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History is born!



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As I sit here at the computer trying to force myself to come up with this month's article I have a million things running through my mind. The big question is where do I begin?

As reported last month, on May 20th, 14 Charter members signed the Charter Application to organize Groton Community Grange. On June 17th the new officers were installed, and June 18th the Charter application was filed. History is born.

We currently have 3 Granges that are real close to organizing Junior Granges, with a fourth in the discussion stage. History is born.

On June 1st Katie Molodich was elected Vice President of the CT FFA, Congratulations Katie. History is born.

Many Granges have been reporting bringing

new members, for these new Grangers, history is born.

Each of these Granges and Grangers has nothing but opportunity ahead of them. Will they encounter challenges? YES. Will they need to alter their course from time to time just to stay on course? YES. They are all entering into a new and uncharted area they have never been in before. There is little to nothing that can or will hold them back if they set their minds to it. They each have the opportunity to be true pioneers.

These events and members are significant and deserve great praise, CONGRATULATIONS to each of you.

Every Grange and every Granger has these opportunities every day.

When was the last time your Grange made a difference in your community? When was the last time your Grange engaged all of its members in a brainstorming session on developing ideas around advancing your Grange in the community. When was the last time your Granges leadership offered opportunities to its members to develop their personal leadership skills or challenged you to come out of your comfort zone to undertake a task or project? When was the last time your Grange held a membership drive with goals and targets? As we develop our programming for the coming Grange year, think BIG. Let's challenge every member to "make" history in the 2013/2014 Grange year.

RI & CT PICNIC

The Connecticut and Rhode Island State Granges have announced that they will be co-hosting an Old-Fashioned Grange Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013. The grounds will open at 10:00 AM, and lunch will be held during the Noon-hour.

All Grange members are encouraged to attend this event, which will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Route 112, Richmond, RI, and will feature entertainment, old-fashioned picnic games, horseshoes, softball and more!

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be furnished. Connecticut Grangers to bring hors d'oeuvres, snacks and desserts. Rhode Island Grangers to bring sides and salads.

All who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to Edith Schoell, CT State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033. (Phone: 860-633-7550, E-mail: secretary@ctstategrange.org.

A flyer is also available as a PDF file download on the Connecticut State Grange website downloads page (under the Events section). We ask you to share this with your Granges to help spread the word!

Fill your car for a fun day with Grange friends and neighbors from Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Members, Prospective Members and Friends of the Grange are welcome!

Shopping in Simsbury



Simsbury Grange No. 197 held a Tag/Bake Sale & Indoor Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 1 at the Grange Hall. The Farmers' Market featured many items including spring greens, honey and much more.

National Grange calls failure of Farm Bill a "true injustice"

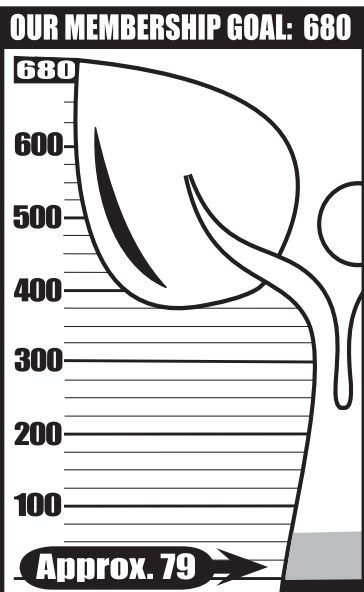
WASHINGTON, D.C. – "The House did the American people a true injustice today," National Grange President Ed Luttrell said after learning that the legislative body failed to pass the Farm Bill in a 195-234 vote.

The Grange, America's oldest agriculture and rural advocacy group, has been a significant supporter of the bill that Luttrell said would have offered stability to one of the nation's leading industries.

"Last year's extension of the Farm Bill was extremely disappointing to the ag community and the House's failure to pass the bill today just deepens this frustration," Luttrell said. "The Farm Bill isn't just about farming and agriculture. It's about jobs, energy, and our nation's overall recovery in this still struggling economy. One in 12 American jobs depend upon agriculture and without the strength and stability provided by the Farm Bill, our nation's farmers and ranchers will be unable to make rational, informed decisions about the future."

National Grange Legislative Director Grace Boatright said the failure comes mainly from proposed cuts to the 80 percent of Farm Bill spending marked for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps.

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15 Granger Deadline Extended JULY 15!

NEXT ISSUE: AUGUST!
Due to some confusion about whether or not there would be an issue in August, we have **EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO JULY 15!**

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State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary
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Thank you for the cards, prayers and calls as I recover from my accident. They are appreciated.

Secretaries will soon be receiving the forms to list officers and committee information for the

Directories. If this is an off year for your elections, please get the information in as soon as possible. We would like to have the Directories ready as soon after the commencement of our year in September.

There is still time to consider giving a campership, or partial campership for a child to attend Camp Berger. Camp Berger is a wonderful place for youngsters to enjoy the camping activities and make new friends.

Let's Celebrate...the Winners!



(Left) Sara Bement of Winchester Grange received first place in the State Toasted Coconut Shortbread Baking Contest. (Right) "Master Gardeners" Sandy Phillips (left) and Maureen Prelli perform in the first place winning skit from Mountain County Pomona at "Let's Celebrate" in June at Cheshire Grange.



Granger Shout Out



Katrina Sebastian: Part of College Theatre Group to present "Les Estrada" at the World Wide Theatre Festival in Scotland this summer! (Ekonk #89 Youth)

Katie Hermonot: UConn student chosen to attend Agricultural College in Florence, Italy (Steward of Ekonk #89)

Katie Molodich: Elected Vice President of the CT FFA Association (Ekonk #89 President)

Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets for this year's State Grange Raffle- proceeds benefit the CT State Grange Foundation.

Many thanks to Barbara Robert and Eloise Osuch for all their help with Beacon Valley's 124th Anniversary.

A shout out to Loretta and Phil Roland from Oxford Grange for all they work they do.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

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

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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Farm Bill Failure

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"Cuts to the SNAP program were undoubtedly the cause of today's Farm Bill rejection in the House, which is especially frustrating because I believe that the Senate and House bills had a lot of common ground on which to build. It's going to be a long and dreary road from here as the Washington ag community regroup and reevaluates its work on this issue," Boatright said.





Boatright said the continued inability of Congress to move forward on even the most crucial measures is disappointing.

"Unfortunately, American agriculture and the millions of people who benefit from it can't wait for Washington to resolve its issues. We needed action today and I know I speak for our more than 160,000 members when I say we are incredibly disappointed by the House's failure to pass this vital piece of legislation."

Boatright and Luttrell agreed that there is public misunderstanding about aspects of the bill, but say Congress should be more aware than the average American of the need to pass legislation that gives farmers a better safety net, enhances conservation, stabilizes and enhances safety measures for food and assists in the promotion of our products in foreign markets.

POFH ELECTRIC

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE STATE OFFICERS?

 MARGE BERNHARDT Should have been seen at: E. Central #3, Quinebaug #2, Higganum #124, Meriden #29 N. Stonington #138	 ROBERT BUCK Should have been seen at: Quinebaug #2, New London County #6, Killingly #112, Beacon #118, Prospect #144
 BARBARA C. KULISCH Should have been seen at: Central #1, Excelsior #7, Ekonk Community #89, Eureka #62, Wolf Den #61	 M. ROSS STANDS Should have been seen at: Quinebaug #2, Mountain County #4, Vernon #52, Colchester #78, Harmony #92

This is intended to be a fun way to remind Grangers that State Officers are assigned to visit each Grange in the state this year.

All elected officers will be featured here.

It was a great "Let's Celebrate"



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It was nice seeing so many of you at Let's Celebrate. What a great way to celebrate the Grange and all that it stands for.

We had a great turnout for our Photo Contest with a lot of quality photos. The winners were:

America The Beautiful: Gail Prelli, Riverton Grange;

Diane Clark, Meriden Grange; Sandra Peterson, Lyme Grange; HM Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange

Animals: Charles Bierce, Riverton Grange*; Gail Prelli, Riverton Grange; Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton Grange; HM Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange

Grangers in Action: Lois Evankow, Lyme Grange; Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton Grange; Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange

Family Celebrations: Deborah Sharpe, Ekonk Grange; Shirley Moore, Riverton Grange; Barbara Foskett, Cheshire Grange

Historic Places or Events: Susan Belle-Isle, Riverton Grange; Cathy Russi, Colchester Grange;

Edith Schoell, Manchester Grange

*Charles Bierce's picture of his dog was named Best in Show and will now go onto National Grange for judging.

The theme for our "A Number" Contest was "Gardening in Connecticut. The winners were:

1- Mountain County Pomona with a skit called "Garden Talk"

2- Fairfield County Pomona with an original poem called "A Connecticut Garden"

3- Quinebaug Pomona with a skit named "The Grange Garden".

Mountain County has been asked to do their skit Monday night at Lecturers' Conference. Monday night is when Connecticut puts on its'

program and a lot of people are needed. Please let me know if you can help. If you didn't see Mountain Counties skit, this is a must see at the conference.

Our Talent Winners were:

1- The Cousins 102 from New Haven County Pomona singing "Dona Nobis Pacem, and,

2- Geno Piacentini singing "Moon River"

Our Talent winners have been asked to perform Tuesday night at Lecturers' Conference. This is the night we all dress up in orange and have a little friendly competition between the States. Knowing Connecticut Grangers I am sure you can make more noise, etc. than the other States.

As we slow the pace of our Grange activities for the summer, don't forget to check

your Bluebook for all the other contests which we should be preparing in time to be judged for State Session.

Hope to see you at Lecturers' Conference and around the State.

98th Annual Northeast Lecturers' Conference



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Do You Remember?

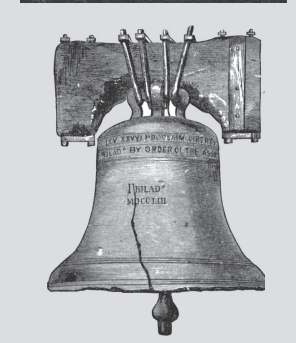
The Bicentennial Quilt

by Betty Jane Gardiner

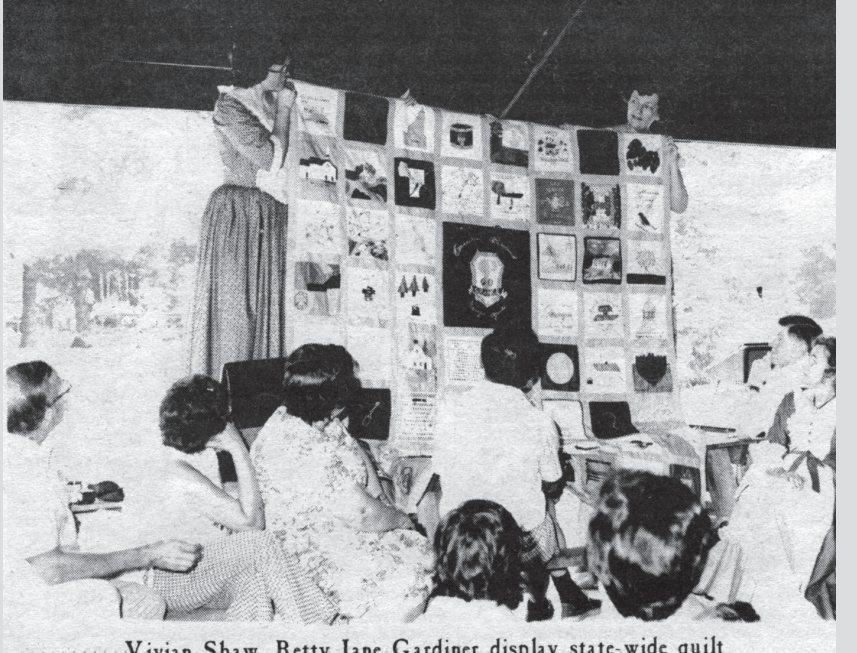
Here we go again- taking a little departure with the "Do You Remember" column! This time we are not asking you to remember a person- but to recall a thing! When our country celebrated its bicentennial the Connecticut State Grange was ready to play its part. State Master at the time was Frank Prelli of Victory Grange No. 189 and Mountain County Pomona. Frank's wife, Gertrude "Peggy" Prelli was a lady of many talents and great ideas. (This couple is on the list to be honored via this column in the not too distant future). One of the things they arranged for our state celebration was the making of a quilt with a square submitted from each Subordinate Grange. It was requested that the design should be something emblematic of the town in which the Grange was located. This led to endless possibilities and created a lot of interest. Peg was an expert in all needlework skills so it became her special project. A few ladies were chosen to be a part of the undertaking. Vivian Shaw of Granby Grange and I were asked to represent Farmington Valley Pomona- and we were delighted!! Throughout the weeks before the state celebration we drove to the Prelli home in Winsted each Wednesday to spend the day working on the "masterpiece." It was great fun! Directions had been sent to each Grange, but it soon became apparent that a good part of the task was going to be to re-do some of the squares! There were a few that were too big- that was a problem. The "too small" were easy- just add a border! A few needed some embellishment to complete them and we didn't have enough squares to make the whole thing. What to do??? Peg had a really magic touch and spent hours on the arrangements of the squares. She came up with the idea of making additional pieces showing the emblems of the degrees of our Order! She embroidered those herself! For many hours she was "tied" to her sewing machine as she put everything together- did the border- and the backing!!!

Each Grange had sent an account of what the square represented. Those were put in order to match the layout of the quilt and placed into an envelope to accompany the quilt wherever it went.

The quilt was introduced at the picnic held at People's State Forest in Barkhamsted. The special guest was National Master John Scott and his wife, Dorothy. As a part of the afternoon program the quilt was unveiled for all to admire. Vivian Shaw and I had the honor and pleasure of standing on a picnic table holding the quilt as



The Bicentennial Quilt presented by Frank Prelli (holding flag), Peggy Prelli (center) and held by granddaughters Jennifer and Marie Prelli.



Vivian Shaw, Betty Jane Gardiner display state-wide quilt

Peg gave the interesting story of each block and what it represented. It was a lesson in the history of each Grange and town as well as examples of the handwork of many Grangers.

During that year the quilt made the rounds for each event- and then went to stay in the Prelli home to be in good hands. Frank was often teased about how many times he snoozed under the quilt on a cold winter evening! He never said he did - but he never said he didn't!

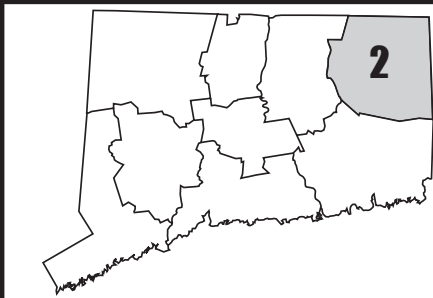
For a while the quilt stayed at the Central

Office. A couple of years ago it went to be on display in the Connecticut Room of the New England Grange Building at the Big E. It was wonderful to see it again and to recall the memories it represents.

Now it is in safe keeping in the home of State Master Jody Cameron. Has anybody asked if Jody takes an occasional nap sung and warm under this very special comforter? Guess we will have to look into THAT!!

Do remember the Bicentennial Quilt.

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

Aug. 14: Surprise Guest, Ref. Ice Cream

Lots of activity everywhere. Gardens are growing well. We picket a lot of strawberries-even in the rain. Lawn mowers are having to do a lot of work-- grass is growing fast! Graduations and schools are out. Motorcycles and bikers everywhere. Tabs still coming in.

Ladies are still busy working on their quilts and other items.

Trips and vacations are planned. Have a good summer.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

July 1: "Keith Whitley" 7:30

July 13: Blueberry Supper, 5

July 21: Awards Luncheon

Aug. 5: "Neil Armstrong" 7:30

Aug. 10: 31st Annual Fair

Aug. 10: Roast Pork Supper, 5 P.M.

Congratulations, Katie! Our President, Katie Molodich, is no vice president of the CT FFA! Because of the obligations this new office will entail, Katie chose NOT to run for President. Our Vice President, Link Cooper, was elected and we all know he will do a fantastic job, as did Katie! Congratulations also to our Steward, Katie Hermonot! She was unable to remain as our Steward

because she will be studying Agriculture in Italy- wow! She and several other UConn students will be taking classes in Florence, Italy. Congratulations to Katrina Sebastian too. Katrina will be traveling with her college theatre group to Scotland, sharing her musical and acting talents as part of the "World Wide Theatre Festival" as they present the Greek play, "Les Estrada"! Finally, congratulations to our youth graduates: Carly Sebastian, Irinel Fishlock, Trevor and Clifford Gervais, Jonathan Sarette, Andrew Hawkins (8th grade) and Shelley St. Jean, who graduated college!

Our Strawberry Supper set all records: most people served (265) and most money profited (over \$2,000)! Our skit "The Grange Garden" took 3rd at "Let's Celebrate"; Lillian Sharpe's cookies took 1st and Deborah Sharpe's picture of her Dad and her son placed 1st in the "Celebrations" category. State Master Jody Cameron presented Clifford and Trevor Gervais each \$100 from the State Grange Youth Travel Fund towards their expenses for the trip to the Kelley Farm Degrees in July.

We voted to allow the seventh grade use our hall for a Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser for their 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

The Sterling Republican Town Committee is using our facilities for a major fundraiser for 9 year old Gabe LaPointe and his family. Born with a heart defect, Gabe is also battling leukemia. Many Grangers will be assisting with this event.

The July 13th "Blueberry Supper" will feature baked stuffed chicken breast, potatoes, veggies, rolls and butter, beverages and blueberry crisp.

July 21st will be our annual Awards Luncheon (1:00 P.M.) at which Marion R. Emmons will lead the many recipients when she receives her 70 year Grange membership seal. A total of 150 years of Grange membership will be honored that afternoon!

Plan a visit to the friendly Grange on the hill!

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

We had our Ham and

Bean Supper which was very successful! I am sure that most of you have planted your gardens by now and hope we do not have too hot a summer.

We usually had our picnics at Sara Tormey's home, but Pat and Jim Palmer have offered their home for our June picnic.

Our Craft Contest is in.

Hope everyone enjoys a nice summer.

Legislative session review



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Legislative Director

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Gordon Gibson, State Legislative Comm.

The most controversial issue before the 2013 General Assembly was gun control. A bill was passed and signed into law that severely limits the design of guns that can be sold in Connecticut and the amount of ammunition these guns can hold. The law does allow the manufacture of some guns in Connecticut that cannot be sold here but are legal to be sold in other states in the hope that we would not lose our gun industry and the related businesses. However, one gun manufacturer is moving out of Connecticut and others may follow. Although the possession of certain types of guns is now illegal in Connecticut, they can still be legally purchased and owned in nearby states.

The biggest problem facing the legislature this year was the budget. Everyone knew there would be cuts in most all federally-funded programs, but no one knew how much they would be cut. Given the state of our economy, no one wanted to raise taxes. The State did make some cuts in the grants to municipalities. The towns will have to either cut the funding for some of their programs or raise the property tax rate to make up for the loss in state funding. Every special interest group, including the Grange, was trying to keep what they had. Working with other concerned groups, we were able to defeat a proposal to take some of the funds generated by the Community Investment Act to help the general fund budget. The Community Investment

Act provides funding for affordable housing, historic preservation, the preservation of open space land and the purchase of development rights to agricultural land through a surcharge on all deeds, mortgages, releases and other documents filed on the land records.

Two bills passed the General Assembly and have been signed into law by Governor Malloy that will help enable cities and towns to preserve more land for community farms. Public Act 13-104 will allow a municipality to purchase and hold the development rights to agricultural land located in another town.

Municipalities have been able to hold development rights on land within their town, but until now could not hold development rights on any land outside their town. Public Act 13-59 allows a municipality to purchase and hold restrictions on agricultural land that limits or prohibits the construction of farm buildings on the land if the owner voluntarily offers to sell or donate those rights to the municipality.

Senate Bill 1134 which would have allowed the use of outdoor wood fired furnaces on farms to heat water year round and would have required that only the chimney be 200 feet from an off farm residence rather than the entire furnace as is now

required died on the Senate calendar because there was not enough time to get it on the floor for debate and a vote.

House Bill 6400 which would have made camp directors and assistant directors mandated reporters for suspected child abuse and/or neglect, the same as school and medical personnel died on the House calendar. The Grange followed this bill because of its possible effect on Camp Berger. The State Grange already requires background checks on all camp personnel who have any contact with the campers, but only the State can make them mandated reporters. A similar bill last year did not pass.

House Bill 6690 would have authorized the appointment of an attorney to represent one or more animals in cases of animal cruelty or neglect. This bill passed the House but died on the Senate calendar. Similar bills have been filed in recent years, so we expect a similar bill will be filed again next year.

Two bills the Grange opposed would have reduced the time prisoners must serve behind bars if they participated in certain programs to reduce their risk to society. Public hearings were held on both of these bills but the committee chose not to move them forward. Similar bills may be introduced next year.



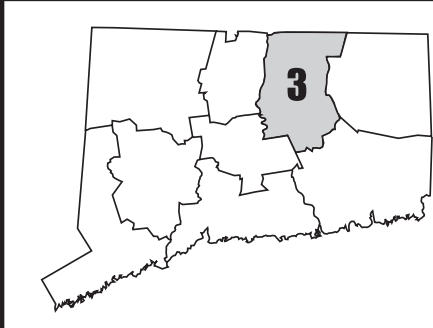
From left: Gordon Gibson, State Legislative Liaison; Victor Salazar (Potomac Grange Legislative Fly-In Scholarship winner from Eureka Grange); Congressman Joe Courtney; Alma Graham, State Legislative Director and Bruce Graham met with the Congressman during the recent National Grange Legislative Fly-In.

Relay for Life



Relay for Life at Plainfield Town Hall. Our Grange was asked to cook food for the weekend -and we said "Sure, We Can Do That!". Above, three of the four Youth that were helping at Relay in Plainfield.

East Central Pomona No. 3



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

TUNXIS GRANGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

At our June meeting, Tunxis voted to consider consolidation with another Grange. Letters have been sent out to notify everyone, and we have to wait to see if the Grange votes to accept us.

We will discuss it at our next meeting and then we will take a vote. If it passes, the books and treasury information will be turned over to the State Grange, at the next meeting.

It is very sad to see a Grange have to consolidate as so many have in the past few years. Tunxis was organized in 1875, so has been around a long time. I was a "late" member as some had been so much longer in Tunxis than I have been a member. Master Doris Shaw has been such a wonderful Master. She has worked hard and done so much to keep us going. A 55 year member, Doris just got her 55 year seal, and I want to extend my congratulations on many wonderful years of Grange work and service to the Order. We all say "thanks", Doris, and owe a lot to you.

We will keep the Granger and members informed on what will be going on with Tunxis Grange No. 13.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff

July 11: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Fireworks Galore; Refreshments; Priscilla Schmartz and Herbert and Ruth Grommeck

Aug. 1: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Picnic

Glastonbury is now on its summer schedule. We just have our monthly meeting in July and no Card Parties. The Monte Carlo Card Parties will begin in October.

August 1st is our meeting an Annual Picnic. I don't have any particulars at this time. For information on the picnic contact our Master, Robert Nordstrom.

I want to thank everyone, members and non-

members, for their support of the Pasta Dinner that we held on May 18th. It was a big success. Much thanks, also, to all who worked on it. We will have the final figures at our June 6th meeting. (I am writing this on June 2nd.)

Congratulation to Priscilla Schmartz for her entry in the Needlework Contest. She placed 2nd in the Pomona Judging on May 28th. Her entry was a "counted cross stitch" entry item.

East Central Pomona is holding a Degree Day (conferring the first 4 degrees) on August 17th at Good Will Grange Hall on Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury. Activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. Now would be the time to bring in any applications to join Glastonbury Grange. They could take all 4 degrees on that day. We do need some new members. If you need applications just call me 8860-315-5336 and I will mail them to you.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer. Join us at our picnic. Bring a friend or two with you. Non-members are always welcome.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Leona Wilson

July 2: Picnic

Aug. 20: Ice Cream, We all Scream

It is hard to believe that summer is already here. But we have had 90 degree weather. Manchester Grange, like most Granges, will hold only one meeting in July and August. We are planning some events for the fall time frame. Watch for them!

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

July 2: Presidents

Tolland Grange will meet at the hall on the first Tuesday in July. The discussion on Presidents is winding down. If you can visit us, we would love to see you. Happy 4th of July to all Grangers.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

July 12: Election of Officers

We had a great meeting in June in which we awarded Geraldine Strong with a 75th year membership honor from National Grange and Gordon Gibson his 55 year membership seal. Dana Stevens of FoodCorp gave an interesting talk on the FoodCorp program in Connecticut where young college bound students work with schools to help students achieve better nutrition and become aware of where their food comes from.

A good time was had by all.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Frank Forrest

July 11: Annual Picnic. Fun and food starts at 6pm at the Grange Hall

Aug. 22: Meeting starts at 7:30 and it starts a new year for us with lots of growth and community activities.

The summer is pretty much underway as this is being written with the hope of no surprises with the weather. When you read this some of the harvest should be coming in, we are looking for lots of zucchini for the State contest, Mr. Stripey tomatoes and larkspur for our contest.

Our older members in various healthcare facilities would welcome visitors if anyone has a chance. Next year we want to try to set up small wheelchair gardens at some of the local places to the joy of gardening will be available to all.

June 22 we had a meatloaf and strawberry shortcake dinner and will have photos on our website and Facebook.

June 27 was our awards night and it's nice to see so many folks at our Grange.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

July 13: Fun and Games, Ref. Richard & Mickey

Aug. 10: Picnic, No Program, Ref. All

We did a tribute to Mom and a memorial service for our departed members at our May meeting. We have permission to use a large area as a garden for our zucchini and Jim has taken charge of the whole project. We all will take turns with the care and weeding and hope to have a bumper crop. Our cookbooks should arrive in mid-June. Please call any member to order yours. They will make nice gifts.

The winner of the baking contest was Judy Elliot, and we have 2 entries in the needlework contests. July and August will be fun meetings as we relax for the summer. Come visit.

Vernon Grange No. 52



Addie Nelson (center) became the newest member of the Vernon Grange and Geraldine Strong (left, holding certificate) received her certificate for being a member for 75 years! — with (back row, l to r) Nancy Strong, Mike Nelson, Addie Nelson, and Carol Nelson.

Cruise with Colchester



Colchester Grange #78 is offering a 13 day cruise to the awesome Southern Caribbean. Participants will be transported to New York where they board the brand new New York City-themed Norwegian Breakaway... NCL's latest addition. The trip will take place January 19-31, 2014. You will visit San Juan, St Thomas, St Maarten, St Lucia, Barbados and St Kitts. The program helps support the Grange's Scholarship fund. This is a new ship and will book-up fast. Make your reservation early. You can call for information by contacting Cathy @ 860-887-9621. Pricing starts as low as \$1549.00.

Social Connection



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
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The profit from our state-wide tag sale has now risen to \$621.85. We thank Central Pomona No. 1, Quinebaug Pomona No. 2, Mountain County Pomona No. 4 and Excelsior Pomona No. 7 for having a tag sale. And New Haven County Pomona No. 5 for their cash donation. Applications for the "Granger of the Year" have been mailed to each Grange. Have you selected your nominee?

Our committee has made a list and is now checking it twice to make sure we have everything ready to have a Merry Christmas Party. Have you marked your calendar? The date Saturday September 21st. — The place — Prospect Senior Center. We will be starting at 6 o'clock. There is no admission charge. But we hope some of you will volunteer to bring some kind of finger food for supper or an item for the Country Store. Watch for our wish list in the next Connecticut Granger.

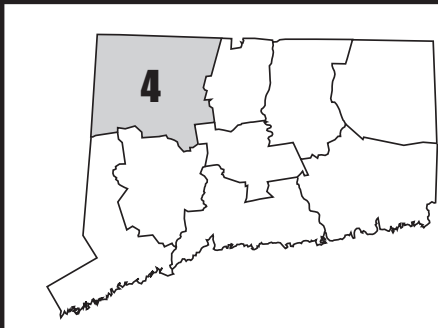
Welcome new members!

Addie Nelson
Lisa Herzig
Ceildh Burdick

Vernon Grange #52
Stonington Grange #168
Stonington Grange #168

Has your Grange taken in new members? We would love to know about them and include them in this report and in the State Master's membership tally on page one. Email, mail or phone the Editor with the names of your new members.

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 Gelineau

Mountain County finished off the season with flourish before going on our annual summer vacation. On June 2 we held an open house for the revitalization of Litchfield Grange. Unfortunately no one from outside of the Grange attended the event, most likely to the confusion following its postponement earlier in the winter due to the Blizzard of 2013! The State Grange is now working on a plan to recruit new members for this Grange.

As reported last time, we changed our Spring Gift Drawing into a Spring Gift Card Drawing with a very good profit realized. We thank the officers for donating the money to purchase the cards and the members and friends who purchased tickets. It's our only real fundraiser for the year and we appreciate the support.

The drawing was held at our June 24 meeting at Eureka Grange which also featured Election of Officers. George Russell remains in the Master's chair while Susan Addison moved over to Pomona and Kim Mele takes her place as Lecturer. The plan, at this writing is to have the Grange hosting Pomona's meeting (other than on Degree and Installation nights) will be asked to provide a program. We'll see how it goes! Peter Keefe also takes on the job of Assistant Steward from Todd Gelineau who has been appointed Assistant Secretary.

Our next meeting will be our Installation in September. Details in the next issue.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The June meeting of Whigville Grange began with a Dairy supper. An amazing array of dishes were served, reflecting the abundant amount of dairy products available. Our Charter was draped in memory of Sister

Janet Schwalm, who will be greatly missed. Janet was a tireless worker for many organizations, including our Grange. "Birthdays" was our meeting theme. Lecturer Helena Schwalm out did herself once again. We even had cupcakes and candles!!! Thank you to Mary Lou Keefe, who was our pianist for the evening. Her husband Peter came to inspect us. Thank you Peter. In July we will hold a bake sale at Adams Grocery in Terryville.

We have some exciting news to share!!! Sister Helena Schwalm has been chosen Plymouth's volunteer of the year!!!

This award goes to a deserving citizen each year. Nominees are submitted by the community, and a committee makes the final decision. Helena is involved in the Grange, her Church, the Terryville Seniors, and so much more. Have a wonderful summer, your friends at Whigville Grange.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

July 9: Snap, Crackle & Pop; Ref. Bonnie & Marie

July 20: Tour ICELAND without leaving Connecticut! Food, vendors, lectures, animals and more from this off the beaten path travel destination. On the green and in the Grange Hall- 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

July 23: Summer Fun/Country Store; Ref. Betty Linsky & Kim Brandmeyer

July 30: S&S Sweet Treats Fundraiser, 4-8 P.M., Main St., Torrington

Aug. 10: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market, 10am-4pm

What a great day we had for our annual Strawberry Festival on Father's Day! Over 400 shortcakes were served during 2-1/2 hours! As has become the custom, the new Laurel Queen Devisha Patel attended the event along with first runner-up Emily Owens and second runner-

up Mackenzie Russo. All three cheerfully served up the Strawberry Shortcake to the long line of eager customers.

A very unusual event comes to the hall and the green this month with the Iceland Experience-- local radio personality Geri Griswold is organizing this event which will highlight the food, farm animals, customs and much more about the country of Iceland. Visit our website, www.WinchesterGrange.org for more information!

Torrington's newest ice cream parlor, S&S Sweet Treats has invited Winchester Grange/Jr. Grange to participate in a fundraising event on Tuesday, July 30 from 4 to 8 P.M. Members of the Grange will serve the ice cream while others will talk to guests about Grange and have lots of fun along the way. S&S is located on Main St. in Torrington, just a few doors down from the Nutmeg Conservatory and the Warner Theatre. Stop in and have some great Hershey's Ice Cream with us!

Plans are moving ahead for our annual Grange Fair and Flea Market on the Green and in the Hall on Saturday, August 10. Vendors for the Flea Market are coming in strongly and we are hoping for a full Green and an even more competitive group of exhibits for the baking, vegetable and fruit judgments! Stop by for a gourmet hot dog at Café 74 and buy a book or two at the giant book sale!

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Shirley Moore

June 21: Pot-luck Supper 6:30, Mary Lou & Peter Keefe; Program: Game Night

July 19: Meeting 7:30 Program: TBA, Ref. Laura Marek & Arba Roberts

Aug. 2: Meeting 7:30 Program: TBA, Ref. Gail Prelli & Charlie Bierce

Aug. 17: Riverton Grange Fair 9:00 - 2:00

The program on April 5 was presented by Mary Lou Keefe, chairperson of CWA. She presented a culinary excursion around the world including Lebanese, Greek, Spanish, Japanese, Mexican, Thai, Indian, Chinese, Italian and French cuisines, along with street foods in the USA. A reading of a typical Italian dinner was also part of the program.

At our second meeting, we had our usual pot-luck supper with a program entitled Arbor Day. There was much information gleaned from this program including who

started Arbor Day, tree trivia, crossword on trees & shrubs and riddles pertaining to trees.

Our May 3 program revolved around springtime and seeds, including naming seeds, how seeds are used by humans and birds, tips for a better vegetable garden, ideal dates to plant seeds and plants and the following tidbit from Farmer's Almanac: "It's better to be proud of a small garden, than to be frustrated by a big one!" After the pot-luck supper on May 17, we had a discussion about the future of our grange. Phil Prelli led the discussion and the 22 attending were divided into three teams to answer questions such as 1. Why did we join the grange, 1. Why are

we still here, 3. What do we enjoy about the grange and 4. What do we not like about the grange? The discussions were good, but the main question is - How are we going to get more members to attend meetings? A few people cannot do all the work that needs to be done, so please, as you read this, make an effort to come to most of the meetings and participate in programs and also by being an officer.

Remember we have only one meeting in July & August as listed above. However, we will be having our fair on Saturday, August 17, and need help setting up on the evening of the 16th. Please visit us at the fair and at any meeting. Have a wonderful summer!

Shortcake with the Queen



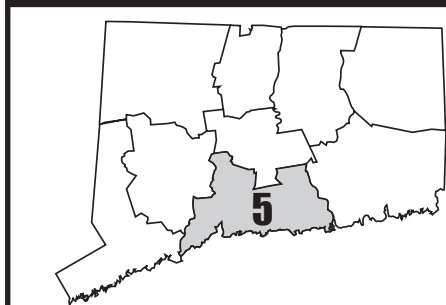
2013 Laurel Queen Devisha Patel greets guests at the Winchester Grange Strawberry Festival on Father's Day. The Queen and her Princesses helped to serve over 400 shortcakes that afternoon.

Cawasa Dictionaries



Cawasa Grange No. 34 President Linea Erickson presents Bradon Humphrey, of Cherry Brook School, a new dictionary of his own. Continuing a tradition that dates back more than 10 years, members of Cawasa Grange #34 presented dictionaries to each third grader at Cherry Brook Primary School. "It's a way to provide community service and benefit the kids too," said grange president Linea Erickson. Pamela Keagan, Library Media Specialist/Enrichment Teacher at the school, showed the students some exciting features in a dictionary, such as the longest word in the English language and the information found in the front of each book.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: *Wesle Dymoke*

MONDAY, AUG. 19: Picnic at the Bernhardt's, 6 P.M., 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire. Potluck at 6:30 P.M. (Pomona furnishes desserts and drinks).

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: *A. Ruel Miller*

July 3: Cancelled (night before the 4th of July Holiday)

July 17: Picnic at the Bernhardt's, 6PM

We had a full hall on May 1st for our Community Citizen Award which was presented to Ralph Zingarella, a school teacher at Cheshire High School. On May 15th we had our ritual program, highlighting portions of the first four degrees. We have two fund raising events in early and late June to include a hot dog and hamburger supper followed by a card party on June 1st and a ham dinner on June 29th. Our annual fair will take place on August 24th and 25th. Despite the weather summer is approaching and we hope it will be an enjoyable one for you all. We will take a bit of a deep breath as we gear up to September when things, once again will gear up for the fall season.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: *A. Tolette*

July 2: Happy Birthday

USA

Aug. 6: Bird Dog Tales

On May 7 we had a great meeting and gathering to honor Carlton Platt, Jr. for 80 years of service. He has worn many hats on his Grange journey, Special Deputy for National Grange, General Deputy for Conn. State Grange, Pomona and Subordinate Master, degree and installation teams, code reading, etc. Most special was the fact that he was the first lay person to serve as Chaplain of the CT State Grange.

We were pleased to have gold, pink, and green sash wearers in attendance. President Jody, Bob & Marge Sendewicz, Jeff Barnes, Carl & Marge Bernhardt, Don Lanoue and Ruel & Jane Miller were some.

A special cake decorated with the Grange emblem and 80 year candles was enjoyed afterward.

We are happy that Carlton joined North Haven when Totoket closed. We happen to be the closest Grange to North Branford. It will be hard to top that meeting but we can try.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: *Barbara Kulisch*

July 12: Officers' Night

July 26: Omit

Aug 9: Omit

Taghannuck Sale



With the sun finally shining after days of rain, shoppers flock to Taghannuck Grange's annual plant and rummage sale. Marge Pyne came from Winchester to purchase items for her garden.

We extended "a very warm" greeting to the 2-4-5 Club on the evening of the 31st of May. We always have a great evening with our Grange friends from North Stonginton & Hemlock, as this is our one chance each year to visit as we all meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays!

We welcomed our Deputy

Carl Bernhardt, & Sis Marge, St Lecturer as well, for our Inspection on June 14th, Flag Day! Our Charter was draped in loving memory of Sis. Sylvia L. Marsh, who was five months shy of receiving her 65 year seal. The Worthy Lecturer, along with other officers, presented a Memorial Service in remembrance of

our Worthy Sisters, Irene Berg, Eleanor C. Norton (G.S.) & Sylvia L. March (G.S.).

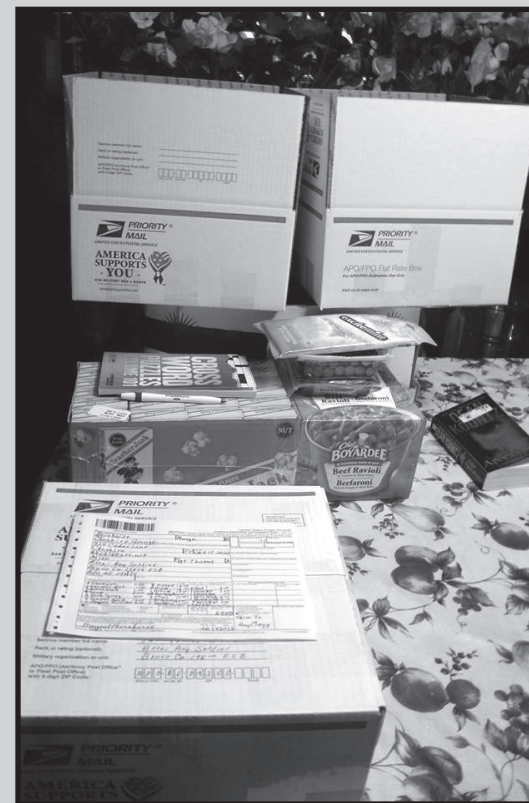
Our June 28th meeting, a discussion will be held on what the future holds for Old Lyme Grange #162.

The Officers & Members of Old Lyme Grange wish everyone a healthy & happy summer ahead!

Cheshire Grange busier than ever!



Cheshire Grange delivered three bags full of games to Keystone Grange #2 in Trappe, PA. Here the last bag has been delivered.



Some of the Cheshire Grange packages ready for shipping to troops in Afghanistan.



Left: Cheshire Grange recently held a work party to catch up on their craft projects. "It gets hectic when our Monday night gang works on three different projects at once. Watch for finished items in the future."



It was a full dining room for Cheshire Grange's June 29 Ham Dinner.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

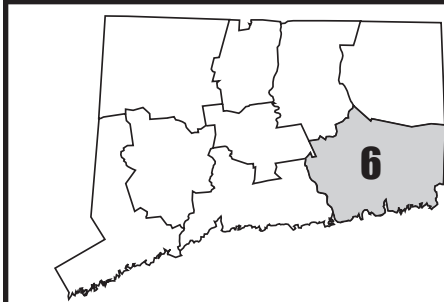
Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

By now over half of our Granges have already received their inspection reports for 2013. It is important that the information on these reports is shared with all of the members/officers. The inspection program is designed to provide Granges with the information they need to continue growing and improving in their work. Overall, most of our Granges are doing excellent work and we thank you for welcoming the Deputies warmly and for having all of the needed materials ready for them when they arrive. I can tell you first

hand that there is nothing more enjoyable than inspecting a Grange that has everything in order and the meeting is conducted in a smooth and orderly fashion.

With that said, we encourage you to contact me or your deputy if you have any questions about your inspection and to work on the things identified on your reports. If you need instruction, please let us know and we will be happy to conduct a School of Instruction for your Grange or to provide whatever resources you need. You just have to call or email!

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
- ✓ Groton Community

MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEWLONDONCOUNTYPOMONA#6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug: New London County Picnic

Sept. 12: Passing of the Season- Stonington Grange

Sept. 21: Pomona Fundraiser, North Stonington Grange grounds

We are excited to report that Groton Community Grange has applied for its Charter and the Officer Installation was held on June 17. We will now have 9 Granges in our Pomona. Groton meets at 7 P.M. at the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Station (Route 1) on the third Monday of each month.

Make sure you contact a Pomona Officer to find out the place, time and date of our annual picnic in August.

Plans are well underway for our big fundraiser on September 21 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the North Stonington Grange grounds. We will have a civil war encampment, demonstrations of old crafts, antique appraisals, museum exhibits, lunch and much more. Our entertainment for the day will be Tom Callinan, a historical troubadour who plays an array of wind, string and percussion instruments. Mr. Callinan was the first official Connecticut State Troubadour in 1991, and has appeared on national television.

It's summer! The weather is finally warm!

It's time for the beach and some fun!

Please come to our picnic. Just pack up a lunch.

We'll eat and play games in the sun.

GROTON COMMUNITY GRANGE

Corr: Susan Kenney

All the newly elected officers of Groton Community Grange were installed by the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team in June. The Grange was then congratulated on its accomplishment by State Master Jody Cameron.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

In the heat of summer on July 8 at 7 P.M. we learn about the USA's Fresh Water

Oceans. We are blessed to have an air conditioned hall. There will be delightful cool drinks and beer (Root Beer) as well as an abundance of sandwiches and sweet treats. We look forward to seeing you all there.

PRESTON CITY GRANGE #110

Corr: Sue (Le Vangie) Schmidt

Today, June 9th, we celebrated Mary Pearl's 80 continuous years of Grange membership. Five members from Preston City Grange were present- Master: Joe LoPresti, Secretary: Mary Medbery, Dick Tarryk, son: John LeVangie, and daughter: Eloise "Buttons" Harrison. Also in attendance were daughter: Sue Schmidt, daughter in law (John's wife): Carolyn LeVangie and roommate: Dot Strickland.

Master, Joe LoPresti presented the recognition to Mom and Dick Tarryk provided musical entertainment. A cake was enjoyed in celebration of this milestone. It was held in the Bistro at Fairview in Groton, CT.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

July 12: Meeting Omitted. Come to the N. Stonington Agric. Fair

July 19: "Ragtag"

Aug. 9: "Smorgasbord" Men have program. Ladies have refreshments.

Aug. 23: "Mixed Bag" Ladies have program. Men have refreshments.

Sadly we have draped our Charter for two more Golden Sheaf members, having lost Ralph Main, Jr. and George Cottrell to the Great Grange above. At our May Memorial program we mourned the loss of eight members during this past year.

A hardworking group of Grangers put our float together for the annual Memorial Day Parade early Monday morning. Richard White's hay wagon was magically transformed into a beautiful conveyance for the 2012 Queen and Princesses of the North Stonington Agricultural Fair. Jeff Barnes guided Richard's

truck, which sparkled in the sun almost as brightly as the glittering dresses of the ladies on board the float, along the parade route this year.

Don't miss our annual North Stonington Agricultural Fair, July 11-14. There's lots of fun for the whole family.

Our August programs are always enjoyable. The men and ladies try to outdo each other in both programs and refreshments. And if all this rain doesn't make the lawn get ahead of my new, super lawn mower, next time we'll tell you all about jolly June.

LYME GRANGE #147

July 11: (2nd Thurs) Wearing of the Red, White & Blue

Aug. 1: will the Ants Visit Us?

Aug. 16-18: Hamburg Fair

Sept. 5: Start of Another Grange Year

On May 14, Virginia Gardner's 99th birthday, Lois Evankow visited her and took her the 85th year certificate, issued by the National Master for continuous service. She joined when she was 14- belonged to Middlefield Grange and Central Pomona, then Sea View Pomona and Clinton, Madison, East Haddam and finally Lyme Granges. She was a Trumpet Girl in the 7th Degree twice- she is sharp as a tack and recognized Lois immediately. She was also presented with a bouquet of flowers and star-shaped birthday balloon.

On May 18 we held a very successful plant and food sale, netting over \$800. A big thank you to the few folks who came and worked.

Aug. 16-18 brings the Hamburg Fair on our Grange grounds.

Our election resulted in a new Master, Ted Powell for two years.

It's raining. With a 12 foot dug well, we welcome the rain.

Have a wonderful, healthy, summer.

NORWICH GRANGE #176

Corr: Susan Kenney

The June meeting of Norwich Grange was a short business meeting. The Norwich Grange also hosted the New London County Pomona meeting this month. the Norwich Grange Agricultural Fair will be held Aug. 3, 2013 from 9-3 located at 174 West Town Street, Norwich, CT 06360. There will be a tag sale, exhibits, and food available. The State Fair Association contests will be held. Entertainment will include the "Country Friends Band" and a clown.

Groton's officers installed



The first Master of Groton Community Grange, Anne Marie Knochenhauer is installed by the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team in June.

Mary Pearl reaches 80 yrs.



Mary Pearl receives a certificate in recognition of 80 years of continuous Grange membership from Preston City Grange Master Joe LoPresti on June 9. See Preston City article at left for more.

Gardner is 85 and 99!



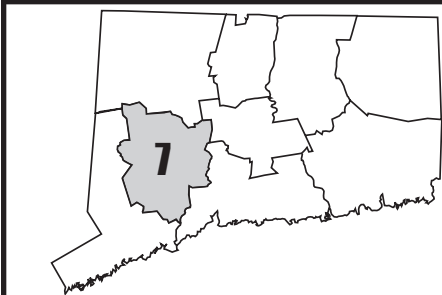
Virginia Gardner of Lyme Grange No. 147 receives her 85 year certificate from Lyme Master Lois Evankow on her 99th birthday.

North Stonington float



North Stonington Community Grange participated in the local Memorial Day Parade with this float adorned with the 2013 N. Stonington Agric. Fair Queen and her court.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Well degrees are over and we are happy to welcome 10 new members. Hope they will continue to join us at our meetings.

Our June meeting was election of officers at Prospect Senior Center and the September meeting will be installation of officers at the home grange of the Master elect Cindy Legg. Barbara Robert was recognized and given Excelsior Pomona's Public Service Award Barbara always makes sure we have fresh flowers at our meetings and helps in many ways when Pomona meets and her help is really appreciated.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The 70 people who came to help us celebrate our 124th anniversary really received a warm welcome as the temperature during the day was 94. It wasn't much cooler at night. We thank them all for coming. It was an enjoyable evening. Thanks also to Marge Bernhardt who helped us with the presentation of our "Citizen of the Year" Award and membership seals. Marge always a good job.

Past Voting Delegates present were: Mildred Bell and Marge and Bob Sendewicz. State Officers present were: Marge Bernhardt Lecturer, Carl Bernhardt, Deputy New Haven County Pomona, Eloise Osuch Lady Assistant Steward, Robert Buck Gatekeeper, Maggie Buck Agriculture Committee, Ruel Miller Executive Committee and Jane; Charles Dimmick Legislative Committee.

July 12th will be our next meeting and the program is "Sky Full of Fireworks. Mary Lou and Scott Raymond will provide the refreshments.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

July 22: Sing Dixie, 7:30 P.M., Ref. Rob Buck, Skip Maddox

We would like to wish Faith Korpalski and her parents the best as they move

to Florida. We will miss you. Ellen Samoska won the baking contest. Good luck at State.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Diane Barbieri

July 5: Summer Games

July 19: Circus Fun- Past Masters

Hope all the guys had a nice father's day. Now we are getting ready for the Fourth and go to the beaches. Here is our July Program: on July 5 is Summer Games. On July 19 is Circus Fun by the Past Masters. Can't wait to see what Circus Fun they come up with.

Our Youth Chairman Denise Barbieri went to the Northeast Youth & Jr. Conference in Brookfield, VT on June 28-30.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Prospect Grange hopes to be able to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. We will be donating food to the VFW for its Memorial Day Celebration. The old flags were collected and given to the proper organization for the flag burning ceremony held each year for the purpose of disposing of old American flags.

The June 13 meeting was a Neighbor's Night with lots of interesting numbers and games enjoyed by all.

Our July 11 meeting will be our Annual Potluck Picnic. Friends and neighbors are welcome to come join us. It will begin at 6:30 P.M.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Dean Perry

The Bridgewater Grange will be having their second roast beef dinner of 2013. The date is Saturday June 8th. There will be two sittings, the first at 5:30 PM and the second at 6:30 PM. The dinner will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads and dessert. Come early and avoid the rush as we have a modest seating capacity and this dinner is very popular. A hootenanny will follow starting at 7:30 PM featuring

Jeff Case and friends. There is a 12 dollar charge for the dinner and a 3 dollar donation for the hootenanny.

The Grange Hall is on RT 133 just off the Bridgewater Green and between the Bridgewater Post Office and St Marks Episcopal Church. This is the first of four roast beef dinners we put on. The others will be on the second Saturday of June, September and October this year. We encourage everyone to come.

For further information contact Dean Perry at 860-355-4793 or Nancy Mascio at 860-354-2028.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

July 5: Fourth of July Picnic

July 19: Vacation Days

Fortunately there are some versatile members in our crew who keep things running despite the absence of key people. Rob and Maggie Buck, for example, have filled in recently for our absent Lecturer, presenting some fine programs. Rob showed some interesting up-to-date information on nutritious foods, and Maggie Buck demonstrated some gardening tips, including giving out petunia plantings

to members. Ours looks great on our front porch. Thanks, guys!

Thanks too to those who helped make our Memorial Day sale a success, especially new member June Kostick who did much of the cooking and Beacon Valley members Cindy and Ray who aided us all day.

Congratulations to Beacon Valley Grange on its 124th anniversary. They always celebrate anniversaries in great style and this one was no exception. Seemed nice seeing a packed hall and a good time for all.

Wolcott Grange crowns ambassadors



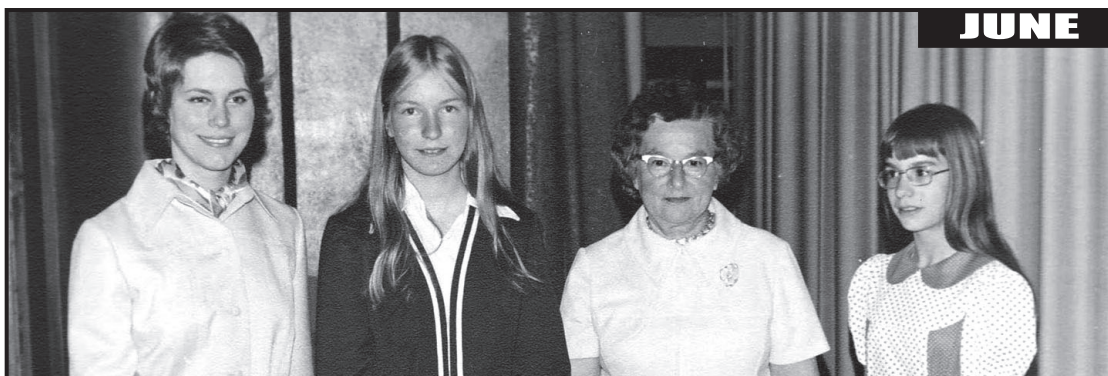
On Saturday, June 15, Wolcott Grange held a special meeting to obligate new members (7) and to crown their five new Wolcott Grange Ambassadors. Although they're too young to join, the ambassadors will represent the Wolcott Grange in the community and will join the Wolcott Junior Grange when it receives its charter later this year. "What we're doing is branching out to the youth and to our future," Master Joe Ouimet said. Above, the Ambassadors release butterflies on the front lawn of the Grange Hall.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

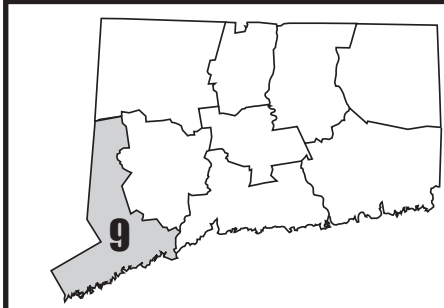
Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the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



We heard from Janet Haller with information on the June Window photo. The photo is of the 1974 National Grange Dress Contest, and shows the Connecticut Winners. On the left is Karin Ohr Pyskaty of Wallingford Grange. Karin had just graduated college at the time she entered the contest, and made the trip out to National Grange Session with her Mom. National Grange Session was in Sacramento in 1974. After college, Karin became a Home Economics Teacher. Janet did not know the names of the other people in the photo.



Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9 #133

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

July & Aug: No Meetings

Fairfield County Pomona does not meet in July or August because of so many members on vacation. Read about our September meeting in the September issue of the Granger.

Everyone enjoy your summer vacations.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

July 8: Grange Picnic

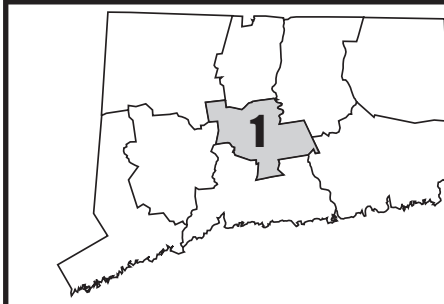
We will have our Grange picnic on July 8 at 6:30 P.M. We have the picnic outside and then move indoors for the meeting. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Please let us know though.

We do not have a second meeting in July nor do we have the first meeting in August because of vacations. Information on our August meeting will appear in the August edition of the Granger.

Everyone enjoy this great time of the year with its warm weather and wonderful activities.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE NORFIELD GRANGE #146

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.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: M. Harrison

Here in Meriden we will be meeting for picnics this summer on July 12 and Aug. 9. Come join us at either beautiful Hubbard Park or the Meriden Grange weather permitting. Not to brag, but I make a pretty good pasta salad. We will be tending our gardens with dreams of blue ribbons on our minds for the

Fair on Sept. 7. Have a safe 4th of July and Labor Day if we don't see you.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 12: Picnic

The picnic will follow a short meeting at the Sanborn's at 6:00 P.M. Each member will bring a dish to share.

July 26: Omit (Summer Vacation)

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

July 9: Fourth of July Celebration

Aug. 13: Annual Barbecue and Picnic, 6:30

Sept. 8: 45th Annual Norfield Grange Fair, 10-3

Sept. 10: Installation of Officers

At our May 14 meeting we welcomed Geno Piacentini and Karen Macdonald for our annual inspection. Good news: we're still very much in business. Almost a month later we presented Norfield's 3rd Annual Community Tag Sale, June 7-9, hosted by Vivian Simons and Betsy Pollack. At this writing it's four days away, so we will report on its success next month. It's sure to be another winner.

The annual Summer Barbecue is scheduled for August 13, and your ticket will be a side dish, dessert or appetizer. Please RSVP to norfieldgrange@gmail.com or call 203-226-8233. And plan to have a happy, relaxed evening with your favorite Norfield friends.

Before you do another thing, go to your calendar and put a big circle around September 8. That's the date of our 45th Annual Norfield Agricultural Fair and Market. Grand Prize for all exhibits will be a monetary

\$500! There will be three new contests: "Best Tomato," "Best Homemade Hooch," and "Best Cupcake" in Connecticut. There will be pony rides, a petting zoo, kids' games and face painting, a snack bar, tag sale, farmers' market, craft vendor demonstrations, and a raffle. For more information and entry blanks visit our website: www.norfieldgrange.com or "friend" our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/norfieldgrange.

Finally, we mourn the loss of Phoebe Holly, who died on June 1. She and Bud were faithful attendants at our meetings in years past, and they were a reminder of the times when the Grange was the highlight of the social calendar. Goodbye, Phoebe.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

July 5: Business Meeting

July 18: Picnic at 6 PM, followed by Business Meeting. Program by CFA

Aug. 18: Our 81st Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 AM - 4 PM rain or shine

Sept. 5: Business Meeting and Fair Reports

Sept 19: Installation of Officers

Looking ahead, we will have our annual Agricultural Fair on Sunday, August 18th this summer. The inside of our

Hall will be decked out with the judged exhibits of baked goods, flowers and vegetables, sewing and hand crafts, photography and eggs. We'll have a large contingent of selected concessionaires outside. We'll have all types of pizza available to purchase for lunch, as well as ice creams and fruits for desserts. Admission is free this year, so we hope to see many Grangers in attendance.

We were very happy to host Fairfield Co. Pomona Grange for a dairy supper back in June. We'll hope for a different menu next year where Pomona members can really show their cooking skills.

As mentioned previously, our new AED is on-station in our Hall. We join the churches, schools, and YMCA in town to make our community a Heart-Safe Community. To our knowledge, we are also the only Grange in Connecticut that has an AED in the Hall; and perhaps we are the only Grange Hall in the nation with an AED. We highly recommend all Grange Halls have an AED onsite in case of an emergency with cardiac arrest.

Please note our meeting and picnic schedule for the summer. Visiting Patrons are always welcome.

Sendewicz' Golden Anniversary



Bob and Marge Sendewicz entered a full hall on Monday, June 24 for Redding Grange's meeting, inspection night, and surprise 50th Anniversary event for them. Distinguished guests included Don Lanoue, Pomona Deputy West; Mildred Bell, Phil and Maureen Prelli, Past Voting Delegates to National Grange; Jeff and Debbie Barnes, State Overseer & Pomona; Rob Buck, State Gatekeeper; Charles Dimmick and George Ward, members of the State Legislative Committee, and many more.

A brief business meeting was held and just after Phil Prelli spoke under suggestions, the lights went out in the hall and the emergency light came on and remained that way until the end of the meeting. After the meeting was closed, some members brought in flashlights, and candles were set up for light. A reception was held in the main hall despite the power outage. Before the reception broke up, a surprise guest arrived, CT State Senator Robert Duff arrived with two proclamations. The first was a proclamation from the CT State Senate celebrating Bob and Marge's 50th Anniversary. The second proclamation was from the office of Governor Dan Malloy for the same purpose.

Congratulations to two devoted and hard working Grangers, Bob and Marge Sendewicz.

Cindy Hupper congratulated



Cindy Hupper, Meriden Grange No. 29, is congratulated by Martha Trask, CWA Chairperson of Central Pomona, for her winning craft project at the State Grange's "Let's Celebrate" day at Cheshire Grange in June. Central Pomona met at Hemlock Grange.

Southbury Training School farmland preserved

Preserving Farmland at Southbury Training School

from the Weekly Agricultural Report of the CT Department of Agriculture (6-5-13)

House Bill No. 6542 (signed by Governor Malloy on June 6) establishes a procedure to preserve and manage state-owned property known as the "Farm at the Southbury Training School."

The bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner to transfer the care, custody, and control of the property to the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner, who must grant a permanent conservation easement on it to a non-profit organization.

It specifies that the easement must (1) provide for conservation of the farm for agricultural use and (2) allow the DoAg commissioner to lease, permit, or license farm property for such use.

The proposed easement and any proposed DoAg lease permit or license is subject to State Properties Review Board (SPRB) review and approval. The SPRB must complete its review within 30 days after receiving the proposed easement or any proposed lease, permit, or license from the DoAg commissioner.

The bill exempts the leased, permitted, or licensed property from local property taxes and adds its value to the assessed value of state-owned land and buildings for calculating state payments in lieu of taxes. By law, the state must reimburse towns for 45% of their lost revenue from state-owned property.

The Do-Ag commissioner must obtain a survey of the property that conforms to a horizontal Class A-2 (boundary) survey. Based on the survey, the Do-Ag commissioner must grant a non-profit organization, whose mission includes protecting agricultural lands for agricultural use, a permanent conservation easement on the property.

Under the bill, the leases, permits, or licenses must (1) be for a term of up to 15 years and (2) comply with the permanent



Aerial view of the "Farm at the Southbury Training School" preserved by a new state law.

conservation easement. They are renewable for up to 15 years.

The bill also requires that any permanent conservation easement shall provide that all agricultural activities conducted on the Farm at the Southbury Training School be in accordance with a conservation plan prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service, and approved by the Do-Ag commissioner.

Such conservation plan shall be updated periodically and whenever the nature of any agricultural operation on the farm changes.

The plan shall provide for management of the farm in a manner that (1) is consistent with generally accepted agricultural practices, including, but not limited to, practices identified by the National Resources Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide, and (2) is consistent with the protection of the agricultural and conservation values of the farm.

This is Governor Malloy's bill. It passed the state House of Representatives with an amendment on May 29, 2013 by a vote of 135-0. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2013, on the Consent Calendar, 35-0, with the Governor signing it into law one week later.

Thank You

The family of Albert Maddox, Sr. would like to thank all the Granges and Grangers for their kind expressions of sympathy in our loss.

Thank you,
Son, Al Maddox, Jr. (Skip)
Wife, Dorothy W. Maddox



CWA Contest Winners

Pat Palmer, Family Activities Comm.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who entered the New England Grange Needlework contests and the CT State Baking, Craft and Decorate a Basket contests. The entries were beautiful and very imaginative. Keep up the good work for next year. I have the list of winners here and the ribbons and prize money have been picked up by your Pomona CWA chairman or someone from your Pomona. No waiting until October this year. The winners of the NE Needlework contests will be sent to the BIG E for judging and then on to the National Grange Session for a showcase of excellence for each state. If you are one of the first place winners and this would be a hardship not to receive your entry until the end of November, please let me or your Pomona chairman know.

New England Needlework Contest - 2013

Class A - Afghans

- 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)
- 2nd Place - Dorothy Mrowka - Colchester (Pom. #6)
- 3rd Place - Judy Hill - Coventry (Pom. #3)

Class B - Doilies

- 1st Place - Carol Nelson - Vernon (Pom. #3)
- 2nd Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)

Class C - Embroidery

- 1st Place - Edith Schoell - Manchester (Pom. #3)

Class D - 3-Piece Baby Set

- 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)
- 2nd Place - Gladys Chorley - Colchester (Pom. #6)
- 3rd Place - Lois Evankow - Lyme Grange (Pom. #3)

Class E - Plastic Canvas

- 1st Place - Shirley Moore - Riverton (Pom. #4)
- 2nd Place - Cindy Hupper - Meriden (Pom. #1)
- 3rd Place - Joan Ziegler - Redding (Pom. #9)

Class F - Counted Cross Stitch

- 1st Place - Mariellen Baxter - Vernon (Pom. #3)
- 2nd Place - Barbara Foskett - Cheshire (Pom. #5)

Class G - Adult Garment

- 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)
- 2nd Place - Nancy Pritchard - non-member (Pom. #7)

Class H - Latch Hook

- 1st Place - Dorothy Joselovitz - Redding (Pom. #9)
- 2nd Place - Lois Evankow - Lyme (Pom. #6)

Class I - Quilted Wall Hanging

- 1st Place - Karen MacDonald - Redding (Pom. #9)
- 2nd Place - Lois Evankow - Lyme (Pom. #3)

Class J - Stuffed Toy

- 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)
- 2nd Place - Alione Cone - Lyme Grange (Pom. #6)
- 3rd Place - Cindy Anderson - N. Stonington (Pom. #9)

Class K - Baby Afghans

- 1st Place - Maryalyce Lee - Cheshire (Pom. #5)
- 2nd Place - Dorothy Mrowka - Colchester (Pom. #6)

Baking Contest - Adult

- 1st Place - Sara Bement - Winchester Grange
- 2nd Place - Ellen Samaska - Bethlehem Grange
- 3rd Place - Kay Ruff - Glastonbury Grange

Baking Contest - Junior

- 1st Place - Lillian Sharpe - Ekonk Jr. Grange

Decorate A Basket

Group A - Outside & Inside

- 1st Place - Marilyn Stitham - Old Lyme Grange
- 2nd Place - Doris Johnson - Old Lyme Grange
- 3rd Place - Michele Bernhardt - Cheshire Grange

Decorate A Basket

Group B - Outside Only

- 1st Place - Michele Bernhardt - Cheshire Grange
- 2nd Place - Janet Haller - Wallingford Grange

Craft Contest - Needlework

- 1st Place - Eva O'Connell - Colchester Grange
- 2nd Place - Lois Evankow - Lyme Grange
- 3rd Place - Joan Ziegler - Redding Grange

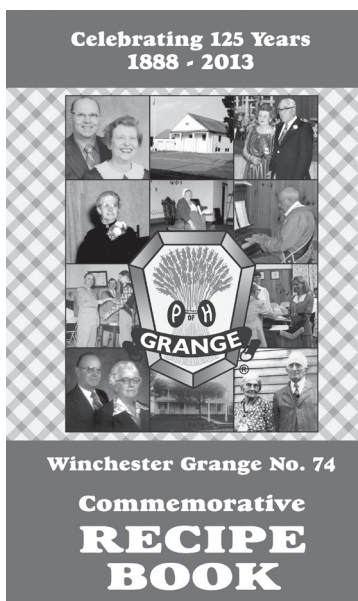
Craft Contest - Other Media

- 1st Place - Martha Trask - Cheshire Grange
- 2nd Place - Cathy Russi - Colchester Grange
- 3rd Place - Lois Evankow - Lyme Grange

So. CT Past Masters

July and August we do not have a regular meeting. We will have our annual picnic on July 13th at the home Marge and Carl Bernhardt. They always are gracious hosts.

Picnic starts at 2 o'clock with supper served around 4:30. Those attending our asked to bring a dish to share (naturally with something in it) and a door prize.



Winchester Grange Recipe Book

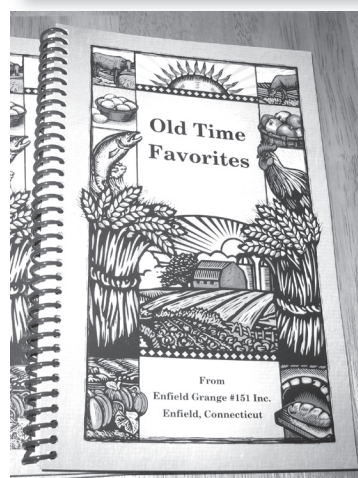
Winchester Grange has recently published its 125th Anniversary Commemorative Recipe Book filled with family recipes and photos from the Grange's history.

The cost is only \$12 per Recipe Book, and they are available at all upcoming Winchester Grange events.

For more information, contact Winchester Grange President Todd Gelineau at 860-626-0326, via e-mail at info@winchestergrange.org or visit our website at <http://www.WinchesterGrange.org>.

Enfield Cookbook

Enfield Grange is excited to announce that our Grange has just published a wonderful cookbook loaded with great family recipes. This is our big fundraiser and we will use the profit made from the sales to further our charitable works. The cost is \$12.00. Please contact Irene Percoski at 860-749-1328 or by email at perkigirl35@cox.net if you would like one of our wonderful books.



Has your Grange published a cookbook? Let us know and we'll promote it in the Granger!

JUNIOR GRANGE



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

EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

We held our Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Profits always go to a local children's charity. This year, we found out that a second grader at Sterling Community School, who was born with a heart condition, now has leukemia. His prognosis is good, however, it has been a lot of miles traveled and missed work for his single mom. We voted to send the family to Roger Williams Zoo, to just have a normal family activity. We also voted to give them the balance of our profit towards whatever they may need. Our plant sale and bake sale made a total of \$394.00, and we also voted to round that up to \$400.00.

We voted to have a Pledge contest. For every member who SHOWS that they memorized the pledge, their name will be put into a drawing. The drawing will be for 2 free ice cream sundaes at Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm. Lots of interest!

A small, hearty, bunch of us joined Windham County's 4-H Trailblazers, and went for a tour of the Trout Hatchery

in Central Village. We learned a lot, and were able to feed some fish! Then some of us tried fishing, some went for short walks, but, ALL enjoyed the fire and hot dogs with the rest of our picnic! It was ch-ch-chilly!

We had a float in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade. Ethan Jordan did a GREAT job as tractor driver! We tossed out lollipops to all of the kids watching the parade, it was fun! We are ever so thankful to all those who have served our country.

The Sterling library is having a Kick-off Summer Reading Celebration. We voted to buy enough sand for the new sandbox, and to "man" it. The summer reading theme is "Dig into Reading", so the kids will be able to dig treasures out of the sandbox.

At our June meeting, Lillian Sharpe thrilled us with an opening song, that was reminiscent of Indian tom-toms! Cool! Then Allyson DiNola and Lillian sang "You're a Grand Ole Flag". Jenna Wesa then

played "Merrily We Roll Along" on her recorder. Talented bunch of girls!

We have elected a new slate of officers. Our new President is Carly Sebastian, Vice President will be Alisa Bessette, Conner Sebastian will remain as our Program Director, Steward will be Russell Sharpe, Lillian Sharpe will be Assistant Steward for a third year and Allyson DiNola will be our Lady Assistant for a third year as well. Jenna Wesa will stay on as Chaplain, Emily Bonner will remain our Treasurer, and Maria Angelone will continue to be our Secretary. Brianna Gervais will complete our slate as Greeter. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!

We will be going camping the weekend after school gets out. Which is the 27th! LATE! Congratulations to all of our graduating 8th graders: Irenil Fishlock, Clifford and Trevor Gervais, Andrew Hawkins, Carly Sebastian, Jonathan Sarette, and Karyn Stamper.

We are a busy bunch! Come and join the fun, ANYTIME!



Members and friends of Ekonk Community Junior Grange ride on their float in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade.

 **Eye on Communications**
GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The benefits of positive publicity

Is publicizing my Grange really that important? The answer is a thousand times **YES!**

From articles in the newspaper with your Grange Name in the headlines to a letter to the editor, through online and social media sources, or even as simple as face-to-face and word-of-mouth communications, publicity comes in a variety of different forms.

But what are the benefits received from positive publicity?

Publicity is free. Most newspapers, magazines and websites do not charge to print articles and news releases. It takes very little effort to provide the media with your information. Publicity is by far the most economical way to reach local audiences.

Publicity has staying power. When you're Grange has an article printed in a publication or on a website, your Grange name stays in the public eye as the article is often shared with others.

Increases Visibility. As the old saying goes: no one hears the tree that falls in an empty forest. Well, the same could be said for a Grange that no one has ever heard of. Positive publicity generates interest in your

Grange. The more your Grange name is in print or on the web, the more your Grange will become a household name on the tips of everyone's tongues.

Enhances Credibility. Your Grange needs to operate at peak performance and become a well-oiled machine, at least in the eyes of the public. The public is diverse in their assessments. Positive publicity creates the perception that your Grange is active and "on the move." When your Grange is in the news, it becomes a viable, credible and trusted organization.

Positive publicity increases the general awareness of your Grange and brings attention to your Grange's activities, events, programs and projects. If public relations and positive publicity are not a part of your Grange's marketing, it may be time to consider taking the steps to implement a strategy and reap the benefits.

The CT State Grange Public Relations Committee is here to help. Contact Terri or Bob today at information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.

In Memoriam

Janet Schwalm	Whigville Grange #48
Lawrence P. Hurlbut, G.S.	Winchester Grange #74
Ralph Main, Jr., G.S.	N. Stonington Comm. #138
George Cottrell, G.S.	N. Stonington Comm. #138
Phoebe Holly, G.S.	Norfield Grange #146
Sylvia L. Marsh, G.S.	Old Lyme Grange #162

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



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

chaplain@ctstategrange.org

Every Day Is Christmas

I am bringing you good news
of great joy for all
the people: to you is born this
day in the city of
David a Savior, who is the
Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11 (NRSV)

Recipe For Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life-
Each Day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people who we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas good,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
improves our attitude!)
Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas Spirit
Even when it's not December.

By Joanna Fuchs

Prayer: In the bustle of our lives,
help us, O God, to remember that
you come to us each day - whether
it's Christmastime or not. Amen.

2-4-5 Club

The 245 Club held its 63rd annual meeting as guests of Old Lyme Grange on May 31. Over the years the club has dwindled from the many Granges "east of the river" who met on the 2nd and 4th Fridays to just three, but we are alive and well. The profits from our Country Store and the collection are donated to a worthy cause voted on by the membership. This year the \$52 will go to the C.S.G. Foundation. An attractive blue and gold banner, made by a Sister Lawton from Highland Grange in 1957, is presented each year to the Grange having the highest attendance for the meeting (shown by Bill Sanborn). Hemlock Grange retains the banner for another year. Next year we meet at N. Stonington on May 30th. Visitors are always welcome.

