitality room at State Session and we will be looking for donations of food items for all to share.

If anyone has items for the New England Grange Building Country Store (hopefully lots of you) and would like to get them out of your houses, they can either be given to me or directly to Betty Jane Gardiner. Just keep an account of what you have donated for your report.

Social Connection

Joanne Cipriano, Social Connection

Our first event was a real success thanks to all of you who attended and the many that help us in the preparation. Special thanks to Barbara Robert for all she did. All those delicious cupcakes were made by Barbara. Thanks also to Betty Jane Gardiner, Eloise Osuch, Cindy and Ray Legg, Michele and Rich Bernhardt, Jane and Ruel Miller, Marge and Carl Bernhardt, Linea Erickson, Maggie Schofield, Dorothy Fairchild, Randy Miller, Ted Beebe, Jody Cameron and Cheshire and Beacon Valley Granges for the use of their halls. The play “The Missing Emeralds” was written by Nancy Weissmuller who was also the leading lady. To all who took part in it our special thanks. You did a good job learning your parts.

Plans are now progressing for our next event – A Pomona Competitive Night. This will be held on Saturday – September 17th at the Prospect Senior Center. The Pomona Lecturers have been asked to assist. We need a five member team from each Pomona. One member of each team to competing in: Cooking, Sports, Music, Grange and Luck. The evening will start with a pot luck supper at 6 o’clock followed by the competition. Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

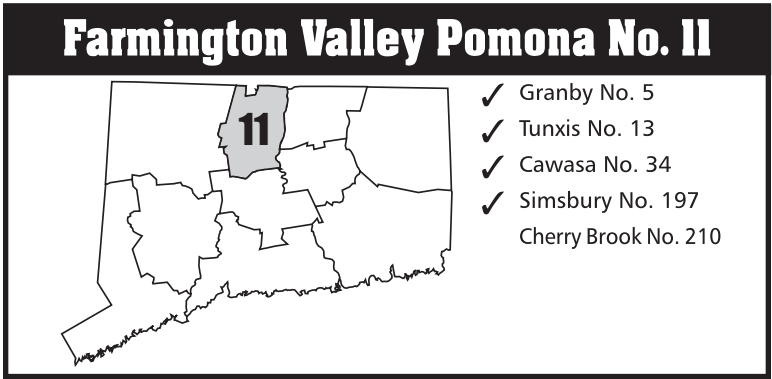
So that we do not plan all our activities in the same area, we are looking for halls that can accommodate a large group. Please let me know if you know of such a place.

The Elevator Speech

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

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

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



FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

June 20: “Summer Time”

Our recent meeting with a spring and Easter theme was enjoyed by all.

Everyone brought canned and packaged items for the food bank in Granby as a part of what we are doing to aid the Granges within our jurisdiction.

A number of our people attended the “Mystery Dinner”, the first project of the new State Grange Social Connection and we hope they had the “crazy” evening of fun and nonsense that it was planned to be.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer- and great vacations.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Robert Brockett

June 10: Inspection by the Deputy

June 17: 6:00 P.M. Dairy Supper

June 11: Noon -4:00 PM Grange Open for state wide Tourism Open House

June 24: 7:00 PM First Square Dance Club Instruction and Dancing

June 25: 7:00 PM Public Set-Back Card Party .

April 30-1:00- 4:00 P.M. Granby Grange Public Open House, we had: an on request piano player, polliwogs, a hen, flowers, plants available, games, needlework display and demonstration, fish fly tying, pumpkin pie information from plant to the pie, cookie baking and tasting, canning information, face painting and animal balloon created, Grange home page information, Grange skits on DVD, ancestry software demonstration, music software demonstration with karaoke, tea cup auction, plant raffle, and Grange past accomplishments information available. All presented in our wonderful historic building.

On May 13 the public was invited to a program with an FFA member telling about their activities and the Suffield High School program.

On May 25 a Granby Grange member was at the New England Grange Building at Eastern States Exposition for the Hampden County 4-H

Fair, MA. Challenge project distribution.

On May 28 we held a public set-back card party.

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

Tunxis Grange had a meeting in March. We are not able to meet at the Grange Hall. We had some flooding again in the basement and have to have the carpet pulled up and discarded as it was so bad. We have also gotten rid of a lot of stuff and hope to have a tag sale soon. The hall is still on the market, but so far no definite offers have been made. We will keep you posted on this.

Our Lecturer, Al Foster, presented a very interesting program. We all enjoyed it so much! Al does a good job on our programs. I want to apologize to Al for getting his name wrong in the Granger. I guess I was thinking of the Pomona!

If you want to come visit us, please call to see if we are holding a meeting. Doris Shaw will be glad to tell you. Happy spring, everyone!

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Marguerite A. Schofield

Hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July.

We presented the children of Cherry Brook Elementary School their dictionaries. There were 141 third graders this year. We love to get the notes and pictures from them, they are quite talented!

Last month we did cinnamon pancakes in a jar to present to the Food Bank recipients. We did an assembly line and things went very smoothly.

Art Rote was in the hospital again in May for double hernia but he is doing much better now and is home. Feel better Art! We all miss you.

Linea, Chris and I attended the Mystery Dinner and what a great time we had. Lots of Laughs. The meal was a riot, some people chose olives, celery, cupcake, potato, green beans, but NO utensils! You had 3 courses, and eventually got the chicken. The meal was delicious, which included Joanne Cipriano’s homemade cole slaw which was “out

of this world.” Betty Jane Gardiner from Simsbury, was in the play “The Missing Emeralds” and she was so funny, she played the senile grandmother. EVERYONE was excellent!

This month we will have a new scholarship recipient.

Our May project for food bank was little cakes with patriotic color for Memorial Day. Hope your summer is good. We will be meeting in July!

The many “faces” of Facebook

Terri Fassio, P.R. Co-Director

What is right for your Grange?

Facebook is the popular social media/networking service launched in 2004 with 600-million active users today. With such a large audience at your fingertips, Granges should take advantage of the opportunity to communicate with users, and put their name and information into the public arena.

Facebook by the numbers:

Facebook claims that 50% of active users log into the site each day. This would mean at least 300 million users every 24 hours. More than 75 million Facebook users update their status each day. The Facebook average user has approximately 130 friends. More than 1,000,000 local businesses and organizations have active Pages.

There are different types of profiles on Facebook? Which one is right for my Grange? Personal Profile:

Everything begins with a personal profile. Even if all you want is a page for your Grange, you need to start with a personal, and then develop a Facebook “Page” for your Grange. A Facebook personal profile is designed to be used only by an individual person, not a business or organization. (such as John Doe, not XYYX Grange). This is a common mistake that is made. You will see many organizations and businesses set-up as a personal profile. Most of us have our own Facebook profile and thus feel comfortable setting up a profile for our organization. But Facebook clearly states that using a personal profile for anything other than “personal” use is a violation of their Terms of Service.

Periodically, Facebook will go through the profiles and delete those that are not set-up correctly. (This includes setting up an organization e-mail account for the Facebook login and making the name/ birthday requirement those of your Grange.) They give

August will be our picnic at Sister Lin’s!

Famous quote: “When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I’ve never tried before.” - Mae West.

“Lady Astor: ‘Mr. Churchill, you’re drunk!” Winston Churchill: “Yes, and you, Madam, are ugly. But tomorrow, I shall be sober.”

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

no warning - if your profile is set-up incorrectly, it could be gone in an instant.

Facebook personal profiles have limitations. There is a limit of 5000 friends and is usually private (hard to get the word out as they do not show up in search engines). Therefore, do not set up a Facebook Personal Profile for your Grange, just for you personally. The features are not designed for organizations such as the Grange and if Facebook finds you have set-up the wrong type of profile, they will delete you.

Facebook “Page”:

A Facebook “Page” (not to be confused with the Profile described above) is designed for businesses or official representations of organizations (such as the Grange) or people. Facebook users are able to “Like” a Page and that Page is then indicated on their Profile as an organization that they Like. A Page allows your Grange to have a public Facebook presence, find-able on search engines like Google and Yahoo, and can act almost like a mini website for your community. One person from the Grange creates the Page and becomes the first “Admin”. Then, that person has the ability to invite their Facebook friends to be additional Admins for the Page. When Admins post content to the Page’s Wall, they show up as the Page and not their personal profile.

There are advantages to the Page versus the Profile. Once a Page has 25 “Like’s”, Admins can customize the URL of the Page as facebook.com/yourgrange. There are no limitations on the number of “Likes” a page can have, and no approval required. Admins can also send out Updates to all who “Like” the page. Another advantage of using a Page is that Pages have a feature called Facebook Insights. This gives users analytics and demographics on who is interacting with what content on

June 8: Gardens in Bloom

Our last meeting was not a happy one. We are faced with a number of problems concerning our hall and the Grange, and must address some serious situations.

Our spring bake sale and plant sale scheduled for May 21 had to be cancelled.

In the meantime we are trying to enjoy the spring and look forward to the summer season.

the Page. Facebook Insights are not available on Facebook Personal Profiles or Groups.

Facebook Group:

A Facebook Group is for people or an organization and allows users to “Join”. Groups can be invite-only or open. Groups cannot have their own Facebook URL which can make it difficult to find in search engines. Also, users must be logged in to see and join the group. When owners of the Group post, they show up as their personal profile rather than showing up as the Group. This can blur the lines of personal and professional use of Facebook.

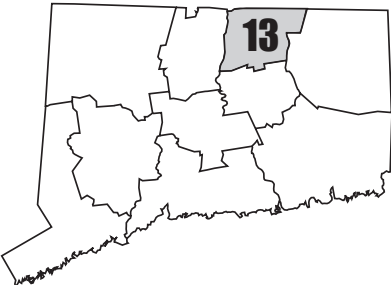
One way that organizations take advantage of both sets of features (Page and Group) is to create a Page for their organization, then set up a group for a specific target audience, such as only Grange members.

Essential Communications:

Having a Facebook profile is an essential part of effective communications. If your Grange has contests, photos and videos, events, and more, Facebook provides an easy way for you to upload and post various types of information to your Page and connect with your readers. A well-run Facebook Page helps Granges collaborate, connect easily, and increase their network of members, volunteers and supporters. If you are interested in setting up a Facebook Page for your Grange, directions can be found in the orange “Social Media Guide” that all Granges received as part of their Public Relations packets. Copies are also available as a PDF download from the CT State Grange website at <http://www.ctstategrange.org/downloads.asp>.

Once your Facebook Page is set-up for your Grange, please let us know so that we can promote your Grange Page from the Connecticut State Grange Facebook Page and other Social Media entities.

North Central Pomona No. 13



Stafford No. 1

✓ Tolland No. 51

✓ Vernon No. 52

✓ Enfield No. 151

N. CENTRAL POMONA #13
Corr: J. Jordan

North Central Pomona will be doing the Fifth Degree on June 9 at the Vernon Grange Hall in Vernon at 7:30 P.M. If anyone has candidates, please notify Worthy Master Nancy Strong.

North Central Pomona does not meet in July and August.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan

June 7: Rhode Island

Tolland Grange will continue its discussion of Northeastern States with Rhode Island being the topic for June. Our meeting will be held in the Grange Hall on the Green in Tolland. It begins at 7:30 P.M.

VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong

June 3: Inspection

We welcome back our Deputy, Irene Percoski at our June 3 meeting. It will be good to get back upstairs in the hall after the successful huge Vernon Historical Society's book sale. We will attempt the Ritual Challenge of presenting the flag. The CWA needlework entries will be judged at this meeting and we hope to

have our excellent entries again from our talented members.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski

June 4: From Soup To Nuts

Seed catalogs never showed up this year. I wonder if that's due to the expense of postage or the ease of on line ordering. Nevertheless, our April program had some good tips from members on how to garden successfully, and 10 common mistakes gardeners make. (I plead guilty to at least half of them). The Spring Grange quiz brought reminders of the charges of the first degree and of course a visit to the IRS rounded out the program.

We made a few more adjustments to our new meeting room and as a result are able to have more room for floor work. Things are looking good. June will cover everything from soup to nuts, come visit.

We were saddened by the sudden death of our sister Elizabeth Hershey and know that she will be volunteering in the Great Grange above. Our deepest Sympathy got o her parents.



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Greetings!!! We had a great turnout despite some people not wanting to have fun and try something new like duck pin bowling. It is a shame that some don't like to try new things. Remember the old saying, "Try it, you might like it". I am sure that we will have the Bowl-A-Thon next year, just not sure what type of bowling yet. The mystery will continue until next year. Thank you so much to those who did come and bowl. Make sure that you tell others about the fun they missed.

Here are some upcoming events for the Juniors and Youth. The Juniors and Youth will be serving you a delicious dinner at "Let's Celebrate". Pat Palmer will help us out by making her famous lasagna which will be the featured item for dinner that day. "Thank You" Pat for helping us out once again. So make sure that you come hungry to "Let's Celebrate" because you are going to leave full!!!!

Anyone up for a ballgame? Have not heard any feedback from anyone. Doesn't the smell of a good hot dog and peanuts and popcorn make you want to run out to the ball game? Come on, why not have a little fun. All work and no play makes for a boring life. Live it up a little and act like a kid. You may just catch a foul ball. What could be more fun than good Grange friends, a hot dog and a really good baseball game. Let me know if any granges are interested. Please call me

Youth & Junior Grange

(203) 238-1510 or email me at youth@ctstategrange.org OR junior@cetstategrange.org.

Hope everyone has a great spring. Get out and plant some flowers.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87
Corr: Rita Schaefer

The Juniors have been meeting every third Friday of the month.

One of their projects they will be doing will be bowling.

They are trying to complete their crafts that they have already started and looking for better weather so they can plan some trips.

They are still looking for more members and when they get together will probably have a few new members.

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101
Corr: Sue Gray

Congratulations to Jared

Gervais, winner of the Junior Baking Contest with his chocolate pinwheel cookies. They were judged at the May Community Grange meeting. Congratulations to Clifford Gervais, who at this writing (with more meets before the end of the school year), took third place in competition in the school track meet; shot put competition.

Several Juniors were in the Sterling School play, both acting roles and behind the scenes workers.

MANY came out to assist with cleaning up cemeteries. Thirty hungry folks took the lunch break at the Grange! Aren't volunteers GREAT!

Jacob Gervais and Andrew Molodich graduate with high honors from Sterling Community School in June and both have been accepted at Killingly High School! Great job boys! We continue meeting on the first Fridays at 6 P.M. All are welcome!

Ekonk Jr. #101



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange #101 pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny (a.k.a. Trevor Gervais) outside a Convalescent home prior to visiting with the residents.

Camp Berger

Linda Coad,
Camp Trustees Chairperson

Another Open House is planned at the camp on Saturday, June 25th noon to 3PM. This will be an excellent time to see the progress that is being done at YOUR camp. Cabin G-1

sprung a leak so the roof will be replaced.

Two of the boy's cabins need roofs replaced but are on back burner for now. Do we have any roofers out there? Anyone that can give a day to pound nails, or just lug old shingles to the

dumpster?

We are looking toward a great camp season. Has your grange issued a camper-ship yet? Remember the secret to make this work is MORE KIDS.



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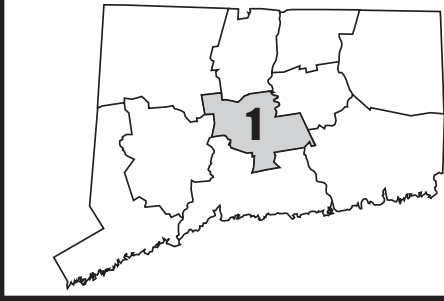


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CENTRAL POMONA #1
Corr: Dianna Clark
June 9: Higganum, 7:30 PM
Central Pomona Grange No. 1, June 9, Higganum at 7:30 P.M. with election of officers. Co-host, Hemlock Grange. The CWA picnic supplies three items. Get prepared for the talent show practice, and quetions, call Bob Charbonneau at



Phil Prelli (foreground) hoping for a better second course after receiving three olives, a cup of coffee and utensils for his first course. Maureen fared better with a more "full" plate!

The Menu

CLUE	MENU ITEM
1. Rock's Partner	Roll
2. Popeye's Favorite	Olives
3. Grange Symbol	Potato
4. By the Light of the Silvery Moon	Spoon
5. Bogged Down	Cranberry Sauce
6. A Dance	Chicken (Parmesan)
7. Part of the Road	Fork
8. Leguminous Twine	Green Beans
9. Crunch- Crunch	Celery
10. Fad Doll	Cabbage (Cole Slaw)
11. Surgery	Knife
12. 8 ounces of Goodies	Cupcakes
13. Not the money kind	Mints (Jr. Mints)
14. One for the Road	Drink

Actual Menu of One Member
1st Course: Drink, Spoon, Potato, 3 Olives, and a knife
2nd Course: Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Cole Slaw, Chicken Parmesan, and a roll
3rd Course: Celery, Cupcake, Jr. Mints and a fork.

203-237-4617 or Dianna Clark 860-346-7345.

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25
Corr: H. Chet Bacon
By the time you have read this, Southington Grange will have had their Awards night. We in Southington hope that all of you that were able to attend enjoyed the night's festivities along with the ice cream social and dancing. It was a memorable night with 3 scholarships being awarded to qualifying students, all with ties to the Grange. Our most memorable award was the scholarship given in memory of Florence O'Hare, a true Granger in every sense of the word. What a wonderful way to remember her life and her accomplishments in life by starting another's. This certainly does not cloud the Citizenship award given out to Patricia Walden who has dedicated her life to helping out the elderly throughout Connecticut.

Congratulations to one and all. We are already well into the planning for our annual fair on August 13th, featuring many vendors and activities.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
June 10: Grange Members Garden Tour
June 24: Memorial Program- Chaplain
Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Mystery Solved!

Todd Gelineau, Granger Editor
There were plenty of "Mysteries" to be solved at the Connecticut State Grange's first "Mystery Night" held on Saturday, April 30. Probably the biggest Mystery for Social Chairperson Joanne Cipriano and her committee was where to put everyone! Tickets were sold out well in advance of the evening with sales cut off in early April.
Upon arrival at Cheshire Grange, attendees were given a "Dinner Menu." This menu listed 14 clues to menu items and fourteen spaces on the opposite side divided into three courses. By successfully decoding the clues, members could design their own menu and the order in which they would eat. Decoding the menu clues incorrectly provided the first surprises of the evening.
Even the utensils were part of the clues. Failure to put a fork, knife or spoon in the first course, would mean eating without their help during the first or second courses. Brother Phil Prelli got all three utensils in

the first course but only had two items left, resulting in an appetizer of three green olives and a cup of coffee.
Special guests dressed as "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Dick Tracy" were featured along with door prizes of Lottery tickets and a raffle drawing. The evening wrapped up with 18 members presenting a play entitled "The Missing Emeralds" that featured many memorable performances by Grange thespians.
It was a fun evening for everyone in attendance and a great start for the Social Committee's activity schedule.
Next up will be the Pomona Competitive Night to be held at the Prospect Senior Center on Saturday, September 17. A potluck will be held at 6 PM followed by the competition at 7 P.M. Each Pomona is encouraged to put together a five member team to compete in five categories: Sports, Grange, Music, Cooking and Luck. Hope to see you there!



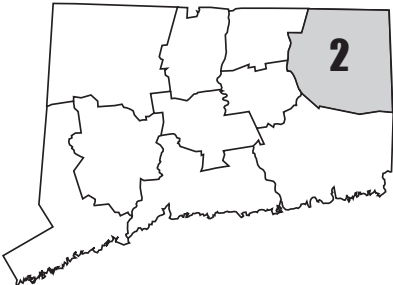
Cast members of "The Missing Emeralds": (top left) Rob Buck and Randy Miller. (top right) Charles Dimmick, Betty Jane Gardiner and Gene Bromley (A. Ruel Miller is standing behind Betty Jane).



Above: Jodi Ann Cameron's third course was celery, Junior mints, a roll and a cupcake! Right: Special guests for the evening included Dick Tracy and a Little Red Riding Hood that looked suspiciously like Past State Master Bob Sendewicz.



Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



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

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie Johnson
June 8: Agriculture Comm.
June 22: Potluck
July 13: Neighbors Night
Everything Green-
- Everyone busy getting gardens ready and planted. Farmers in the field, which is a welcome sight after the winter we've had. Lawns being mowed. Fruit trees heavy with blossoms. Hope that means a good yield. A good summer.

Jody Cameron presented Elsie May Johnson with a 70 year seal, a pretty red one. Also present were Jodi Ann, Jaimie and Quinebaug Deputy J. Allen Cameron, along with Jeff and Debbie Barnes.

Schools will be out soon so be more careful as more bikes and kids will be on the roads. All kinds of activities planned our being out there. It would help if gas prices would go down. Tabs and labels are coming in. Try to help the food pantries. Don't forget the shut-ins. Happy Brithday to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89
Corr: Sue Gray
June 6: "Paint the Town Red!" Inspection supper 6:30 pm
June 11: 117th Strawberry Supper 5pm-

We welcomed seven young women, students at Killingly High School in the VoAg program, to our Grange. They gave an outstanding presentation on "Preservation of the Last Green Valley". Katie Moloich, our Overseer, was among the panel members!

We changed the time of our 29th annual Fair, due to a conflict with Jon Hermonot's wedding. Congratulations to Jon (also on the State AG Com.)and his fiancé, Erica Prince! We also voted to postpone the Peach Supper scheduled for that evening (August 13th). Rebecca and Jared Gervais each placed 1st in the State Baking Contest held at our May meeting (Subordinate & Junior).

C o n g r a t u l a t i o n s

to Ashley Hermonot, graduating UCONN; Shelley St. Jean graduated (2 yr. Culinary Degree) from Southern New Hampshire University; Katrina Sebastian on her High School graduation (Plainfield) and Jacob Gervais & Andrew Molodich on their graduation from Sterling Community School.

Twelve members enjoyed, "City of Angels" at Plainfield High School (Katrina Sebastian had a lead role and Christopher Sebastian had 3 roles).

October 15th we will have a special Roast Beef Supper at 4:30 pm (presale tickets only)with all proceeds going to the "Home at Last" project to build housing for homeless veterans in Jewett City. This will be well publicized. We will have another seating at 6pm. We plan to have a float or display in the Moosup VJ Day Parade to promote this venture also.

Thanks to Marion Emmons for donating a huge stand up fan to the Grange and for her generous \$5,000.00 donation towards new flooring in the main hall. July 17th we will have our Awards Luncheon. Call Sue Gray for details... Have a great summer from all of us at Ekonk Community Grange!

ECHO GRANGE #180
Corr: Gloria John
June 14: Picnic 6PM
June 28: Election of Officers; Potluck, 6PM

Spring has finally arrived. Everyone is getting ready to plant their gardens.

Pat Maines is busy making 8" x 8" squares to be put together for "From the Heart". They are called "Squares Of Care". They are made into snugly afghans or blankets. They can be either knitted or crocheted. They will be given to children in foster care or underprivileged children in Connecticut.

Our baking contest will be judged this month. Get your baking pans out and enter.

"Preserving the Last Green Valley"



Area VoAg and FFA students presented a program entitled "Preserving the Last Green Valley" at the May meeting of Ekonk Community Grange No. 89. Pictured left to right: Ashley Ervick, Cassie Frabutt, Katie Herrick, Heather Slattery, Ekonk's Overseer Katie Molodich, Erin Dueer and Kies Orr.

It's time to Celebrate!



It's time to celebrate. "Let's Celebrate" the Grange that is. A full weekend of events are scheduled for June 11 and 12 at Cheshire Grange Hall.

Photo Contest entries have to be to me by June 11 at 10:00 a.m. You can bring them to Cheshire Grange hall that morning between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., or mail them to me ahead of time. If it is easier for you, you can bring them to the State office in Glastonbury by June 8th and I will make a trip to Glastonbury to get them.

**New this year, we will be sending a best in show entry to Oklahoma in November for a National Judging. Some of the National rules will be different than ours, so if you want your photo to be considered for the National contest please keep the following in mind: Minimum size 4x6 inches; Maximum size 11x14 inches. These sizes include a backing or matting. No frame is allowed, but all photos must have some type of ridged backing. First prize at National is \$100; 2nd is \$75; and, 3rd prize is \$50. "The National Grange Lecturer/ Program Director retains the right to disqualify any photo that depicts a scene or image that is contrary to the Organizations core values with the approval of the National Master." It's not too late to get an entry ready. Good Luck to all! On Sunday, June 12, a

full day of events will be held starting with Chaplain Amy Whitcomb's Church Service at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by a lasagna dinner put on by the Youth Committee. At 1:00 p.m. we will start judging the Talent and "A Number" contests. Our Talent winner will go on to the Northeast Region Judging which will be held as part of the North East Grange Lecturers Conference to be held in August in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

By the time you read this, information on the conference will be in the hands of all Lecturers. It will also have been sent to others who attended last year. If you haven't received yours yet, please let me know and I will get another copy out to you right away.

See you in Cheshire on June 11 & 12.

Elsie Johnson reaches 70 years



State Master Jody Cameron presented Elsie May Johnson her 70 year seal at a recent meeting of Wolf Den Grange No. 61. Also pictured, left to right, Jeff Barnes, State Overseer; Debbie Barnes, State Pomona; J. Allen Cameron, Deputy of Quinebaug Pomona; and Jaimie Cameron, State Jr. Committee.

Grange Sunday in Vermont

Sunday, June 26, 2011

PICNIC STYLE MEAL BEFORE SERVICE

12 Noon - 2:15 p.m.

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NEW ENGLAND GRANGE SUNDAY SERVICE

3:00 p.m.

Rockingham Meeting House
Rockingham, Vermont

DIRECTIONS: Both the Grange Hall and
Meeting House are just off VT Route 103. On
I-91 North or South take Exit 6. Turn WEST
on Rt 103 toward Rockingham and Rutland.

TO GRANGE HALL: Continue West on
103 for app 5.6 miles (VT Country Store will
be on your left), turn LEFT on Town Farm
Road (VT State Police Office will be on your
right), turn LEFT on Upper Bartonsville
Road, and first LEFT into Grange Hall
Parking lot. (SIGNS WILL MARK THE
WAY)

TO ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE:
(South bound Exit 6 on I-91), turn LEFT on
103. Go 1 mile, then turn LEFT on Meeting
House Road.

North bound Exit 6 on I-91, follow signs
for Rockingham/Rutland 1.9 miles and turn
LEFT on Meeting House Road.

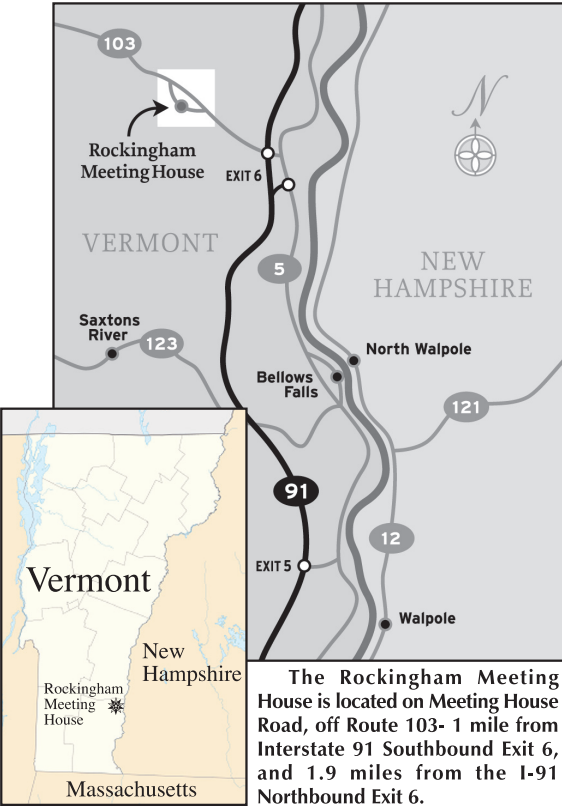
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Rockingham Meeting House

About the Meeting House

The Rockingham Meeting House is the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state. The Meeting House was built between 1787 and 1801 to serve the needs of religious services and civic events in the town of Rockingham, whose first focus of settlement had been in the village immediately surrounding it. The town expected to expand rapidly and planned a meeting house large enough to meet its needs.

The building stood unused for some decades and suffered vandalism and loss of its contents, but in 1906, after a fire which destroyed many buildings in the village, people of the town and the surrounding area recognized that the Meeting House was a well-preserved historical and architectural treasure and raised funds for its restoration.

Much of what stands today is original fabric from the eighteenth century: king-post framing, woodworking details of the exterior, many glass panes in the twenty-over-twenty windows, interior plaster work, and most of the material of the “pig pen” box pews. The pulpit was reconstructed in 1906, but the sounding board above it is original. In size and austerity, the Meeting House is very much a Puritan building of a style already considered old-fashioned in more urban parts of New England when it was built.

The Rockingham Meeting House was designated by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark on May 16, 2000. It is owned and maintained by the Town of Rockingham.

In Memoriam

Arlene Foley

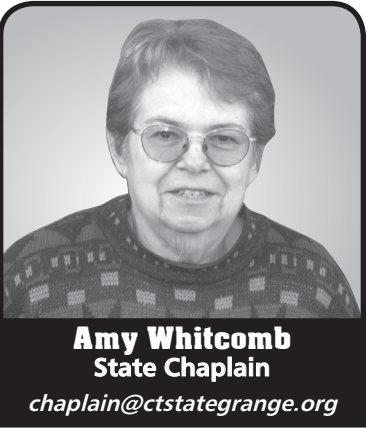
Elizabeth Hershey

Hillstown Grange #87

Enfield Grange #151

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Use the email or the regular mailing address
listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

Chaplain's Message



Welcome to the awakening of another summer season. It is beginning to warm in the Northwest corner and we are in full bloom now. Just a reminder of the upcoming events of Grange Sunday here on June 11th at 11 A.M. in Cheshire and New England Grange Sunday on June 26th at the Rockingham Meetinghouse

in Rockingham, Vermont. Hope to see you there.

Many people first become conscious of their dissatisfaction with their present condition in life when they seek to gain a fuller knowledge of the spiritual things in life. The hunger we feel is but the prompting of the Devine within us, which longs with an infinite longing to fill us. “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.” The supply is always equal to the demand, but first there must be a demand before supply is of use.

There is attainable by us, a place where we can see that our doing can cease, because Spirit is the fulfillment of all of our desires. We simply get still and know that all things, whatever we desire are ours already, and this knowing it, or recognizing it, has power to bring the invisible God or good, the innermost substance of all things, forth into the visible form of good that we want.

To affirm anything is to assert positively that it is so, even in the face of all contrary evidence. We may not be able to see that by our simple affirming a thing to be true, we can go on to prove the rule, each one in his own life. The beautiful presence all about us and within us is the substance of every good that we can possibly desire, yes, infinitely more than we are capable of desiring, for “no eye has seen or hear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” There are many affirmations of Truth that cover a multitude of other ones, and which do marvelous work in bringing good to ourselves and to others.

High Priest of Demeter passes



The Connecticut State Grange mourns the passing of High Priest of Demeter Tom Severance. The following obituary appeared in his hometown (Massachusetts) newspaper:

Thomas F. Severance, 77, of 88 Gilbert St., died Sunday, May 15, 2011. He is predeceased by his wife

of 52 years, Margaret M. (Moore) Severance.

He leaves a daughter, Martha E. Severance & her husband Dr. Charles J. LaTendresse of Grundy Center, Iowa and two sons: Thomas P. & his wife Janet of Marion, MA and Richard J. & his wife Joann of North Brookfield; a sister, Florine (Severance) Martel of North Brookfield; six grandchildren: Thomas LaTendresse of Grundy Center, Iowa and Kimberly Severance and her husband Jeremiah Stoner of Pella, Iowa; Brittany and Holly Severance of Marion, MA; and Ryan and Kathryn Severance of North Brookfield and one great granddaughter, Leeann M. Stoner of Pella, Iowa.

Thomas was born in Worcester, the son of Thomas J. and Florine E. (Wine) Severance and has

been a lifelong resident of North Brookfield. He was a math teacher for over 30 years at Assumption Prep and Southbridge High School, until his retirement in 1992. He was treasurer and moderator of the Worcester County Mathematics League. He was a member and Eucharistic minister of St. Joseph's Church North Brookfield, a member of the Knights of Columbus in North Brookfield and a member of the New Braintree Grange #170, the Bay Path Grange #9, the Massachusetts State Grange and the National Grange. He was a former Master of the Massachusetts State Grange and was High Priest of Demeter of the National Grange. He was a member of the Grange for over 50 years. He served on the Zoning Board of Appeals in North Brookfield for many years.