

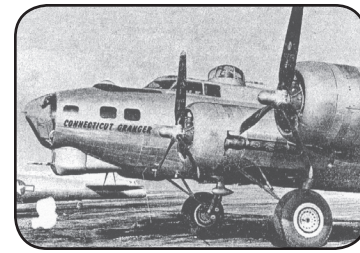


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"In essentials, unity"



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I rely upon your calmness in deliberation, your forbearance toward those who may differ from you, and your charity toward their motives. Influenced and guided by the spirit of fraternity, let us practice the motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity." In these times in the country and in our State Grange let me remind all of us that the National Grange is celebrating 150 years of these principles. We as Grangers have overcome the hatred and the shaming of all people of this America that we all love so dearly. We must remind ourselves that we are family and family protects one another from mean words and mean actions. We do not tolerate meanness from anyone and will stop it wherever we see it, it is in our Obligation "To protect our Brothers and Sisters from harm."

National Grange has had a set-back with the building this past August. During a Washington, D.C. heat wave, the chiller for the building's air conditioning unit failed, leaking water and providing no AC to the building. They were able to cobble it but it is in need of replacement. So a call went out to all State Granges if they have extra monies to loan the National Grange to replace the AC and heating plant. They are 20-30 years old. Who says Grangers

aren't thrifty?

The latest report of the California State Grange litigation is that the National Grange is winning. The judgments have all been in favor of the new California State Grange and the National Grange, and many judgments are being won because of lawyers flip-flopping sides. I guess they don't have our values if they felt they could get away with it.

The Pomona Realignment is in the works but patience must be had. The Mentors are trying to set-up meeting times but fairs, installations, and State Session may slow down the process until later. You can still talk about the new Pomonas amongst yourselves but please do not make any decisions without the Mentors.

The Northeast Lecturer's Conference at Castleton University in Castleton, VT was enjoyable as usual. The programs were very good and the skits were funnier this year. I'm sure everyone will laugh at the skit from Maine about math. The only glitch was at the end when there were questions about the future of Leaders' Conference, Lecturers' Conference and Youth Conference. There have been complaints of out of pocket expense, activities at conference that were not beneficial to membership growth or leadership training. So the New England leaders have established a committee to look into combining, eliminating, redesigning the format, or leaving them alone. The problem is lack of attendance. Lecturers' Conference had 70 people attending. This is the lowest in many years and was a loss of \$4,000 to the conference committee. Not every state pays for

Committee Chairs to attend Leaders' Conference as we do in Connecticut. Some breakout groups had few in attendance, while others just socialized. With today's technology, we all can video conference from our homes and save lots of money. We need to review everything. Even the New England Grange Sunday in NH needs to be reviewed. You drive three hours (from CT) and have a forty minute service and then drive home. This year there were 40 members, with three of them from Connecticut. Our elderly members are not going and the younger members and new leaders are missing the chance to see what happens outside their own Grange Halls.

State Grange Session is just around the corner with changes in the schedule for the Banquet and the Sixth Degree. We are hoping more will attend this year. The more people staying at the hotel lowers the rates for everyone. The more that attend the Banquet, the lower the cost of the Banquet. Please join us in celebrating your hard work and celebrate with us, you may just like it.

The Big E is September 15-Oct. 1, the New England Grange Building is open for sales of jellies, jams and needlework items. Come early to buy good stuff, great Christmas presents. Grange Sunday at the Big E is September 24th. Hope to see you at the parade.

Many local Granges are having fairs. Get out and visit them and show your Grange spirit.

National Grange's Chiller Trouble

Betsy Huber, National Master

Thursday, August 3rd started out like any other August day in Washington, D.C. – hot, humid, steamy, busy. Suddenly about 1 P.M. everything changed with a loud bang. The 22 year old chiller system in our National Grange building ruptured a refrigerant tube, flooded the units, and died.

Immediately the building began warming up and we scurried to address the problem of temporary AC until the chiller system could be replaced (which will take about a month). Bringing the temporary chillers in and hooking them up – an absolute necessity in D.C., and no alternative could be found – a cost of \$65,000 up front. Contractors worked all weekend to have temporary AC working by Monday afternoon. Thank you to Stephanie Tiller and Stewart for their extra hard work in helping to address this situation, and to all our great staff for their assistance and ideas.

Permanent system replacement rough estimate at this point is \$450,000. Also to be considered is the boiler system, which is a few years older than the chiller and could also quit at any moment.

The National Grange Executive Committee has been working with an architectural engineer to take a look at our building for the long term and identify improvements that could be made to make it more attractive to tenants and more efficient to operate.

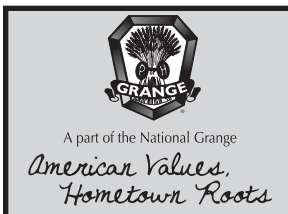
Our location, around the corner from the White House, is extremely attractive, but if the offices are dingy and dated, that may outweigh the benefits of location.

Paint and carpet have been updated regularly with tenant turnover, but we have the same 57-year-old single pane, metal framed windows and fluorescent light fixtures that could be made much more energy efficient if we had the funds to replace them.

At last November's Celebration Banquet I announced the kickoff of a Building Fund to be prepared for situations like this as well as other building upgrades. We did receive quite a few contributions but the total to date is far from enough to address the chiller crisis, let alone the other improvements. The Board is making plans to borrow money to address the chiller replacement and possibly the boiler.

Our building is not just steel and stone. It is our national Hall that brings in income per year of \$1.16 million (\$687,000 net) so we must keep our tenants happy and our facility operating efficiently. This income funds a major portion of our annual budget.

We would greatly appreciate your generous donations or those of your Granges toward this emergency that will cost more than a half million dollars. I know our building is a symbol to all of us of the importance of Grange to our country and to us. We need to keep it operating at peak efficiency and dependability. Thank you for your support!



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Ashly Cruz to perform at 2017 Celebration Banquet



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to welcome Ashly Cruz, performing during the Lecturer's Program at the Celebration Banquet, Friday, Oct. 20. The Banquet will be held during the 133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange at the Holiday Inn Norwich, CT.

A Connecticut native, Ashly began her career as a young, professional ballet dancer and a star in the Hartford Ballet Company. She later became a founding member and a prominent choreographer of the Hartford Contemporary Dance Theater. She continued pursuing her dreams by earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Carnegie Mellon University, in the prestigious Musical Theater Drama Department.

Before graduating, she landed a small part in the CBS Movie of the Week, "No Place Like Home" starring Jeff Daniels. She then continued adding to her accomplishments in theater by starring in many leading roles at regional theatres across

the country, including The Hartford Stage Company, The Pittsburgh Playhouse and Ocean West Theater Company.

In Los Angeles, Ashly originated the role of Pandora in the award winning production of "Children of the Night," at the Ebony Theater. Then during her time in Los Angeles, Ashly formed and became the lead singer of the rock band "Taboo You", which headlined at the Roxy and The Whiskey on Hollywood's Sunset Strip.

After the break-up of the band, she shifted her interests to Nashville, where she then put together a French/American Cabaret show and performed at a number of Five Diamond establishments drawing in large crowds.

Upon returning to her home state, Ashly has headlined at BB King's Dance Club at Foxwoods Casino on their Thursday "Caribbean Night" and at the "Taste of Hartford" event. Ashly was also the featured performer every Friday and Saturday night dancing and singing to Merengue, Salsa,

Cumbia, Bachata, Disco and Rock at "La Vie En Rose Bistro" in New London, CT. She then released on Hothead Recordings her first solo album titled, "A Bailar (Let's Dance)", starting with her first single and video titled "My Tango Baby", and a special 4-track EP taken from her album titled "The Ballroom EP".

All are available on iTunes, Napster, and Rhapsody.

Ashly then created and copyrighted "Cardio Latina." This is an adaptation of Latin dances combining both ballroom and nightclub styles to create a fun, and effective fitness craze that has swept the State of Connecticut for nearly 3 years now.

Finally, at the urging of her fans and with a hunger for the excitement and creativity of her days in California as a real rocker she led the long sought development of what is rapidly becoming one of Connecticut's hottest rock bands known as "Cruz Machine!"



Do You Know the Grange Basics?

Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

Who, What, Where, When, Why and How? These are the six basic questions that are taught in English classes to help students learn and understand situations, thus giving them the ability to think and write in context. Do you know the answers to these basic questions when asked about your Grange?

WHO — Who are you? This is most often the name of your Grange, yet can also apply to the origins of your Grange name. Is your Grange named after the town in which it resides, or does it have another historical significance. Other aspects to this question apply to members, as well as to the group in which the Grange serves. Who are Grange members? The core membership is what often sets the Grange apart from other organizations.

WHAT — What is THE Grange? What is YOUR Grange? What is the National Grange? ... the State Grange? ... the Pomona Grange? There are many answers to these questions based on the context in which the question is asked. But ultimately, you should be able to succinctly and clearly be able to describe the function of your Grange and the activities and projects that it undertakes.

WHERE — Where is your Grange? Yes, this is the specific PHYSICAL address of the meeting location of your Grange (or event location in some instances). But it can also be a less specific community-based area that your Grange covers. This is often called a "target area."

WHEN — When does your Grange meet? When is your Grange's event? These are the most common questions you may have to answer as a Grange member. Every Grange

must meet at least once a month. In most cases, these meetings are planned ahead of time on a consistent and specific schedule. Grange members may not commit to memory every Grange meeting date, but should at least be able to answer the meeting question easily (such as the first and third Fridays of each month.)

WHY — Why does your Grange exist? Why does your Grange tackle certain community service projects? Why should others care about your Grange? This is where a Grange Mission Statement may make answering the question an easier task. The CT State Grange Mission Statement is as follows:

"The mission of the Connecticut State Grange, a fraternal organization with roots in rural and agricultural history and the Grange ritual, is to serve as the unifying and supportive organization of community and district Granges in programs of community service, family activities, legislation, and other activities relevant to local communities."

HOW — How will your Grange implement its projects, activities, and even its mission? "How" fills in the blanks. It's the background research and the tools used. "How" explains all aspects used by your members to carry out community service projects, family-oriented activities, meetings, etc. in which your Grange is involved.

In most cases, the answers to these questions are quick and easy - a couple of sentences at most. Granges need to make an effort to educate their members in the basics. When Grange members can talk "Grange Basics" - then they are the front line of your Public Relations and Communications team.

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

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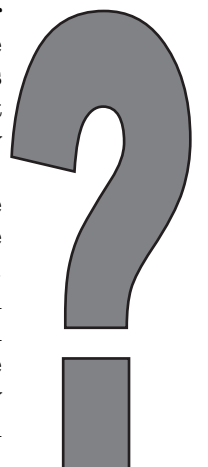
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Who is YOUR Granger of the Year

We have received a couple of "Granger of the Year" applications. Would like to receive a few more. Deadline is September 16th. Applications were sent to each Grange by our State Secretary Todd.

We will have a Community Service Project for the coming year. We are asking Granges to fill a white sock. Put the other one inside and fill it with items to be delivered to the West Haven Veterans Hospital. If we receive one from each Grange it would make a very generous donation. Please see what you can do.



2017 Session Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice)

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT

- 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Introduction of National Representatives
- Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
- Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
- Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
- Roll Call of Granges
- Report of Credential Committee
- Session Committee Announcements
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Noel T. Miller
- Report of Overseer
- Reports of Secretary
- Reports of Treasurer
- Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
- 9:00 P.M. Closing
- 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers

- Minutes of Previous Day's Session
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of One Member of the Exec. Comm. & any other vacancies
- 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
- Report of Agriculture Committee
- Report of General Deputy
- Reports of Pomona Deputies
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:30 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
- Report of Camp Berger
 - Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
 - Lyn & Chris Kimberly, Camp Directors
- Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
- Business Session (Resolutions)
- 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (*Nutmeg Ballroom*)
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
 - Family Activity Presentation & Awards
 - Membership Awards
 - Public Relations Awards
 - Agriculture Contest Awards
- 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
- 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session

- 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM Report of NEGB Trustees
- 4:30 P.M. Closing
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
- Professional Agric. Awards
- Scholarships
- 2017 CSG Granger of the Yr.
- Lecturer's Program
- Past Deputies Raffle

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
- Roll Call of Officers
- Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
- Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
- Junior and Youth Tour
- 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
- 9:45 A.M. Business Session
- 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
- 11:45 A.M. FFA Rep.
- 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior
- Recog. Luncheon
- Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Junior Recognition
 - Youth Recognition
- 1:30 P.M. Business Session
- Install. of Officers
- 3:00 P.M. 6th Degree Conf., Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich
- (Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
- Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
- Escorting of National Reps.
- Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
- Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
- Rose Drill
- Recognition of G.S. Grangers
- Community Service
- Honor Grange Awards
- Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
- March to the Table - Officers and Court

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn Norwich by 2:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Saturday. Cost of application: \$10.00.

Join us for the 133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange. All Granges should be present for roll call on Thursday evening and we encourage ALL members to be present for all or part of the session.



133rd Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange

State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. All members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Connecticut State Grange convention to help celebrate our accomplishments during the previous year and start a new Grange year inspired and energized.

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and Saturday also includes admission to that days' buffet luncheon. The Celebration Banquet is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions. Make additional copies of this form, if necessary.

REGISTRATION

Grange Name _____ No. _____

Name _____	Jr. _____	Adult _____	Banquet Choice # _____
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FULL SESSION (Full Session Registration includes lunch on Fri. & Sat.)

Adult Registration - \$30.00 # of Members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
 Junior Registration - \$20.00 # of Members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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): **BEFORE SEPT. 15, \$30 - \$40 AFTER**

- 1) Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus with Fresh Horseradish Aoli
- 2) Parmesan Dijon Crusted Chicken Breast
- 3) Roasted Atlantic Salmon and Shallot Jus
- 4) Vegetarian Lasagna

All entrees include Freshly Tossed Caesar Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's selection of Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 & FRIDAY, OCT. 20 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Friday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
 Junior Registration - \$10.00 # of Jr. Members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 (ONE DAY Registration includes lunch on Saturday)

Adult Registration - \$15.00 # of Members _____ x \$15.00 = _____
 Junior Registration - \$10.00 # of Jr. Members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

Please make checks payable to the Connecticut State Grange

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Questions: Please call the Central Office at 860-633-7550 or the State Secretary's Cell 860-307-1522 or email: Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

SESSION & HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Call the Holiday Inn Norwich at 860-889-5201 (mention the Connecticut State Grange to receive our group rate)

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October 19, 20 & 21, 2017 • Holiday Inn Norwich



Reservations:
860-889-5201

Conn. State Grange Rate:
\$92.00/night, plus tax



Whether you are here for work or play, feel completely at home within the contemporary, newly renovated accommodations at the Holiday Inn Norwich. Each of the 134 spacious rooms provide a number of amenities designed with your comfort and convenience in mind.

Enjoy an excellent location when you make the newly renovated Holiday Inn Norwich your vacation or business lodging choice. Our full-service Norwich, Connecticut hotel is convenient to a multitude of shops and restaurants.

Discover great nearby entertainment options like Mohegan Sun Casino and Ocean Beach Park, which features a boardwalk with arcade games and rides. And recreational activities, such as boating, fishing, golfing, and hiking are just a few miles from our contemporary suburban Norwich hotel.

Mohegan Sun Casino (3 miles away) and Foxwoods Resort Casino (8 miles away), two of the world's largest casinos are only minutes away. Dodd Stadium, host of the minor league Connecticut Tigers is within 5 miles away. Nearby cities include: New London (16 miles), Groton (18.5 miles), Mystic (25 miles), and Ledyard (8 miles).

The Holiday Inn Norwich is an easy ride from Bradley International Airport (45 miles), Providence (T.F. Green Airport – 45 miles), Groton-New London Airport (18 miles) and Train (10 miles).

MAKING RESERVATIONS:

Making reservations at the Holiday Inn Norwich is easy. Just call the hotel number **860-889-5201**. You may also call the Holiday Inn corporate reservation line but we recommend using the Connecticut number. When calling refer to the Connecticut State Grange Convention to be held on October 20, 21 and 22, 2016. This will ensure you will receive our group rate for the convention. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to be certain to receive the specific accommodations you desire (especially if handicapped or special locations are required).

Two Queen Beds

Twice as nice! That's how you'll find our newly renovated Double Queen, which features two queen-size beds with crisp white linens and your choice of firm and soft pillows along with all the great features and amenities offered in our standard guest rooms.

One King Bed

This newly renovated, family-friendly guest room provides one king-sized bed, one queen-sized sofa bed, and plenty of space to

relax. You'll find crisp white linens with firm and soft pillows, and all the other great features and amenities offered in our standard guest rooms.

ADA Accessible Rooms

At the Holiday Inn Norwich, every effort is made to accommodate everyone's needs. Our newly renovated wheelchair accessible rooms are available for our physically-challenged guests. We offer One King, Two Queens, or One Queen accessible rooms. When booking online, tick the "Accessible Room" box under "Refine Your Results" on the right hand side, then click apply.

Hotel Room Features & Amenities

- All rooms are newly renovated
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- Iron and ironing board
- Black-out drapes
- Roll-away beds, only available in Standard Rooms upon request (\$15.00 fee, please call in advance due to availability and room assignment)
- Room service available for breakfast and dinner
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DIRECTIONS:

From Bradley International Airport: Take I-91 South to Route 2 East. Then take I-395 South to take Exit 11 at end of ramp take a right. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich.

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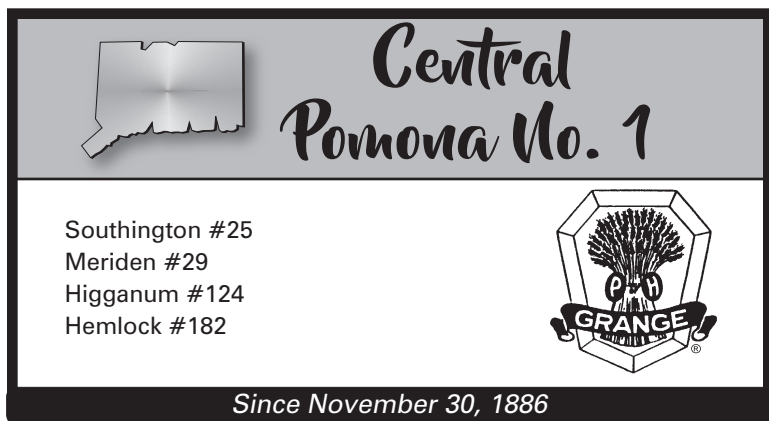
From I-395 South: Take Exit 11 at end of ramp take a right. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Boulevard.

From Providence, RI: Follow I-95 South to Exit 84 to Route 32 North then merge with I-395 North. Take Exit 11 at end of ramp take a left. Hotel is on the right at 10 Laura Boulevard.

Hillstown Grange Citizen Awards



Hillstown Grange recently doubled up for two Citizen Awards. Jan Grant and Jean Jacques received their awards from lecturer Helene Forrest, LAS Liz Hykes, Master Jon Hykes



Central Pomona No. 1

Southington #25
Meriden #29
Higganum #124
Hemlock #182

Since November 30, 1886

CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Robert Charbonneau

Sept. 14: At Meriden Grange Hall, in the Dining Room at 7:30 P.M., Higganum Grange is co-host for our Pomona meeting. This will be our final meeting. Our Lecturer, Martha Trask will have a literary program planned. We would like to thank everyone who has helped Central Pomona in the past for our annual Fifth Degree conferral and any other activities we have put on. It's sad Central Pomona has to step down but we all need to support the new Pomona Granges that will take its place.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Robert Charbonneau

Sept. 9: 88th Meriden Grange Fair – 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.- Entertainment at 3:30 P.M. with The Bob Charbonneau Show- from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. We have a Roast Pork Supper planned.

Sept. 22: Regular Meeting – Literary Program TBD

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Sept. 8: School Days

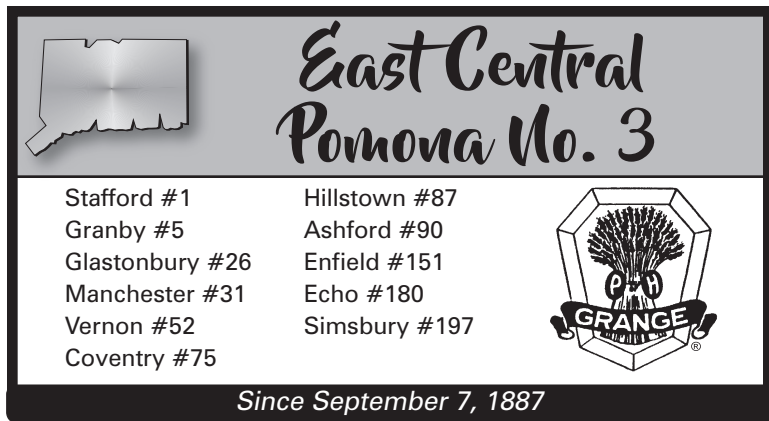
Sept. 16: Amy Gallatin & the Hot Flashes, 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 22: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Oct. 13: The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree

Oct. 27: Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.



East Central Pomona No. 3

Stafford #1	Hillstown #87
Granby #5	Ashford #90
Glastonbury #26	Enfield #151
Manchester #31	Echo #180
Vernon #52	Simsbury #197
Coventry #75	

Since September 7, 1887

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 21: Ritual Night, Ref. Noel & Marcia

In January, we will be celebrating 130 years in the same Grange Hall. We will be working on a display for the Town Hall about the history of Coventry Grange. We will be digging through the attic and the boxes to find hidden treasures to display.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Sept. 7: Installation of Officers, Ref. Ann & Dan Posuniak

Oct. 1: 1st Bakeless/Foodless Sale

Oct. 5: Welcome Fall, Ref. Kay Ruff & Ann Posuniak

Oct. 14: Monte Carlo Whist Card Party

Fall has arrived and Grange activities have picked up. We will be installed into office on September 7 by Jody Cameron and team. Now we are off to a good

start. Thank you Brothers Cameron and Barnes.

Oct. 1 is our Semi-Annual Bakeless/Foodless Sale. All contributions can be brought to the October 5 meeting or you can mail your contribution to the Secretary, Kay Ruff at P.O. Box 192, Pomfret Center, CT.

Oct. 14 is the first Monte Carlo Whist Card Party. The card party begins at 7:00 P.M. and plenty of refreshments. Mark your calendar and see you at the Masonic Hall, 895 Main St., S. Glastonbury.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Sept. 9: Weeds – Hosts, Glastonbury #26, Lyme #147, East Central members and Norwich EC members, CWA table, Coventry & Stafford

The date has been changed for Labor Day but come to the last program as East Central Pomona

and join us for the fun and fellowship. On October 7th we will be conferring the Fifth Degree. Come out for free food and a spooky night!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Sept. 9: Surprise

Oct. 14: Looking in the Rear View Mirror

Our speaker in July was from the Enfield Community Cat Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to capturing, treating, releasing and maintaining several feral cat families. We will be deciding in what way our Grange can assist them as their needs are many. We outdid ourselves at our July picnic, baked beans, salads, chicken, ribs, desserts of all kinds and watermelon to finish.

The first day of the Enfield Farmers' Market was washed out not long after we got everything set up. Mother Nature can be fickle but we always hope for the best, and we will persevere. Come visit and stay for lunch.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Susan Masino

NEWS FLASH!
Simsbury Grange receives two Neighborhood Assistance Grants!

On August 4th the Simsbury Grange was notified that its applications for two Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance grants were both approved in full! These grants are designated to provide job training and assistance as well as energy conservation improvements to the Grange building. The total for both grants is nearly \$40,000.

These grants are not "free money." The Neighborhood Assistance Program allows Connecticut businesses to donate to an organization in their community and receive a tax credit in return. Businesses that donate to the energy conservation program will receive a 100% tax credit; donating to the jobs training program will yield a 60% tax credit. The Grange is a great community organization to receive this type of benefit as we are non-partisan and non-denominational - our goal is to help and serve the community!

The minimum amount for any business is \$250, and we have an unexpectedly short timeline: forms must be filed by the end of September.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please, if you have a business, or if you know a business that might be interested in helping our

Grange (rather than paying taxes, a win-win!), or if there is a business that has worked with Granges in the past we would like to give them the first opportunity to take advantage of this!!! Please contact Susan Masino at susan.masino@trincoll.edu ASAP!

Tax forms and more information will be available at the Simsbury Grange Agricultural Fair held on

Saturday September 16 from 10 am to 3 pm at 236 Farms Village Rd. West Simsbury. Come for the bagpipes, the games, the vendors, the hayrides, the music and more!

Hope to see you there, please contact us if you (or any other business) are interested. We are happy to share our experience with other Granges to help their future applications!

Enfield Farmers' Market



It was a wash-out for the first day of the Enfield Farmers' Market for Enfield Grange #151. The booth looked great and they're hoping for better weather the next time around!

Granby Farm Stand



Thank you again Paul and Jean Sutton for the lovely Granby Grange stand. Now everyone else can come down to our stand and get some fresh vegetables... Good job Karla Lee Andrulot, Nancy Andrulot, Carol Innes, David Andrulot, and Linda Dipamphilos for filling in while Charle J. Smith and RoseAnna Smith were away! Thank you. And thank you to Lucian Cascio for opening and closing as needed ... go team work!

SIMSBURY GRANGE

AGRICULTURE FAIR

**Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM
September 16, 2017**



- BAKE SALE and CRAFT FAIR
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- FLAMIG FARM HAYRIDES
- REFRESHMENTS
- CONTESTS - BAKED GOODS, PRODUCE, FLOWERS
- CASH PRIZES

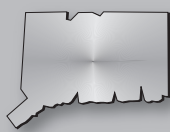
Featuring Folk Musician Bill Benson

LOCATION:
Simsbury Grange Hall
236 Farms Village Road (Rt. 309)
West Simsbury, CT 06092




ENTRIES AND FAIR:
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADMISSION IS FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.SimsburyGrange.org



Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Cawasa #34	Litchfield #107
Whigville #48	Beacon #118
Eureka #62	Riverton #169
Winchester #74	
Taghhannuck #100	



Since February 1, 1888

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Sept. 11: Final Meeting of Mountain County Pomona, 7:30 P.M., preceded by a Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M., Winchester Grange Hall.

The time has come for us to say goodbye to Mountain County Pomona as we look forward to the organization of the new Pomona currently known as "Pomona A." Our Mentors from the State Grange Board of Directors are working on a date for the first organizational meeting and we hopefully will know more by the time our last Mt. County meeting arrives.

Put September 11 on your calendar and plan to be with us at 6:00 P.M. for the potluck supper and then stay for the meeting, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

It's been a wonderful legacy that our Pomona leaves behind. Generations of Grangers have joined our rolls over the years and many of them have gone on to do great things on the State and National levels. Our successes live on in the history of this Pomona and in the hearts and minds of our members. Now on to the next chapter in our history....

WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The Whigville Grange annual fair will be held on Sat., August 26, 2017 from 10 am until 2pm. The Grange is located on S. Main St., Burlington, just off rte. 69. The fair is open to everyone, no entry or parking fees. Any one can enter produce, flowers, baking, hobbies or canning. Application deadline for entries is Aug. 19. For an application please send address to b_gary@sbcglobal.net. During the day food, entertainment and a teacup auction will take place.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd A. Gelineau

Sept. 5: Degree Rehearsal, 7 P.M.

Sept. 12: First & Second Degrees, 7:00 P.M.

Sept. 19: Third & Fourth Degrees, Potluck Harvest Supper at 6:00 P.M.

Sept. 26: Installation of Officers, 7:00 P.M.

Sept. 30: Winchester Center Day, 10:30 - 2:30, Winchester Center (Green, Grange Hall, Church and Chapel)

Yes, you read that correctly! There will be a rehearsal of the degrees on Tuesday, Sept. 5. It's been a while since we conferred the degrees, so we will take some time to run through

the degrees and shake off some of the rust.

First and Second Degrees will be conferred on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and then the Third and Fourth will follow on the 19th. A Harvest Potluck Supper will precede the Third Degree on the 19th. We anticipate having FOUR new members taking the degrees!

We will welcome Jody Cameron and Jeff Barnes' Installing Team on Sept. 26 for our annual Installation of Officers. It's always a pleasure to witness their ritualism.

Our Grange Fair and Flea Market was a great success in August with great weather, moderate temperatures and a steady flow of visitors. Thank you to everyone who made the Fair possible.

Coming up on September 30 will be Winchester Center Day when the Grange, Fire Department, Congregational Church and Historical Association work together to present an event that shows off the best of Winchester Center, CT. The Grange's portion of the event will be hosting an Art Show in our main hall, a Tag Sale in our dining room and homemade apple crisp and a selection of lunch items from Café 74. Admission to the event held throughout Winchester Center is free and will also feature live

musical entertainment. Join us 10:30 to 2:30 on Sept. 30.

TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100


Corr: Barbara Prindle

This year Taghhannuck Grange voted to exhibit at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on September 9th, from 10am to 4pm, instead of the Bethlehem Fair. We could not do both as they are on the same weekend. Since we have members from Sharon, Kent, Warren and

Cornwall we are hoping to attract new members by exhibiting closer to home. Come join us and help spread the word at this very kid friendly event.

Our September 14th meeting at 8pm is "Think About It" program by Tami Johnson.

Our September 28th meeting is our Harvest Dinner at 6:30. This is both an outreach to people who may want to join the Grange and an awards night for members.



EUREKA GRANGE

777 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 202), New Hartford, CT 06057

is honoring Grange Member
SHIRLEY SPENCER

TUESDAY • 7:00 PM
September 5, 2017

OPEN MEETING
COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND
REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

WINCHESTER CENTER DAY

Presented by:

Winchester Center Congregational Church
Winchester Volunteer Fire Department
Winchester Grange #74
Winchester Center Historical Association
Little Red Schoolhouse Association

Vintage Car & Motorcycle Show
Tours and Demonstrations
Local Artists & Craftspeople
Music by Kevin & Pete
Food & Beverages
and so much more!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Winchester Center Green, Winchester Center, CT 06094
Junction of West Road, Route 263 & Newfield Road

**Granger
Shout Out**

Thanks to Ron Fischer and Tom Honyotski who did the dishes after Beacon Valley's picnic.

Thanks to everyone who took Past Deputies raffle to sell. We have a few left.

Matt Maher: full scholarship to Norwich University in VT (Ekonk ExCom. member)

Carly Sebastian leaving to attend Eastern State University (Ekonk Greeter)

Jaimie Cameron State G.K. & Ekonk Youth Chm. celebrating her 21st birthday

Jodi Ann Cameron-AGAIN Chairing the Ekonk booth at Brooklyn Fair

Thanks to Marge Bernhardt for having the Past Deputies meeting and picnic at her house. Good time had by all.

Thanks to Al Maddox who hosted the Excelsior Pomona picnic at his house. Enjoyable afternoon.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

Granger@CTStateGrange.org
Mail to: P.O. Box 1134, Sharon, Connecticut 06069



**New Haven County
Pomona No. 5**

Cheshire #23
Wallingford #35

Since December 4, 1888

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Ruel Miller

Sept. 6: Installation of Officers, Potluck Supper, 6:30 P.M.

Cheshire Grange was represented at the Northeast Grange Lecturer's Conference held at Castleton University in Castleton, Vermont. Our State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt's program was the best of them all. No question. The conference itself was very well organized and enjoyed by all. As I type this, our August Fair will be completed with a lot of hard work and effort from our members. Craft Nights continue with making favors for our shut-ins. We had our summer picnic in July at Marge Bernhardt's home, no better place for a picnic.

Cheshire Grange is holding its annual Craft Fair on Oct. 28, 2017 at the Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Rd., Cheshire. The event will take place from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. In addition to vendors and crafters there will be a baked goods table. Vendors are wanted. For more information call Maryalyce Lee Chairman of Vendors, 203-

272-9421.

The summer is flying by and we look forward to the new Grange year and the installation of our officers.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Daniel M. Lauttenbach
Sept. 14: Fair Work Night, Ref. Dan

The 83rd Wallingford Grange Fair on September 16th from Noon to 9 P.M. Sit-down family Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fixings with continuous service from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Auction of produce and bakery items after dinner. There will be exhibits of bakery, canning, flower, vegetables, needlework and quilts throughout the day by children and adults. Contact Fair Secretary Janet Haller at 203-314-6922 for a fair entry sheet, premium book or tickets for the dinner. Tickets for dinner are \$13 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 and free for children under 5 years old.

Sept. 28: Installation of Officers. Ref. Jane

New England Grange Building Donations



Helen & Liz Ryducha of Cheshire Grange #23 made all of these items for the Grange Store in the New England Grange Building at the Big E in September. A lot of work for a very worthy cause!

Cheshire Grange's August Crafts



A sampling of the craft items made by the members of Cheshire Grange for shut-ins and for residents of Marbridge in Cheshire. Cheshire holds craft nights each month featuring different items. Many of these items are given out at Christmastime.

State Secretary



**Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary**

secretary@ctstategrange.org

It's hard to believe summer is just about over! While I'm not a great fan of hot and humid weather, it seems like this summer has been more of an extended warm spring. As we get closer to State Session in October, there are a few reminders you should have.

Every Grange should be represented at State Session. Your delegates to State Session can be any member(s) of the Grange in good standing if elected to be delegates by your Grange. We know it's not always possible for the Grange Master or Overseer to attend, but your Grange is entitled to be represented and vote at Session.

There are a small number of Granges that have not paid their dues for

the second quarter of this year (Due June 30) and one Grange that is behind two quarters. Granges cannot be officially represented at State Session with seated delegates unless all dues are paid up through the second quarter of this year. We hope those Granges will get current soon and have delegates in October.

State Session is not just for the delegates and State Officers. State Session is open to ALL members to attend and enjoy. We have printed the rough schedule for the session in this issue. If you are interested in attending a day or days, please fill out and return a registration form (also included in this issue). Registration is not required to attend the Lecturer's program at the Banquet (although advance purchase is required to have a meal at the Banquet) and the Sixth Degree is free of registration charge. Hotel reservations are easy to make by contacting the Holiday Inn in Norwich at a very reasonable rate of \$92.00 plus taxes. Just

mention the Connecticut State Grange when calling.

If you have not attended Session for a while and have a suggestion or reason for not attending, please let me know what those are. We are always looking at Session to find ways to make keep it relevant and enjoyable to our members.

There have been questions about the Dues Receipts. They will be sent out in September. However, response from Granges has been very slim. I have repeated last year's order for those Granges that did not let me know. They all have to be printed together at the same time. So this is the only way it can be done in a timely manner.

There are still about a half dozen Granges that have not sent in their officer and committee lists for the Directory. If you know you haven't done so, please do it right away. Without the benefit of Pomona handbooks, there is no way to accurately update missing Granges without the cooperation of those Granges. Thank you for your help with this.

At State Session

information will be distributed regarding a relatively new program offered to all Granges at all levels. It is a membership database program that will manage your membership records, online and in one place. We currently use the program at the Central Office for our Quarterly Report to National Grange and it works quite well. Each Grange has been already assigned a unique password and has some of the membership information entered from membership lists already provided to National. It will be up to Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries to maintain that information to ensure that it is accurate and up to date.

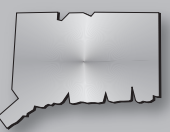
The Grange Store will return to State Session this year with many new items for sale, from shirts, to mugs, bracelets, jewelry, ties and more. It's one stop shopping without the shipping charges!

On the subject of Pomonas – there continues to be questions regarding regalia and (specifically) Fifth Degree equipment. All of these materials

should stay in place where they are currently stored. Sashes, Bibles, table scarves, implements, staves, rugs, etc., will be collected at a time and date to be determined. Please do not bring them to State Session. Degree equipment and paraphernalia should be inventoried and a copy of that inventory should be provided to the Central Office with a note on where it is located. When new Pomonas are organized and opened, we will provide that information to them so they can decide if there is anything they would like to use. Your help with this will save all of us a lot of time and energy moving things around.


Are you still collecting G Notes? We are! We will continue to accept G Notes up to and during State Session. Keep saving them... we'll never turn away money! Like last year, there are several Granges that have been going above and beyond looking for them.

Until next time, enjoy what is left of summer and the fall colors to come.



New London County Pomona No. 6

Senexet #40	Killingly #112
Wolf Den #61	N. Stonington #138
Colchester #78	Lyme #147
Ekonk #89	Stonington #168
Pachaug #96	Norwich #172
Preston City #110	Groton #213



Since January 10, 1890

NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Sept. 14: Stonington Grange #168

The final meeting of New London County Pomona No. 6 will be held at Stonington Grange #168 on September 14, 2017. We assume Stonington will hold a short meeting, "School Days", before our meeting convenes at 7:30 P.M. Please be sure to bring your Pomona sash as we will be turning them in at this meeting. All members of New London County Pomona will become Charter members of the new Pomona (to be named when it first convenes) that will extend from Massachusetts to Long Island Sound east of the Connecticut River.

And so it's good-bye, the sun sinks in the west.

With the new dawn that's coming we're put to a test.

If we all work as one and support this new plan

We'll save our Pomonas!
I know that we can!

SENEKET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Sept. 16: Grange Fair

Sept. 20: Vacation Memories

We held our awards night and presented scholarships to 3 high school seniors. Emily Faist who will be attending Nichols College to study accounting and Sarah Uwazany who will be attending Fairfield University to study Nursing. They are in the attached photo. We also awarded a scholarship to Meghan Corey who will be attending Coastal Carolina College to study Psychology.

Our Grange will be having an exhibit at the Woodstock Fair with help from Killingly.

We are excited to welcome 22 new members by demit from the former Wolf Den Grange.

Our hall continues to be used by the local AARP.

We will be holding our annual Grange Fair on Sat. Sept. 16. All entries are welcome.

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Installation August 7th found Link Cooper once again

at the helm. Barbara Bonin, new Program Director, has amazing ideas~among them organizing a Youth Drill Team for 2018 Northeast competition! At this writing, she has six positive and she is confident she can fill out a team! Jodi Ann Cameron was at Grange, sporting just a boot-crutches gone. Paulette Craig presented a group card to our Youth Chairman, Jaimie Cameron, who celebrated her 21st birthday at Grange! We received several thanks you notes from the CT FFA Foundation for our sponsorship of AG Communications Career Development and a picture of FFA members to grace our hall walls. Barbara Bonin volunteered to man the Grange booth at September 9th Sterling Family Day and will give out free apples as well as "talk Grange"! Thanks to Link Cooper, necessary upgrades have been made to the Ekonk Booth at Brooklyn Fair--time and money made for a much improved Grange Booth! We now have a 4th picnic table under our pavilion; supper crowd overflow can enjoy outside eating with seating now for 32! By this reading, we now own 3 more grills, which will be used at Celebrate "AG" at Woodstock Fairgrounds Sept. 23rd, when our Grange will be feeding 700+ breakfast and lunch~incredible undertaking! The Committee for this event include: Jody Cameron, Barbara Bonin, Paulette Craig and Link Cooper. Many thanks to them for chairing this massive undertaking!

The 2018 Sterling Community Calendar information will be in the hands of the printer by the time you read this: our 16th year providing this free resource to Sterling residents! We will have a September 16th Peach Shortcake Supper~thanks to Verna Cole for suggesting we bring this supper back; last year the failed peach crop necessitated cancellation. Mary Mortimer resigned from our Scholarship Committee after many

years of dedication. Her resignation was accepted with regret. It was voted to make this Committee an elected one, moving forward. Deborah Sharpe remains on the committee and will serve as Chairman (1 year term). Bonnie Deojay (also on the committee for many years) will be the 2 year member and Katie Molodich will replace Mary Mortimer and have a 3 year term. At every June election, the committee member with the 1 year term, will be up for election. We have given scholarships for 27 years. We said "goodbye" and "good luck" to two of our youth officers. Carly Sebastian (Granger since age 5) leaves soon for Eastern State University to major in early childhood education, with numerous scholarships to help her (former Greeter/Gate keeper). Matt Maher of our Executive Board, left the Friday after Installation to attend the oldest private military college in the United States, Norwich University (VT). He earned a full 4 year scholarship and upon graduation, will be an Army officer! We are SO proud of our amazing young Grangers and their accomplishments!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Sept. 4: Meeting

Sept. 16: Grange Fair

Sept. 18: Installation of Officers

Oct.: Apple Festival

At our meeting in June we voted to reinstate our information regarding the Apple Festival in Oct. because it was such a success. More on that. Keep tuned.

Grange Picnic was held on July 17 at Quaddick State Park in Thompson. We had 18 members and guests present. There was plenty of "Good Granger" food and it was a nice time and relaxing evening. There were four Grange members and one guest that were 90+ years old, still very active and mentally alert.

Our thanks to Linda Harkens and her friend Joe Pushadela for preparing and cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs for the picnic.

Aug. 21 was Golden Sheaf Night. Hopefully other Grangers joined us in celebrating this event as it is truly quite a distinction to be a Golden Sheaffer in any Grange- 50 years in one organization is really something to celebrate. I'm sure there are still a few "still active" members around. We would be happy to see and we always have "Good Grange Refreshments."

NORTH STONINGTON COMMUNITY GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R.

Weissmuller

Sept. 8: "Every Dog Has His Day"

Sept. 22: TBA

We had a very successful North Stonington Agricultural Fair even though we lost Thursday night to dangerous thunderstorms. The 4H Expo was also well attended and our little food booth was very busy. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen.

At our one meeting in July we welcomed two young men from Zambia. They will be seniors at Wheeler High School this year and are sponsored by the Chikumbuso program, which was founded by a local woman. They told us of their lives in Africa and in North Stonington. They hope to go on to college and some day return to their native land to assist others and bring a better life to the area.

The first meeting in September will be installation of officers. Our second meeting is a surprise at this point. Come and find out what it will be! And if those people who are grinding up all of the trees up the road will just go away and grind up someone else's trees next time, we'll tell you all about awesome August!

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Sept. 7: Installation - Congrats to all of our new officers

Oct. 5: Start of a new Grange year

Nov. 2: How Productive Was Your Garden?, Ag. Program- Notes to Vets

Dec. 7: Will Santa come by sleigh or car?

On a lovely cool evening in July we had only six members come. Visiting

Humble Thanks



York. Cooperation doesn't just happen, it's accomplished by determination and hard work.

I hope to see many of you at State Session, and look forward to the start of a new Grange year.

was Ted Beebe, membership committee member of the State Grange. It's a shame he drove so far for nothing. So sad. Our Master and Overseer were absent. Let's hope nothing bad has happened to either one to keep them away.

Looking forward to our potluck supper in Aug. and later on in Aug. our Hamburg Fair.

Our August picnic was a huge success with 17 in attendance. We welcomed Norman Narducci, Jr. who came up from Florida to attend a reunion. It's been a long time since we've seen him. Our meeting showed 18 Lyme members and one guest also we have an application for membership on the desk.

Two new members were given the Welcome Ceremony by Dan Mutchler. He does such a fine job.

Our septic system is finally installed at a cost of \$2,300- a fraction of the labor and some materials. We thank them.

Sadly a person fell asleep at 11 P.M. last week and mowed down part of our new fence. Our insurance will fix it. We know who did it but they do not have insurance despite the law requiring it.

Our outside stairs will be fixed this next week. Thank you, Skip and Jim.

The Secretary read our nomination for "Granger of the Year." This will be sent to the proper people for consideration.

Several people volunteered to help clear our hall so we can set up tables and boxes for our handcraft display at the Fair.


It was a fun evening. Our Lecturer just returned from Lecturer's Conference and we all got to sing "I've Got that Good Grange Spirit". She is all fired up!

Hope the man upstairs sends us some super duper fantastic weather for our Fair.

Riddle: What can fill up 2 cars, leaving only room for the driver?


Answer: Handmade items to be brought to the Big E Grange Country Store.

I am humbled at the response of our Connecticut Grangers. Your generosity is overwhelming. Please accept my thanks on behalf of all the CWA departments in New England and New



Excelsior Pomona No. 7

Beacon Valley #103	Bridgewater #153
Bethlehem #121	Wolcott #173
Prospect #144	Oxford #194



Since October 22, 1891

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

The next meeting of Beacon Valley Grange will be held on Friday, September 8th. The program will be in the charge of Judi Reynolds. Her subject will be on the deaf. The other part of the program will be presented by Joanne Cipriano who will present her entry for the Complete Program Contest. Refreshments will be served by Cindy and Ray Legg.

We had our Election of Officers with a few changes: new Lecturer Judi Reynolds, Assistant Steward Tom Honyotski, Lady Assistant Steward Dolores Merancy, Treasurer Ron Fischer, Secretary Cindy Legg and Ceres Mary Lou Raymond. Joanne Cipriano remains as Master. Committees have been appointed and we look forward to a busy year.

We will have an open mic on Saturday, September 16 from 2 to 5. For further information call Ron Fischer.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Sept. 25: Next Meeting

A large collection of canned food and pet food was collected from our Canned & Pet Food Drive. All was given to the Bethlehem Food Bank.

We have two new members, Dorothy Derphesen and Casandra Johnstone. We welcome them.

Twenty people came to our picnic at my home on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck

Sept. 1: Installation of Officers, 7:30 PM

Sept. 15: Neighbors Night, 7:30 PM

Sept. 29: G.O.M.A.D. Music and Dance Party, potluck



Bethlehem

On Monday July 24th, from 6:30-7:30 PM, the Grange operated a "Donation Station" at Bethlehem's Memorial Hall to collect pet and people food for donation to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. In Bethlehem, the food pantry also accepts pet food donations. Photo depicts left to right Bethlehem resident Dorothy Detlefsen and Grange President Albert "Skip" Maddox.

In Memoriam

Mary Dubay
Bethlehem Grange #121

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Lecturer's Conference in VT



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer

lecturer@ctstategrange.org

Fifteen Connecticut Grangers attended the 102nd Northeast Grange Lecturer's Conference in Castleton, VT. This is the smallest group I have ever seen and yet only one State had more than us.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way. Thank you to all who helped with program ideas and numbers; to those who made the nearly 400 mile round trip and took part in the program; and, to all who donated to the gift I was given on Spirit Night. You are all appreciated.

Ask anyone that went and I am sure they will tell you that Connecticut had the most spirit, making the most noise.

There has been discussions for quite some time regarding whether or not this conference will continue. There will not

be a conference in 2018. This does not mean there will never be one again or that your State Lecturers have disbanded. We will be meeting in the spring to discuss further options and will also be putting together a book with program ideas. Previously you had to buy this book. Next year it will be given to all Lecturers (both Pomona & Subordinate) free of charge. My plan is to include it in the packet of information that is handed out at Let's Celebrate in June.

If you have any ideas on how to reorganize and improve on Lecturers' conference please get them to me. I would like as much input from you as possible. I would like to hear from all members, not just Lecturers.

By now you should have received your September-October Newsletter. The Honor Lecturer Report was included with this mailing. Please be sure your Grange fills one out. I don't want to miss anyone who has been doing the projects in the Lecturers' Department and sending in their reports. Your Grange should get the recognition it deserves.

Enjoy the Autumn months ahead. Hope to see you around the state and in Norwich at State Session.

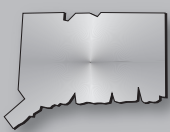
- Below, the Conn. delegation to Lecturer's Conference



Happy Campers




Camp Berger... one of the most affordable and only true overnight camp in CT dedicated to kids having fun and all unplugged. Featured here are 7 girls who traveled from Long Island, NY to enjoy what Camp Berger had to offer, all left with smiles excited for next year.



**Fairfield County
Pomona No. 9**

Redding #15 Norfield #146
Harmony #92 Cannon #152
Greenfield Hill #133



Since February 20, 1895

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Jim Golias & Lori Golias Burany

By the time you are reading this, our Aug. 19 Agricultural Fair is over. Hopefully we had good weather and a successful fair. Thank you to all the volunteers who set-up, sold tickets, judged, cooked, cleaned-up, and everything else.

Thanks to Rob and Maggie Buck for their talks on raising chickens and to Erik Frisk for his beekeeping presentation. Thank you to Rob Buck for displaying his unique farm tools.

Many thanks as well go out to the Boy Scouts for setting up and cleaning up.

Up and Coming Events:
September 13, 2017 – Autumn Festival with Italian Food, 6 P.M. until...

Oct. 28, 2017 – We're planning a Halloween Masquerade- more info to follow

Nov. 18, 2017 – Our holiday boutique, "All Things Holiday –Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's" For more info, call Steve at 203-367-4373.

Founded in 1893, the Greenfield Hill Grange #133 will be 125 years old in 2018..

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Sept 7: Business Meeting

Sept 21: Business Meeting

Oct 5: Business Meeting

Oct 19: Business Meeting

Nov 4: Special Event: Line Dancing at the Hall

It's been a busy summer filled with activities at Cannon Grange! We had a lively audience in attendance for our Legislative Wrap-Up program, hosted by our very own Gail Lavielle, state representative, joined by state senator Toni Boucher

and state representative Tom O'Dea. The Legislative Wrap-Up has become an annual event and provides the forum for our area residents to ask questions of their elected officials.

We had a great 85th Agricultural Fair on August 27th. This year's new category for competition was Watercolor Painting. We have some very talented people in our community! The regular categories that typify an agricultural fair were also really nice: baked goods, flowers, eggs and vegetables. After 40+ years of service, we retired the yellow & white awning panels on the east side of the building, with brand new ones that are blue and white. They look very nice against our white with dark green trimmed Grange Hall. We were able to collect several hundred pounds of non-perishable foods, as admission to the fair, for the Wilton Interfaith Food Pantry for those residents in need of assistance.

We send best wishes to two of our college-age members who are now off for their first year of college: Evan Clark who is attending Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, and Audrey Keliehor who is attending Drew University in New Jersey.

Coming on Saturday, November 4th will be an evening of Country Dancing at our Hall starting at 7 PM. There will be live music with a caller, and instruction for all the dances. It will be an evening of great fun and enjoyment. Mark your calendar, and know that you can get tickets at the door.

Watch our website for program topics to be held at our regular meetings.

Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends!

Early in the month of August we made the journey up to Castleton University in Vermont for the NE Lecturers' Conference. It was great wearing our state color of Orange, and seeing all of regional Grange friends. We had a fun time watching all the talent competitions and programs!

It's Fair time — so you never know where we will pop up next!

Be sure to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>

Therefore be it resolved...



I hope you all have submitted your resolutions to the State Grange Central Office for the upcoming State Grange Session. We ask they be submitted to the Central Office by September 15 to give the office time to put them together for the next couple of steps. They are usually included in the next publication of the Granger. The State Grange President and Executive Committee also need to review them and assign them to the different session committees. The resolutions are also printed in a booklet that is given out as State Grange for the

Delegates.

The resolution(s) should have been voted on by both your local Grange and then submitted to your Pomona Grange where they are reviewed and voted on. This will give your resolution a wider audience for the issue when it comes up at State Grange and your Pomona delegates will understand the issue.

IF and I mean IF you have an issue that comes up late in the year and you wish to submit a resolution after the September 15th deadline, send it in anyway. We can usually accept and include some last minute resolutions. If they are very late, they may not be included in the Session Booklet. The Secretary will then request enough copies to distribute to each delegate and the State officers at Session.

For the State of Connecticut, well... we

still don't have a budget. The state has been running on executive orders by Governor Malloy. The towns are all in limbo as to what funds they will be receiving for town programs. This has resulted in many cuts to social service programs where Malloy has cut funding. These cuts are mostly impacting the larger towns. Smaller towns don't have the number of service programs that larger towns and cities such as Bridgeport and Hartford have. The biggest impact on towns seems to be funding for education. Malloy has pushed for increasing funding for poorer towns and for cutting funds for more well-to-do towns. The Legislature is supposed to work on the budget in early September after they return from their summer vacations. We will see.

For tips on writing resolutions... visit www.ctstategrange.org

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 solve 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.



There were no answers to last month's Window Picture.



One of the best fall fruits is apples. They are perfect for everything from eating raw to sauce, Halloween snacks, breads, pies and cakes and so much more. Betty Crocker has a great recipe for Easy Apple Cake which would be perfect for refreshments after a Grange meeting.

EASY APPLE CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups shredded peeled apples (about 2 medium apples)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 quart vanilla or cinnamon ice cream

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 9-inch round cake pan with baking spray with flour.
 In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Stir in vanilla, flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in apples and walnuts. Spoon into pan.
 Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan to cooling rack. Cool 10 minutes longer. Serve warm with ice cream.

Serves: 8

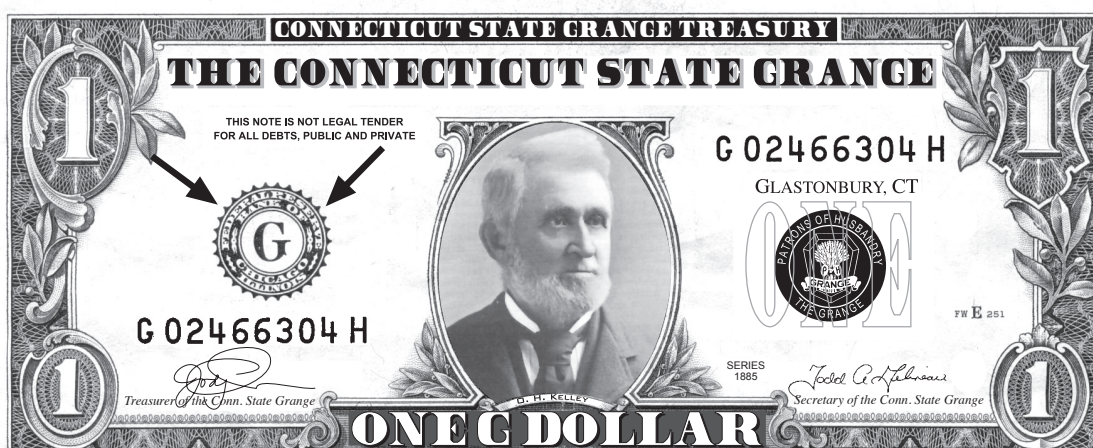
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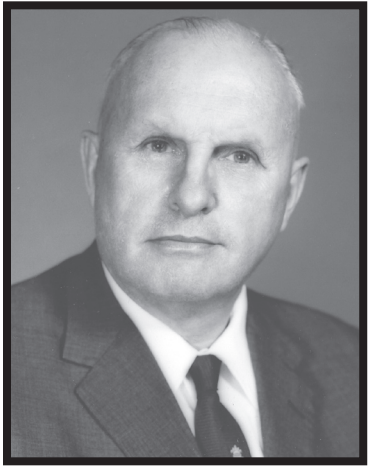
Articles will be accepted until Sept. 15 for the Oct. Issue

G Note Leader Board



Keep looking for those G-Notes and help us defray the cost of future National Grange conventions.

Past State Master Sherman K. Ives



Sherman Kimberly Ives was born in Goshen, CT on April 18, 1902. He was the son of Fessenden Leverett Ives and Ellora (Kimberly) Ives.

He received his education in the local Grammar Schools of Goshen, Litchfield High School and graduated from the Univ. of Conn. at Storrs.

On August 14, 1924 he was married to Lida A. Skilton at Morris, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Joel White Skilton and Ida (Camp) Skilton.

To them the following children were born: Alden Allen; Virginia May; Bradford Sherman; Carolyn Eloise and Esther Isabelle Ives.

He served as Town Treasurer in the Town of Morris and was sent to the General Assembly representing his town for 1952-53. He was a farmer during his early married life and operated the family two hundred acre farm in Goshen until 1930 when he moved to Morris. Since then he was in the General Insurance

Business. He was President of the Mutual Insurance Agents Association of Connecticut; a director of the Litchfield County Radio Association which owned and operated radio station WLCR in Torrington; he is a life member of both the Union Agricultural Society and the Goshen Fair Association as well as the Connecticut Poultry Producers and the Connecticut Dairymen's Association of Connecticut. He was chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Conference of Farm Organizations; Director of his local bank, the First National Bank of Litchfield; Vice President of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Co., past Trustee of the New England Grange Building and a member of the Litchfield County Farm Bureau. He was Past Master of St. Paul's Lodge No. 11 of the Masonic Order. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Morris and serves as a member of its Trustees and a former deacon. He is a Republican.

He and his family have had a long record in Grange work. His grandfather for whom he was named was the last Master of the first State Grange and the first Master of the second State Grange. His mother was one of the first Patrons in Connecticut to achieve a Sixty Year Membership record.

Besides many other offices, he has been Master of both Litchfield and Morris Subordinate Granges; Master, Secretary, and Executive Committee member of Mountain County Pomona;

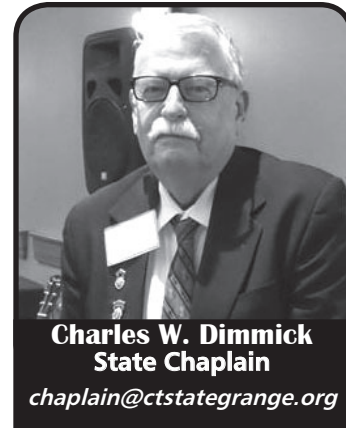
Gatekeeper of the Connecticut State Grange (1931-34); Assistant Steward (1934-37); Overseer (1938-39) and was the 17th Master of the Connecticut State Grange (1940-43); he served on the Executive Committee (1944-49) and as Chairman of the Legislative Committee from 1951-53.

His wife was chairman of the National Grange Home Economics Committee for 1942-44; and is the author of the book where much of this information was re-printed. Sister Ives was also Master of her local Grange and Secretary of Mountain County Pomona for 18 years.

Several Subordinate and Junior (known as Juvenile then) Granges were organized during his administration, which are as follows: Roxbury #7, Madison #120, Watertown #122, Marlborough #205, Obwebetuck #206, CT River Grange #207, Greenwood #208, Haystack Mt. #209, Farmington Juv. #14, Stonington Jr. #38, Plainville Jr. #39, Mystic Jr. #40, Bethlehem Jr. #41, Victory Jr. #42, Konomoc Jr. #43, Easton Jr. #44, Silver Lake Jr. #45, Old Lyme Jr. #46, Lisbon Jr. #47, and Haystack Mt. Jr. #48.

Brother Ives was a man whose love for the Grange and its ideals come before his thoughts of his own personal welfare. He always has time to greet his fellow Grangers and rejoice with them in their gladness or sympathize with them in their sorrow.

What is grace?



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Sometimes it is a good idea to look more closely at religious terms that we use freely but seldom think deeply about. In previous articles I have written about Faith, Hope, Charity, Thankfulness, and Brotherhood, but I haven't written about Grace. Yet we encounter it frequently in a religious context. A common benediction, taken from 2 Corinthians, says: "May the Love of God, the Grace of

Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

There are some commonplace meanings of "grace" that may mislead us. We are not talking here about humans showing grace, as in "simple elegance or refinement of movement". Perhaps we need to be more specific and ask "what is the Grace of God" and "what is the Grace of Jesus Christ". As is my habit, I looked first at what the original Hebrew and Greek words were that are translated as "Grace". Psalm 84:11 says "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and honor." The Hebrew word translated as "grace" wherever it appears in the Old Testament is *chen*, which can also be translated as "kindness" or "favor", and derives from a root meaning to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior. In the New Testament *Grace* is a translation of the Greek *charis*, closely related to *charisma*, which in Greek originally meant a divine deliverance from danger. I'm reminded of one early English religious reformer who, upon seeing others being led to the scaffold, is reported to have said "There, but for the Grace of God, go I." In this sense, there is but little difference between "the Grace of God" and "God's mercy."

We can define the Grace of God as the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings. What about the quotation at the beginning of this article "the Grace of Jesus Christ". Does this differ from the Grace of God? No, for we are told that Jesus Christ is the Grace of God, as it says in John's gospel: "the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

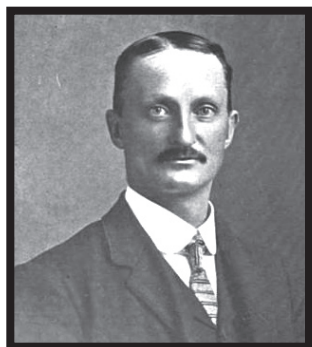
Fessenden Leverett Ives

In researching the article on Sherman Kimberly Ives, we ran across an article on his father, Fessenden Leverett Ives (1868-1949). This article was published on a website named, "The Strangest Names in American Political History - A Site Dedicated to American Political Figures With Strange, Odd, Humorous and Unusual Names!"...

An obscure resident of the town of Goshen in Litchfield County, Connecticut, Fessenden Leverett Ives was a successful dairy farmer in the aforementioned town who also served terms in the Connecticut State House of Representatives, the first occurring in 1903. Born in Goshen on February 12, 1868, Fessenden E. Ives was one of four children born to Fessenden and Mary Cook Ives. A prominent figure in his own right, Fessenden Ives Sr. (1826-1910) served as a Connecticut state assemblyman in 1875 and was also a first selectman for Goshen for nearly a decade.

Fessenden L. Ives began his schooling in Goshen and went on to study at the Goshen Academy. He married in his native town in April 1891 to Ellora Kimberly (1866-1944), with whom he would have three children: Fessenden Edward (1893-1903), Sylvia Esther (1899-1964) and Sherman Kimberly Ives (born 1902). Of these children Sherman Ives is the most notable, as he became a distinguished member of the Connecticut State Grange (serving as its president for a time) and also represented Goshen in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1952-54.

A farmer and dairyman for the majority of his life, Fessenden L. Ives is recorded by Taylor's Legislative History of Connecticut as operating "a fine farm, which has belonged to the family for nearly half a century." Ives is also noted as being a producer of "high-grade butter" which one him first prize at the Connecticut State Dairymen's Convention of 1896 and 1897.



In November 1902 Ives was elected by the citizens of Goshen as their representative to the Connecticut General Assembly. Taking his seat in January 1903, Ives was named to the house committees on Expositions and served here for the remainder of his first term. Less than a month after taking his seat Ives suffered personal tragedy with the death of his eldest son Fessenden

Edward, who was killed in a sledding accident on February 15, 1903. Described as a "bright child of unusual promise", Ives' son had just celebrated his 10th birthday a few days before his death, and a brief write-up on the accident appeared in the February 17th edition of the Lowell, Massachusetts Sun, shown below.

Ives' term in the assembly concluded in 1905 and a decade later became a member of the Goshen town school committee. In November 1926 Ives was reelected to the state assembly, serving another two year term. Little else could be found on the life of Fessenden L. Ives after 1928, excepting a Find-a-Grave page noting his headstone and death, which occurred in Goshen on his 81st birthday, February 12, 1949. He was interred along with his wife and son at the Goshen Center Cemetery in Litchfield County.

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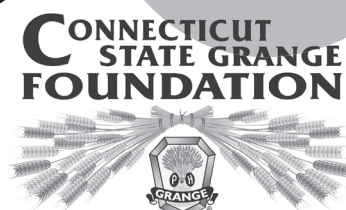
We will not have a regular meeting in September. The members' social calendars are too full. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 14 at Beacon Valley Grange. It will be our annual Fun Fair in the charge of Joanne Cipriano. If you need a fair book, contact Joanne.

Our cooking contest is Shepherd's Pie. This will be our main dish for supper.

Plant Seeds for the Future

Consider leaving a planned gift for the Connecticut State Grange Foundation, Inc.* The size of your gift does not matter. What matters is that we all participate and support the future of the Grange!

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