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Highlights and recaps



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First I want to thank every Officer, Delegate and member who made this year's annual session such a success. We dealt with over 35 resolutions and set a course for this State Grange.

I was not surprised we were not able to develop a policy on GMO's. The Delegate body made a very good step forward and the State Grange Ag Committee will be working to developing a policy for your consideration next year. We are contacted regularly for our position on this issue, so it is extremely important we do so as soon as we can.

I am calling upon ALL members of the Grange to contact your Representative and Senator to explain to them the importance of an

expedient passage of the 2013 Farm Bill. The State Grange Ag and Legislative Committee will be meeting very soon on this issue.

As was stated Connecticut (as a whole) did not have a net gain in membership, we actually had a net loss of 141 members. Some Grange showed very impressive net gain and I applauded them for their efforts. The total new members taken in as of 6/30/13 were 108. Our message three years ago was the same as it is today, **ONE new member per Grange per month.** I told everyone upon returning from National Session last year there was a resolution introduced to raise the dues paid to National Grange by \$4.00 per member per year. A Grange with 100 members would see an increase in dues paid to National of \$400, and this would be after your Grange has already collected its dues for the year. This additional burden will fall directly on the treasury of your Grange. I will not be surprised if we will be dealing with a resolution calling for a dues increase

to National Grange again this year. We can stop dues increases at ALL levels by increasing our membership; by doing our part to ensure a sound future for our Grange; by taking responsibility for our own Grange. I want to challenge EVERY member to ask at least one person to join the Grange this year. You will be VERY surprised what they may say.

I want to congratulate Shelley Racine on her election and installation as Ceres as well as Robert Sendewicz and A. Ruel Miller on their election and installation to the State Grange Executive Committee. I know you will all do an outstanding job for the Grange. This is a reminder to all Officers, we are continuing the State Officer visitation program again this year, please send me the Pomona Granges and Community Grange you are planning to visit as soon as you develop you list. We will again post this list in the Granger.

Brothers and Sisters please join me by committing to grow your Grange as we **Grow Our History for a Stronger Tomorrow.**

2013 State Session



The ladies of Flora's Court pose for a group photo following the conferral of the Sixth Degree on Friday evening, Oct. 18, 2013. *More photos inside...*

Legislatively Speaking



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During the month of October the National House and Senate have had discussions on a multiple of major issues that affected the whole nation in many ways. In the last couple of years the National legislative branches have been at odds over almost

everything. Very few bills have been passed and many issues and bills have been pushed aside. We have not had a national budget passed and have been living on repeated short-term continuing resolutions to keep the government funded. This October the parties could not even agree on a continuing resolution so the federal government went into shutdown. They furloughed the 'non-essential' employees, closed all of the national parks and have disrupted services throughout that nation. As of this writing we are still in the shutdown mode. Vacation destinations are affected. Also payments for different services such as Head Start programs and things like Social Security number verifications for loans cannot be done so home closings are being affected. The Farm commodities programs had previously been

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Our apologies

Unfortunately, due to a hardware meltdown, all of the files emailed over the last month for the Connecticut Granger were lost. We have retrieved all of the lost email from the State Grange mail server, but there's always a chance something may have been missed. We apologize if your article or submission is missing from this issue. We have a new hard drive and things will be back to normal with the December issue!



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Resolutions adopted at the 129th Annual Session

PLEASE NOTE: Only the resolves for each of the resolutions is included here. The Journal of Proceedings will include the complete text.

1) RE: PUBLIC MEETINGS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conn. State Grange urge our legislators that meetings should be published and open to the public in order that all persons may be apprised of all facts, enabling them to exercise the right of free speech on said matters.

3) TOURS AT THE WHITE HOUSE (Sent to National) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange go on record as supporting public tours of the White House, and **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Grange for their action.

4) RE: LATE CHARGES ON QUARTERLY DUES THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange shall assess all Community and Subordinate Granges that fail to remit their quarterly dues within thirty (30) days of the due date a late fee of one (1%) per cent per month until the dues are received by the Connecticut State Grange, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if a Community or Subordinate Grange makes a partial payment of delinquent dues the accrued late fees shall be taken from the partial payment before any portion of the payment is applied to the delinquent dues, and **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that if the National Grange increases the late fee charged, the Connecticut State Grange the State Grange Board of Directors shall have the authority to increase the rate charged the Community Subordinate Granges to a rate not exceeding the rate charged the State Grange by the National Grange.

6) RE: ETHANOL (Sent to National) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange oppose the sale of E15 gasoline and support legislation to accomplish this end.

8) RE: INCREASED USE OF FARMINGTON RIVER WATER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange oppose any further diversion of Farmington River water to the new areas of the State until a full Environmental Study is performed and the results presented to each of the area towns, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we feel that the Management Board of the MDC should be increased to include representation from all the towns where MDC Reservoirs are located.

9) RE: FUNDING OF PUBLIC WORKS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support diverting less funding to the general fund of government in monies derived from uses that require using roads, bridges and tunnels.

10) RE: FARM TO TABLE

DEGREE DAY RESOLUTION THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CT State Grange Membership Committee and Executive Committee investigate an event in which degrees can be performed in an old fashioned manner on a farm; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a farm feast follow, free to new members, and offered to the public at competitive prices, thus creating positive exposure to the Grange in our State.

11) RE: CREDIT CARD SURCHARGES THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the State Legislature to change the Credit Card Surcharge law to eliminate the exemption enjoyed by the State and local governments and apply the law evenly to all.

12) RE: REPEALING RES. #10 OF THE 2012 SESSION OF THE CONN. STATE GRANGE THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that resolution number 10 of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby repealed, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby authorized and directed to note in the records of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange that said resolution number 10 of the 2012 Session of the Connecticut State Grange has been repealed.

13) RE: TO ACCEPT BY-LAWS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Connecticut State Grange on September 15, 2013, adopted as amended the recommendation of the appointed By-Laws Committee as presented and recommends their adoption at the 2013 Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

17) RE: BOARD OF REGENTS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Granges support legislation that would encourage greater geographical representation on the Board of Regents.

18) RE: ELDER ABUSE THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support the concepts of increasing the penalties for crimes involving elder fraud and abuse as well as strengthening the definition of "elder abuse."

19) RE: UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR CONSUMER PRODUCTS (Sent to National) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange/National Grange encourage manufacturers of food and health products to apply concepts of universal design for the packaging and labeling of their products.

20) RE: PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATES (Tabled & sent to State Grange Agricultural Comm. for report at 2014 Session.)

21) RE: ANNUAL LICENSING FEE (Sent to National) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Digest of Laws of the

National Grange Chapter 4 Article XVIII section 4.18.2 (D) be added as follows: 4.18.2 (D) Subordinate Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. Pomona Granges shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$25.00 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. State Granges with one delegate to the National Grange shall be assessed an annual Charter Licensing fee of \$50 payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. State Granges with two delegates shall be assessed an Annual Charter Licensing Fee of \$100.00, payable to the National Grange no later than July first of each year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** these funds be reserved for trademark/legal enhancements.

23) RE: CONVERSION OF CLOSED MUNICIPAL LANDFILLS TO REGULATED ATV TRAILS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange Legislative Committee be instructed to request the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation enabling and encouraging municipalities to convert closed municipal landfills and other land awaiting rehabilitation, such as brownfields, to regulated ATV trails, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the legislature in its enabling legislation also exempt municipalities from liability arising from misuse of these trails.

25) RE: STATE MASTER ADDRESS THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Granges in Connecticut should reflect on the State Masters remarks; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** we commend the State Master for his State Masters Address, his service in office, and encourage all Connecticut Patrons to consider the challenges outlined in his report.

27) RE: TEXTING WHILE DRIVING SUBSTITUTE (For Res. #14) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage the General Assembly to strengthen the laws concerning texting while driving, changing it to a definition of reckless driving, citing that it endangers others and is a conscious disregard/indifference to others, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly be encouraged to recommend the same fines that are currently imposed for reckless driving; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange encourages the education of the dangers of texting while driving and stress the severity of the offense.

28) RE: GMO LABELING (Tabled & sent to State Agriculture Comm. for 2014 Report)

29) DORMANT GRANGE FUNDS SUBSTITUTE (For Res.

Summary of Action on ALL Resolutions

- 1) Public Meetings Adopted
- 2) Veterans Day Rejected
- 3) Tours at the White House Adopted
- 4) Late Charges on Quarterly Dues Adopted
- 5) Bicycle Safety on Rural Roads Rejected
- 6) Ethanol Adopted
- 7) Alternate Delegates to State Session. Rejected
- 8) Increased Use of Farmington River Water Adopted
- 9) Funding of Public Works Adopted
- 10) Farm to Table Degree Day Resolution Adopted
- 11) Credit Card Surcharges. Adopted
- 12) Repealing Res. #10 of 2012 State Session. Adopted
- 13) Accept By-Laws. Adopted
- 14) Texting While Driving Rejected
- 15) Absorption of Dormant Grange Funds Rejected
- 16) Severe Weather Conditions. Rejected
- 17) Board of Regents Adopted
- 18) Elder Abuse. Adopted
- 19) Universal Design for Consumer Products Adopted
- 20) Product Expiration Dates. Sent to State Ag. Comm for 2014
- 21) Annual License Fee. Adopted
- 22) Derogatory Statements in Politics Rejected
- 23) Conversion of Closed Mun. Landfills for ATV. Adopted
- 24) Updating Handicap Parking Permits Rejected
- 25) Master's Address Adopted
- 26) 28th Amendment to U.S. Constitution Rejected
- 27) Texting While Driving (Sub. for #14) Adopted
- 28) GMO Labeling Sent to State Ag. Comm for 2014
- 29) Dormant Grange Funds (Sub. for #15) Adopted
- 30) Alternate Delegates (Sub. for #7). Adopted
- 31) Support for the 2013 Farm Bill Adopted
- 32) Bicycle Safety on Rural Roads (Sub. for #5) Adopted
- 33) Camp Berger Camperships. Adopted

#15) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any dormant Grange funds having been held by the Connecticut State Grange in trust for seven or more years, without a new Grange being organized or reorganized in the community in which the funds are being held, be distributed as follows: 50% of the account balance be transferred to the General Fund of the Connecticut State Grange. 50% of the account balance be earmarked for one or all of the following; Community Development to be used to support a statewide community service project or initiative, Community Development to be used to support Community Granges in their community service programs and / or for Grange Growth to strengthen and enhance overall growth through membership and leadership development and refreshing, reorganizing and organizing granges.

31) RE: SUPPORT FOR THE 2013 FARM BILL (Sent to National) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support the effort to pass the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange with a recommendation for adoption and action thereon; and **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee inform the Connecticut Congressional delegation of the Connecticut State Granges support of this bill.

32) RE: SUBSTITUTE FOR BICYCLE SAFETY ON RURAL ROADS (For Res. #5) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange adopt a policy to urge the appropriate agencies (Connecticut Department of Transportation, municipal and State Police, municipal school systems) to issue a public service campaign to educate the public on safer driving practices and techniques for both the motor vehicles and bicyclist to reduce the magnitude of this problem.

33) RE: CAMP BERGER CAMPERSHIPS THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange recommend and urge the Pomona and Subordinate Granges that are financially able to contribute camperships for children to attend Camp Berger.

Memories of the 129th State Session in Norwich



State Master Jody Cameron congratulates Liz Ryducha, member of Cheshire Grange (left) for being named CT Granger of the Year. The award was presented by Joanne Cipriano (front right) and Betty Jane Gardiner of the Social Connection.



October 17-19, 2013

**Holiday Inn
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The State Grange Education Committee poses for a picture with the 2013 Connecticut State Grange Scholarship recipients at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening.



National Pomona Christine Hamp speaks to the Grange during opening session of the convention.



(Left to right) Claire Logan, Ceres of the RI State Grange; Steven Logan, Master of RI; Chris Hamp, National Pomona; Duane Hamp, Master of Washington State Grange; Jodi Ann Cameron and Jody Cameron, President of the CT State Grange.



The State Master presides over the opening session of the 129th Annual Session of the CT State Grange.



State FFA President Rachel Footit speaks to the delegates on Saturday afternoon.



State Master assists State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt with the Lecturer's Recognition Awards.



A representative of the CT Food Bank receives a \$750 check from the State Grange; proceeds from spring tag sales.



State Pianist Mary Lou Keefe.

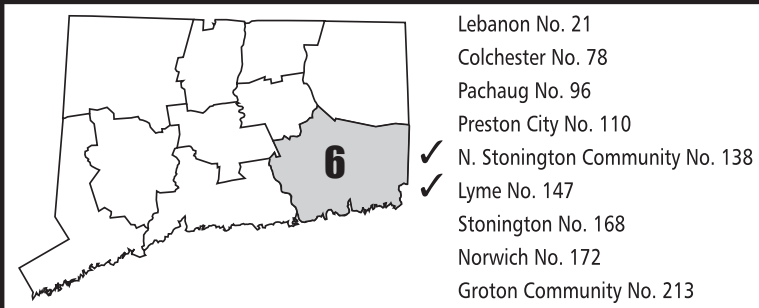


The Bennett Family, from Cheshire, performs during the Celebration Banquet.



Newly-elected Ceres Shelley Racine.

New London County Pomona No. 6



MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW LONDON CTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Dec. 14: Holiday Cheers - Lyme Grange

We're sure Deb Barnes breathed a sigh of relief to see the wonderful success of the New London County Pomona Antiques Festival. Deb worked for months to bring the festival to life. A lovely fall day brought a good crowd to the North Stonington Grange grounds for a day of fun, food and fellowship. The Connecticut Troubadour's nimble fingers danced over the strings of his banjo and guitar while he sang a medley of wonderful old tunes. Several working displays drew many enthralled onlookers, and people waited anxiously to find if their antiques would prove to be worth millions. Pomona sends a great big thank you to Jeff and Deb for a job well done. There are rumors that this might become an annual event and if anyone has any suggestions for making the event even more spectacular, please contact Debbie Barnes.

We are looking forward to visiting Lyme Grange for our holiday party this year. Lyme is planning a potluck supper at 6:30 P.M. with our meeting following at 7:30.

It's autumn and trees are changing

To dresses of red and gold.

*It's time to come back to Pomona
 For friendships both new and old.*

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Nov. 8: To Turn a New Leaf

Nov. 22: As Poor as a Church Mouse

We have draped our charter for two more Golden Sheaf members.

Audrey Gruber, who faithfully made fried dough for us in our food booth at the 4H Expo for years and Gene Speck, a past Master and dedicated worker in the building of the North Stonington Agricultural

Fair have joined the Great Grange above.

We voted to provide dictionaries to the third graders in our town again this year, the Boy Scouts will hold a spaghetti dinner in our hall on Nov. 2, and Wheeler will be holding a yard sale to benefit Chikumbuso on October 5. Our Grange continues to keep busy helping the people and organizations of North Stonington.

The Jody Cameron/ Jeff Barnes Installing team installed Robert Miner and his slate of officers in an impressive, candlelight ceremony on September 27. As we listen to the beautiful words of the ritual we look forward to another year of Community Service and good fellowship. And if the weather continues to cooperate and keep any nasty storms from descending upon us, next time I'll tell you all about opulent October.

LYME GRANGE #147

Nov. 7: Talk Turkey

Dec. 5: Will Santa visit us? Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 14: We host new London County Pomona, 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 2: Show & Tell, What interesting things do you have?

Not much has happened in Lyme since our new officers were installed in September. We let the church across the street use our hall for the children's stuff at their rummage sale.

We need to look into a new insurance company-the Ex. Comm. has been requested to do this.

By the time you read this, State Session will be history and we will have the official start of a new Grange year.

Hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful fall weather. Each and every day without the need to run a furnace is a blessing.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Legislatively Speaking

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funded until December through a continuing resolution so they will continue, at least until December. There are some conservation, nutrition and export programs that were part of the Farm bill that did come to a halt the end of September. The funding and the existence of the Affordable Healthcare Program has been a major stumbling block with the negotiations.

The last time a federal shutdown occurred was in 1995-1996 when Bill Clinton was President and it lasted for 26 days. One thing to note is that the Republican Party had control of both the House and Senate at that time. This time we are working with a Democratic controlled Senate and a Republican controlled House. We also have the influence of the conservative 'Tea Partiers', who are primarily Republican, who have been basically voting against everything with funding. Hopefully this shutdown will not last 26 days or more and by the time you are reading this the government is back up and running. Who

will be the 'winner' of this? Probably no one. But each side will be touting that they were the ones that ended the shutdown.

Another major issue that occurred was that the Federal debt ceiling was reached about October 17th. This means that the government will 'officially' be out of money by that date. If the legislature has not approved raising the debt ceiling, more services will have been disrupted. They were threatening funding for Social Security, veterans benefits and student loans to name a few.

October also brought us the implementation of the Affordable Care Act or 'Obamacare' as it is more widely known. There has been some beginning implementation over the last couple of years but the public's responsibility of signing up for health care started the beginning of October. Some of the requirements in the Affordable Care Act are good such as requiring medical offices to update their record keeping systems to electronic. Now when you need a prescription they can electronically transmit it to

your pharmacy and share records with other medical offices when needed. This bill also requires the insuring of those with 'previous conditions' allowing them to obtain health insurance. Many are not happy with the requirement of obtaining health insurance to cover essential health benefits. If you do not obtain health insurance you may be fined. Some have questioned if someone can't afford the health insurance how can they pay the fine. There are some federal subsidies to help with the cost of health care insurance but I am not clear on what they are and how much is offered. We are still seeing the domino effect of this bill. There are already reports of some businesses dropping health care insurance for their employees and passing them along to the Affordable Care Act insurance program. I am sure that we will see more dominos falling as or if this program continues. In Connecticut we set up our own registration website and did not use the one offered by the federal government. You can obtain more information at ct.gov/hix.



Groton Community Grange celebrated Halloween with a costume party at their October 21 meeting.

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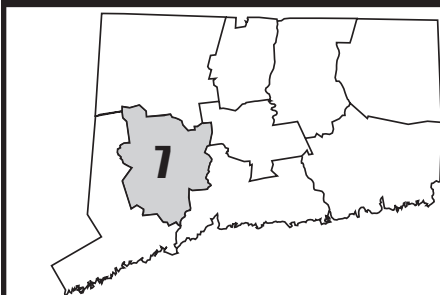
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Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

The annual Roast Beef and Bazaar will be held November 2 at Beacon Valley Grange. Dinner will be from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The bazaar will start at 2 pm.

Our meeting will be November 20, 2013 at Oxford Grange with a Salute to America. Come see what we surprise our Lecturer has in store for us.

We would like to wish all our grange friends and members a Happy Thanksgiving.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Nov. 25: Meeting

Thanks given. Potluck Dinner and Awards Night.

Congratulations to Bethlehem Grange on getting first place at Bethlehem Fair for our exhibit and thank you to everyone who helped.

Our sympathies go to Linda Coad on the passing of her mother. Get well wishes to Shirley Petrillo as she continues to recover.

Dictionaries have been given to the third graders at Bethlehem Elementary School, and Washington Primary School.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

We are happy that Mary Raymond was our second delegate to the State Grange. It has been more than 20 years since we have had two delegates at State Grange. Thank you Mary. Also we would like to welcome Diane and Denise Barbieri as new members of Prospect.

This was our 12th year of being able to give the gift of words to the Third Graders. October 11 five of our members helped give out more than 110 dictionaries to the Third Graders at Algonquin Elementary School in Prospect, along with the favorite book worm book markers. We were also able to donate 4 books to the school library along with nearly 100 boxtops for kids and Campbell soup labels.

Members have been hard at work making 150 favors for the Prospect Senior Center's Halloween Party. Favors were also made for the local convalescent home for the patients. We are working on favors for Thanksgiving as well.

Mittens and gloves have been collected for the National Grange Mitten Tree. We are hoping a few of our members will be able to go the the National Grange Convention being held in Manchester New Hampshire.

We will continue to collect jackets and sweaters for our Operation Cold Weather to be donated to the local Homeless Shelter. For more information about activities at our grange, please call Jean 203 758 5653.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Charles Perry

The Bridgewater grange was very active this past August and September. We had a regular meeting at our Grange hall on Wednesday August 14th.

Then on Friday August 16th we opened the hall for public use during the Bridgewater Fireman's Parade. We had over 20 people (members, friends and family) at our pizza party and then we watched the parade.

In September we had a combined meeting and picnic at Master Nancy Mascio's house on Tuesday Sept 10th at 6:30 pm. We then a busy week preparing for our first roast beef dinner which was held on September 14th at 5:30. We had a very successful dinner followed by a Hootenanny with Jeff Case and Friends.

In October we will held a regular meeting at our hall on October 9th. We had another roast beef dinner on Saturday October 12th at 5:30 PM which was followed by a Hootenanny.

We mourn the loss of one of our sisters Dorthea Defriesse. She bravely battle cancer for several years and passed on this summer.

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



There was one answer from Annie Smith for the October Window photo. She doesn't know any of the names, but thinks that it is a photo of the Youth Grange at State Session in either 1972 or 1973.

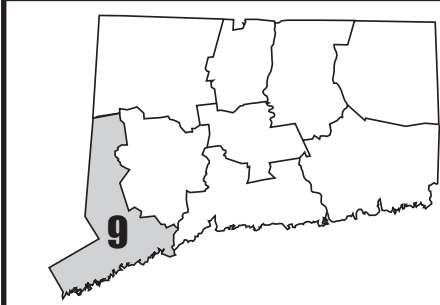


Hamburg Fair sets record



Hamburg Fair (Lyme Grange #147) set new attendance records at their recent Fair, presented with the Lyme Fire Company and the Lyme Ambulance Association.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Nov: No Meeting

Dec. 18: 6:00 P.M., Supper

The December meeting scheduled for Dec. 4 has been rescheduled for Dec. 18 at Norfield Grange Hall. It is our Christmas celebration and has many activities planned. There will be a 6:00 P.M. potluck supper and we will be collecting Toys for Tots. The program will include the best dressed male and female for the holiday. Come join us for a fun filled night.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 25: No Meeting

Dec. 9: No Meeting

I want to start this report thanking my Grange family for their expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother. Your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to me during this time of sorrow. Thanks to you all.

Our meetings are listed above, unfortunately we will not be meeting on two of our scheduled dates because of the absence of many of our officers.

Our Dec. meeting will be listed in the Dec. edition of the Granger.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward & Gail Mas

Our Neighbor's Night and Community Service Award scheduled for our September meeting did not happen as planned. We could not get the speaker we wanted and so we did not give out the award.

We have scheduled the installation of our Officers during our October meeting. The Installing team will be Bob and Marge Sendewicz. Also at our October meeting, we will honor our neighbor and his wife with a cash award card for his continuing work

to keep our lawn mowed and the leaves mulched.

We are in our planning stages for our December Christmas fair. The hours will be 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be a straw table for prizes and a Chinese auction. Jewelry will also be available. The food court will be open and there will be a bake table.

The Master and Spouse will be attending the State Session as delegates from Harmony Grange.

We appreciate the work done by our members, Tom Sulier and Basil Dikovsky, to improve our outdoor sign and especially to Tom for getting our gutters cleaned to keep water from entering the furnace room.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Nov. 18: "Thanksgiving", 6 P.M. Dinner, 7 P.M. Meeting

In September, we reviewed the results of our Annual Agricultural Fair. It was a success from the standpoint of attendance, visitors' reactions, and increase in number of exhibits in most categories. Visitors got to enjoy the exhibits, special displays, demos and talks, as well as the great weather! We are, as time and finances allow, continuing work projects on our hall.

Our November meeting will be preceded by a turkey dinner at 6 P.M. We will be expressing thanks for what God has provided us. Also ideas are needed for more activities that will follow. R.S.V.P. for the dinner. All are welcome!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Nov. 2: BBQ and Square Dance

Nov. 12: Business Meeting

Nov. 23: Re-Opening 4th Annual Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 10: Deck the Hall & Holiday Cheer

Jan. 14: Fair Kick-Off and Planning Meeting (Bring at least one can or non-perishable item).

Space limits our complete list of 2013-2014 officers, but here are a few; it's a dynamic team! President/Master, Kevin Parker; Overseer, Randy Miller; Lecturer, Sue Sullia; and Steward, Raymond Poirier. Special thanks go to Randy Miller, who served us so well as Master these many past years!

We had a picture-perfect Sunday for our 45th Annual Norfield Grange Fair on September 8. And many, many thanks to all who made it such a memorable day! Perhaps you will recognize some of our Blue Ribbon Best in Category winners: Ginger Jespersen, Drawing; Robert Wachtel, Photography; Pamela Bochinski, Collections; Vanessa David, Best Decorated Cupcake in Connecticut; Victoria Eastus, Jams and Jellies; Weston Hurlbutt Elementary

School Learning Garden, Best Tomato in Connecticut (Amateur); Smith's Acres Farm of Niantic, Best Tomato in Connecticut (Farmer); Nora LaFleur, (6 years old!), Cut Flower Arrangement; Roland, Susan and Alison Poirier, Eggs; Pamela Buchinski, Knitting; and last but hardly least, Scott Jacob, Best "Hooch" in Connecticut.

The 45th Agricultural Fair might be history, but our Business Meeting in November isn't. And the annual reopening of our 4th Winter Farmers' Market takes place on November 23. We deck the halls in December, and before you know it, hello 2014!

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Nov 7: Business Meeting and Program

Nov 21: Business Meeting and Program

Dec 5: Business Meeting and Program

Dec 7: Holiday Market, 10

AM - 4 PM (Saturday)

Dec 19: Holiday Party

Two special committees are hard at work on two projects this fall: one is our kitchen remodeling committee that is upgrading several features of the kitchen and appliances, and another is our Holiday Market committee.

Selected craft vendors will be visiting us on Saturday, December 7th when we host our Holiday Market. Visitors will be able to get a jump on their Christmas shopping and also have some time to enjoy a light a la carte lunch during our Holiday Market.

Our end-of-year holiday party will be held on December 19th at which time we will enjoy fancy refreshments that everyone brings.

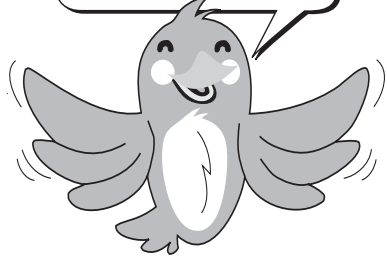
Our meeting and program schedule are noted above. Visiting patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

Norfield Grange Fair



Lyn Kimberly of Norfield Grange leads children on pony rides at the Norfield Grange Fair in Sept.

Granger Shout Out



- All messages should be NO MORE than 140 characters (roughly 20 words)... the max. length of a Twitter Tweet.
- The editor reserves the right to edit all messages
- The editor also reserves the right not to publish any message deemed to be inappropriate.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

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

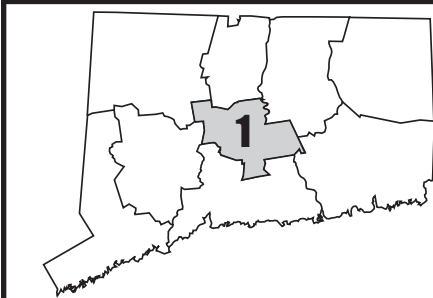
Thanks to Roseanne and Charle Smith for inviting Vivian and Lyall Shaw, residents of Kimberly Hall South, to attend Granby Grange lunch, then follow to visit Smith's beach cottage in Waterford.

The officers and members of Old Lyme Grange #162 wish to say many thanks to Norman Stitham for maintaining our hall over the past 6 years!

The officers and members of Old Lyme Grange #162 say many thanks to our Master, Ross Stands, for his continual leadership over these many years.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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.

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Bob Charbonneau

Central Pomona is now going forward with Normand Manning, our new President. The new officers were installed September 26th at Higganum Grange Hall by Connecticut State Grange Secretary, Edith Schoell. This was an open meeting. Along with the new slate of officers, we have now stepped up to increase our publicity by starting Central Pomona Grange Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Our meeting on October 24th was held at Southington Grange Hall. Normand Manning held his first regular meeting as President. Norm reported on State Grange Session during new business. Our Literary Program was entitled, "Halloween - Ghosts and Ghouls." Secretary, Cindy Charbonneau was in charge of the program. She had several readings on the history of Jack-O-Lanterns and Halloween, along with getting everyone up to sing "Harvest Song." There was a comical Top Ten list which was ... "You know you're too old to go out Trick or Treating..."

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday,

National Convention Workshops Radisson Hotel, Manchester NH

Workshops \$5.00 entrance fee for Non Grangers and Non Registered Grangers

Thursday Nov 14th 2013, 11am

Radisson Hotel Expo Room 700 Elm Street Manchester NH National Grange Idea Fair

SARE Grant Program Funds program and resources

available in your state with SARE Grant Farmers Carole Soule Miles Smith Farm Loudon NH and dorn Cox Westwick Farming Lee NH.

National Grange Idea Fair

Thursday Nov 14th 1:00 pm Equipment sharing and livestock pass-on programs for Small and Beginning farmers with Kate Kerman State Leader for Small and Beginner Farmers of New Hampshire.

NOFA - Thursday 2:00 pm

Radisson Hotel Expo Room 700

NOFA-NH Small-Scale Intensive Farming: Lowering Risks and Increasing Profits

December 12 at Hemlock Grange Hall in Portland.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: M. Harrison

We at the Meriden Grange are happy to report that the Fair was a success, we had many beautiful flowers this year and, as always, our needlework division had many lovely entries from our friends at the Bradley Home in Meriden. We enjoyed the Big E, which always includes a visit to the Grange Building. It is the best place to buy a craft to take home.

We warmly invite our fellow Grangers to our upcoming programs. 10/25 Homemade Cookies, yum! 3 Famous Grangers-some by & see if your guess was correct on 11/8 and Noah's Ark on 11/22. This year our Christmas party is 12/13 come & enjoy our treats.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Nov. 8: Bee Keeping
Nov. 22: Omit for Thanksgiving

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

This workshop will provide information on risk management strategies particular to business and financial planning, market diversification, and intensive crop production techniques as a means of lowering risks and increasing farm revenue.

Crop Marketing - Effective Digital Social Networking for Farmers Thursday 3:00 PM

Marketing to Institutions

Thursday November 14, 2013 4:00 - 5:00 pm Radisson Hotel This presentation will cover all of the major food service management companies and their current policies and initiatives regarding the purchase of local and regional foods. We will also cover institutions that have self-operated food service and New England produce distributors that carry regionally grown and produced products.

Friday Nov 15th 9am-3pm Red Cross Blood Drive.



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Public Relations Awards

By Terri Fassio and Robert Charbonneau,
Public Relations Co-Directors

The Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Committee offered 7 Contests in 2013. We would like to thank all of the Granges for participating in the contests and increasing their public awareness over this past year. Let's see these numbers increase for 2014!

1.) Creative Video Contest - Granges were asked to submit a video promoting their Grange. There were no entries received for this contest this year.

2.) CT State Grange Website Participation Contest - Recognizes Granges who submitted information to be published on the CT State Grange website.

Participation Certificates - COMMUNITY GRANGES:

Granby, Redding, Southington, Glastonbury, Wallingford, Cawasa, Senexet, Whigville, Eureka, Harmony Taghannuck, Beacon Valley, Killingly, Bethlehem, Higganum, Greenfield Hill, North Stonington, Prospect, Norfield, Lyme, Enfield, Cannon, Bridgewater, Norwich, Wolcott, Oxford, Simsbury, Groton.

Participation Certificates - POMONA GRANGES: Central Pomona No. 1, Mountain County Pomona No. 4, New London County Pomona No. 6, Excelsior Pomona No. 7, Fairfield County Pomona No. 9

President's Award Certificate: Taghannuck Grange No. 100

Where both Bob and myself handle the publicity for Meriden and Winchester, we felt it was not fair to judge our Granges along with the others. So Special Recognition Certificates will be awarded to Meriden and Winchester.

3.) Grange Marketing Contest - Granges were asked to create a booklet highlighting the ways they promote themselves to the public.

There were no entries received for this

contest this year.

4.) Best Grange-written Press Release Contest - Entries were to be an ACTUAL press release written and used by each Grange. Winner: Meriden Grange No. 29

5.) Grange Poster Contest - There were two categories for entries - Digital Design and Traditional Media. Digital Winner: Colchester Grange No. 78

Traditional Winners: Lyme Grange No. 147 (Community Grange Winner) / Hillstown Junior Grange No. 87 (Junior Grange Winner)

6.) Best Newspaper Article Contest - Granges were asked to submit clippings of newspaper articles written about their Granges.

With all of the wonderful articles written by newspapers about Connecticut Granges, it is sad that we had only one entry in this category. Winner: Hillstown Grange No. 87

7.) Social Media Participation Contest - This contest spotlights Granges efforts on Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook Recognition Certificates: Granby, Cheshire, Southington, Meriden, Whigville, Eureka, Winchester, Hillstown, Ekonk Community, Taghannuck, Killingly, Greenfield Hill, Prospect, Norfield, Lyme, Cannon, Bridgewater, Riverton, Norwich, Wolcott, Simsbury, Groton Community, Ekonk Community Junior, Central Pomona No. 1, Mountain County Pomona No. 4, New London County Pomona No. 6, Excelsior Pomona No. 7.

Best Facebook Pages: Cheshire, Meriden, Winchester, Killingly, Wolcott.

Twitter Recognition Certificates: Cheshire, Meriden, Winchester, Hillstown, Cannon, Central Pomona No. 1.

Best Twitter Pages: Winchester Grange No. 74, Cannon Grange No. 152

Friday Nov 15th 10-11:00 am
Radisson Hotel Expo Room 700
So exercise & get fit to Music with Gracie Schell Floyd Grange, NY . Simple Circle Dances and other types are easy & fun.

Workshop Friday Nov 15th 2013 11:00 am Seed Sharing for Individuals and Small Scale Growers Radisson Hotel. National Grange Convention \$5.00 Entrance Fee to Idea Fair. Randel Agrella, Mgr of Comstock-Ferre in Wethersfield, CT and manager of rare seed grow-outs for Baker Creek Seeds in Mansfield, Missouri.

Friday Nov 15th 3pm - 5pm
Currier Museum of Art - Farm and Families: Exploring the works of the Currier Museum of Art

Friday Nov 15th 4pm - 5 pm **Ag in the Classroom Workshop**

Saturday Nov 16th 11:00 am
Wolcott Grange, CT will share their success in Growing their Grange in their community.

Crafting with Grangers Nov 14th - Nov 16th Radisson Hotel 700 Elm Street Manchester NH National Grange Convention

Crafting Area Workshop Information The Little Loom Girl Learn to Weave. Felicia is known around NH as the Little Loom Girl and has been actively weaving for 5 years. Felicia will be on hand Nov 14th - Nov 16th sharing her weaving knowledge with Idea Fair Participants. Looms will be set up for individuals or groups of 5 to work together making a small bracelet or key chain.

Nail Design - Traci from RI Nail art is a creative activity that draws pictures or designs fingernails. Come experiment and have fun painting your nails with Grangers from across the nation.

Saturday Nov 16th - 10:30-11:30 am
Tamsen Essense Sniff & Roll Workshop will have a scintastic selection available to SNIFF, from her collection of 550 apothecary bottles. Workshop fee \$10

Make and Take Sewing Day Friday Nov 15th 12:30 pm Scrubgrass Grange members share their sewing skills by having a "Make and Take" Day for kids and/or adults in their community. Come see sample projects and pick up the printed instructions.

Card Making Workshop with Mary Bordeuax from Savannah Georgia Grange . 20 participants will work with Mary in an hour long workshop creating 4 christmas cards.

Friday Nov 15th Create a Scrapbook Christmas Page Demo and Make and Take

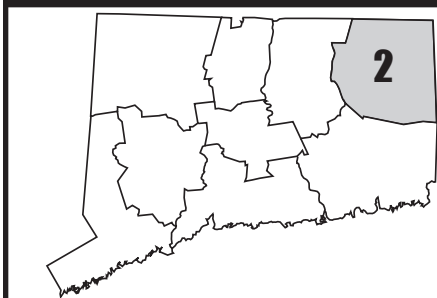
Jane Trombi from Warren Pond Grange #47 will be on hand Friday 9 - 3 pm assisting visitors with creating a 12x12 Christmas Scrapbook Page for a small fee of \$1.00 to cover supplies.

Saturday 8:30 - 9:30 am
Wooden Quilt Block Creation How To

Want to paint a wooden Quilt Block but just not sure how to start? Then come let Scrubgrass Grange members teach you how. Come join in the fun!

Saturday Nov 16th 9:30 am - 10:30 am **So exercise & get fit** to Music with Gracie Schell, Floyd Grange NY . Simple Circle Dances and other types are easy & fun. Anyone that can walk can do most of my dances!! Check out my Facebook Page (Gracie's Dance) or my Web Page www.graciesdance.com.

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

Nov. 13: Turkeys - Leg. Comm. Ref. Dough, Nuts and Cider

Dec. 11: Sleigh Bells. Ref. Xmas Cookies

Leaves - leaves - leaves - Wind - wind - wind!

A good crop of pumpkins. They are everywhere. A lot are nicely carved. It seems there are more animals around. Mountain lions have been seen. More deer and lots of skunks! Next??

Hope State Session went well. Weather was good.

Dictionaries to the schools soon. Tabs are still coming in.

Had your flu shot yet? Eat well. Stay healthy- it's a long winter coming!

Happy birthdays to all.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Nov. 2: Meeting/Program 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 16: Turkey Supper, 5 P.M.

Dec. 2: Meeting/Program, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 7: Christmas Bazaar, 10-2

Dec. 7: Chowder n' Clamcakes, 12-2

Dec. 13: Annual Junior Musical!

By the time you read this we will have held our "Meet the Candidates" night at our Grange. We invited EVERY candidate running for ANY elected position in Sterling to our Grange. We had a moderator, many excellent questions were asked and answered and we thank Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm for providing cider and their homemade cider donuts for refreshments. We also held our third annual supper to benefit the Home in Jewett City for "homeless" veterans; a wonderful facility to help those who helped US: Americans!

Link Cooper has been installed as our new President and thanks to Jeff Barnes for doing an exemplary job as Installing

Officer! You will have met Link by this reading: he was our Delegate to State Grange.

We welcomed Christine and Duane Hamp (National Flora and Washington State Master respectively and this year's National Representatives to State Grange) to our hall and everyone enjoyed fellowship (and a spaghetti and meatball supper). MANY Juniors attended.

We extend recovery wishes to Mike Dzurnak. Mike lost his arm to the elbow in a tragic wood processor accident. Sympathy to Sue Griffiths on the loss of her mother.

By this reading Jim Cole will be recovering from heart surgery and Jacob Gervais rotor cuff surgery. FOUR folks in "need" of our prayers.

Clifford Gervais has been notified that he was selected as part of the Youth Officer Corp at National this year: exciting news for our young Program Director.

We are having our own huge Halloween party: crafts, games, hayride with "hauntings" and as usual, yummy food afterwards, PLUS, we are participating in the first Town of Sterling Halloween Party the next evening!

Plan to enjoy our Nov. 16th Turkey Supper. If you wish a \$10 table at our Christmas Bazaar, call Verna at 860-564-2388.

Can't wait to see what the Juniors present this December at their Musical: always a wonderful evening with a crowded hall.

ASHFORD GRANGE #90

We will have bluegrass on November 10th at 4:00 PM. Our meetings are on the second Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM.

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

On Sept. 14 Killingly Grange had a table at

Davis Park in Danielson. We gave out information and pamphlets about the Grange. We also had a table with various vegetables, macaroni, etc. to make a "Tomato Head." That proved to be a good draw for children and parents. A beautiful sign about our Agricultural Fair and Craft Market the following week was displayed. After the Grange Agric. Fair, in the evening, we held a chicken dinner- a "Healthy Harvest Dinner"- all produce obtained from the local farmers and markets.

We are now on Facebook thanks to our incoming Master Bernadette Schuster.

Our new handbooks are out- hope all new members will have one, so they know when Killingly Grange meets and other activities are coming up.

Killingly Grange #112 entertained Pomona on Oct. 5th with potluck and a movie. Lots and lots of different food. Decent turn out and an enjoyable movie.

Incoming Master Bernadette Schuster and Steve planted tomato and pepper plants in back of the Grange, which are producing. Good job!

We have four new members joining us of late- all workers!

The Tomato Family Saga-- One evening a nice lady returned to her car after dinner at a local restaurant. There to her surprise were a few tomatoes on the ground.

Another nice lady came by and picked them up after the first nice lady exclaimed, "Don't step on the tomatoes."

Another surprise! Second nice lady came and put them in the other nice lady's car.

What to do? What to do? The nice lady in the car took them home.

She arranged the tomato family on a plate and took their picture- the papa tomato, the mama tomato and the five little tomatoes.

Now this tomato family doesn't know it but their photo is going to be entered into the Grange Fair in hopes of a prize. But sad to say they will have to be eaten sooner rather than later. Meanwhile the nice lady will enjoy them.

So farmers on your way to market- be careful, your tomatoes don't jump out of your basket to become a "Family" or someone's snack, or just get lost in a parking

lot.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Nov. 12: Thanksgiving

Nov. 26: Omit

We had our Ham and Bean Supper which was a success. We will have another one in the spring.

Pat Maines is still making squares for "From the Heart".

Alma Graham has made 15 pillowcases for "Limo's for Kids" and also she is helping make costumes for the Theater Guild.

The "No Freeze Shelter" in Willimantic is looking for donations to help this winter.

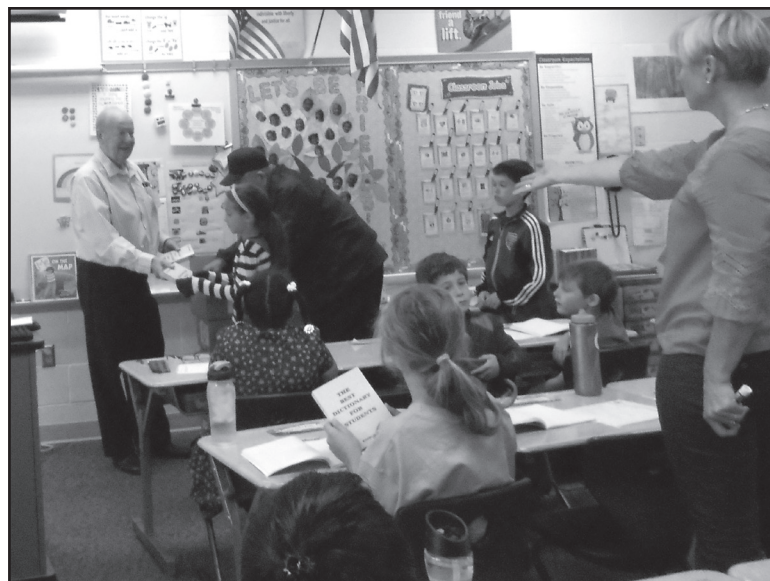
We have lost another Gold Sheaf member, Samuel Shepardson.

Killingly Bluegrass



Killingly Grange featured Shady Creek bluegrass on Oct. 26.

Dictionary Project



Glastonbury Grange recently distributed dictionaries to the third graders at Nayaug School.

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

The beginning of November and holidays are around the corner. National Grange will soon be in session and I hope new members and friends are planning to take the Seventh Degree. It is the highest degree in the Grange. National Grange will not be meeting in the northeastern region for six years.

Secretaries, if you are in need of supplies, please let me know. Pre-printed minutes pads are still available. They are not to be used for permanent records. They are simple to use for your meeting and taking notes. We are planning to revise the quarterly report forms in order for Granges with youth to find reporting a little easier.

Don't only do what you like to do, but learn to like what has to be done.

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Coventry No. 75
- Hillstown No. 87
- Enfield No. 151
- Simsbury No. 197

MISSION STATEMENT

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

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Nov. 2: Thanks - Hillstown Host

Dec. 7: Jingle Bells - Glastonbury Host

We welcome two new members in the fifth degree from Granby and Enfield. Those that missed, we will see you in April.

We are getting the hall ready for winter and are hoping for a mild winter season this year. We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian Shaw

Fifteen Granby Grangers and a guest attended an open meeting and lunch at Windsor Locks Diner in October.

Master Roseanne Smith, Overseer Charles Hunderlach, Lecturer Charle Smith, Steward Conrad Krupa, Treasurer Carl Innes, Ceres Jacqueline Krupa, Stephen Gilhay, Vivian and Lyall Shaw, former West Suffield member Dorothy Hinckley, Robert Sheldon and Gertrude Hastings, former Tunxis member Pamela Covington, Deanne O., and Joan Goetjen.

Granby Grange Agricultural Fair and Barbecue was held on September 6 and 7. The chicken barbecue featured three string musicians during dinner and all were able to enjoy fun with members and guests.

On Saturday, at the Fair, we had many entires including one from a four year old and even three 84 year olds entered. The fair featured fruits, vegetables, flowers, pies, jams, jellies, pickles and crafts as well as a photography booth for us to see. All were there, even Annabelle the Clown visited. Thank you to all involved. It was great. See you next year.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kay Ruff

Nov. 7: Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Let's Give Thanks! Potluck supper at 6:30 P.M.

Nov. 9: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party, 7 P.M.

Dec. 5: Meeting, Holiday Celebration @ local restaurant

Dec. 6: Glastonbury hosts E. Central at Good Will Hall

September 23 Glastonbury delivered the dictionaries to the third graders at Nayaug School. The children were really pleased and excited about receiving their own dictionaries. Mario Accornero, Bob and Doris Nordstrom and Kay Ruff made the delivery.

As I am writing this I have purchased all of the ingredients needed to bake on Friday for our Bake and Tag Sale on Oct. 5th. Hope we have a sunny day for that day. Our card parties have started for the season. Try to join us on Nov. 9th. We have a pleasant evening.

We will go to a local restaurant for our Holiday Party on December 5th. Plan on joining us and call Jean Accornero or me to make your reservation.

Glastonbury members wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Nov. 5: Who Are We?

Come listen to individual Grangers talk about "who they are." Our meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. at the Parker School Recreation Wing in Tolland.

If you can attend, let Worthy Master Robert West know so we can plan accordingly.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Nov. 7: Thanksgiving

Dec. 4: Christmas

Coventry is prepping for old man winter. Our annual tag sale was less attended but brought some jingle into our bank account. Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Do You Remember?



LILLIAN MERRILL

by Betty Jane Gardiner

How many of you remember the little lady from Bethlehem Grange who was known for her work with the Committee on Women's Activities - and for her knowledge of baking?

Lillian Merrill and her husband, Roger, served the Grange long and well - Roger as Master and Lillian as Lecturer. She was also appointed a Junior Deputy. When Camp Berger was started, she was an outstanding leader and contributed in many ways to the success of the camp. She was on the Camp Committee in the position of Chairman of the Trustees.

Her love of homemaking skills led to her participation in the baking department of fairs. She headed the department of food for fairs and bazaars. She was CWA chairman for Excelsior Pomona. Her needlework skills were widely known and she was often called upon to be a judge for craft and sewing contests. She sang with the Mountain County Choristers and was in the State Rose Drill.

In 1990 Lillian placed first in the nation with her report book. The Connecticut Agricultural Fair was pleased to have her as Superintendent of the Baking Department.

After her death, Bethlehem Grange wanted to honor her memory and the Lillian Merrill Perpetual Trophy was introduced with one of her own recipes chosen to be used each year, first at the Connecticut Agricultural Fair and later at the Bethlehem Fair, when the CAF ceased operations. There were generous prizes of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second and a \$50 award for third place.

In 2013 the recipe was for a Raspberry-Fig Linzer Cookie. Would you like to taste this delicious treat?

Here is the recipe—

Raspberry-Fig Linzer Cookies

(makes 2 dozen sandwich cookies)

Ingredients for cookie:

- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- sugar-substitute equivalent to 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/4 cup refrigerated egg product
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 3 tablespoons cornmeal
- Powdered sugar

Ingredients for Raspberry-Fig Filling:

- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1/3 cup fresh or frozen red raspberries
- 3 tablespoons finely snipped dried figs

Directions:

1. Beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar substitute, baking powder and salt. Beat until combined, scraping side of bowl occasionally. Beat in oil, egg product, and vanilla until well combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour and the cornmeal. Divide dough in half. Wrap and chill dough for 2 to 3 hours.

2. Preheat oven to 375°. On a lightly

floured surface, roll out half of the dough to 1/8 inch thickness. Using a 2 inch cookie cutter, cut into desired shapes. Using a 1 inch cookie cutter, cut out the center of half of the cutouts.

3. Arrange cutouts 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake about 5 minutes or just until the edges are firm. Transfer to a wire rack; cool.

4. Make raspberry-fig filling. In a small saucepan combine orange juice, raspberries, and figs. Bring to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered for 5 to 7 minutes or until mixture is thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Transfer mixture to a blender, or food processor. Cover and blend or process until nearly smooth. Cool completely.

5. Sprinkle the tops of the cookies that have the centers cut out with powdered sugar; set aside. Spread cooled filling onto each whole cookie. Top with cookies with cutout centers.

Memories of Lillian will linger each fall when a new recipe will be announced for competition at the Bethlehem Fair. This is a very special way to honor her memory—and to help people remember this very special lady.



Lillian with Betty Jane Gardiner at Bethlehem.



Lillian working on CWA projects.

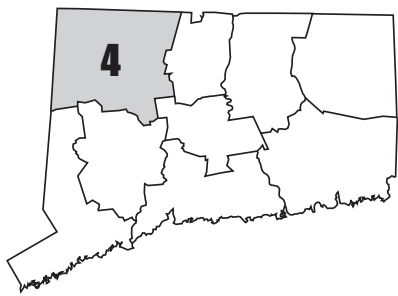


Left: The Lillian Merrill Perpetual Trophy. Right: Phyllis Bierce receives the Merrill Trophy from Bethlehem Master Skip Maddox at the CT Agricultural Fair after one of the first contests.



Lillian at Bethlehem's 100th Anniversary.

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.

MOUNTAINCOUNTYPOMONA#4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Nov. 11: "Thank the Vets"
- Beacon Grange

The next meeting of Mountain County Pomona will be on Monday, Nov. 11 and we will be the guests of Beacon Grange in Northfield. For 2013-2014, the programs will be provided by the Granges hosting the Pomona meeting and it's Beacon's turn this time! We thank Sister Ramona Fassio of Winchester for providing the program (with little notice) for our October meeting. As no candidates were known for that night, it was decided to cancel the degree but have the supper and have a program provided by Winchester.

Thanks to all who helped out in serving the refreshments during our assigned break during State Session, co-hosted by Mountain County and Excelsior Pomona.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield

Hi Everyone! Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. It's been busy at Cawasa Grange.

This year we passed out dictionaries to third graders at Cherry Brook Elementary School in Canton.

We presented 13 Scholarships at Canton High School this year for a total of \$50,000 from the Cawasa Grange Memorial Scholarship Fund. We have one Scholarship for \$20,000 and the \$30,000 is split up among 12 other students in the school. They were very pleased to receive that gift and we received lovely thank you notes from the recipients.

We plan to get back to making something for the food bank next year.

Joanne Ritchie is going to New Hampshire to take her 7th Degree. Lin and I are planning on going up for the day.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The Whigville Grange will hold its November meetings at the Burlington Town Hall, Route 4, Burlington. This will provide a warmer meeting place, and we hope to meet there all winter.

Our members gathered for a day of pie baking, followed by a potluck supper in August. We made over 50 pies, which will be sold at Burlington's Tavern Day and at our fair. Last year we ran out early, we are getting a following for our pie! With the start of school, we would like to remind everyone to collect Campbell's product "Labels For Education". Most schools collect them, but if you don't have a school to take them, just ask around. This is great way for schools to get items they need. Have a safe and hopefully snow free Halloween!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Nov. 2: Annual Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk

Nov. 12: Peanut Butter Lovers Unite (Ref. Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M.)

Nov. 26: Give Thanks (Ref. Men)

Dec. 10: Christmas is Here (\$5 Grab Bag)

Dec. 24: Omitted for Christmas

Thank you to all of the Grangers who traveled to Winchester for our Oct. 22 meeting and Halloween Party. It was great to have a full hall and great fun prepared by "guest" Lecturer Terri Fassio and her mom, Lecturer Rae Fassio.

Our annual Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk is coming up on Saturday, November 2. The count, as of this writing, is over 18 vendors with calls coming every day. So it should be a full hall with a great assortment of home baked cookies and great lunch

items for sale throughout the day. Join us!

The second edition of our popular 125th Anniversary Cookbook is now available following the sell out of the first edition. It's just \$12 for this great book that includes hundreds of new and old recipes culled from previous cookbooks from Winchester Grange. It's a great gift-- call 860-626-0326 or email info@winchestergrange.org to find out how to purchase your copy OR visit any

Winchester Grange event!

As is the case with any printed material, there are always a few errors that have to be corrected and the cookbook is no exception. Contrary to the recipe-- you do not need to have a "Crackpot" to cook corn chowder. This and other typos have been corrected in the new edition and correction sheets are available by contacting us.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghannuck Grange #100 is having a Harvest Dinner at our hall on November 14th at 6:30. Grange members can/should bring a non-member to the potluck dinner. Everyone should bring a covered dish. Visitors are welcome to join us. There is a short open meeting afterwards. The snow date (no snow yet please!) is November 23rd.

Winchester Halloween Party



Winchester Grange #74 was filled with visitors for the Oct. 22 Neighbor's Night and Halloween Party. Even "Sister" Maggie Schofield of Cawasa Grange made an appearance!

Taghannuck takes second



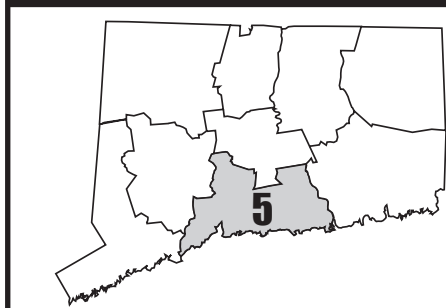
Taghannuck Grange No. 100 (Sharon) took second prize for its exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair. The theme for this year's Grange Exhibit Contest was "What is the Grange?"

Dinner is served at Riverton



Tillie Jackson helps serve some of the many guests attending the Riverton Grange Dinners held during the Riverton Fair in October.

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

Dec. 8 (Sunday) - 4 P.M. Open Meeting in Cheshire (44 Wallingford Rd.-- one block east of Town Hall). Program: Our Christmas - bring a \$3 gift to exchange. Potluck supper to follow.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tollette

Nov. 5: Thankful Season
Dec. 2: Holly Daze

Summer is winding down and autumn is on its way. Am writing this before the October meeting so I don't know how hefty the harvest is. I know that I had some great weeds. Time will tell how other members made out.

Tune in next month when I hope to have the answer. Let us be thankful at Thanksgiving time.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Nov. 8: Harvest is...

Nov. 22: Omit- Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 13: Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M., Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

We are still working on surrendering our charter and feel we will be done by the end of December, but we really do not know at this writing.

This was a bitter sweet State Session for Ross and me, as we will never be delegates for Old Lyme Grange #162 again. It was so good to see old friends, and we made new friends as well.

The officers of Old Lyme Grange #162 wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families, your loved ones, and we especially miss, this Thanksgiving, all those men and women who are away serving our country in some form of military service.

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

Congratulations to the officers and members of Cheshire Grange No. 23 for receiving the 2013 Deputies' Challenge award at State Session. Four Granges were nominated for this award which recognizes Granges who have done outstanding work during the year or have shown great improvement over the previous year. Congratulations also go to Taghannuck Grange No. 100, Riverton Grange No. 169 and Wolcott Grange No. 173 for their nominations. The winner was selected by vote of the Deputies after each nominating Deputy made their case for their nominee. The program will continue for the 2013-2014 year - so do all you can to make your Grange stand out from the crowd in the new Grange year!

Executive Committee Reports have started to arrive in my mailbox and I would remind all to be sure to fill out all parts of the report and to be sure to include the information on the back of the form. If your form does not have a back this probably means you have an outdated form. The current report form is included in the 2013 Blue Book.

Granges are also asked to provide copies of the Steward's Inventory Report when submitting their E.C. Reports. Copies should also be available for the deputies on the night of your inspection.

New for 2013-2014: All Granges are asked to provide a copy of the most recent update of your Grange By-Laws. Copies may be sent to me at your convenience or they may be provided to the Deputy on the night of inspection.

Each State Session I recognize at least one Deputy for outstanding work during the previous year. This year we decided to recognize Brothers Peter Keefe and Geno Piacentini. While their work was outstanding, we are not necessarily recognizing them for their Deputy work during the year. We are recognizing them for their perseverance in overcoming severe health challenges to perform their duties. We thank both of them and all of the Deputies for their dedication to the Order.

Whigville Grange No. 48

CHESHIRE GRANGE PRESENTS
2nd Annual Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale
Saturday, December 7th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Come and meet Santa from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Handcrafted items, gummy bake sale, raffle, breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea, and more!
FREE ADMISSION
44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, CT 06410



Whigville Grange #48 (Burlington) had a record number of pies sold at Burlington's Tavern Day in September. Above, the Whigville Grange booth at Tavern Day.



EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Hi from Ekonk Junior! We held our Installation on September 20th, we had 42 people present. We also received our badges. The badge ceremony is so nice! 10 Juniors earned 14 badges. Good job kids! We voted to send sister Marion Emmons as our delegate to State Session.

At our October meeting we welcomed in new member, Julia Torres. We also had company from Richmond Junior Grange and Voluntown neighbors. It was a fun night. We had halloween poems, jokes, a team game to find the pumpkins, and how many candy corn? Emily and Jared both guessed one less than

what was in the jar. Pretty cool, guys! Great estimating skills!

We voted to purchase 10 gallons of juice and cups, for a town-wide halloween party. Our Grange party was the 25th, and the town's party is the 26th. It was a busy weekend.

Oct. 14 found us picking apples, as well as making cider and apple crisp. Yum-yum! Great way to spend Columbus Day!

We have been selling chocolate bars to raise money for our "travel fund" and so far we have raised \$237.02! Not too bad, lucky chocolate

is an easy sell, and we have a couple of honorary members who are willing to take the boxes to work! Thanks! We are very fortunate to have such support from our honorary members.

We are going to start rehearsals for our Christmas play, just after Halloween. Hard to think about Christmas already.

We compiled our reports for State and National and found that we donated over \$1,750.00 throughout our last Grange year! Pretty good for a bunch of kids. I am very proud of our little group. Feel free to visit us,



Ekonk Community Junior Grange badge earners pose for a picture at a recent meeting. Carly and Conner Sebastian were not able to attend but received their badges later as Carly was marching in her first marching band event at her high school's football game.

And the winners were:



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

work in the name of the Grange. Lecturers have a hard, never-ending job. If your Lecturer came home with rewards, please thank them for the good work. If not, ask yourself what you can do to help. This is a new Grange year and everyone gets a new start. Think ahead. This time next year your Grange could be a winner too.

Winners for 2013 are as follows:

Lecturer's Appreciation Awards

Marge Bernhardt, Cheshire #23
Ann Gilnack, Glastonbury #26
Linea Erickson, Cawasa #34
D. Emily Alexander, North Haven #35
Debby Perry, Senexet #40
Helena Schwalm, Whigville #48
Joyce Jordan, Tolland #51
Ramona Fassio, Winchester #74
P. Joan Toomey, Colchester #78
Helene Forrest, Hillstown #87
Clifford M. Gervais, Ekonk #89
Evelyn Urda, Ashford #90
Bill Kroeger, Taghannuck #100
Cindy Legg, Beacon Valley #103
Eleanor Davis, Killingly #112
Robert A. Buck, Bethlehem #121
Susan Pianka, North Stonington #138
Francis Maxwell, Prospect #144
Lois Evankow, Lyme #147

It was great to see so many of you at State Session. Our Lecturers did wonders this last year putting on some fantastic programs and accomplishing so much good

Irene Percoski, Enfield #151
Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme #162
Lila Cleveland, Lyme #168
Shirley Moore, Riverton #169
Nancy McBrien, Hemlock #182
Redding Grange #15
Vernon Grange #52

Honor Lecturer Awards

Marge Bernhardt, Cheshire #23
D. Emily Alexander, North Haven #35
Clifford Gervais, Ekonk #89
Eleanor Davis, Killingly #112
Lois Evankow, Lyme #147

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Glastonbury #26
North Haven #35
Colchester #78
Beacon Valley #103
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A Word From Home

Cheshire #23
North Haven #35
Winchester #74
Ekonk #89
Killingly #112
North Stonington #138
Prospect #144
Lyme #147
Hemlock #182

Essay Contest

1- Joe Ouimet, Wolcott #173
2- Susan Gray, Ekonk #89
3- D. Emily Alexander, North Haven #35

In Memoriam

Irene Gliha Hillstown Grange #87
Audrey Gruber, G.S. N. Stonington Comm. #138
Eugene Speck, G.S. N. Stonington Comm. #138
Samuel Shepardson Echo Grange #180

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



Norman Rockwell's "Freedom from Want"

Have a great Thanksgiving Day!

Thanksgiving is the time to pray and thank God for his continuous grace. Families offer group prayers both in church as well as homes. Customary Thanksgiving prayer before Thanksgiving feast is quite popular.

We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
we give thanks for the pleasure
of gathering together for this occasion.

We give thanks for this food
prepared by loving hands.

We give thanks for life,
the freedom to enjoy it all
and all other blessings.

As we partake of this food,
we pray for health and strength
to carry on and try to live as You would have us.

This we ask in the name of Christ,

Our Heavenly Father.

Harry Jewel

Complete Program

- 1- Susan Pianka, North Stonington #138
- 2- Shirley Moore, Riverton #169
- 3- Clifford Gervais, Ekonk #89

Nautilus Tour



Some of the many Youth & Juniors who toured the U.S. Nautilus gathered for a group shot following their tour. The tour was part.