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Looking ahead to October



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I hope you all had a great Independence Day or Fourth of July. By the time you receive this report, we have already celebrated but I hope you had a great day with family and friends. I know many Granges had floats or marched in their community parades. It's a good way to get your Grange name out into the community.

Our annual Connecticut State Grange Session is going to be held on October 20, 21 & 22 at the Holiday Inn in Norwich. I hope you save this date. Last year we had our Sessions Committees meet by Zoom a week or two before State Session. It seemed to have worked out well and I'm going to do it again this year. By doing the Session Committees ahead of time, it saves time on Thursday evening. This is an election year so it's even more important to save time where we can. It is important if your Grange has resolutions, that you send it to the State Secretary, Todd Gelineau, so we'll have it for the committees to work on in advance.

The three Connecticut State Grange Pomonas have conferred the Fifth Degree for inspection. Unfortunately, there were no candidates. Also, the attendance for these Pomonas was disappointing.

We need to get out and support our Pomonas if we want them to survive. The Pomona Granges will be meeting at the end of August and beginning of September. Let's get out and show our support.

Don't forget to enter the Honor Grange of the Year. I like to have

The Granger needs your help!

Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

As I am sure you are aware, we have had considerable delivery issues with the Postal Service over the last few years. Two years after the Pandemic began, the problems have persisted without any real change. As a result, we are working with a representative of the main Connecticut office of the USPS in Hartford to identify the problem(s) and come up with solutions.

We have explained that some towns receive their Grangers in just a few days while other towns can take a month or more to be delivered... sometimes later than out of state addresses!

I need your help in showing the Postal Service just how bad this problem is. PLEASE email, call

State Session will be here soon

Todd A. Gelineau, State Secretary

It seems summer has just begun and we're already looking towards State Session in October. As there are many deadlines to meet, we have to start early to ensure a successful Session.

them by September 15 so start working now. We only had one Grange last year that qualified for Honor Grange. Qualifications are in the Blue Book with three divisions: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Let's go for the Gold!

To end this month's report, I hope you all are having a great summer. Stay safe and healthy.

or mail (if you must) the date you received your Granger. Please also be clear which zip code/town you are reporting. I will compile all of the information I receive from all of you and submit a report to Hartford. This request is for everyone who receives the Granger whether you live in-state or out-of-state.

Please use the following contact info to submit your delivery dates:

Connecticut Granger,
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Winchester Center, CT 06094.
Email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org or by phone at 860-307-1522.

Hopefully your help with this project will result in improved service from the USPS. Thank you in advance!

Soon your Granges will be receiving the Call to Session and delegate cards. You should decide on your Delegates as soon as possible and get the Delegate Cards back to the State Grange office right away

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NEXT ISSUE . . . Articles Due July 15

State Session is around the corner

(but no later than the deadline on the cards) so we can get packets of information and Zoom information out to each delegate.

For the Zoom meetings to be successful, we need to have resolutions in from the Granges. Resolutions are due in to the State Grange Office as soon as possible (preferably before Sept. 15) to allow for preparation prior to being sent on to Session Committees who will again meet prior to State Session.



If you are submitting a resolution dealing with a by-laws related issue, IT MUST BE IN BY SEPT 15 to allow for proper notice to all Granges.

Room reservations should be made with the Holiday Inn Norwich no later than September 26, 2022 by calling the number in Norwich listed below. Please do not call the Holiday Inn corporate line. They will not be able to book your room properly under the guaranteed block rate we have arranged.

The rate this year is \$109.00 plus tax. It is about four dollars more than last year. Anyone who has traveled during the last year or so has noticed a sharp increase in hotel costs. It is remarkable we are able to lock-in rates so low. Please book early-- DON'T WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE.

Registrations for Session are due no later than September 30. Please keep in mind that if you are

a Delegate who wishes to receive the Delegate Reimbursement payment from the State Grange, you must attend ALL sessions, including the Celebration Banquet on Friday evening. This does require the additional purchase of a banquet ticket. Tickets will only be punched at the door of each session. Because this is an election year, the final session will be the Installation of Officers on Saturday afternoon following the Sixth Degree.

Our Membership Director is currently working on a special presentation on Thursday evening by a guest speaker to get our Session off on the right note. Please talk up the Session to members of your Grange and encourage them to attend all or part of State Session. It's not just for Delegates and State Officers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions:

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Delegate cards, the Call to State Session and registration information will be sent out to Granges shortly and an advance copy of the registration form is printed on page 3 of this issue.

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- 3) The rate they quote should be \$109 plus taxes.
- 4) Make your reservation before September 26, 2022. If there are rooms left after that date they will be at the standard "rack" rate, not our special group rate.
- 5) Call the State Secretary if you are charged a different rate or if you have any difficulties.



138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DUE: SEPT. 26

SESSION REGISTRATIONS DUE: SEPT. 30

We encourage all members, delegate or not, to participate in State Session as we celebrate our accomplishments over the previous year and look towards another year of great Grange work. ALL MEMBERS are required to register to attend most sessions/activities (excluding Sixth Degree, Lecturer's Program on Friday evening and the Installation on Saturday afternoon). All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Delegates must purchase a ticket and attend the banquet to receive the punch on their Delegate Reimbursement Cards. Lunches are included in the registration fee and the Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Secretary with any question.

Registration Form

Grange Name _____ No. _____

DELEGATES:

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NON-DELEGATES:

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

Name _____ Junior _____ Adult _____ Banquet Choice # _____

FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Friday & Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$30.00 # of Members _____ x \$30.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$20.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$20.00 _____

CELEBRATION BANQUET (FRIDAY Evening at 7:00 P.M.) # of People _____ x 30.00 = _____

Meal Choices (indicate the number of each person's choice above):

- ① Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast ③ Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Horseradish Aioli
- ② Shrimp Scampi ④ Vegetable Lasagna

All entrees include a Tossed Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$10.00 _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 _____

Junior Registration: \$10.00 # of Junior Members _____ x \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

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To reserve hotel rooms, call the Holiday Inn at 860-889-5201 and ask for the CT State Grange block.

The first Connecticut State Grange

by Todd A. Gelineau, Editor

This month we pause our series on influential Grangers and take a look at the first Connecticut State Grange. It is not widely known (or remembered) that the Connecticut State Grange was first organized on April 15, 1875. That State Grange had great difficulty in establishing itself and struggled through its brief three year existence. Some of the Granges chartered during that period continued to operate by reporting either to the Massachusetts State Grange or directly to the National Grange in Washington until in 1885 when the second State Grange was chartered and grew into the organization we know today.

The minutes book from that first State Grange was recently re-discovered in the State Office. This humble volume is not labeled on the outside and looks like many other notebooks from that time.

This month we are sharing some of the minutes from that book:

The following Secretary's Records of the old Connecticut State Grange which have been in my possession since it became dormant, are hereby transferred to the present Connecticut State Grange with the hope that the same may prove of interest and value to the Order.

Very Fraternally,

Mrs. Harvy Godard (Sept. 4, 1905)

APRIL 15th, 1875

Organization

Connecticut State Grange was organized in the Opera House at Danbury, Apr. 15th, 1875 by Deputy Levi Hubbell from Iowa. As listed by Brother Robinson, Deputy from Massachusetts.

Officers:

- Master - Harvy Godard, N. Granby
- Overseer - W.W. Hoag, Sherman
- Lecturer - A. L. Loveland, N. Granby
- Steward - J. A. Blackman, Hawleyville
- A. Steward - J. S. Buck, New Milford
- Chaplain - Jasper A. Philpz, W. Suffield
- Treasurer - C.H. Mason, Washington
- Secretary - E. G. Seeley, Roxbury
- Gatekeeper - W.H. Hill, Redding
- Ceres - Mrs. Harvy Godard, N. Granby

- Pomona - Mrs. W.N. Hoag, Sherman
- Flora - Mrs. E.G. Seeley, Roxbury
- Lady Asst. Steward -
Mrs. Hugh Mitchelson, Tariffville
- Exec. Comm. - Hugh Mitchelson, N.B. Dibble, S.A. Vits, H.B. Case, A.H. Ellsworth, and O.C. Gates.
- For Resolutions, see Proceedings Published.
- Attest. E.G. Seeley, Secretary

First Annual Session

First Annual Session was held at Stedman Hall, Hartford, Dec. 28, 1875.



Taylor Opera House, Danbury, Conn.

The minutes of the first and second annual session are sparse as they only record the officers present and the elections of officers for each year, referring to the Printed Proceedings of the Sessions (what we know as the Journal of Proceedings today). Rather than print long lists of officers and attendance, we skip ahead to the Third Annual Session where more detailed minutes are recorded in this book of minutes. A complete record of these minutes will be printed in the upcoming Grange History Book.

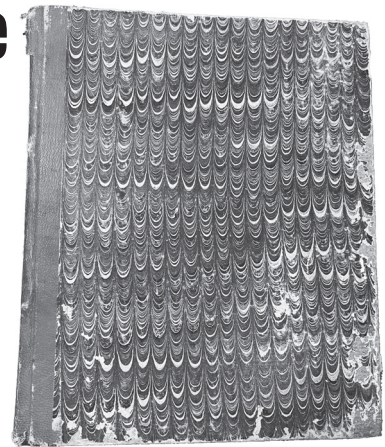
Third Annual Session

Third Annual Session held at Wolcottville (now named Torrington) in the Hall occupied by Hope Grange No. 20, commencing Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 1878.

Worthy Master Harvy Godard calling to order at 2 o'clock P.M..

The Secretary then records all officers present.

The Worthy Master appointed the



The humble first minutes book.

following persons a Committee on Credentials H.B. Case, A. Whiting and L.C. Vits who reported as follows:

- No. 5 Granby- Harvy Godard, Mrs. Harvy Godard.
- No. 12 East Granby- L.C. Vits
- No. 13 Tunxis - High Mitchelson, Mrs. Hugh Mitchelson.
- No. 14 Bloomfield - H.B. Case. Mrs. H.B. Case
- No. 20 Hope - Sherman Kimberly
- No. 18 Simsbury - Mrs. Jay Barnard.

Voted- that report be accepted and placed on file.

Following order of business adopted:

- 1st - Opening
- 2nd - Reading of Minutes
- 3rd - Appointment of Committees
- 4th - Reports of Officers
- 5th - Reports of Standing Comm.
- 6th - Reports from Sub. Granges
- 7th - Consideration of Amendments
- 8th - Constitution & By-Laws
- 9th - Election of Officers

The minutes then record the appointment of the various committees for the session.

A little time was now taken in listening to practical suggestions offered by the several delegates relative to promoting the interests of the Order in the state.

Members of the Order requested to invite their friends to attend a public meeting to be held in the evening from 7 to 9 o'clock (recess taken until 6 o'clock).

Evening Session

Grange called to order by W. Master at 6 o'clock.

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Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. 7 o'clock recess of the Grange taken until 9 o'clock and the public meeting opened by reading of the Master's Address- after which, questions pertaining to the welfare of our agricultural interests were considered.

At the close of the public meeting the Grange was called to order and reports from the several Granges by the delegates from the different Granges listened to.

Lack of participation of some of the Granges and information given by some of the reports led to the conclusion that there was a lack of sympathy for and cooperation with the State Grange on the part of several of the Subordinate Granges. Accordingly a committee was appointed to devise methods which would secure fraternal feeling and a hearty cooperation on the part of all the Sub. Granges in the State and report at the morning session.

Feb. 14 - Morning Session

Grange opened in due form by W. Master at 8 o'clock. Minutes of the previous evening session read and approved.

Comm. on Master's Address report as follows ~ In our judgment the Worthy Master in his annual address has set forth the purposes and minds of our Order in a very well calculated to win the approbation of all Patrons and in order to secure for at a more general reading - would recommend that it be published with the proceedings of the present Session - Adopted.

Amendments:

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the National Grange - The minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be for men three dollars and for women one dollar for the four degrees - Unanimously adopted.

Amend Preamble under the head of Organization of National Grange - unanimously rejected.

Constitution & By-Laws:

The comm. on Const. & By-Laws recommended that the last two lines of Art. 11 of the By-Laws, page 20 be stricken out - Adopted.

New members elected to the Executive Committee were listed and the minutes continue:

The "Special Committee" on Good of the Order appointed last evening beg leave to report as follows -

Whereas - The failure of a certain number of the Subordinate Granges of this State to cooperate with the State Grange is calculated not only to impair its efficiency but to destroy its existencel as an organization among the Sister States and thereby precludes the possibility of the success of any further efforts to establish Subordinate Granges in the State. Therefore -

Resolved - That while we sincerely regret the existence of any grievances, apathy or indifference which may have produced the result so clearly indicated by the absence of representation in this meeting and by the neglect to report to the officers of the State Grange- we are anxious to exhaust every honorable and fraternal means at our command to remove every obstacle real or imaginary which lies in the way of our securing the hearty and harmonious cooperation of every Sub. Grange in the State.

With a desire to accomplish this end your Committee would recommend that a special meeting be held for mutual conference and action in regard to this matter at such time and place as may be agreed upon - and that a cordial invitation be extended to all Subordinate Granges to be respresented at said meeting and present any claims or grievances which they may have against the State Grange or agains any members of it, also offer any suggestions relative to the course to be pursued to ensure our prosperity in the future. The committee would further recommend that the forgoing resolution be sent to all the Granges not represented at the present Session - Adopted.

Bros. E.G. Seeley and C.H. Mason were appointed a committee to arrange for the holding of a Farming Convention at or near Danbury previous to April 10th and were instructed to secure the services of the Worthy Lecturer of the National Grange and other prominent men to address us on that occasion - Expenses to be paid from the treasury of the State Grange -

On motion of Bro. H.B. Case of

Bloomfield voted - That the Worthy Secretary be instructed to visit the dormant Granges in the State and, if possible, devise means to put them in good working order. (Expenses to be paid from the Treasury of the State Grange).

Grange closed by W.M. in due form.

Attest E.G. Seeley, Secretary

State Sessions were not held in either 1879 or 1880.

The minutes of the First Connecticut State Grange end with that last session in 1878. The members of the State Grange were frustrated by the lack of participation and general apathy from Subordinate Granges with only 6 of 20 Granges sending delegates.

It appears the planned Farming Convention and special meetings did not improve conditions for the State Grange as they continued to limp along until 1880 when the State Grange ceased operations.

This minutes book also contains the financial records of the State Grange for its entire 5 years of existence. In 1875 there were 16 Granges with all paying their fair share of dues. In 1876 there were 14 dues paying Granges with Danbury and East Granby not contributing.

In 1876 four new Granges were organized in Kent, Simsbury, Housatonic and Hope bringing the number of Granges to 18. It is interesting to note that these four new Granges were organized but no dues were ever collected from them and they were carried on the roll of Granges until 1880.

In 1876 the number dropped to 10 and in 1877 there were only five Granges on record as having paid dues to the State Grange.

On December 9, 1880 a final entry was made by State Secretary Edwin G. Seeley reporting \$225.98 was collected during the year with a total of \$135.70 expended, leaving a balance of \$90.28 in the Treasury. That amount translates to \$2,587.11 in 2022 dollars.

The Connecticut State Grange would go dormant until 1885 when the second State Grange was organized. The current Connecticut State Grange is now in its 138th continous year of operation.

Beacon Grange Hall comes back to life

by Jack Sheedy, Hearst CT Media

NORTHFIELD - Wind and rain buffeted emergency responder Dave Carroll's vehicle as he pulled up next to a disabled car in front of the old Beacon Grange on Route 254.

It was the summer of 2020, and tropical storm Isais had knocked out power throughout Northfield. Carroll, a captain with the Northfield Fire Company, was waiting for a tow truck to arrive when he glimpsed the old grange hall, at first a soggy blur and then a clear image after a swipe of the windshield wipers. An idea began to form in his mind.

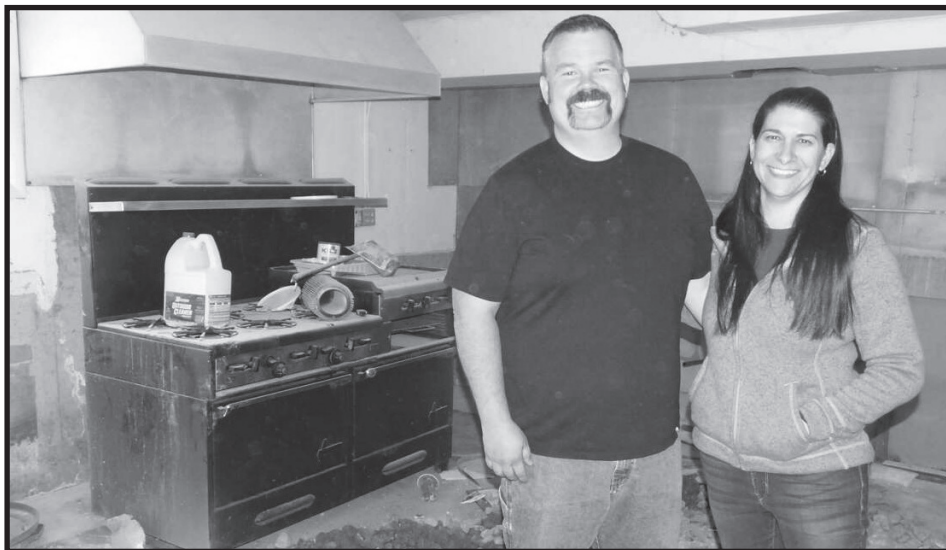
"This is the spot," he said to himself. For years, Carroll had nurtured the idea of somehow bringing back the old Northfield General Store, which closed more than a decade earlier.

"The lack of a general store has always been kind of a sore subject in Northfield," he said, his voice echoing from the walls of the former Beacon Grange No. 118.

He stood beside his wife, Marie, where shoppers will soon select items from coolers and shelves. Power tools and stepladders were scattered here and there in the space where the once and future Northfield General Store is being resurrected. The growl of earth-moving machines outside bore testimony to ambitious landscaping efforts to make the store more customer-friendly.

"I grew up in this community," Carroll said. "I love it to death. As a kid, I would ride my bike to that store on Main Street. It was always just there. When it's there you take it for granted. And when something is gone, you miss it."

When he was 14, he joined the Northfield Junior Firefighters, and remained a volunteer until he left town to attend Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. He met his future wife, Marie, in Boston, where she was studying business at Bentley College. Ironically, Marie hails from New Preston, just a few miles from Northfield. They returned to Connecticut and are



Dave and Marie Carroll pose for a picture in the kitchen of the former Beacon Grange Hall in Northfield. The Northfield General Store will soon re-open in the newly renovated hall.

raising their two sons, Conor, 5, and Declan, 2, in Northfield.

"This won't be my full-time job," Carroll said. "I do have a manager who will be running the operation. I am a cyber security executive in the insurance industry.

"This is a pet project for me, but it's a very important pet project. This is about the neighborhood and the community," he said.

He is conscious not only of the absence of a general store, which helped bind the community together; but also of former grange members who no longer have a grange hall in town.

"Grange organizations in general have been suffering mainly because of a lack of funds," he said. "It's a farmers' organization, and over time the farm footprint in Litchfield County has continued to shrink. Grange 118 has been disbanded. The last thing I wanted to see was this building torn down and a house being put up. You know, there is one shot to do something with this building, and we are going to try. We are going to make it work."

He said the general store will have plenty of room for former Grange members and others to gather and socialize. Several tables are planned for the interior, where

people can sit and enjoy a beverage and a sandwich.

In addition, the building will have a 170-square-foot front porch, with room to accommodate several tables. "You can't have a general store without a good front porch," Carroll said.

Downstairs from the store will be another area to gather - that is, when the space is not being rented by vendors with food trucks and other food outlets.

"It will function as a commissary kitchen," Carroll said. "In the state of Connecticut, if you have a food truck or food business, you are required to prepare that food in a commercial kitchen. So that kitchen is available for rent on demand. We will have online scheduling, and folks can basically come and go." A large gas stove once used by the grange will be reconditioned and will remain in the kitchen, he said.

He said there is a running joke that reopening the store is an extreme measure to save townspeople from driving to Thomaston to pick up milk. "It's nice to go right down the road and pick up a loaf of bread or pick up a gallon of milk or get a couple sandwiches and go up to Nystrom's Pond for a day," he said.

Are you “seen” in your Grange?



Faith Quinlan
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“Do you see me?” is perhaps the most critical question humans have in any interaction. It implies: Do I matter to you? Do you understand my views and needs? Am I merely a pawn for you to use in achieving your goals, or do you care about me as a person? Do you get my potential as a partner in this work? And are

you willing to work with me even though we won’t always see eye to eye?

People look closely at how others treat them in answering these questions. One of the biggest tipoffs is how generous you are with inclusion. Are they included? Whether and how you involve others in discussions and decisions, and if you do so with genuine interest.

A common mistake among leaders is assuming they’re supposed to know everything and therefore others have little to

contribute rather than facilitate discussions to listen and resolve differing views, many leaders make decisions without involving others. But have you noticed the problems with this approach? It frequently fails because implementation goes awry.

Ways to be more inclusive:

1) Invite others to be part of the real action. Including others goes far beyond sharing routine reports, or delegating work. Instead, think about whom you are engaging, on what activities, and in what way. And be sure you include people in a timely way, when they can influence the decision.

2) Invite stakeholders. It’s especially important to involve people who are likely to be affected significantly by what you’re doing.

3) Seek input on critical issues. Bring others into discussions around important issues, such as planning for future initiatives, resolving serious challenges, or generating quality improvements. It’s when people are left out of important considerations that they feel they weren’t included, weren’t seen, and didn’t matter.

4) Give permission and encouragement. Sometimes people need encouragement to speak

5) Integrate differences. Are you genuinely open to people who hold different perspectives? Do you default to including people with a similar background to your own because discussions with them feel easier and more comfortable?

6) Carefully consider all input. Including others in decision-making means sharing issues and giving people a voice. Make a real effort to incorporate some of their input in your decisions. Listening without acting on their opinions does not mean they were heard, and people will quickly learn that you’re going through the motions but that their views don’t really matter.

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SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

July 20: Hydration Facts and Health Updates

We continue to hold our monthly meetings at the Grange hall. We are planning to make some key holders to sell at the New England Grange Building (Big E). We are trying to host open houses at the hall on every Thursday afternoon for the community as well as every other Saturday to do some work in the hall.

We are keeping the community informed about activities that are available to the public including events sponsored by the Woodstock Recreation committee. Publicity is greatly needed for all programs in town. The teen group meets twice a month on Fridays. These are very popular and include many from the home school programs. The home school groups meets in the hall weekly. The yoga group continues to meet several times a week.

We were pleased to receive several applications for the John B. Duffy and the Helena B. Duffy Memorial Scholarships. These will be awarded on August 3 during our awards night program and are available to Woodstock residents. These scholarships are in memory of the Duffy families and have been given each year since the 1970's.

A Cosmic Cat Psychic Fair was held in May and a very successful poetry reading also in May. We are grateful to be able to offer our hall for these popular events.

In May we reviewed a list of



Top: The Ekonk Comm. Grange hall was packed for their annual Strawberry Supper. Bottom: Members of Ekonk prep the 200 lbs. of strawberries.

activities and projects that that we could do in the future. We are always looking for community involvement and projects we can do together.

Summer will be a time to get together and plan our future programs and fundraising events. We welcome visitors and guests always.

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

July 8: Summer Sports

July 15: Meeting Omitted ... It's Fair Time!

July 22: Meeting Omitted ... It's 4H Fair time!

On May 13 we learned a great deal about different kinds of libraries. We never knew there were so many different types. Our Memorial Program on May 27 sadly reminded us that we have lost eight of our members during the past year.

We hosted nearly 200 runners in the North Stonington Education Foundation's annual 5K Race on May 28. The race had been suspended during COVID and we were excited

to see it reinstated. It is a great money raiser for the NSEF and we are happy to donate our grounds and food booth for this good cause. Heartfelt thanks to the 10 members and friends who donated their time and efforts in the food booth to feed the hungry runners and their families.

Our Memorial Day float was a bit different this year on Richard White's newly renovated hay wagon; but the beautifully attired NSAF Queen and Princesses graced it as usual with their tiara's twinkling in the bright morning sunlight. A new addition this year were several lovely wooden swans made by Alice Speck. Cherry Miner filled the swans with flowers to complete the effect. We do appreciate the use of Richard and Gloria's wagon and truck for our float each year, and we also appreciate the faithful few who come to assemble (and disassemble) the float. And if the newly named "spongy moth" will just leave our oak trees alone, next time we will tell you about joyous June.

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MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Mountain Laurel Pomona met in June for its spring Degree Conferral. Unfortunately there were no candidates to receive the degree. Hopefully Granges will talk up Pomona membership and we'll have a good class for the next conferral.

We are planning on printing a Pomona Handbook for the 2022-2023 Grange year. However, the cooperation of each and every Grange in the Pomona will be essential. All Granges should have received packets from the Pomona requesting the necessary information to be printed in the books. Printing the books is costly so printing a book that has several missing Granges is a terrible waste. The deadline is in August, so please make every effort to get your Grange's information in on time. This handbook can be a very important way to bring the Granges in our Pomona together if there is complete officer information and listings of meetings so we can all support each other during the upcoming year. Please help us get this important project done!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Winchester Grange seems to be coming out of its COVID period with all members on the mend and back at Grange meetings. We did not hold our Strawberry Festival again this year but we are planning ahead for the Winchester Grange Fair & Community Tag Sale to be held on



Taghannuck Grange recently held their spring Plant & Rummage Sale at the Grange Hall in Sharon. The event is always well attended with some waiting on line for the event to open each year.

Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Grange Hall and on the Green. Like last year, spaces will be available on the Green FREE of charge. Participants are encouraged to make a donation to the Grange, but this is not required. The change from the Flea Market format last year was incredibly successful with our best turnout and participation in years.

We hope you will be working on entries in the flower, vegetable, fruit and baking contests at the Fair. Entries can be brought in anytime Saturday morning before 10:00 A.M. Stay for lunch at the Cafe 74 grill or get a sandwich or dessert from the Kitchen Cafe and see friends and neighbors you may not have seen for a while.

We continue to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Zoom is available

for anyone who would like to attend our meetings remotely (including non-members). Please email info@winchestergrange.org to receive Zoom credentials for upcoming meetings.

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

July 14: The program is "How to make Stamps for Stamping" by Debra Tyler. Homemade stamps are what she used to decorate the Yurt that we had at the Grange a few years ago. We have a social time with refreshments at 7:00pm with our meeting at 7:30 PM. Ref. by Ruth Schnell.

August 11: "A Letter from my father" by Brent Prindle

August 25: Picnic at the Prindle's at 6:30PM. Note: hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks supplied. Please

bring a side dish or dessert.

At our June meeting we voted to have Meghan and Casey Flanagan become members of our Grange “upon initiation” or in our case upon taking the obligation ceremony. Casey is a Town of Sharon Selectman and Meghan is a wizard with broadband internet among other things. They will be a great addition to our Grange. We also held Election of Officers and filled our slate except for Lecturer. We will reach out to members who were not at our meeting for someone to fill this position. It is not as demanding as it is in some Granges since our Programs are put on by members who sign up to do a program in a specific month. The Lecturer has one program that can be done if needed at any meeting and also sends in the monthly report to the Ct. State Lecturer.

As I am writing this they are shingling the entire Grange Hall roof with architectural shingles that match the Fire House Substation which is attached to our hall. There will still be things that our contractor needs to finish off but we are almost done with our repairs from the tree damage. Again thank you to all who donated to our “tree fund”.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169

Corr: Dave Roberts

July 17, 2020- Meeting & Program: “How to Make an Award-winning Dessert with Judy Doyle!” Ref.: Dawn & Rod Anstett

Our June meeting was very productive as we made plans for the remainder of the calendar year. We decided not to serve meals during the Riverton Fair this October. Instead our Grange will have a new initiative that we will launch Columbus Day weekend. Lecturer Raine Pedersen’s program was focused on the American flag and one activity was to teach Riverton Grange members how to properly fold the flag. We also discussed flag etiquette. (Photo 1481: State Master George Russell and First



Susan Masino and Barbara Friedland welcome guests to the Simsbury Grange Agric. Fair prior to the performance of the Out the Boxx Band.

Lady Sharon Russell learn how to fold an American flag) Refreshments were served before the meeting by Mary Lou and Peter Keefe and were outstanding! Our Executive Committee will be reviewing the outside of our Grange Hall to see what work needs doing to keep the hall in good working order. The Grange voted unanimously to let the musical group “The Travelin’ Trout” use our Grange Hall on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6:00 – 9:30 PM to provide music and entertainment for the public. A test night was held on June 10th. Join us on July 8th for the first public event featuring this local musical group.

On June 12th, our Grange partnered with Riverton American Legion Post #159, the Town of Barkhamsted, Barkhamsted Lions Club, Barkhamsted Senior Center, Granby Shannon-Shattuck American Legion Post 182, Riverton Volunteer Fire Department, Northwestern CT Cyber Lions Club and the community for our 3rd Annual American Flag retirement ceremony in a bonfire on the banks of the Farmington River. Over 1,000 American flags were solemnly retired right before Flag Day. (Photo American Flag retirement 1)

Another new initiative we started was to sell American Legion poppies for Poppy Day and our Grange

presented \$75 to Riverton American Legion Post #159 who has become such a great partner for our Grange.

Riverton Grange #169 hosted their 13th monthly Veterans Salute on June 5th to an overflow crowd of 80 or more attendees when the American flag was retired in honor of the May Veteran of the Month, U.S. Navy World War II Veteran Edward A. Sweeney, and raised in honor of U.S. Navy Cold War Veteran Danamarie Towers. Riverton American Legion Post #159 Commander (son of Veteran Edward A. Sweeney) presented the retired American flag to his father on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation for his father’s service. Timothy Sweeney himself is a 6-year U.S. Army Veteran. Riverton Grange President Dave Roberts presented a shadow box, carrying bag, and framed certificate signed by National Grange President Betsy Huber to retired U.S. Navy World War II Veteran Edward A. Sweeney, who was accompanied to the event by his wife. This program is now entering its second year and has secured the same sponsor as the first year and Royal Coachman Tavern doubled their financial commitment for Year #2 of this Grange initiative. (Photo 1515 and 1520)



NUTMEG POMONA #16

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Election of officers was held at our June meeting. We had a few changes - Donald Lanoue continues as Master. Our new Lecturer is Robert Charbonneau, Steward is Roy Harrington, Assistant Steward is John Taylor, Pomona is Marianne Nielsen and Executive Committee is Joseph Bernhardt.

Our next meeting will be held on October 2 at Beacon Valley and will be installation of officers.

A heads-up to all Granges- We are planning to print a Pomona handbook this year. We would like to have all Granges in Nutmeg Pomona included. Please sent it to: cipriano393@yahoo.com by July 15th.

We wish all our members a happy and healthy summer

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Finally, after not being able to celebrate our anniversary for two years we were able to hold our 133rd anniversary celebration on June 10th. When it was time to send out invitations, Naugatuck's COVID numbers were high so it was decided to have a scaled-down version.

We had 18 of our own members present plus 10 visitors. Charles Dimmick, State Chaplain, presented membership certificates to: 50 Year Golden Sheaf to Diane Godin and Marilyn Ventura; 70 year seal to Paul Miller and Joanne Cipriano; 65 year seal to Barbara Kirk, 55 years

Beacon Valley celebrates 133 Years



Above left, Paul Miller and Joanne Cipriano receive 70 year certificates from State Chaplain Charles Dimmick. Above right, Ron Gunther and Shirley Koslosky receive 40 year certificates. Below left, Beacon Valley's House Band. Below right, Karley Conway receives the Citizen Award on behalf of Complete Care at Glendale in Naugatuck. *photos by Robert Charbonneau*



to Frank Behlman, 45 years to Victor Godin, 40 years to Shirley Koslosky and Ron Gunther and 30 years to Timothy Meehan.

Complete Care at Glendale was the recipient of our Citizen of the Year Award. They were present with a certificate and paperweight plus a huge basket of bingo prizes and 120 Fourth of July favors made by Jean Meehan.

Robert Charbonneau provided the music for the meeting and Beacon Valley's Home Band entertained us. They plat at all our Open Mics held on the third Saturday of each month from 2 to 5. Tag Sales the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 3.

Our August meeting on the 12th will be our picnic with supper to be served at 6 o'clock.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim & Lori Golias

Aug. 27: Greenfield Hill Agric. Fair

Sept. 10: Lobster Bake

Sept. 24: Pumpkins, Mums, Bulbs and Bake Sale. All local products (though the bulbs are from Holland!)

On May 12 Nancy Olson and Bill went to the VA Hospital in West Haven and dropped off books, puzzles, magazines, slacks, socks, toiletries, shaving items and snacks. They were, of course, most grateful to us for the contributions. The puzzles couldn't have come at a better time. We are thankful for our Vets and continue to collect snacks and necessities for these men and women at the West Haven VA Hospital.

A look back... We are grateful to see COVID numbers diminishing and are even more grateful to be able to gather with our friends at the Grange again. On May 7 we had a Flea Market and Tag Sale. On May 14 we had our Pollinator Pathway Luncheon (originally scheduled for

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2020). It was a huge success. We will have to do it again. On May 21st we had a grounds clean up. Boy Scouts and their parents helped clean up the back of the property. Grange member Steve Golias, Nancy Olson, Marjorie Tallman and Jim Golias and members of Troop 90 all helped spruce up the grounds. Thank you

and God bless. In June we hosted a Chicken Marsala Dinner. Kudos to the chefs and volunteers.

As summer rolls on, we hope your harvest is plentiful and you remain healthy and safe. Hope to see you at our Agricultural Fair on August 27th.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 8: Picnic and Meeting

July 22: Omitted, unless regular meeting is cancelled.

Aug. 12: Omitted

Aug. 26: Beaches and Salt Water

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Out & About



Dave Roberts
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As we come out of this horrific pandemic, one of the greatest pleasures I have experienced is getting out of the house and safely visiting other Community Granges around Connecticut.

My first visit was to North Stonington Community Grange #138 for their Community Citizen of the Year award ceremony. Lecturer Susan Pianka did an excellent job on the entire program. Riverton Grange member Jackie Martin traveled with me to North Stonington and we were both very impressed with the large turnout of community members for this impressive event. Other Lecturers should consider offering this program in the area as it is a great way to attract large numbers of attendees, including local elected officials and business leaders.

My next visit was to Simsbury Grange #197 for their certified Agricultural Fair and belated 90th Anniversary Celebration. We enjoyed the delicious food, fair displays inside and the hay bailer outside, outdoor music, toasting the 90th Anniversary milestone and hearing about elected officials who attended earlier, and just chatting with attendees. Kudos to Susan Masino, Barbara Friedland, and others who made this such an enjoyable event. It was especially nice to see so many children outside playing around the Grange Hall.

I then journeyed to Sterling to



Dave Roberts & Jackie Martin at North Stonington Comm. Grange.

attend the Strawberry Supper at Ekonk Community Grange #89. The drive was long, but pleasant, and the trip was well worth it. The parking lot, roadway, and nearby lot was filled to capacity which was a great sign that folks were venturing out again. Even with the tremendous increase in both gasoline and food costs, it was great to see the Grange Hall filled to capacity. The buffet style dinner was excellent and the strawberry dessert was fabulous. It was so nice to chat with Past State Master Jody Cameron, and Jody and Jaimie Cameron.

It is so important that we all support each other's events and I will try to get out and about as much as I can to visit Granges, support their initiatives, and help spotlight their great work.

I attended the Eastern Regional Leadership Conference at National Headquarters in Washington. The theme was "A Monumental Experience in the Nation's Capital." I look forward to sharing my experiences with all of you.

Please remember our Connecticut 2022 Lecturer's contests are rapidly approaching. Contest information is on the State Grange website

and have been sent to all Lecturers.

TALENT CONTEST – STATE RUN-OFFS

The Connecticut State Grange run-offs will be held at Hillstown Grange Hall (first floor) starting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 14.

"A NUMBER" CONTEST – Theme "Childhood Memories"

The Connecticut State Grange run-offs will be held at Hillstown Grange Hall (first floor) on Sunday, August 14, immediately following the Talent Contest run-off which starts at 1:00 PM.

"Complete Program" for your Grange with the 2022 subject being "The Grange of the Future". Deadline for entries to me is October 1st.

State Grange Photo Contest with the following categories: My America, Animals, Flowers, Grange Activities and Family Activities. We will again partner with Connecticut Grange Family Activities on this effort. This means that your Grange's photo entries can be dropped off at Hillstown Grange Hall on either Friday, August 12, or Saturday, August 13, before 10:30 a.m.

State Grange Essay Contest will be held with the 2022 essay title being "My Grange Family". Deadline for entries to me is October 1st.

The purpose of all these contests is first and foremost to HAVE FUN and secondly to encourage your Grange members to get involved in a friendly-spirited manner. Please drop me a note at dave@daveroberts.org or call me at 858-775-9241.

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 history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: submissions@ctstategrange.org.



ANSWERS: We received the following from Sue Schmidt -- "April photo as it appeared in May issue had women in the background. Ruth Lawson from RI is on the left and Mildred Bell is on the right. Bill Steele is with a women I can remember seeing, but the name escapes me. I do believe it may have been in 1972 at National Session in Hartford.

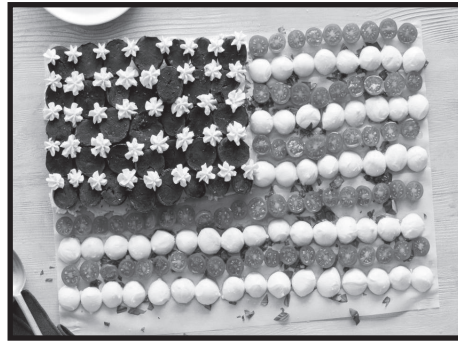
May photo - the man on the far right is Arnold Kendall from Preston City #110 in New London County. The other three were correctly identified. Just not sure when. My guess would be early 1960s - from Sue (LeVangie) Schmidt, a former Preston City Granger now living in Batavia, NY for 50 years."

We heard from Kay Ruff about the April photo -- "The gentleman in the picture in the April issue I believe is William (Bill) Steel from the National Grange (I believe Youth Director) a number of years ago. Who the woman is I do not know."

We also heard from Jean Meehan about the June photo -- "The three people in the June 2022 issue of the CT Granger are Alvah Hamilton, Past Master of Prospect Grange and his wife Marie Hamilton, Past Lecturer with their daughter Deborah Hamilton that won the Queen contest at the CT Agricultural Fair in about 1972."

Then we heard from Janet Haller also about the June photo -- "The Fair Queen in the June 2022 photo is Deborah Hamilton from Prospect Grange. Her parents are Marie and Alvah Hamilton."





American Flag Caprese Salad

It's celebration time! Picnics and potlucks are in full swing in July - so why not make something that will not only be crowd-pleasing, but will look stunning on your table. This American Flag Caprese Salad from Food Network fits the bill!

YIELD: 12 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 18 small purple potatoes (about 1 lb.)
- Kosher salt
- 1 pound herbed cheese spread, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh basil leaves, roughly chopped
- 26 cherry tomatoes, halved

(about 2 pounds)
24 1-inch mozzarella balls in brine, drained well and halved

EQUIPMENT:

- 12- by -17 1/2-inch wooden cutting board
- Pastry bag fitted with a small star tip

INSTRUCTIONS: Cook the potatoes in generously salted boiling water until fork-tender but not falling apart, about 20 minutes. Drain well and allow to cool completely. Cut in half crosswise.

Fill a pastry bag, fitted with a small star tip, with the herbed cheese spread. Cut a piece of

parchment large enough to fit a 12- by -17 1/2-inch wooden cutting board. Put a dab of cheese spread on the underside of each corner of the parchment to help it adhere to the cutting board.

Pipe and spread a thin layer of cheese spread in to a 6 1/2- by -9 1/2-inch rectangle in the upper left corner of the parchment. Arrange the potatoes in rows, cut-side-up, on top of the cheese. Pipe the remaining cheese in between the potatoes to make stars for the flag.

Drizzle the remaining empty portion of parchment with half of the oil then sprinkle all over with the basil. Starting from the top, make a line of tomato halves, cut-side-up, followed by a line of mozzarella halves, cut-side-down. Repeat with the remaining tomatoes and mozzarella. Drizzle everything with the remaining olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

TIPS: Since this is a composed salad, you might have some ingredients left over, so toss them together and eat a bonus salad.

SOURCE: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/american-flag-caprese-salad-3663332>

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

GRANGE CLEAN-UP & Marking Day @ THE BIG E

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Starting at 10:00 AM

**The New England Grange Building
on the grounds of THE BIG E**
1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield, MA 01089

- cleaning up the stage area
- checking the inventory from last year
- sort everything and be sure that all items are marked
- repair anything that needs a little TLC

Please RSVP to CT State Grange Family Activities Chair Dawn Percoski at cwa@ctstategrange.org as lunch will be provided.

For more information: cwa@ctstategrange.org

Family Activities Department:
NE Region Needlwork Contest
Family Activities/CWA Contests
Baking • Crafts • Table Decoration
and more!

Lecturer's Department:
Photo Contests
Talent Run-Offs
"A Number" Skit Run-Offs

Friday:
Entry Drop Off
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday:
Entry Drop Off before 10:30 AM
Judging Begins 11:00 AM

Sunday:
Pancake Breakfast
by Hillstown Grange
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Special Pancake: Pumpkin
Tea Cup Auction
Lecturer's Program to Follow

For More Information:
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Connecticut State Grange

Family Festival

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

Hillstown Grange Hall
617 Hills Street
East Hartford, CT

Conn. Oak Apple Galls



By Connecticut Fish & Wildlife

No, these are not Christmas in July balls hanging from this little oak tree! And, they are not some kind of fruit produced by the tree. These are referred to as “oak apple galls”, and they are created by tiny wasps (Family Cynipidae).

It may surprise you that these little galls are some of the most amazing natural occurrences in our forests that are still not fully understood by scientists.

What are these galls? They are protective nurseries for tiny wasp larvae that live at the center of it. Galls provide protection, as well as nutrition from the host plant. They are produced by a parent wasp that essentially hijacks leaf tissue at the molecular level to form a self-serving nest instead.

The wasp injects a plant with gall-producing chemicals that are essentially replicas of plant hormones, along with eggs. Once an egg hatches and the gall is developed, the chemicals continue to instruct the plant to produce nutritious tissues to feed the larvae until mature enough to exit the gall and fly off.

It is truly a marvel of nature and causes little harm to the plant, and the tiny wasps do not harm humans. The cluster of galls pictured are brown and discarded, each showing an exit hole where an adult emerged this spring.



Summer contest prep.

Are you working on your entires for the Public Relations Committee Contests for this year? While the deadline in October 1st, that will creep up before you know it, so this summer is the perfect time to start prepping for the fall. The Public Relations committee is offering three contests for 2022. It's easy to participate. Let's take a peek at each one.

1.) Create a Zoom Program - Plan a program for your Grange Meeting on Zoom to keep your members interested and involved. Record the meeting that your program is presented in. Submit this recording for judging.

2.) Celebrate your Grange's Birthday - Whether you're celebrating seven years or 140+ years of your Grange's existence, each birthday is a milestone that should be acknowledged publicly. Whether your Grange has in-person, virtual, or hybrid celebrations, it means thinking outside of the box to show the impact your Grange has made over the years.

This is a great opportunity to highlight your Grange's achievements, raise awareness of your Grange's mission, thank your members and community, and reveal exciting updates about your plans for the future.

Submit a detailed written plan on how you intend to celebrate and promote your Grange's birthday or write a synopsis of a past celebration (must be held within the last year). Submissions must include a social media component.

Submissions should be detailed and not just an abbreviated list, and there be no length restrictions. Photos, clippings, and screenshots are encouraged.

3.) Grange Spotlight Contest - Write a press release spotlighting one project or program that your Grange is involved in or sponsors. This should include the following:

- Introduction describing the project or program
- Information on all groups/organizations involved
- The goal or outcome of the project/program
- Date achieved, or of anticipated achievement
- Paragraph explaining your Grange to non-members
- Information on how to join the Grange

Final press release should be no longer than 500 words. Submission may include one photo.

All of the details, rules, and information for the contests can be found on the Connecticut State Grange website at www.CTStateGrange.org, and are also available in the Blue Book. Entries should be mailed to Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden CT 06451, or sent via e-mail to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org. Questions can be emailed to information@ctstategrange.org.



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Love

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5 and Mark 12:30

Translating is often quite difficult when there is no exact equivalent in one language for a word or concept in another language. In making Bible translations the word LOVE is a striking example of this. There are six different words in the Hebrew Old Testament and three different words in the Greek New Testament that the King James Version of the Bible translate as “love”. And there are at least four different meanings or concepts in the use of that word.

In increasing intensity we may:

Love something as in “I love chocolate ice cream” This is another way of saying that one really likes or desires something. The Greek word used in the New Testament is Epithum.

Love another person in the sense of strong desire, sexual or otherwise. This may be a very selfish form of love, with no necessary concern for the well-being of the other person. The Greek word for this kind of love is Eros, which, strangely enough, does not show up in the New Testament [if we ignore the name Erastus, a companion of Timothy.

Love someone or something with the strong desire for the other person’s or object’s well-being, brotherly love. The Greek word for this kind of love is Phillia, and it shows up often in the New Testament. A related Greek word is Philadelphia – brotherly love.

Love someone or something unconditionally A deep and profound sacrificial love that transcends and persists regardless of circumstances. The Greek word for this kind of love is Agape. This is the word used in the quote from Mark which begins this column.

Needless to say, Phillia, Philadelphia, and Agape are the kinds of Love we should cultivate, where we consider the needs of others before we consider our own needs.

A great difficulty arose when the New Testament was translated into Latin. The Romans had no

JOURNAL CORRECTION

Please note the report of North Stonington Grange in the 2021 Journal of Proceedings was incorrectly headlined for Stonington Grange. We regret this error and ask that you note this correction in your copy of the Journal. Thank you.

Latin equivalents for either Phillia or Agape. The closest they could come was Caritas, the origin of our English word Charity. The King James Version of our English Bible leaned heavily on the Latin Vulgate in its choice of words, so that in it we find 1 Corinthians 13 says “now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three”, while more modern translations say “And now faith, hope, and love abide”.

But the greatest of these is Love.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends! Summer has finally arrived, and now is the time for Fairs, Festivals and Picnics! The Connecticut State Grange Family Fun Day and Contest Judging and The Big E are both right around the corner - are you working on your needlework and other entries and craft items to be donated too? Now is a good time to be working on all of your Grange contests, as the deadlines will be here soon!

Please visit my Facebook page, and then click the “Like” button to keep in touch and follow my adventures across the state. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>