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Join us for Grange Day at the State House – 2019

New Hampshire Grangers, please join us on Thursday June 13, 2019, starting at 9:00AM on the front steps of the State House in Concord. Come and not only celebrate Grange Day at the State House, but the 200-year celebration of the oldest state house in which the Legislature still meets in its original chambers. We are meeting there during the bi-centennial celebration. On June 2, 1819 the Legislature took occupancy of the Capitol.

The Agenda is shaping up. We have always started in the Gallery of the House. Not this time, we will be in the Senate Gallery for the opening of the Senate Session. Senator Sharon Carson will be the host in the Senate. Senator Carson is a member of Londonderry Grange. It will be a little different to see the Senate open rather than the House. Gallery is smaller as well. The agenda, which is still subject to change is as follows:

- 9:00 Meet on the front steps
 - 9:15 Secretary of State will talk about the history of the State House and maybe some Granger history at the State House.
 - 10:00 Senate Gallery for Grange introduction
 - 10:45 Meet Virginia in the Visitor Center for a tour and more perspective on the bi-centennial.
 - 11:30 Lunch – still to be set up, but rumor has it may be “Hot Dog Day” at the State House.
 - 1:00 Tour of the NH Historical Society Museum
 - 2:00 Governor John Winant statue at the State Library
- This is a fairly new addition to state property. We may learn a little history of the Governor.

Again, please join us for Grange Day at the State House, under the newly re-gold leafed dome. Mark you calendar for an early start on Thursday June 13.

Calendar of Events (A Work in Progress)

- June 8 - Junior Craft & Fun Day
State Grange Building, Hooksett
- June 10 - Registration due for North East Lecturers' Conference
- June 22 - Wingold Grange Public Supper
- June 22 - Chichester Grange Penny Sale
- June 29 - Rockingham Grange Penny Sale
- July 1 - Scholarship Applications due
- July 18-21 - Stratham Fair
- July 24-26 - North Haverhill Fair
- July 26-28 - Grange Family Weekend
Gunstock Mountain Resort
- August 1-4 - Cheshire Fair
- Aug. 5-7 - Northeast Lecturers Conference
Devans, MA
- Aug. 9-11 - Belknap County 4-H Fair
- Aug. 16-18 - Cornish Fair
- Aug. 17 - Youth Rally - State Grange
Building, Hooksett
- Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 - Lancaster Fair
- Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 - Hopkinton Fair
- Sept. 6-8 - Hillsborough County Fair
- Sept. 12 -15 - Rochester Fair
- Sept. 12-15 - Seacoast Country Fair
- Sept. 13-19 - Eastern States Expo (Big E)
West Springfield, Massachusetts
- Sept. 26-29 - Deerfield Fair
- Oct. 12-14 - Sandwich Fair
- Oct. 17-19 - NH State Grange Session
West Lebanon, NH
- Nov. 5-9 - National Grange Convention
Minneapolis, MN



Dick Patten and Judy Chase present dictionaries to Salisbury third graders.

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**NORTHEAST LECTURER'S
CONFERENCE
AUGUST 5-7, 2019
Registration due June 10
See pages 6 & 7 for details**



*From my pad
to your pad*
Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master

This year is almost half over. Where is the time going? I hope that you all survived the winter and wet spring. As we start getting out of our homes and into our communities, let's remember that we are the ambassadors of our Organization. We are who the public see and recognize as Grange members. So we must make every effort to show the public all the good things that we do and tell them about all the good things the Grange does for the community and its members.

If you haven't attended a Grange growth membership meeting yet, please plan to attend the one in Rochester in June or the one in Danbury in August. These meetings are to help train you in approaching non-members and getting them to join your Grange. The membership team has been working hard to set up, plan and execute these meetings. They are for the benefit of the Granges and are meant to help us all.

As I have been saying for the past four years, membership is everyone's responsibility. Our membership totals have been steadily dropping for many many years and if we want to reverse this trend, we need to get new members. We all know that membership is the lifeblood of the organization. Without new members, our organization in New Hampshire will surely not survive. Granted we have many Granges across the state that are doing well increasing/maintaining their membership but too many of them are not gaining but losing. There is no better time than the present to do your share to grow membership in your community and in others around the state.

I hope that many of you have signed up to attend the Grange Family weekend happening at the end of July. The year our event coincides with the National Grange Revival. I know that some of our members, who usually attend our event, are planning on going to Grange Revival and won't we with us so we have plenty of room for new people. This event will be

held at Gunstock Mountain resort in Gilford NH. Even if you don't come for the entire weekend, plan to join us on Saturday. There are many activities offered by the resort as well as many things going on around the campsites. So grab your lawn chair and a picnic lunch and come join us for some good old fashioned Grange fellowship. We all hope to see you there.

On behalf of the State Grange leadership I want to apologize for the change of venue for State Grange. Unexpected changes in the hotel forced us to find another facility to host our State Session. We have been to the Fireside in Lebanon a few times and they have been very accommodating. I am sure that this year will be as good, if not better, than the last time we were there. Remember to be working on those resolutions. There are many hot topics that our Granges should be talking about and being legislatively active in, not only locally but on a State level. Remember that any resolutions that have to do with changes to the constitution, declaration, policy or by-laws of the State Grange have to be to the State Secretary by September 1st.

The New England Grange Building Trustees voted that each State Grange is responsible for covering two full days of volunteering at the Big E during the fair. The days that have been assigned to New Hampshire are September 28th and September 29th. We will need four people per shift and there will be two shifts per day for a total of eight people per day. Volunteers will receive tickets into the fair, a parking pass and accommodations for one night. If you are able and willing to cover one of these four shifts, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get the names to the organizer. If you would like to attend Grange Day on September

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22nd, please let me know so we can get a headcount and tickets.

I want to thank the directors and committees who have already held events this year and encourage those who still have events in the future. It is difficult to be enthusiastic and to put on these events when attendance is so low, but these leaders continue to exceed our expectations by providing educational workshops and fun activities. The Directors and committees work hard to put on these programs for us every year so let's do our part and attend. Attendance has been low for a long time so going forward, let's get out to these events and show our support for all of them.

I hope that you all have a great summer and stay safe. Be a hero of the Grange and do something so show those around you that the Grange has done and continues to do great things in communities everywhere.



**GRANGE
YOUTH
NEWS**

Rachel Scanzani

Summer is just around the corner and the Youth Department is trying something new! With June being so busy with graduations, the end of school, and the beginning of summer, we're going to move our typical June Youth Rally meeting to August this year. We would love to see more people joining us for these fun events. We will be meeting on August 17th at the State Grange Building for a brief meeting, BBQ dinner, and then a field trip to Chucksters in Chichester for some fun and entertainment. More details will follow in early summer.

Coming up we also have North East Youth Conference. As soon as the registration materials are available they will be posted on the State Grange website for everyone to access. While you're on the website, please be sure to check out the Youth Program. There are lots of contests and information on there for you to help pass the time this summer. Please continue to bring fun to your meetings and remember that every Granger is a youth!



**Agriculture
Department**
Norman Brandt, Director

Good news Spring has fully sprung!

My pig farrowed fourteen beautiful piglets a while back. One was stillborn :(one got laid on. One all of a sudden started walking in tight circles and I put her down, and one mom proved that bacon and pork is irresistible. After weaning off ten very large, very healthy piglets: five gilts (female young pig) and five barrows (after a small surgery), I offered them for \$125 each. I sold seven of them before they were weaned, taking a \$25 deposit to hold them until they were weaned. That left me with one gilt and two barrows. By the time you open and read this they will probably be at their new home at \$150 each.

My brother's pig had nine babies, three gilts and six boars. We lost one of the gilts the first night, but the rest have grown and grown well. At four weeks old they are large enough that they could be weaned, eating dry food and drinking from the water nipples. I like to give them another two weeks even though the Pork standard is four weeks weaned nowadays. I feel you get a stronger and faster growing pig. The reason for weaning at the four weeks is it leaves more weight on the mom, making it easier to breed her back five days after weaning.

Due to me not ordering the boar in a bottle when I weaned the babies off, I got it a day too late :(So my girl is going to be bred back to hopefully give birth around Deerfield Fair. But even if she has her babies in time for exhibit at the fair I cannot trust my #Hams around people when she has babies. She grabbed me once this past time when I was handling the piglets, and tried climbing over the fence several times to get at me when I was handling her babies. I can't blame her, she's being a Good mom and puts a lot of energy into them.

But, she's nothing like Lilly (my niece's pig that had the babies mentioned above). The day her piglets were born she was fine letting anyone handle them as

long as she could see them.

The next one to give birth will be Ribbecca. I call her Ribbs and then I feel a sharp pain, but only when my niece is around. She was my first solo A1 pig breeding. We got a boar from Ohio and we had got him for another sow but she wouldn't stand and Ribbs came into heat so I said I can do that, so I put both bottles in and two weeks later her pregnancy light turned on and I said, "Oh, sweet! Piglets in June."

Up coming is Summer and hopefully we will have some applications for Ag awards this year. I am hoping to have them before August so that my committee and myself can work on getting stuff set up for giving out the awards and inviting Grangers to their farm for the award. Remember the form is in the Ag booklet given out by our committee chairs, and should be mailed or emailed to me. Don't use the email in the Roster It ISN'T RIGHT. My email is FISHBRA955@aol.com. A copy of the book is on the State Grange Website both on the home page and on the Ag page.

I have so much more I would like to say but am running out of time and will leave it here for now. Hope to see you all soon.

Watatic Grange

George Standley was the guest of honor at a surprise party in recognition of his 70th birthday. The party was held in Amherst. It was attended by about 20 well-wishers from Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and included all of George's grandchildren.

George is a 55 year member and is currently the Master of Watatic Grange. He is also a past Master of Miller and Grand Monadnock Pomona Granges and a former member of the State Youth Committee.

2019 State Session

The contract for the 2019 New Hampshire State Grange Session has been signed with the Fireside Inn & Suites West Lebanon.

Important note: State Session will be October 17 - 19. This date is a week earlier than normal. Please make note of this for your future planning.

Mohawk Grange #217

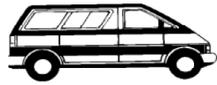


Mohawk Grange #217 in Colebrook presented its 2019 Community Service Award on Monday evening, April 15 to Cecil Hikel of Canaan, recognizing his many years of musical service to the area. He organized the North Country Community Band and has been an active member for 35 years, and can always be counted on to play "Taps" for local veterans' events and military funerals. Cecil is at right with Grange Lecturer Haven Haynes Jr. before cutting the cake to celebrate the occasion. (Alan Farnsworth photo courtesy of News and Sentinel, Colebrook)



Chaplain Eleanor Lyons (seated) was caught unawares on Monday night when the Mohawk Grange #217 presented her with a special service award during its meeting on Monday night in East Colebrook. She has been a Grange member since 1946, rounds up the cooks and bakers for church suppers and pie sales, and contributed along with her family to the update of the Grange's kitchen. She received flowers and a plaque that will hang in the kitchen, presented by Lady Assistant Steward Leta Brown and Assistant Steward Wayne Brown. (Alan Farnsworth photo courtesy of News and Sentinel, Colebrook)

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**Family & Community
Department
Kathy Yardley - Joyce Martin**

It is finally spring and we're sure you are as excited about that as we are. We hope you've had a busy and productive winter in your homes and in your Granges. Here are some things you can be working on, if you haven't already been doing them:

Baking brownies! Encourage your members to enter the baking contest, and remind them to clearly mark their entry if it contains nuts. Each Subordinate winner will go on for judging at the Pomona level, and from there the winner will be judged at state session.

Completing a Nighty-Night Hugs kit for a needy shelter. You need a simple drawstring bag filled with a blanket, stuffed animal and a book for a child. If you need help finding a place to give yours to, we are happy to take them for you, just let us know.

Working on your needlework entries. We have included the list of categories below. Remember, we gladly welcome non-members to enter too! All entries are due to Kathy Yardley or Joyce Martin by August 1, 2019.

Needlework Contest

The categories are as follows:

Class A: Afghans – knitted, crocheted, woven, etc using yarn

Class B: Doilies – knitted, crocheted or tatted

Class C: Embroidery – any embroidered item but NOT counted cross stitch – Back of work must be visible.

Class D: 3 Piece Baby Set – bonnet, jacket or sweater, booties, mittens, etc. Must be 3 pieces NOT including baby afghan/blanket

Class E: Plastic Canvas – any item using yarn or thread

Class F: Counted Cross Stitch – any item using any thread product. Back of work must be seen – pictures may be on stretcher strips or framed and/or matted but NO GLASS.

Class G: Adult Garment – may be knit-

ted or crocheted. Must be worn on the body – sweater, dress, cape poncho, vest, etc. – does not include accessories such as mittens/gloves, scarves, socks, hats/caps, collar, belt, etc.

Class H: Latch Hook – any item made with any pattern using any yarn

Class I: Quilted Wall Hangings – hand or machine quilted and any product may be used for filler.

Class J : Stuffed Toy – may be knitted, crocheted, stitched - Toys should be child safe

Class K: Baby Afghan – may be knitted, crocheted, woven, and must appear suitable for a baby – choice of color, selection of yarn product, etc.

Quilts (either hand or machine sewn), Woodworking or other crafts will also be judged at the state level. Again, these are due by August 1, 2019. Non-members are welcome to enter too!

Keeping track of your community service projects to compile in a booklet to submit to us for judging.

Hosting a community awards night/open house. This is a great way to invite your community to help you honor some very deserving volunteers. Please send us your nominations for awards recipients at the State Grange level. Nominations are due for state judging by August 31, 2019.

Gift cards for Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas project. You may purchase the gift cards yourself or send us your donation and we can buy and distribute them for you. Due date is November 30, 2019.

Hand-made items for the New England Grange Building at the Big E! Scrubbies, Baby articles, stuffed animals, dolls, pot holders, knitted or crocheted dish cloths, afghans, mittens, scarves hats, knee warmers, booties, vests, aprons, wall hangings, pillow cases, crafts, etc. Please mark items that are for Big E. These are due by August 1, 2019.

Mountain of Mittens – we will be collecting these at state session in October, 2019. These can be hand-made, sewn, crocheted or knitted, or you can purchase them to donate. Tell your friends about this worthwhile project, even non-members! The more mittens we have, the more children's hands we can keep warm!

We encourage you to hold a Family & Community services night at either your Subordinate or Pomona Grange. Some examples of topics to explore are: health issues, bullying, identity theft, drug issues, support for refugees or immigrants, community gardens, homeless shelters, food banks, etc.

Whatever you are doing in your Grange, we hope you are enjoying the Family & Community programs and projects. We would love to hear your comments and suggestions as well as what other things you are doing in your Granges.



**Grange
Services
Linda Phelps, Director**

Financing for education is a big part of the Grange Services Department, and this is the time of year to think about money for college. Grange scholarships are not large, but every bit helps. Scholarship applicants must have been belonged to the Grange for at least one year. If you have members in your Grange who could benefit from a scholarship, please encourage them to apply.

Scholarship applications are due on July 1st. Transcripts and letters of recommendation are needed, so don't delay. You can find the application form and the scholarship criteria on the State Grange website.

The application for an Education Loan is on the website, too. Loan applicants may be a Grange member or belong to a Grange family in good standing. Loans must be repaid and carry an interest rate.

Scholarships and loans are not for young people only. If you are an older student, the funds are also available to you. Students working for a GED are also eligible to apply for funds.

Now is a great time for Granges and Grangers to donate to the Education Loan Fund, which makes the scholarships and loans possible. Is a donation to the Education Loan Fund in your Grange's budget? If so, now would be a good time to write the check and send it.

**Lecturer's Lines
State Lecturer
Jane Trombi**



During the last few months, we've had some fun in the Lecturer's Department! I hope you and your members have had some fun at your own meetings. Our job is to entertain and educate our members, so let me know what you have been doing, I love to hear your ideas. If you have any questions or need help, you can always contact me.

Bowling

In March we had 42 adult bowlers and 16 Juniors at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. Mark your calendars now for next year's bowling tournament, which will be on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at Lakeside Lanes. Congratulations to Wayne Condon and Lois Enman for top bowling scores, as well as Rochester Grange Team 1, who will bowl for free next year. Below is the list of top bowlers and teams:

State Grange Bowling Winners 2019

Men's High Triple

- Class A: Wayne Condon
- Class B: Andrew Savage
- Class C: Norman Brandt
- Class D: Matt Littlefield

Women's High Triple

- Class A: Lois Enman
- Class B: Mary Doves
- Class C: Jennifer Bailey
- Class D: Christine Savage

Grange Teams

- First: Rochester Team 1 1017
(nette Lemieux, Wayne Condon, Lois Enman, Judy Bailey)
- Second: Henry Wilson Team 1 933
(Jonathan Russell, Ralph Russell Sr, Ralph Russell Jr, Richard Russell)
- Third: Wingold 921
(Andrew Savage, Christine Savage, Lawrence Brandt, Natalie Brandt)

- Juniors: Age 4-7
- 1st Kate Lynn Raymond
- 2nd Jake Scanzani
- Age 8-10
- 1st Nicholas Hayes
- 2nd Salem Russell
- Age 11-14
- 1st Ava Twiss
- 2nd Paige Davis

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

Also in March, I attended the North East Leader's Conference in Connecticut. The lecturer's from the seven north east states met and worked on plans for this year's Northeast Lecturer's Conference. As you may remember, we decided to take a year off to make decisions as to the purpose of the conference and what we wanted participants to walk away with. Well, we have come up with a plan. We're offering a new venue and a new schedule, which offers more workshops. The information is available on the State Grange website, through your own lecturer, and of course through me.

Northeast Lecturers' Conference

It's time to plan for this year's conference! All members are welcome to attend the 2019 Northeast Grange Lecturers' Conference, August 5th – 7th, hosted by Massachusetts at the Devens Common Center in Devens, MA. In response to comments on surveys from previous conferences, major changes have been made in the venue and schedule. I am confident you will be pleased with the conference center, the workshops that will aid and inspire all who are involved with programming, and the activities that reflect this year's theme of "Down on the Farm." We will only be holding a conference every other year instead of every year. The cost may seem high, but if you look at it as saving money over the two years, it's sure worth it!

The total cost, including meals, lodging and conference fees, is \$330 for a single room, \$265 per person for a double room, and \$220 per person for a triple room. For those who are not able to attend the entire conference, rates by the day, individual meals, and commuter fees are available. There is a strict deadline of June 10th, so get your reservation in now. It'll be lots of fun! We will be putting together a Lecturer's Helps booklet to sell at the conference.

Talent Contest

Congratulations to Mary West, who was chosen Best of Show at Spring Fling and will be eligible to represent NH at the Night of Excellence at National Grange this November in Minnesota. Donations to the talent fund are still being accepted and can be sent to the State Lecturer. The

talent fund goes to defray the cost of our representative to go to National Grange.

Crafting Weekends

We have had three successful crafting weekends at the State Grange Building, with members quilting, cardmaking, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, etc! We are definitely going to plan more, so be on the lookout for information.

Contests

I hope you are working on your contest entries for this year. Your Create-a-Card, Photo, and Creative Writing entries are due to me by October 1st. Art entries are due at State Grange. Don't forget the National Grange Quilt Block contest as well, but those entries go directly to National Lecturer Christine Hamp.



**Membership
Jim Tetreault
& Gloria Davis**

The State Grange Membership Committee would like to invite you to one of our upcoming Membership Conferences coming to a location near you during the months of June and July

June 15th at Rochester Grange Starting at 9:00 AM Speaker TJ Malaskee, Past Master Minnesota State Grange.

July 20th at Blazing Star Grange in Danbury starting at 9:00 AM Speaker to be announced.

If you would like to attend one of our conferences, please notify myself or Co-Director Gloria Davis. Our e-mail addresses are as follows:

Jim Tetreault: jimtetreault65@gmail.com

Gloria Davis: foxygrangelady@hotmail.com

Anyone attending one or all of these conferences will have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for a two-night stay at our upcoming State Grange session at the Fire Side Inn in Lebanon NH.

Thank you for returning the surveys. We will be announcing the results at our upcoming membership conferences.

Northeast Grange
Lecturers' Conference
Down on the Farm
Monologue- MA
Game - NH
Skit - CT
Tableau - NY
Participation - ME
Music - RI
Movement - VT
August 5 - 7, 2019
Hosted by Massachusetts State
Grange
At Devens Common Center
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Devens, MA 01434
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Down on the Farm
2019 Badge Required for all Activities
Monday, August 5, 2019
(Lunch on your own)
Noon - 2:00 Registration
2:00 Welcome and Grand Opening
MC - Janet Segur, Lecturer Mas-
sachusetts State Grange. Flag Pre-
sentation, National Anthem, Inspi-
ration, Opening Song. Welcome by
George Thomas III, Master MA State
Grange. Introductions of State Lec-
turers and Guests
2:30 - 3:30 Workshops:
• New to the Flock? _____
(Ideas & Tips for Newer Lecturers)
• Something to Crow About _____
(Writing News Releases, Facebook
Posts & More)
3:45 Panel Discussion (Jr. Ballroom)
Meet local agriculturalists
5:00 - 6:00 DINNER (Jr. Ballroom)
6:30 Evening Round-Up
PROGRAM: Down on the Farm
7:45 Getting to Know You - Marge
8:15 Free Time
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
6:00 - 8:15 BREAKFAST (Hotel
guests only)
8:30 Morning Round-Up (Jr. Ball-
room)
MC - Flag Salute, Inspiration, Song,
Announcements
9:00 Bus leaves for Mt. Wachusett
Community College (computers)
9:15 - 11:15 Workshops: (5 extra slots
in each
for people who bring their laptops)
• Computers for Lambs (limit of 16)
(Basic skills for beginners)
• Computers for Ewes (limit of 20)
(Use internet for programming mate-
rials
& technology tools to publicize events)
9:10 - 10:10 Workshops:
• A Field of Themes _____
(Using Themes to Enhance Program
Planning)
• Know Your Herd-mates _____
(Utilizing strengths/talents & interests
of members)
10:15 - 11:15 Workshops:
• Rotating Your Crops _____
(Planning a Well-Balanced Program)
• Workshop _____ (TBD)
11:15 Free Time

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH (Jr. Ballroom)
1:15-4:30 Field Trip (bus leaves at
1:15)
Jordan Dairy Farms, Rutland
Walking & standing required - limit
of 50
1:15 - 2:15 Workshops:
• Something to Crow About _____
(Writing News Releases, Facebook
Posts & more)
• A Field of Themes _____
(Using Themes to Enhance Program
Planning)
2:30 - 3:30 Workshops:
• Know Your Herd-mates _____
(Utilizing strengths/talents & interests
of members)
• Rotating Your Crops _____
(Planning a Well-Balanced Program)
3:45 - 4:30 Free Time
5:00 - 6:00 DINNER (Jr. Ballroom)
7:00 SPIRIT NIGHT w/shakers!
(Jr. Ballroom)
(Line up by state for march-in,
wear your state color!)
1. Vermont - Green
2. Rhode Island - Red
3. Maine - Yellow
4. New York - Pink
5. Connecticut - Orange
6. New Hampshire - Purple
7. Massachusetts - Blue
Spirit Night MC - Janet Segur, Spirit
Song, Introduction of State Grange
Officials by State Lecturers, Talent
Number, Agricultural Highlight, State
Lecturer Recognition
• Getting to Know You - part 2
• Entertainment - "Seven Hills Four"
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
6:00 - 8:15 BREAKFAST (Hotel guests
only)
8:30 Morning Round-Up (Jr. Ball-
room)
MC - Flag Salute, Inspiration,
Song, Announcements
9:00 - 10:00 Workshops:
• New to the Flock? _____
(Ideas & Tips for Newer Lecturers)
• Workshop _____ (TBD)
10:15 Final Round-Up (Jr. Ballroom)
MC - Announcements, Closing Song,
Drawing
Please turn in your evaluation sheet.
Noon CHECK OUT TIME
See You in New Hampshire in 2021

2019 NORTHEAST GRANGE LECTURERS' CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON (must be postmarked by June 10th) - strictly enforced!
2019 CURRENT BADGE REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS (INCLUDING SPIRIT NIGHT)
Please Type Or Print Neatly - Each person must use & sign a separate form.

Name _____ Grange & No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

COMPLETE CONFERENCE
(includes meals, lodging, and conference fees)

_____ Single Room \$330.00 per person
_____ Double Room \$265.00 per person
_____ Triple Room \$220.00 per person
(room has two beds & one sofa bed)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(if interested, must pre-register - see notes about selection
if more than limit sign up)

Tuesday morning computer workshop:
_____ for beginners (limit 16)

_____ beginner - bring my own laptop (limit 5)
_____ internet/other technology (limit 20)
_____ internet, etc -bring my own laptop (limit 5)

Tuesday afternoon field trip:(walking/standing req)
_____ Jordan Dairy Farm (limit 50)

PART
TIME ATTENDEES ONLY

_____ Commuter Fee \$25.00
(one time charge for
persons
not signed up for complete conference)
Monday, August 5, 2019
_____ Dinner \$ 35.00
_____ Single Room \$125.00
_____ Double Room \$ 80.00
_____ Triple Room \$ 55.00
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
_____ Lunch \$ 23.00
_____ Dinner \$ 36.00
_____ Single Room \$ 125.00
_____ Double Room \$ 80.00
_____ Triple Room \$ 55.00
(Sign up for Optional Activities, if interested)

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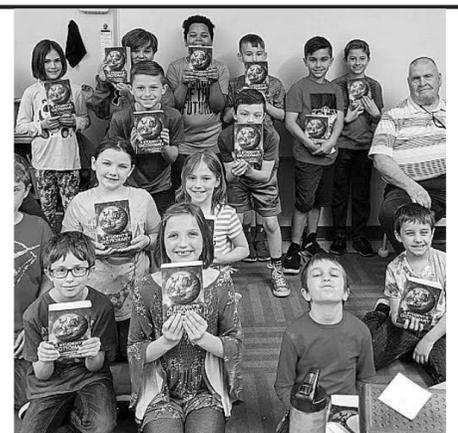
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This year Concord Grange added Webster, Salisbury, and Boscawen to a Dictionary Project that already includes Dunbarton and all the elementary schools in Concord. Their generosity was much appreciated:

"Thank you so much for visiting our school today. The kids spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the dictionaries and sharing lots of information with each other. Hopefully we even have some junior Grange members coming your way! Thank you for including Boscawen. We truly appreciate everything you do for the entire community!"



State Grange Historian

Richard Patten



I have had several great letters from Past State Prince Richard Seaver. It is so good to hear from him and his experiences when he was State Prince. I hope someday I will get to see him in person.

Rolf Staples, a past member of the State Youth and Membership Committees, is very seriously ill and would enjoy knowing people are praying for him.

Now let's visit 1979.

Forty years ago the New Hampshire State Grange was holding its 106th annual session in Concord at the NH Highway Hotel. I found some very interesting resolutions that year. There were three resolutions submitted to the delegate body regarding the State Grange opening their annual session on Thursday to conduct business rather than Friday at 9 a.m. The Constitution and By-Laws committee approved Resolution 5 but felt that Resolutions 3 and 4 could be combined with Resolution 5. The delegates voted to accept the committee recommendation.

I found Resolution # 25 was another interesting resolution recommending The NH State Grange create a Publicity and Public Relations Committee to be responsible for coordinating special events and activities of all Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges in the State of New Hampshire and publishing a listing of these activities as to the date, time, and place, possibly through the Granite State Granger. The committee would help to develop with the officers, chairpersons, and committees of the New Hampshire State Grange more locally oriented activities and programs which are specifically directed toward the modern family and its specific problems and needs, not forgetting our agricultural principles. In addition, the committee would be coordinating, developing and overseeing all media events and releases which directly affect the image of the Grange and more specifically the New Hampshire State Grange. It would work directly with the

Membership Chairperson in developing a membership campaign which is directed toward the future of the Grange and modernization of its present image. The Co-operative Activities Committee recommended favorable. The delegates voted favorable.

The State Youth Committee announced during the Reception for State Officers and Coronation Ball, Outstanding Young Woman Gina Trombi and Outstanding Young Man Ted Rhodes. These were formerly known as State Princess and State Prince, changed by the National Grange.

There were 73 candidates for the Sixth Degree. Some of the candidates were Daniel Bascom, Kimber Lea Bascom, Howard Bower, Toshiko Bower, Claribel Brockstedt, Donald and Gladys Pelton, and Glenn Yardley.

The membership report for the Pomona Grange as of June 30 was 25 Pomona Granges with a membership of 5,222 members a loss of 153. Eastern New Hampshire Pomona was the largest Pomona Grange with 611 members. There were 180 Subordinate Granges with a membership of 11,498 a loss of 3 Granges and 386 members. Goodwill Grange of Seabrook, Cardigan Grange of Alexandria, and Fitzwilliam Grange closed. Naumkeag Grange of Litchfield remained dormant. Mascoma Grange of Canaan, Souhegan Grange of Amherst and Mountain View Grange had merged with a neighboring Grange. The largest Subordinate Grange was Rochester Grange with 219 members. There were 16 Junior Granges with a membership of 273 with a loss of 94 members and 4 Junior Granges. Ashuelot Junior Grange, Groveton Junior Grange, Sugar River Junior Grange and Rochester Junior Grange closed. Indian River Junior Grange and Somersworth Junior Grange were dormant. Bartlett Junior Grange of Salisbury was the largest Junior Grange with 43 members.

I am trying to get a date with some members to start working in the Museum Room. I am also working on planning ideas for the 150th anniversary of our State Grange. I have been writing down some ideas for the 150! I hope Gerry who helped me with the 125th will help me with this one.

I hope you have a great summer.



Blow-Me-Down Grange

Blow-Me-Down Grange celebrated a Scottish Heritage Program at their meeting on Tuesday evening, May 14th. Laish Morse and Lester Gibbs came dressed in their Scottish attire. Laish was in a dapper herringbone tweed day jacket, Clan MacTavish kilt, dress shirt and necktie, Traditional Silver Belt Buckle with Celtic designs, Ghillie Brogues (shoes), day Sgian Dubh (dagger worn in sock), socks and flashes, and Balmoral (hat) with Clan MacTavish Crest. Les was in formal Prince Charlie Jacket, with dress shirt and lace jabot and vest, Clan MacDonald of the Isles Kilt with matching hose and flashes, black fur dress sporran, and dress Sgian Dubh. Military medals on the lapel, and Scottish Society of San Antonio silver belt buckle. The Bonnet displayed the Clan MacDonald Crest.

Each explained their outfits and the cut of their kilts...pleated in the back to the tartan set, or the stripe. Both kilts were hand made in Scotland and are 100% wool. Each kilt was made from 7 yards of material.

**I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure, which is: Try to please everybody.
~Herbert B. Swope**



Kentucky Derby

by Kathy Yardley

In May I had the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream when my best friend Kathy and I attended the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby. A trip that was five months in the planning stage, it sure seemed to go by in a flash. We left Walpole at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2nd, and arrived at our hotel in Williamstown, Kentucky, at about 8:30 p.m. A long drive for sure, but we've been best friends for over 30 years and have spent a lot of long hours in a car together so we arrived there still in relatively good humor!

On Friday morning we woke up super-excited about the day. We drove about 45 minutes to Lexington where we boarded a fifteen passenger van for a tour of some of the area's premier thoroughbred breeding farms. Since it was "derby week" a lot of the farms were closed to tours, but we were fortunate to get to see three of the top breeding farms – Rose Hill Farm, Hill & Dale Farm, and Magdalena Farm, all of which allowed us to get out and see the mares and foals up close.

Rose Hill had some beautiful mares and foals that came right up to the fence to see us. Hill & Dale is where Seattle Slew (triple crown winner in 1972) is buried and is home to 190 brood mares and twenty stallions, including top money-earning thoroughbred and Kentucky Derby winner, Curlin. Magdalena Farm

is owned by Kenny McPeck, a top trainer who willingly opens his gates for tours because he wants people to see what a real working farm. We did drive by the famed Calumet Farm, but our guide told us that the current owner, a gazillionaire, is a recluse and doesn't allow anyone other than staff on the property.

Our tour also included a tour of Keeneland Racetrack. We've decided we really want to go back sometime and spend the day there at the races. It's a very user-friendly facility and very up-close and intimate. We spent the rest of the day at the Kentucky Horse Park, another place to go back and enjoy when we have more time. I can see another drive to Kentucky in our future!

Saturday was Derby Day! The weather was not looking too good for us, but we got to Churchill Downs at about noon without any rain. We spent about an hour walking around and seeing the sights, and Louisville being a college town, believe me when I say there were sights aplenty! Most people dress up, complete with fancy hats (we made ours), but amazingly enough a lot of them wear footwear that is appropriate for muddy terrain, so we saw lots of young ladies in nice dresses and rubber boots.

We had infield tickets, which means there are no seats, unless you sit on the grass or bring a chair with you. We opted to sit on the grass, which was fine until about the 11th race when it finally began to rain. The derby was race 12 and by then it was raining pretty good. Alas, being in the infield means the only real good way to see the race is to watch it on the jumbo-tron, so it was kind of like watching it on your TV at home. For a second you can see them fly by at about forty miles an hour, and then you have to watch the finish on the big screen. By the end of the race we decided we were all "derbied" out, so we headed for the gate, along with the entire infield.

As you probably know now, the race was reviewed because of a rider inquiry, and for the first time in the history of the derby Maximum Security, who crossed the finish line first, was disqualified and Country House was named the

winner. Boy, do I wish I had put my \$20 on him instead of Roadster....

Kentucky is beautiful in early May, especially for two New Englanders who had anxiously been awaiting the arrival of spring here in New Hampshire. We recommend you consider it a destination in your future.

The trip home was about an hour shorter, so we were home at 7:00pm on Sunday night. A great trip albeit a quick one – and we're still best friends!



Junior Grange

Joann Brandt, Director

Jbrandt774@aol.com

I want to remind you we are planning June 8 to meet at the State Grange Building for a fun and craft day. We will meet at 9:30, eat lunch at noon and head home at 3:00.

I will need a count to have enough food and activities on hand. Please let me know if you are coming. I will also mail to all junior families as well as asking sister Hannah West to send it out.

The end of July is Family Camp Weekend. I hope to go on Saturday and do a craft and a nature walk.

We are working for either a July or August fun day in Portsmouth and hope we can get a good group to attend. As soon as plans are complete, I will get the information out to everyone.

Remember, I will need the Big E entries of your favorite hero craft for the contest by August 1st to be judged. First and second in the three age groups will go to the Big E for a chance to win there.

If anyone has ideas that you would love to help the juniors with, please let me know.

Penny Sale

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Tickets sold at 1:00 p.m.

Drawing starts at 2:00 p.m.

Rockingham Grange Hall

233 Main Street

Epping, NH



Three special, community-minded individuals: Firefighter of the Year Andrew Perkins, Police Officer of the Year Patrick McStavick and Teacher of the Year Rachel Scanzani

Community Recognition Night at Hudson Grange

by David S. Morin, Hudson News

The Hudson Grange held its 2019 Community Recognition Night at the Grange Hall on April 9. Each year the Grange accepts nominations from the Hudson police, fire, school district, and for good citizens in the community.

Hudson Police Officer Patrick McStavick was nominated by Police Chief William Avery to receive this year's award. Officer McStavick, a 14-year veteran of the police department, has continually worked and volunteered over the years to better the community. In his early career, MPO McStavick took over the Police Explorer Program and since that time, he has worked to give back to the community.

MPO McStavick was recognized for his work with the CHIPS Program, the Hudson Police Department, Red Cross Blood Drive, Explorer Post, and Special Olympics. He is also out there providing for the community needs. He put together a Stranger Danger presentation when a request for assistance came from St. John Church.

The chief ended his nomination with others patrolling the streets, assisting a co-worker, or making this community a better place, MPO McStavick approaches every opportunity with a smile.

Rachel Scanzani, the head of the Social Studies Department at Hudson Memorial School, was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award. Scanzani, who has taught at the school for the last 14 years, has a master's degree in geogra-

phy and is currently working on getting a master's in education administration.

Scanzani has been instrumental in ensuring that all students are provided with experiences that will allow them to understand, appreciate, and participate in the duties and responsibilities of a U.S. citizen. She is also very active in the community, working in the Grange, both locally and at the state level, as well as with Cub Scout Pack 20 and Hudson Youth Baseball.

Hudson Firefighter Andrew Perkins was nominated by Fire Chief Robert Buxton for the Firefighter of the Year Award. Firefighter Perkins has been a member of the department since January, 2014. The past five years he has become a valued member of the team who can be relied upon. His compassion for others is evident as he selflessly stopped to assist a citizen in need while off duty on Jan. 4. Andrews' actions that day helped save the life of a person attempting to end his life by jumping off a bridge.

The Community Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Mary Jarril. Mary actively volunteers with the Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity organization. She dedicates five days to building on-site homes for low to moderate-income families. She speaks with vendors, negotiates pricing, secures donations, and constantly advocates for partner families to ensure that they have everything they need to make their house a home. Mary is a retired chief warrant officer from the United States Army and actively recruits other military members to assist with Habitat projects. In addition to her volunteer efforts in New Hampshire, she has also helped build homes in York, Maine, and Hilton Head, S.C. She is always willing to go the extra mile, and thanks to her dedication, families are able to secure an affordable place to live and call home. Mary was unable to attend the ceremony and will be presented her award in the near future.

Hudson Police Officer John Mirabella was selected for the Grange New England Regional Police Officer of the Year Award. Officer Mirabella was chosen out of a group of police officers across New England for this award. Back in April 2018 he was awarded the Hudson

Grange Police Officer of the Year Award, and, in October, he was named the State of New Hampshire Grange Police Officer. This made him eligible for the New England Regional Police Officer Award. Officer Mirabella was unable to attend the ceremony and Hudson Police Captain David Cayot accepted the award in his behalf.

The highlight of the award ceremony was the presentation of a 70-Year Membership Seal to Hudson Grange member Claire Gagnon. Claire, the longest-serving Hudson Grange member in the town's history, was awarded the seal and a dozen roses in recognition of her seven decades of dedication and service to the group.



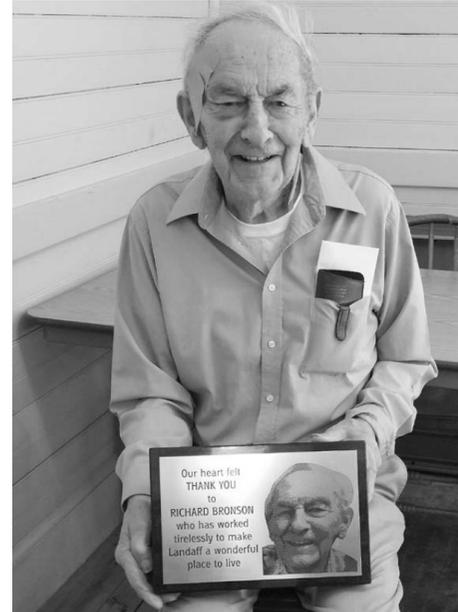
Claire Gagnon and Jerry Leclerc

An Awards Night Surprise

Concord Grange #322 celebrated its 105th anniversary and Community & Recognition Awards Night on May 13. The major highlight of the evening was a total surprise to everyone in the hall. As everyone was packing up, we noticed that Trooper Michael Petrillo of Troop D Concord, recipient of Concord Grange's Trooper of the Year Award, was surprising his girlfriend Mariah Mariano with a marriage proposal. He gave her a diamond ring, and all were so happy. Nobody, not even the State Police who were in attendance, knew this was going to happen.

Deadline
The next issue of the **Granite State Granger** will be mailed in September, 2019. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before August 8, 2019. Report on events of June and July. Look ahead to events of October, November, and December.

A Tribute to Richard Bronson



Richard Bronson has been a member of Mount Hope Grange No 77 since his youth. He currently serves as Worthy Master, a role he has held for the past 16 years and also held for a couple of years in the 1960's. At a sugar on snow party hosted at the Landaff Hall, the Grange added a celebration to recognize his service to the town and its residents. A plaque was presented to him with the inscription "Our heartfelt thank you to Richard Bronson who has worked tirelessly to make Landaff a wonderful place to live".

He was a very "reluctant and humble honoree" as described in the Lisbon Area Historical Society Moments in History - April issue. This article contains a wonderful history of the Bronson farm and lineage. Richard continues to live on land that was part of the original Bronson 400 acre farm, first settled in 1782.

Richard shows his passion for the area in so many ways. Despite dwindling members, like so many Granges, he is passionate about keeping Mount Hope a viable entity. It provides many services to the town: donations and dictionaries to Blue School, roadside trash pick-up, floats in many local parades, food bank donations, displays for Landaff Old Home Day, Pancake Breakfast, among others - but most importantly fellowship among members, both local and from neighboring Granges.

Richard has been a hard worker his whole life and dislikes the changes that being 84 has caused. He was active on the farm in his early years, caretaker at Natureland/Fantasy Farm for years, and then returned to Landaff. Richard is always ready to help others anyway that he is able, such as odd jobs, carpentry and transporting residents. He continues to love to work and enjoy the land. He walks or snowshoes daily. He still has the tractor the farm purchased in the 50's, and is often found in fields and roadsides mowing.

He enjoys sugaring season and continues with about 100 taps. Getting his tractor stuck in mud is aggravating, but it soon becomes another tale to be told. If you mention his name, the connection that is often made is "home-made donuts". He makes hundreds of dozens of them to be enjoyed by family and friends, and often donated to various fund raisers.

The children of Richard also want to thank all the members of the Grange who aided in making this celebration possible. Special thanks to Dorothy Wiggins who provided a great summary of his life and Sandy Brackett who was instrumental in organizing the event.

2019 Grange Family Weekend! July 26-28

Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at the Gunstock Mountain Resort for a weekend of camping, fellowship and fun. Bring something to share, for our potluck supper on Saturday evening.

Make your reservations soon: Call Bob Trombi @603-762-2971

Penny Sale & Lunch
Saturday, June 22, 2019
Tickets sold at 11 a.m.
Lunch available at 11:30
Drawing starts at 12 noon
Methodist Parish Hall
45 Main Street
Chichester, NH

Correction
In the In Memoriam section of the March issue the Mount Hope Granger should have read "Patrick Webb."

Joe English Grange

Charlene Hooper brought this poem to a meeting of Joe English Grange. Members enjoyed it so much that they should it should be shared.

Poem

By Charlene Hooper

**High on a hill within our town
Our Grange Hall stands with open arms,
To welcome all that pass through
From the cities, towns and farms.**

**Lights shining from the Hall
Send their beacon into the night.
Come and join the fun
Share with us your insight.**

**The Master, Lecturer, and Graces three,
With other Officers assisting,
Keep the meetings lively -
You don't know what you're missing!**

**Community work is first on our list
With State and Nation not far behind.
Those who benefit are the members.
Theirs are the ties that bind.**

**We invite you to join us - one and all.
Help us to preserve our great nation.
Come in answer to our call;
Be with us for our next celebration.**

About the Author

Charlene Hooper has been a Grange member for over 70 years. She has held the position of Master in four Granges during that time - Prospect Grange, Granite Grange, Hillsborough County Pomona and Joe English Grange #53. Other positions she has held are Lecturer, Pomona, Flora, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and Pianist. Charlene currently holds the office of Secretary and Pianist at the Joe English Grange #53. Her experience and knowledge in the traditional work of the Grange has been invaluable to all of the Joe English Grange members and her personal touch as Secretary and as a Grange member has been appreciated by many.

**In matters of style, swim with the current;
in matters of principle,
stand like a rock.
Traditional Proverb**

Wicwas Lake Grange

The Wicwas Lake Grange held their Grange Day on April 20th. There were many people in attendance and vendor tables included DD Forge (our local craft blacksmith) and maple syrup, Mo's Farm Stand (including his beautiful hand-made wooden lamps and children's furniture), Moulton Farm (with fresh veggies), Freewill Baptist Church (hand-knitted prayer shawls), the Grange Dictionary Project (in which Wicwas Grange donates over 350 dictionaries to local schools every year), and the Wicwas Grange scrapbook table.

Every year the Grange acknowledges two individuals who truly represent our values and are always there to help. We give them each an award as a way to saying Thank You for all they have done. These awards are Granger of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

The 2019 recipient of Granger of the Year was Paul Lafavre. You seldom have to ask him to do anything as he is always on the lookout for tasks and immediately will get it done – from changing a light bulb in the Grange Hall to shoveling a neighbor's driveway. He is a quiet, hum-

ble person who expects no thanks, but he has contributed much to the Grange Hall, its members, and the community. There have been many trials for him in his personal life in the last year, but he never falters in giving aid and assistance to others, always with a smile.

The 2019 recipient of Citizen of the Year was Pastor Jeff Laliburte. He has been instrumental in helping to revitalize an important part of our community. In May of 2017 he passed by the Meredith Center Freewill Baptist Church and knocked on the door to ask if he could join in their prayer meeting. At that time the small church was floundering and was down to 10 members. Pastor Jeff and his wife, Roberta, joined the church and began to help rebuild the congregation. Even though he also works full time as a Quality Engineer at NH Ball Bearing, he is always available to his membership or to anyone else who needs help. Under his leadership the church steeple fundraising was undertaken, it was successful and the steeple has been repaired. The membership in the church has more than tripled, and he is a main driving force in bringing this small, historic church back to the community.

Thank You Note

The family of brother Carl Adams wishes to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during their loss of Carl. Your love and friendship shown over the years to Carl and his love of the Grange was a very important part of his life. Many times we could hear him start to say a part of the Grange ritual that would come to him pertaining to what was being said at the time. He never forgot the Grange and all the friends he made though the years.

Thank You One and All. *Patty*

Wingold Grange

Ham and Bean Supper

June 22, 2019

Held at the East Kingston
Elementary School on Andrews Lane
5:00 pm - 6:30pm
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Spiral ham, two types of baked beans,
Cole slaw, potato salad, pickles, rolls
drinks and a slice of homemade pie

Keep a thing for seven years and
you'll find a use for it.
-- Irish Proverb

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