

A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY **WINCHESTER GRANGE No. 74**

Grange Fair and Flea Market

Held each August, the Winchester Grange Fair and Flea Market features contest judging and exhibits of fruits, vegetables, flowers, baking, collections as well as a book sale, refreshments from Cafe 74, games for children, entertainment, and a large community flea market on the Winchester Center Green.

Strawberry Festival

Take Dad out for Dessert! Held annually on Father's Day, the Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival features the largest servings of shortcake for miles, as well as a bake sale and guest appearance by the newly-crowned Laurel Queen.

Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk

The Holiday Bazaar features vendors and artisans selling a variety of items such as homemade crafts, jewelry, and holiday decorations. One of the highlights is the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. The Cookie Walk gives shoppers a chance to fill a decorated coffee can full of homemade cookies for a low price.

Super Prize Parties

A Super Prize Party is similar to a teacup auction / penny auction / country store, but with a wider variety of prizes. It's always an enjoyable time with an abundance of great prizes for every possible taste.

Other activities include:

- Tag Sales
- Exhibits at Local Agricultural Fairs
- Picnic and Awards Night
- Concerts, Lectures and Programs
- And so much more!

WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

The Grange is the nation's oldest general farm and community public interest organization. Originally founded in 1867, today the Grange represents nearly 200,000 grassroots Grange members affiliated with 2,700 local, county and state Grange chapters located in 40 states.

In the State of Connecticut, there are over 60 communities with Grange chapters.

Grange membership is non-exclusive. Members are not limited by age, gender, culture, race or faith. In the ever changing community, the Granges across the State of Connecticut provide diverse services. Our organization is comprised of all types of individuals – including men and women of all ages, from trades people and small business owners to educators and professionals.

The Grange and its members provide service to not only agriculture and rural communities on a wide variety of issues, but has evolved into an organization concerned with the needs of all people - rural, suburban and urban - including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure strong and viable communities across America.

With a non-partisan legislative voice at the local, state and national level, the Grange vigorously encourages member participation in the political process.

The fellowship, recreation and social activities in the Grange are developed with the family in mind – children and senior citizens alike are welcome. Competitions in music, art, public speaking, crafts, and a variety of other activities are an important part of every Grange's agenda.

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Come Join Us



WINCHESTER GRANGE No. 74

Building on our Foundations

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Grange provides numerous benefits for its members, including:

- An ability to make a real difference – from legislative issues to community issues
- Learning about your community and its priorities, and making a difference within the communities across Connecticut
- Camaraderie, fun and life-long friendships
- Networking and personal growth opportunities
- Developing organizational and communication skills: speaking, writing and negotiating

As well as additional benefits with the following ...

- Stay informed of Grange News with a subscription to the Connecticut Granger newspaper
- Numerous contests and hobby activities
- Camp Maud Isbell Berger Summer Camp
- Discounts on Hertz Rent-A-Car
- Insurance Services
- Beltone Hearing Aids
- Prescription Cards
- Grange Trips and Cruises
- Hotel Discounts
- Allied Van Lines Discount Program
- Access to numerous other savings and services

In 1867 the National Grange became the first nationwide farm organization. It is the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 50 years before Congress adopted the same.

The Grange's passionate, non-partisan style of grassroots vigor has since continued to ensure that the average citizen is fully represented in public policy dialogue.



National Grange Founder
Oliver Hudson Kelley

BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATIONS

Since 1888, Winchester Grange members have been meeting the needs of the Winchester Center community. Our organization has constantly evolved to be of service to our local area, its families and our neighbors.

Winchester Grange has been an active participant in a whole myriad of community service programs, including:

- Preserving the Winchester Center zip code by providing a home for the local Post Office.
- Provide a home for the Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Department.
- Supply and help local area food banks
- Make care packages for our troops overseas
- Distribute Bike Helmets to prevent head injuries
- Provide college scholarships to students
- Provide a quality summer camp for children
- Work with Foster Families through donations
- Raise money and donate goods to children's programs across the state



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Membership Inquiry Form

Winchester Grange No. 74

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

I respectfully petition to be enrolled as a member of Winchester Grange No. 74:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and mail to: **Winchester Grange, P.O. Box 155, Winchester Center, CT 06094**
A Grange representative will be in touch soon!